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Cursillo #261: March 26 - 29, 2008

Rector: Jonathan McClelland

Theme: "Christ Is Living In Me"

De Colores!

"I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake," Galatians 2: 19, 20.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, it seems like it has taken a very long time to prepare for Cursillo #261 and yet in God's perfect time the plan emerged and came together. It was a marvelous and wonderful thing to observe and to be a part of. Christ called and assembled a very talented and experienced group of men to make up His team. The theme for our weekend is "Christ Is Living In Me." Our theme song is *Now We Remain* by David Haas.

I am privileged to introduce the team of Cursillo 261: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Lou Dorn, Louisiana, MO (Sacraments, Sat. 10:00 am); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Mike Quinn, Hannibal, MO, (Grace, Fri. 11:15 am); Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Fri. 3:30 pm); Fr. George Kramer, Bonnotts Mill, MO (Obstacles to Grace, Sat. 4:15 pm); Deacon Robert Leake, Palmyra, MO (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectors: Randy Lovell, Clarksville, MO (Action, Sat. 3:00 pm); Phil Thompson, Monroe City, MO (CCIA, Sun. 11:30 AM); Troy Egbert, Hannibal, MO (Piety, Fri. 6:45 pm).

Rollistas: Steve VanCleave, Laddonia, MO (Leaders, Sat. 7:00 pm); Marlin McCormick, Monroe City, MO (Study, Sat. 9:00 am); Jim Underhill, Palmyra, MO (Laity, Fri. 1:30 pm); Scott Gough, Shelbina, MO (Environment, Sun. 9:00 am); Doug Baker, Palmyra, MO (Ideals, Fri. 10:00 am)

Auxiliaries: Joe Troesser, Laddonia, MO; Wes Friday, Steve Buckman, and Joe Ritterbusch, all of Quincy, IL; Brad Karr and Steve Wardlow both of Jacksonville, IL; Jerry Copenhaver, Hunnewell, MO; Joe Heneghan, Jerseyville, IL; and Dave Ferrill, Mt. Sterling, IL.

Service Team: Ron Eftink and Russ Siebers of Quincy, IL; Dennis Cobb, Montgomery City, MO; Matt Harmon, Roodhouse, IL; Dale Gervais, Palmyra, MO.

Food Service: David Dodd, Liberty, IL; Russ Rohrer, Quincy, IL. **Musician:** Jim Erickson, Bowling Green, MO. **Sacristan:** Juett Kendrick, Quincy, IL.

Board Rep: Rick Davis, Quincy, IL. **Observing Rector:** Pat Beckman, Quincy, IL. **Rector:** Jonathan McClelland (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm); and Stephanie McClelland (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sunday 3:00 pm).

Please call Mike and Sue Holbrook to sign up for an hour or two on the palanca chart (217-223-6676). The late hours of the night and earliest hours of the morning are most rewarding, yet always the most challenging to fill. If you've never taken one, maybe today Christ is calling you to try something different. Time with the Lord is never wasted nor better spent anywhere else.

If you would like to serve meals, please call David Dodd (217-656-3738) or Russ Rohrer (217-617-3528). As always, if you are a sponsor, spouse or close relative of a candidate on the weekend, please offer palanca by not signing up for serving at meals so that the candidate will not be distracted on the weekend.

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, palanca, and your love and care for us. They've been felt throughout and greatly appreciated. Your participation in this way has blessed us more than you can know. May God richly reward you for all of your efforts and sacrifices.

Please join us for our Buddy Mass March 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Indian Creek, MO, six miles west of Monroe City on Route 24. A carry-in dinner will follow at St. Stephen's Gym next to the Church.

Jonathan McClelland
Rector, Cursillo #261

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #261

March 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Stephen's Church, Indian Creek, MO
Carry-in dinner to follow 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 #261

March 26 (Thursday)

7:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

March 28 (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

March 29 (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Friday, March 6

Montgomery County Area Ultreya
St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, MO
Live Stations at 7 pm, Ultreya following

Saturday, March 7

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

Saturday, March 7

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

Saturday, March 7

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

CURSILLO DATES

April 23-26, 2009 - Janet Summy, Rectora
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

Cursillo Family Social Singles

Our Cursillo Family Social Singles continues to grow and we invite all single Cursillistas to join us. Our next gathering will be on Saturday evening of the Men's Cursillo weekend, March 28 at 5:30 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! Don't let that fear of coming alone keep you from sharing this evening together. We may arrive alone but we depart as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

Beeley Benefit

Benefit to offset medical expenses for Baby Ethan Beeley.

- Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 5 pm
- KC Hall, Jacksonville, IL
- Meal and Entertainment
- Call John & Margaret Little at 217-243-4938 for tickets

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.

Updated 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.

