



Cursillo #257: September 18 - 21, 2008

Rector: Mike Sheehan

Theme: "Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart"

De Colores,

"Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart," Psalm 139:23 provides the backbone of Cursillo 257; verses 1-18 identify our theme song "You Are Near". When was the last time you invited God to search your heart? What did he find? With each meeting of Cursillo team 257 our hearts open more fully and embrace a love that only the Father can provide. God is searching our hearts as never before.

The team of Cursillo 257 is drawn from as far north as Mt. Pleasant and Clinton, Iowa; as far south as Collinsville, Illinois and St. Louis Missouri; as far east as Carlinville Illinois. Each member brings not only that member's gifts but the gifts and graces of each community to our team meeting. The sharing of these gifts and graces is simply awesome. The support of our prayer buddies and Cursillo communities is felt every day. Your palanca sustains us, provides focus, and bathes us in the warmth of God's Love. You are Jesus with skin on!

Please join us on September 14th at 2:00 p.m. at Our Saviour Church, 500 East State Street, Jacksonville, Illinois for our Buddy Mass. A carry-in dinner will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 320 1/2 East State Street in Jacksonville, immediately following the Buddy Mass.

I am privileged to introduce Cursillo 257: Spiritual Director: Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Sacraments, Saturday 10:00 am). Assistant Spiritual Directors: Fr. Michael Kuse, Quincy, IL (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Fr. Tom Meyer, Edwardsville, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Sr. Loyola Miller, Jacksonville, IL (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectors: Matt Lorton, Hardin, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 pm); Tony Moore, Jacksonville, IL (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm); Jeff Haley, Jacksonville (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 am).

Rollistas: Trevor Huffman, Jacksonville, IL (Ideals, Friday 10:00 am); Ray Sievers, Brussels, IL (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm); Ron Portwood, Chapin, IL (Study, Saturday 9:00 am); Steven Carr, Carlinville, IL (Action, Saturday 3:00 pm); Scott Splaingard, Collinsville, IL (Environment, Sunday 9:00 am).

Auxiliaries: David Muniz, Collinsville, IL; Mark Standley and Rick Gengenbacher, Quincy, IL; Dennis Buckley, Hannibal, MO; Bill Tyrrell, Mt. Pleasant, IA; Robert Barfield, Mt. Sterling, IL; Mark Shade and David Nord, Carrollton, IL; Tim Pranger, Edwardsville.

Service Team: Rob Edwards, Quincy, IL; Jim Newton, Niota, IL; Kipp Proefrock, Roodhouse, IL; Alan Shofner, Batchtown, IL; Don Beeley, Jacksonville, IL.

Food Service: John Peterson, Alexander, IL; Gerald Smith, Quincy, IL. Musicians: Paddy Keller, White Hall, IL; Joe Koch, Chapin, IL. Sacristan: Jim Nevins, Jacksonville, IL.

Board Rep: John Runge, Keokuk, IA. Observing Rector: John Danner, St. Louis, MO. Rector: Mike Sheehan, Jacksonville, IL (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm); Mary Peterson, Alexander, IL (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sunday 3:00 pm).

Come; join us at the Buddy Mass, in the Palanca Chapel, in the dining hall and throughout the weekend as we invite God to "...Know My Heart." Call Mike and Sue Holbrook for a time on the palanca chart (217-223-6676). Call John Peterson (217-478-2951) or Gerald Smith (217-779-1755) to serve meals. No effort offered in serving Jesus goes unnoticed.

Cursillo 257 thanks you for all you do in Jesus' holy name.

Mike Sheehan, Rector #257

Meal Servers for Cursillo #257

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

Call John Peterson 217-478-2951 or Gerald Smith 217-779-1755

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 #257

Sunday, September 14, 2008 at 2:00 pm
Our Saviour Church, Jacksonville, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

Women's Cursillo #258

November 2, 2008 at 2:00 pm
St. Alphonsus Church, Mt. Pleasant, IA
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

MEN'S CURSILLO #257

September 18th (Thursday)

7:30 p.m. Registration

8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

September 20th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

September 21st (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Lincoln County Ultreya
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, MO
Ultreya follows 5 pm Mass

