



Cursillo #253: March 27 - 30, 2008

Rector: John Boland

Theme: Receive Life Giving Water

Dear Cursillo Family,

I wish to thank the entire Cursillo community for allowing me this opportunity to serve God and man as Rector of #253. The team has been giving of their time, talent and treasure, their total commitment to serve the Lord in what ever they are called to do. I also want to thank the Cursillo community at large for all your prayers and support up to this point and ask that you continue through the end of the weekend.

These candidates are very fortunate to witness first hand the love of God through your prayer, palanca, letters, and serving in whatever capacity that may be. These candidates do not yet know how blessed they are to be able to share their journey with you and to be able to call you family.

Our scripture verses for the weekend are found in Psalm #1 verses 1-3. In verse #3 "visualize this tree, strong and sturdy, deep rooted, receiving water from the stream so it can produce good fruit in abundance." Also in Jn. 4 verses 7-15. In verse 14 "whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst, the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water well up to eternal life."

The song we have chosen is "River of Glory." Tim and Paddy have many more songs to move us and lift our spirits as we journey together.

The team members God chose for Cursillo #253 are: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Lou Dorn, Louisiana, MO (Sacraments, Sat. 10 am); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Mike Quinn, Hannibal, MO (Grace, Fri. 11:15 am); Fr. Mike Kuse, Quincy (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Fri. 3 pm); Fr. Don Schramm, St. Charles, MO (Obstacles to Grace, Sat. 4:15 pm); and Fr. Kurt Hartrich, Quincy (Christian Life, Sun. 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectors: Jerry Zerrer, Troy, MO (Action, Sat. 3:00 pm); Tom Holck, Quincy (Leaders, Sat. 7:00 pm); and James Reid, Greenfield, IL (Piety, Fri. 6:45 pm).

Rollistas: Greg Andrews (Ideals, Fri. 10:00 am) and Jeff Mayfield (Laity, Fri. 1:30 pm) both of Quincy; Pat Greenwell, Shelbina, MO (Christian Community in Action, Sun. 11:30 am); Ross Dames, Palmyra, MO (Environment, Sun. 9:00 am); and Neal Westhoff, Old Monroe, MO (Study, Sat. 9:00 am).

Auxiliaries: Kent Turnbull, Winfield, MO; Howard Rollins, Greenfield, IL; Tim Logan, Quincy; Ed Freise, Old Monroe, MO; Gene Rupnik, Springfield, IL; Jack O'Heren, Palmyra, MO; David Longmeyer, Rockbridge, IL; Robin Coggeshall, Camp Point, IL; and Mike May, Jacksonville, IL.

Service Team: George Tepen and Joe Grote, Bowling Green, MO; Ron Schieffer, Troy, MO and Don Hilgenbrinck, Quincy.

Food Service: Spike Ehrhardt and Nelson Vessel, Hannibal, MO. **Sacristan:** Richard Grote, Bowling Green, MO. **Musicians:** William (Paddy) Keller, Whitehall, IL and Tim Serbin, Palmyra, MO.

Observing Rector: Brent Frericks, Quincy. **Board Representative:** Rick Davis, Quincy. **Rector:** John Boland, Troy, MO (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sun. 12:25 pm) and Darlene Boland (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sun. 3:00 pm).

Please join us for our Buddy Mass to be held Sunday, March 16, 2008 at 2:00 pm at Holy Family Church in Hannibal. A carry-in dinner will be held in the lower level of the church following Mass.

In Christ's Love,

John Boland, Rector, Cursillo #253

Meal Servers for Cursillo #252

Ladies - if you would like to help serve meals for the March Men's Cursillo, please call the Food Service Team to sign up.

Call Spike Ehrhardt at 573-221-4953 or Nelson Vessel at 573-221-7427

Please remember that sponsors, spouses, siblings, parents, and children of candidates and team are asked NOT to serve. We all want participants to process the weekend without being reminded of "outside" concerns.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #253
Sunday, March 16, 2008 at 2:00 pm
Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

Women's Cursillo #254
Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 1:30 pm
Sts. Peter and Paul, Nauvoo, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

MEN'S CURSILLO #253

March 27th (Thursday)
7:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour
March 29th (Saturday)
8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour
March 30th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Wednesday, March 12th at 7 pm
Quincy Area Wide Ultreya
St. Francis School-Tues. Club Room

Friday, March 14th
Montgomery County Area Ultreya
Resurrection Church, Wellsville, MO
Mass at 7 pm followed by Ultreya

Saturday, April 5th
Lincoln County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception Parish
Old Monroe, MO
Ultreya follows the 5 p.m. Mass

