



Cursillo #262: April 23-26, 2009 Rectora: Janet Summy Theme: "As We Journey Together"

Dear Family,

It is such an awesome and humbling privilege to be journeying with the holy women of Cursillo 262 helping to build up the Kingdom of God together! We are on this earth for such a short time but while we are here, Our Lord walks with us and will never leave us. He tells us this in Hebrews 13:5 when he says, "Never, never will I leave you or forsake you." The weekend of Cursillo 262 is just one marker along the way of our journey and with all of our prayer and palanca the candidates of Cursillo 262 will join us as we work to fill the Kingdom of God.

It is an honor to introduce you to the team of Cursillo 262. **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Jim Wheeler, OFM Quincy, IL (Sacraments, Saturday 10:00 am).

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Katie Korte, Bowling Green, MO (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Sr. Jane Boos, SSND, Springfield, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Sr. Jane Wand, SSND, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); and Fr. George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, MO (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectoras: Karen Crabtree, Roodhouse, IL (Environment, Sunday 9:00 am); Chris Wiemelt, Quincy, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 pm); Evelyn Uppinghouse, Quincy, IL (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm).

Rollistas: Rhonda Cors, Woodson, IL (Ideals, Friday 10:00 am); Patty Adam, Quincy, IL (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm); Lisa McDonald, Quincy, IL (Study, Saturday 9:00 am) Kathy Cramsey, Quincy, IL (Action, Saturday 3:00 pm); Laurie Assell, Clayton, IL (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 am).

Auxiliaries: Donna Mitchell and Milly Rash both from Shelbina, MO; Dawn VanCamp, Caroline VanFleet, Sherry Ritterbusch, Karrie Cramsey and Sue Bowe all from Quincy, IL; Janet Langhammer, Clarence, MO and Sharon Vieira, Jacksonville, IL.

Service Team: Barb Dietrich, Cheryl Frericks, Jane Deters, and Mary Lenane all from Quincy, IL. **Food Service:** Joan Grote, Bowling Green, MO and Evelyn Tooley, Clayton IL.

Musicians: Renae Jansen, Quincy, IL and Judy Meats, Versailles, IL; **Sacristan:** Denice Edwards, Quincy, IL; **Board Rep:** Billie Huebotter, Lewistown, MO; **Observing Rectora:** Amy Koch, Mt. Sterling, IL and **Rectora:** Janet Summy, Fowler, IL (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm).

Please join us at the Buddy Mass Sunday, April 19, 2009 at St. Francis Church, Quincy, Illinois with a carry-in to follow the 2:00 pm Mass. We invite you to come to the Sponsor's Hour on Thursday, April 23, the Candlelight Mass on April 25, and the closing on April 26.

Thank you for all the prayerful support and palanca you have done for the success of Cursillo 262. Please continue by filling the Palanca chart as we journey with our candidates during the weekend. To sign up for the Palanca chart, please call Mike and Sue Holbrook at 217-223-6676.

To serve meals, please call the Food Service Team (Joan Grote 573-324-2797 or Evelyn Tooley 217-894-7152).

We look forward to seeing the power of your prayer and palanca as well as your bright shining faces on our weekend, especially at Sunday's closing because our newest Cursillistas will need to see all our faces and supportive community as they begin their Fourth Day journey.

With much love,
Janet Summy, Rectora #262

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #262
April 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Francis Church, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

Men's Cursillo #263
June 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Francis Church, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #262

April 23 (Thursday)
7:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour
April 25 (Saturday)
8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour
April 26 (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Friday, May 1
Hannibal Area Ultreya
Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO
Carry-in dinner 6 pm, Ultreya to follow

Saturday, May 2
Collinsville Area Ultreya
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Saturday, May 2
Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

Saturday, May 2
Lincoln County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception, Old Monroe, MO
Ultreya follows 6 pm Mass

CURSILLO DATES

June 25-28, 2009 - Pat Beckman, Rector
July 23-26, 2009 - Amy Koch, Rectora
September 24-27, 2009 - Ron Taylor, Rector
November 5-8, 2009 - Kathy Schwartz, Rectora
January 29-31, 2010 - Stan Pollman, Rector
February 25-29, 2010 - Kathy Liesen, Rectora
March 25-28, 2010 - Dennis Holbrook, Rector
April 22-25, 2010 - Kathy Xamis, Rectora
June 24-27, 2010 - Jeff Steinkamp, Rector
July 22-25, 2010 - Rosemary Gilmore, Rectora

Updating Your Team Application

Our Rectors and Rectors are coming across a lot of team applications that do not have up-to-date telephone numbers. If you have had a change in your telephone number since the last time you were on a team, please contact Dennis and Connie Hoyt, our Team Application Coordinators, and let them know your new contact information. Call them at 217-224-2322 or email them at choyt@comcast.net. If you no longer wish to be called for a team, also please contact them to ask that your application be removed.