Friday, November 14, 2008

Libery, Fowler, Mendon Ultreya
St. Brigid Parish Hall, Liberty, IL
Starts at 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Collinsville Area Ultreya
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

CURSILLO DATES

Nov. 6-9, 2008 - Connie Liechty, Rectora
Jan. 22-25, 2009 - John Danner, Rector
Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2009-Lisa Leake, Rectora
Mar. 26-29, 2009 - Jonathan McClelland, Rector
April 23-26, 2009 - Janet Summy, Rectora
June 25-28, 2009 - Pat Beckman, Rector
July 23-26, 2009 - Amy Koch, Rectora

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

December 5-6, 2008

Matt Lorton, Director

Meet The New Cursillo Board Members



My name is Billie Huebotter. I made Cursillo #44, in 1980 and served as Rectora for Cursillo #210. I am a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Ewing, Mo. and live in Lewistown, Mo. I have 3 married children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

It is an honor and a blessing to be able to serve on the Cursillo Board.

New Board members Mary Peterson and Mike Holbrook will be profiled in upcoming newsletters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note that the November Women's Cursillo will be especially available for the hearing impaired. Interpreters will be present on the weekend.
- Father Bill Burton will be back in January 2009 for a Scripture Study weekend. Watch for more details.!
- Thank you goes out to Ed Holthaus and his "associates" for the great success of the Golf Outing. Funds were raised for continued improvement of the Cursillo facilities and much fun was had by all in attendance.

Quincy Cursillo Establishes a Foundation

After many months of research, discussion and deliberation, your Cursillo Board is pleased to announce the following step forward to protect the future of the Quincy Cursillo movement and to facilitate the raising of funds.

We will be incorporating as a non-profit organization while at the same time establishing the Quincy Cursillo Foundation. Should you be interested in learning more details of our upcoming progress, please plan to attend the Cursillo Board meeting on Thursday September 11, 2008 at 7 pm in the Spirituality Center conference room (enter through the side door to the left of the main north door - proceed down the stairs to the conference room).

Thank you from Cursillo #255

DeColores Cursillo Family,

What an awesome experience we shared on Cursillo #255. Made possible by the palanca, prayer and sacrifice from all of you. For that, you are loved! We laughed, we cried, we hugged, we danced, but most of all we came together to share the most important thing in our lives, that being, to take every moment possible and try to be Jesus to someone.

From the team and candidates of Cursillo #255 we wish to thank you for all you did and will continue to do for Cursillo. "There are in the end three things that remain: faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Peace in Christ,

Brent Frericks and the members of Cursillo #255

Cursillo #256



Front row, left to right: Pat Holbrook, Anita Eberhardt, Connie Liechty, Fr. John Stack, Jo Beavers, Cathleen Koch, Becky Keeley. **Second row:** Sue Rodruck, Rose Marie Beeley, Katie Hembrough, Linda Holthaus, Judy Cisne, Laura Mock, Shauna McCormick, Mary Ann Messer, Mary Jane Murphy. **Third row:** Barb Leaf, Connie Hoyt, Marlene Donnolly, Clara Tillery, Kim McDonald, Deb Haugh, Jane Freeman, Buena Messer, Tammy Tyrrell. **Fourth row:** Patti Runge, Donna Pratt, Shirley Sangster, Donna Gengenbacher, Karen Wiewel, Helen Zimmerman, Deana Walker, Beth Shade, Mary Barker. **Fifth row:** Lisa Longmeyer, Amanda Veile, Paula Haley, Shannon Gittmeier, Amy Dietrich, Denise Nord, JoAnn Wilmott, Mary Ann Dickherber, Katie Douglas.

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

"The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord."

1 Chronicles 29:9

Jane and I just returned from a cross country drive to California to celebrate a couple of special birthdays. On the way back, we diverted from our route to visit the Grand Canyon and were thrilled with diverse panoramas of one of God's most spectacular creations. This amazing experience reminded me to reflect on the many "Grand" moments that Jane and I have experienced over our thirty years of involvement in Cursillo, TEC and related activities. Please take a moment and assume with me an attitude of rejoicing and giving thanks to God for the great ways that He has blessed each of us through our Cursillo community.