Saturday, May 3rd
Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Our Saviour Church, Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday, May 3rd
Collinsville Community Ultreya
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 p.m. Mass

CURSILLO DATES

Mar. 27-30, 2008 - John Boland, Rector
April 24-27, 2008 - Elaine Gray, Rectora
June 26-29, 2008 - Brent Frericks, Rector
July 24-27, 2008 - Jo Beavers, Rectora
Sept. 18-21, 2008 - Rector TBA
Nov. 6-9, 2008 - Rectora TBA

Thank You from Cursillo #251

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On behalf of the team and candidates of Cursillo 251, I would like to thank all those wonderful people who prayed for us, did Palanca, or helped in any way to make this weekend a success. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am sure your rewards will be great.

I would especially like to thank my Spiritual Director and all the assistant Spiritual Directors for working around their schedules to make the weekend a success.

As I write this article I feel so humble and blessed because God chose me to serve Him. Our scripture reading for the weekend was II Cor. 5, verse 17. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: The old has gone, The new has come!"

Thanks for the opportunity and may God bless all of you.

Bill Couch, Rector #251

Announcements

- Marriage Encounter is scheduled at Quincy University Our Lady of Angels Spirituality Center. Brochures are available in the lobby.
- Fr. Bill Burton O.F.M. will offer another Scripture Weekend on May 16 - 18. Don't miss this great "study" opportunity.

Hawaiian Island Cruise

Interested in a Hawaiian Island Cruise with others from the Tri-state



Area? Anyone who has made a Cursillo, TEC or Walk to Emmaus, as well as their family and friends, are invited to join Bishop George Lucas of the Springfield, Illinois diocese and Fr. Tom Henseler of Quincy on a 4-Island Hawaiian Cruise. The cruise will sail January 17-24, 2009 - NOTE that's 2009.

Don't delay - reservations must be booked by June 1, 2008. For more information, contact Mike & Giny Baker at 217-223-2324 or John & Margaret Little at 217-243-4938.

Cursillo #252

"Thy Will Be Done"



Front row, left to right: Maggie Dixon, Mary Brahler, Cindi Soebbing, Sue Bays, George J. Kramer, Theresa Edwards, Renae Jansen. **Second row:** Cobi Welper, Elaine Gray, Sharon Zehnle, Sally Kroner, Donna Vogel, Nancy Weede, Carol Blentlinger, Joan Broyles, Emy Hilgenbrink. **Third row:** Wendy McDonald, Bonnie Deimeke, Mary Przada, Renee Becker, Cheri Greving, Sue Underwood, Sherry Rueb, Glenda Yates, Holly Vanderbol, Susan Merreighn, Eunice Welschmeyer, Debi Barlow. **Fourth row:** Denise Sangoi, Susie Maggart, Sarah Genenbacher, Heather Friday, Barb Frese, Patsy Cook, Vicki McDonald, Anne Dowland, Michelle Allen, Bobbie Miller, Amanda Becker, Kathy Citro, Chris Schumacher. **Fifth row:** Michelle Breitbach, Kathy Himmel, Sue Sculley, Nancy Blau, Teri Fessler, Abby Stephens, Mary Jane Steelman, Deb Meservey, Pamela Spaniol, Tori Greving, Martha Oppenheimer.

SIGNS OF SPRING

"The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs... You will be like a well-watered garden. Like a spring whose waters never fail." - Isaiah 58:11

On a bleak February day when the wind chill is minus twenty degrees, it's easy to under appreciate the remarkable sign that we have in the change of seasons. "Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed...

...But if it dies, it produces many seeds." - John 12:24 I guess that's why I like Spring! It's a time for our dormant seeds of dreams and expectations to germinate, our shells of hurt to burst through the frozen crust of stagnation and to poke through the leaves of disappointment that fell to the ground back in November. In Christ's Easter Rising, we have the ultimate example of healing in the world. What is our role in His Mission? An often used Cursillo theme has been "Bloom Where You're Planted". Isn't that all that we are called to do? Look around: Who is hurting? Who needs prayer? Who is in need of our healing touch or a kind word?

Our Cursillo family provides an ideal path to answer God's call to promote His mission of praying, caring and healing. "We must drink deeply from the very Source the deep calm and peace of interior quietude and refreshment of God, allowing the pure water of divine grace to flow plentifully and unceasingly from the Source itself." - Mother Teresa

GROWTH... RENEWAL... CHANGE... NEW LIFE... IT'S TIME FOR SPRING!