Security Measures at Retreat Center

To maintain security, Quincy University is keeping **ALL DOORS** locked at all times. There is a phone in the foyer at the main entrance to the chapel with the phone number to call the service team to let you in as needed.

Doors are not to be blocked open so if you are going out and coming right back, you will need someone to assist you.

Remember to where nametags and/or your cross so that you can be identified as part of the Cursillo community.

Did you know....

you can send your palanca letters through the Quincy Cursillo website...www.quincycursillo.com? Look under the Contact Us link. This feature is for those at a distance who cannot get their letters to the Center by any other means.

We Need Your Feedback

The Cursillo Board is going to develop a new Quincy Cursillo Mission Statement and they would like your input. We are also setting our 1 year, 5 year and 10 year goals for Quincy Cursillo. We need your ideas and dreams to help us set our goals to keep Quincy Cursillo enlivened with the Holy Spirit. We hope to formulate both the mission statement and our goals by this September.

Please send your feedback to John Runge at jreushus@msn.com or call 319-524-1009 in the evenings. Please know that you are always welcome at our monthly board meetings as well.

Also, this fall we are planning an all parish "blitz" to promote Cursillo in our parishes. We want to do this in all parishes all on the same weekend. Help will be needed. Please be open to volunteering as more information becomes available.

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.

If you would like to contribute to the Gift of Cursillo fund, please send a check made payable to Quincy Cursillo to Marcia Steinkamp, 2250 College, Quincy, IL 62301.

CURSILLO #261



Front row, left to right: Russ Rohrer, Phil Thompson, Dennis Cobb, Jonathan McClelland, Rev. Louis Dorn, Troy Egbert, Matt Harmon. **Second row:** David Dodd, Pat Beckman, Jim Purvis, Rick Davis, Jim McWilliams, Craig Shively, Dale Gervais, Randy Lovell, Ron Eftink, Juett Kendrick. **Third row:** Jim Erickson, Jerry Copenhaver, Robert Brooks, Joe Ritterbusch, Jim Underhill, Adam Mouser, Marlin McCormick, Joe Heneghan, Dan Whelan, Richie Miller, Mark Mallon, Adrian Bartholomew. **Fourth row:** Dan Breen, Joe Troesser, Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger, Joe Dodd, Dave Ferrill, Steve Buckman, Deacon Bob Leake, Tom Eggering, Douglas Baker, Allan Parn, Keith Geist. **Fifth row:** Wes Friday, Scott Skillett, Gary Albrecht, Steven Wardlow, Zach Bordewick, Joe Wilson, Dennis Burragree, Steve VanCleave, Mark Reid, Russ Siebers, Scott Gough.

Lay Director's Message

Our cross stands at the center of our Christian faith and spirituality. It is our choice to confront that cross or to attempt to avoid it. It is a part of us, a part of our human condition, so no matter what subversion or camouflage we place around it and no matter how much time we let lapse by before we finally embrace it, it remains and waits for us so we can become whole and find healing. After embracing the cross in the light, it is our choice to carry it or to let Jesus carry it. It is in the process of embracing the cross in community through witness that we heal others and it is through others that we are healed and the cross is lifted from our shoulders. Where is your cross as we step into spring? Is Jesus "risen", the focus of your life or do you find comfort blocking out the resurrection with the cross in your life?

Witness, opening oneself to another, is a process to bring about healing, hope, and wholeness. It is in small group reunion and ultreya where this can be attained. In all the areas where you are from, you the cursillo family, please make an attempt to group together. Although it may entail many trials, persevere, you will be rewarded. You all individually are very unique and special and you are placed in a specific area to affect others lives. You are a steward of your gifts and if you withhold them, how are others to be healed, how are others to know the hope for which you strive? Gifts are to be given away and no better place than in small group and ultreya.

A goal of Cursillo is to send new Cusillistas back out into the world to change their environment, to make their environments Christian communities. We are all "new" Cursillistas, are our environments thirsting to share how Jesus has risen in their hearts and is moving in their lives every day?