I would especially like to recognize God's work through a few special Cursillistas

Three people who have *"given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord"* during the past three years are our retiring Board members. Renae Jansen, Jane Deters and Vernon Korte deserve our whole-hearted thanks for their extraordinary contributions of time and talent during the past three years of service... please send a few prayers and big "thank you" hug in their direction.

We can also *"rejoice at the willing response of our leaders"*. Congratulations to new Board members Billie Huebotter, Mary Peterson and Mike Holbrook. We are also very blessed to have John Runge replacing myself as Lay Director in January 2009 and to have Ed Holthaus completing John's term as Board member at that time. They will also be grateful for your prayers in their behalf.

For these, and all of our blessings, we thank you Lord!

De Colores and God Bless,

Tom Deters

Lay Director, Quincy Cursillo

Cursillo Board Nominations for 2009

The Cursillo Community is invited to submit names of qualified past Rector/as for nomination as candidates for the Cursillo Board in the 2009 election. A letter of nomination signed by both the Nominator and the Nominee should be sent to the Cursillo Lay Director (Tom Deters, 6614 State St., Quincy IL 62305) by October 1, 2008. The following includes characteristics that should be considered when nominating:

Qualifications as per the Quincy Cursillo By-Laws:

A candidate for Board Member must be...

1. a practicing Catholic
2. a past Rector / Rectora
3. active in a group reunion
4. a non-Board Member (unless that member is serving a partial term).
5. willing to uphold the by-laws.

Characteristics for "Ideal" Board Member Candidates:

Availability:

- A past Rector/a before the September prior to the election
- Supportive spouse (if married)
- Available for the many Cursillo activities
- Available to attend Board meetings

Christian Characteristics:

- Prayerful, compassionate & caring
- Open to being led by the Holy Spirit
- Open to non-Catholic participation

People Skills:

- Diplomatic, positive approach
- Able to deal with confrontation

Communication Skills:

- Listening skills
- Capable of articulating the mission of Cursillo
- Able to use or willing to learn email for communications with Board

Administrative Skills:

- Will not let emotions rule meetings or decisions of the Board
- Open minded

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Next Board Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008, at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Cursillo Family's Social Singles

Our attendance has tripled since our first gathering, so we are excited about that. We will get together again on Sept 20, 2008 at 5:30 at the Sprouts Inn Restaurant on North 12th Street in Quincy. We order off the menu and have plenty of time to visit prior to the Cursillo Mass at 8 pm.

Please continue to call Cindy Naber at 309-221-1107 for your reservation or any questions you may have. We have all age groups represented so please come join in the fun and socializing!

Guidelines for Entering the Retreat Center During a Cursillo Weekend

Due to additional security measures at the Retreat Center, please make note of the following guidelines.

- Display your nametag and/or Cursillo cross when entering a Cursillo Weekend.
- Only enter through the North Main entrance or the Handicap entrance. All other doors will ALWAYS remain locked including the kitchen entrance.
- At the Saturday Night Mass, the south door will only be open from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. When leaving by that entrance, be sure that the door is locked behind you.

Fourth Day Renewal Scheduled December 5-6, 2008

Mark your calendar for the this fall's Fourth Day Renewal to be held Dec. 5-6th. The Director for this Renewal weekend will be Matt Lorton. These 24-hour renewal weekends are only scheduled twice a year so start thinking now about refreshing and renewing your spiritual life. Following are comments from Cursillistas that attended the previous Fourth Day Renewal.

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So what's so great about a Fourth Day Renewal? Long story short, it's like "watering your grass!" It's giving yourself that "drink of water" for growth that you didn't realize you needed so badly. It's giving yourself the time you have been too busy to give or too pre-occupied to take, in order to step back and re-evaluate your own personal relationship with the Lord. Please don't wait too long for the opportunity to let God know how very important He is in your life - regardless of where you are on your journey with Him. Once you go back again - your grass will look greener than it ever has before.

DeColores and remember that "Love is even lovelier the second time around!"

Your friends,
Jay and Nan Grawe

Applications for Fourth Day Renewal are available online at www.quincycursillo.com.

"To him whose power now at work in us can do immeasurable more than we ask or imagine - to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end. Amen." Eph 3:20-21