De Colores and God Bless,
Tom Deters
Lay Director, Quincy Cursillo

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

Today I picked up my Spring/Summer Catalog. As a young girl I can remember the excitement when the catalog arrived in the mail in a brown wrapper. My sisters and I would fight over who got it first then peruse the pages full of pastel fashions picking out our wish list in anticipation of the warmer weather. I'm sure the guys had some tool, sports or hunting gear they drooled over too.

I told someone the other day that I wouldn't want to live permanently in a place that had warm temperatures all year long. They said I was strange. I replied that it made the coming of each season more appreciated. Even after 50 some years of living in the Midwest, the change of seasons still thrill and amaze me when they arrive. I might not be too thrilled if I have to shovel a foot of snow tonight since it is snowing as I write this, but I won't be able to look at the landscape cloaked in white without seeing the beauty He gives us even in this cold wintertime.

In this Lenten Season we are given a different spiritual landscape to appreciate and savor. We are given time to pray, meditate, study, look inward, worship, sacrifice, forgive, and be forgiven. We're given the opportunity to anticipate the time of rebirth and the springtime of our Faith, to go through this desert time with our eyes focused on the Oasis of Easter.

Like good art, life is made up of contrasts - good and bad, joy and sorrow, life and death, beauty and ugliness, grace and sin, the cold and dark of winter and the warmth and color of spring. The Alleluia's and Easter lilies are made that much sweeter because of the Lenten Season with its stark decorations, subdued music and bare bones liturgy. I hope I don't squander this precious time and that just as the crocus diligently breaks through the sun-warmed dirt, I pray I too will have sprouted new growth in my relationship with Jesus.

Easter will be early this year so who knows what the weather or vegetation will be like, whether the white mantle of winter will be replaced by the flowered veil of spring but the Easter lilies will fill our churches, joy will fill our hearts and the Season of Rebirth will dawn once again just as He promised us.

Always a Midwest Girl at Heart,
With love, Terri May

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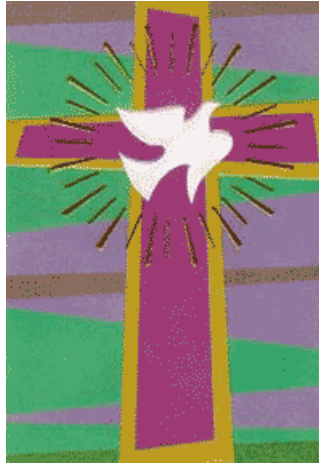
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Quincy Cursillo Website Redesigned

We are excited to announce that the Quincy Cursillo website has a brand new look with more information for our Quincy Cursillo community.

Along with the current issue of the Fourth Day Newsletter, you will also find archived newsletters that date back to 2000. A Calendar of Events lists upcoming Cursillo dates, Buddy Masses, Ultreya's and Board meetings. The new Quincy Cursillo Brochure, along with weekend applications, are available for download. The Links page references websites for meditation and reflections, renewal programs and bible study/spiritual growth. That's just some of the information that you will find on our new website. Check it out for yourself at: www.quincycursillo.com

If there is any additional information that you would like to see posted on the website, please contact our web designer, Marie Korte, at mkorte@dishmail.net.

Update Contact Information on Team Applications

Have you had a change in your telephone number since the last time you were on a team? Our rectors and rectoras are finding a lot of team applications that have telephone numbers that are no longer in service. If you would like to get a call to be on a team, you will need to keep your team application contact information up-to-date.

Dennis and Connie Hoyt are our Team Application Coordinators. Contact them at 217-224-2322 or ddhoyt@insightbb.com and provide them with your new contact information.

The Still, Small Voice of Love

Many voices ask for our attention. There is a voice that says, "Prove that you are a good person." Another voice says, "You'd better be ashamed of yourself." There also is a voice that says, "Nobody really cares about you," and one that says, "Be sure to become successful, popular, and powerful." But underneath all these often very noisy voices is a still, small voice that says, "You are my Beloved, my favor rests on you." That's the voice we need most of all to hear. To hear that voice, however, requires special effort; it requires solitude, silence, and a strong determination to listen.

That's what prayer is. It is listening to the voice that calls us "my Beloved."

Henry Nouwen
Daily Meditation

Remember the "Gift of Cursillo"

A "Gift of Cursillo" can provide an option for candidates that otherwise may not be able to attend Cursillo. A candidate or sponsor can request this "gift" of \$50 by writing on the application that they need financial assistance. There are a limited number of "gifts" available and are made available on a first-come first serve basis.

If you would like to contribute, please send a check made out to Quincy Cursillo to Marcia Steinkamp, 2250 College, Quincy, IL 62301.