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Row one, left to right: Naomi Egbert, Darlene Boland, Katie Korte, Fr. John Stack, Lisa Leake, Deacon Bob Leake, Nanna O'Donnell, Joan Brown. **Row two:** Sheila Smith, Dorothy Huber, Sharon Baur, Nancy Roark, Teresa Hays, Sr. Eleanor Dunning, Doris Wolfmeyer, Connie Vermeire, Mary Dodd, Mary Myers, Alice Schwartz, Sharon Welschmeyer. **Row three:** Carrie Alexander, Joan Albright, Sandy Cockrell, Marie Baker, Shelley Miller, Bev Rossmiller, Amy Moser, Kris Reno, Krysti Henke, Paula Gough, Pamela Lauber, Cindy Gervais. **Row four:** Terri May, Sarah Young, Kelly Wilson, Linda Keller, Norma Neisen, Julie Porter, Harla Friesz, Delores Miller, Jan Burns, Janet Summy, Cathy Cancel, Marie Korte. **Row five:** Laura Casagrande, Melissa Rohrer, Angi Scott, Laurie Frank, Joan Beard, Cindy Geest, Lindsey Sievers, Mary Benker, Carol Muller, Janice Schuckman, Natasha Kimble. Not pictured: Barbra Welch, Carol Pieper.

Lay Director's Message

I've been blessed in so many ways over the years and the past year has been no exception. At times though, as the blessings began to unfold, it was hard to see them as that, a "blessing". They felt more like a yoke pulling me down, holding me back. I would focus on a direction or a want to pursue and then I would become entrapped in tunnel vision. Like a horse wearing blinders, I would focus toward a questionable destination.

Too many opportunities in time have gone by, when I should have given more attention to my wife, my daughters, my sons, and all who are important part of who I am. There have been so many times of being caught up in the "wants" of the moment that I couldn't see the need standing beside me.

I have felt the reigns slapping me on the back but at times I was quite a stubborn animal. Who was that at the reigns, I would wonder? I could hardly turn my head with the yoke pulling me down and with the blinders in place, I could only focus forward. At times the pain would seem unbearable and then He would pull back to get me to stop. Why do you want me to stop, I would question? It was then though, that I could turn my head from side to side and it was then, that I could see there was much more than green grass on the other side of the fence. After a while he would release the reigns and there I would be again, maybe with new hopes and dreams, but I would be off like a young colt set free in the pasture at spring, only to be stopped again a little farther down the road.

Over the years, I've come to know Him in the movements of the reigns and the whisper from His mouth. I've come to enjoy the moments of stopping, so as to be filled with the present. I pray that you too will pause enough times this Lent and Easter season to know His whisper and the tug of His reigns on your heart, so that Jesus may arrive safely to those dear in your life.

I thank the Father for all you ordinary people, like me, who yearn to join in the dance.

John Runge
Lay Director - Quincy Cursillo

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.

Thank You From Cursillo #259

January 22 thru January 25, 2009 found the Holy Spirit filling the hearts of both Team and Candidates during Quincy Cursillo 259. God once again showed us His power and His love by showering his blessings onto this weekend. His Amazing Grace propelled us through the weekend!

To the Cursillo family, thank you! Your outpouring of love, prayers, letters and time assured the Candidate's a powerful adventure with Christ, as they discovered His love for them.

May God bless the entire Cursillo family today and always,
John Danner, Rector #259

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Next Board Meeting
March 19, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Area Representatives and Their Role in the Cursillo Community

Each parish or town is eligible to have one representative and one assistant to serve as your Area Representative. The role of the Area Representative is to act as a liaison between your parish or area and the Board. They are encouraged to attend all Board meetings when possible. In their local communities, they should be in contact with their pastors and keep an active list of who has made Cursillo and who is in Group Reunions.

It is also the responsibility of the Area Representative to maintain contact with sponsors when they have candidates to help answer any questions and to handle post-Cursillo activities, ultreya's and assist in getting Cursillistas in Group Reunions. Your Area Representative also maintains a supply of both candidate and team applications and Cursillo brochures.

A list of Area Representatives is available on the Quincy Cursillo website - www.quincycursillo.com - in the Board Information section. Please contact your Representative and let them know your contact information so they can keep you updated on Cursillo activities. Many areas have their own newsletter with local information. Help them help you stay informed. They are your resource if you have questions.

If your parish or area is not represented, choose someone from your local Ultreya area and nominate them to the Board to fill this position.

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

An early evening walk in Feb. was a treat for David and I. The temperature was in the 40's and the wind was warm. The sky was golden in the west, a stunning backdrop for the black branches of the woods. We waved at the cars going by and ambled along, talking or just enjoying the fresh air in silence.

Near one of the ponds we spotted two geese. In a bit we heard their honking and stopped to watch them fly overhead together. They are here all winter long and we often wonder what they eat and where they stay? Have they lost their flock? Were they raised in the wild or are they someone's pets? What will happen when one loses the other?

In this retirement time of our lives, David and I may do a lot as a couple like the two geese we enjoy watching but we also belong to larger groups - a family, a community, a Christian fellowship, a sister and brotherhood in Christ that are connected by love, history, and faith. Before our walk we had our weekly dinner with my daughter, her husband and their two children. As one of the characters in the movie, "Shall We Dance?", says, we witness each other's lives.

This is where the beauty of relationships lie - recognizing and affirming the worth of one another. He promised us that He would love us and be with us always. We will never fly alone with that bond that tethers us together with each other and our God to weather the storms, to share sorrows and losses and to dance together in joy and celebration.

Much love,
Terri May