John 20:21-22 "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit." Just as Jesus was sent, you are sent to give witness to Jesus alive.

This Easter season and always receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen you and set you on fire so that you may be a healer for your environment. DeColores!

John Runge

Lay Director, Quincy Cursillo

Board Member Transition

Nan Grawe has resigned from the Quincy Cursillo Board due to medical reasons. We ask that you please keep Nan in your prayers.

Maggie Dixon has agreed to serve out Nan's term. We will introduce Maggie to you in the next newsletter with a bio and photo.

Thank You From Cursillo #260

Dear Cursillo Family,

Lesson learned from Cursillo 260 "Let It Be" (Luke 1:38) the team and everyone involved in Cursillo 260 did just that and the Holy Spirit lead us on a journey that will continue the rest of our lives. Thank you to everyone for all your support whether it was a thought, a prayer, a card of encouragement, team member, prayer buddy, palanca chapel visit, meal server, clown, fool, clergy, musician, set up or tear down etc. Thank you, thank you, thank you Jesus you have touched our hearts and expanded the Kingdom of God. All involved have grown and will continue to say -- "Yes I love You, kindle in me the fire of Your Love." May God bless you all!

With Grateful Love

Lisa Leake and Cursillo 260

Cursillo Family Social Singles

We invite all single Cursillistas to join us on Saturday evening of the Women's Cursillo weekend, April 25 at 5:30 pm at Sprouts Inn Restaurant on North 12th Street in Quincy. Just ask to be directed to the Cursillo Singles table when you arrive. We order off the menu and have plenty of time to visit prior to going to the 8 pm Cursillo Mass. You can ride together to the Retreat Center or meet back up again upon arrival at the Retreat Center and sit with your new friends.

Please call Cindy Naber at 309-221-1107 for your reservation or any questions you may have. We have all age groups and guys and gals represented so please come join in the fun and socializing! We may arrive alone but we depart as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Next Board Meeting
April 16, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

You have heard the question in interviews: "If you had three people to ask to dinner living or dead who would they be?" This last month I encountered 3 people who would be good contenders for that list.

The first individual I came across in a video - Fr. Padre Pio, an Italian monk living from 1887-1968, canonized a saint in 2002 by Pope John Paul II. Fr. Padre Pio carried the stigmata, the 5 wounds of Christ, for 50 years. Thousands of pilgrim traveled to the monastery where he said Mass, heard confessions for hours and prayed for them. He never left his home but his correspondents traveled far afield spreading God's love, peace and healing touch. Because of his suffering he was inspired to build a hospital, House for the Relief of Suffering, with donations that poured in from all over the world. He had the gifts of knowledge and healing that he used to draw people closer to God. He definitely bloomed where he was planted.

The second person was someone I actually met years ago in Hannibal, Mo. giving a talk. I had enjoyed her weekly newspaper column, "At Wits End" and had read some of her books - Erma Bombeck. Recently I saw a TV. program about her, complete with old home movies and interviews with her husband and children. She made me laugh with her humorous stories of family life but touched me also with her sensitivity for matters of the heart in living and loving. She said that we were all given gifts and it was our job to use them all up. We were to give our love to everyone possible so that at the end of life we had spent everything we had and were as naked as we were when we came into this world, something Erma truly did in her lifetime.

The last dinner guest was someone I lived with for years, whose birthday fell on the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19th, which is why I probably dreamt about her last week - my Mom. She inspired me with her strength (she had to be strong to marry my Dad, a widow with 6 children) her joy for the little pleasures in life, her openness to strangers, her appreciation for a good joke, even at her own expense, and her love for God's creation, animal, plant or mineral. She was faith filled in her living as well as her dying - not perfect but a saint in the making. In my dream I turned around and there she was - beautiful white hair, blue eyes and a big dimpled smile on her face. I gave her a big hug, feeling so happy to see her and then ... woke up. I was disappointed I couldn't talk to her longer. I had so many questions I wanted to ask her but instead I was left with a sense of peace that continues to makes me smile.

To be honest I don't think I could stop at three people to ask for dinner. There are so many interesting, inspiring, unique people in this world we live in. My husband has on occasion said I ask too many questions and I usually reply, "Inquiring minds want to know." So if I ever run into you and pepper you with questions, take it as a compliment because you are special God said so and he ought to know!

Love and hugs, Terri May

