



Cursillo #277: March 24 – 27, 2011

Rector: Tim Carmody

Theme: Come Journey with Me

Dear Cursillo Family,

On behalf of all the team members of #277 we would like to say "Thank you" to the Cursillo family for the prayers, sacrifices, and other palanca that have been offered so far for the success of this weekend. We ask that you continue to pray that our words and actions deliver the message our Lord wants delivered to the candidates that attend. The team of #277 very much appreciates all the family does in making the weekend complete and we know that with your continued support we can bless the candidates with a rewarding spiritual introduction to the Cursillo family!

Our scripture, Revelation 3:20; "Behold, I stand at the door and knock" coupled with our theme –Come Journey with Me–have both been strongly emphasized throughout our meetings. Our goal for the weekend is to have the candidates recognize the invitation (knock), and then continue with the journey that our Lord has invited them on. Please help us knock on some doors of potential candidates that may Journey with us this weekend!

The Team of #277 continues to amaze me each week. I am humbled to be working in our Lord's service with each one of them on this journey, and I am proud to introduce them to you.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Chuck Edwards, St. Paul, Highland, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday, 3:30 pm). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. James Wheeler, St. Francis, Quincy, IL (Sacraments, Saturday, 10:00 am); Fr. Chris Cummerford, St. Elizabeth, Granite City, IL (Grace, Friday, 11:15 am); Deacon Mike Hagen, Hardin, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday, 4:15 pm); Deacon John Esselman, Liberty, IL (Christian Life, Sunday, 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectors: Larry Frese, Mendon, IL (Laity, Friday, 1:30 pm); Chris Lorton, Jerseyville, IL (Action, Saturday, 3:00 pm); George Schultz, Jacksonville, IL (CCIA, Sunday, 11:30 am).

Rollistas: Todd Burrus, Arenzville, IL (Ideals, Friday, 10:00 am); David Schutz, White Hall, IL (Leaders, Saturday, 7:00 pm); Ray Sievers, Meppen, IL (Piety, Friday, 6:45 pm); Frank Teasley, Silex, MO (Study, Saturday, 9:00 am); Gary Hodgson, Liberty, IL (Environment, Sunday, 9:00 am).

Auxiliaries: Blake Holterfield, Mount Sterling, IL; Alan Shofner, Batchtown, IL; Brad Vacca, Kampsville, IL; Mike Welbourne, Jerseyville, IL; Will Gilmore and Dan Eilerman, Carrollton, IL; Chuck McNett, Payson, IL; Don Lohman and Jerry Rehkemper, Highland, IL

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Musician: Dennis Ippensen, Liberty, IL. **Sacristan:** Tom Meehan, Roodhouse, IL **Board Rep:** Matt Harmon, White Hall, IL. **Observing Rector:** Don Tooley, Clayton, IL. **Maria Carmody** (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sunday, 3:00 pm), and **Rector:** Tim Carmody, Hardin, IL (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday, 12:25 pm).

Once more, on behalf of the Team of #277 thank you for your many prayers, sacrifices, and palanca. Please continue to lift us up throughout the weekend; we have been working diligently to be prepared to present this weekend to the candidates in the way God has planned.

Please help us to fill up the Palanca Chapel chart before the weekend starts (call Mike and Sue Holbrook at 217-223-6676 to sign up for prayer time). If you are able to serve meals, please call Dennis Holbrook (217-224-3898), Chuck Amburg (618-946-1183) or Matt Lorton (618-576-9352).

Please join us for our Buddy Mass on Saturday, March 19th, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at All Saints Church in White Hall, IL. We will have a carry in dinner in Seton Hall immediately following the Mass. Please come, pray, and share in the fellowship.

We also invite you to join us for Masses on Saturday evening, March 26, at 8 p.m., and at the Closing on Sunday, March 27, at 5 p.m.

Decolores! Tim Carmody, Rector #277

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #277

Sat. Mar. 19, 2011 at 5:00 pm
All Saints Church, White Hall, Ill.
Carry in dinner at Seton Hall next door

Women's Cursillo #278

Sat. April 16, 2011 at 6:30 pm
St. Francis Parish, Quincy, Ill.
Carry-in dinner at school following Mass

MEN'S CURSILLO #277

March 24 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration
8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

March 26 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

March 27 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, March 5, 2011 and
Saturday, April 2, 2011
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.
Follows the 5 pm Mass

Montgomery County Area Ultreya

Friday, March 11, 2011
Immaculate Conception, Montgomery City
Ultreya follows 7 pm Stations of the Cross

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, May 7, 2011
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, May 7, 2011
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

CURSILLO DATES

Apr. 28 - May 1, 2011 - Sue Holbrook, Rectora
June 22 - 26, 2011 - Don Tooley, Rector
July 14 -17, 2011 - Judy Oberman, Rectora
Sept. 22-25, 2011 - Steve Hembrough, Rector
Nov. 3-6, 2011 - Cheryl Wagner, Rectora
Jan. 26-29, 2012 - Mike Fessler, Rector
Feb. 23-26, 2012 - Shelly Nacker, Rectora
March 22-25, 2012 - Stan Schwartz, Rector
April 26-29, 2012 - Rose Marie Beeley, Rectora
June 28 - July 1, 2012 - Dick Mitchell, Rector
July 26-29, 2012 - Therese Long, Rectora

Reflections from Rector of #275

As I reflect back on the weekend of #275, I feel so blessed. Thanks for all the prayers, palanca, writing of letters, cards and notes, serving of meals, perpetual adoration in the Palanca Chapel, and people using their special talents to make things for the weekend. Thanks, too, for the wonderful candidates that you sent, and the response for candlelight and closing; all of it just made this a tremendous weekend.

I felt that there were so many prayers for Peace that the weekend carried over for at least two more days after the closing. You see, many of us were snowed in, so we really had some extra time to reflect and give thanks. Maybe I'm giving credit for something that I shouldn't, but it sure was nice to enjoy the continuation of that Peace and watch as God gently spread His pure white coating over everything, making all things appear equal in beauty and smoothing out any roughness or bumps or blemishes. His pure white coating seemed like another blessing; I hope you had a chance to look at it that way.

Being a rector was such a humbling and awesome privilege. I hope if you have the call to be asked, that you will accept. It is a wonderful journey working so closely with the Lord.

Thank you seems like such a small word for all that the Cursillo Community did for us on the weekend of #275, so the only other thing I can think of is

MAY GOD BLESS YOU!
Ron Schieffer, Rector #275

Fee Increase & New Application

Effective with the January 2011 Cursillo, the fee increased from \$130 to \$150. In addition to the fee change, other revisions have been made to the candidate application. New applications, dated Nov. 2010, are available on the Quincy Cursillo website: www.quincycursillo.com. Please discard any previous versions of the application.

Please note that there is a separate link on the website for Sponsor Responsibilities, which includes the form that sponsors are to complete and send in with the candidate application. The Board encourages everyone to review the revised sponsor responsibilities and use the new sponsor form.

"Gift of Cursillo" Scholarship

The "Gift of Cursillo" is a scholarship fund that assists candidates and team to offset the fees of a Cursillo weekend. Since the fees for the weekend have increased, the "gift" amount has been increased to \$75 and is available to both candidates and team. A candidate or sponsor can request this "gift" by writing on the application that they need financial assistance or call the application committee, Sheldon & Teresa Robinson, at 217-228-2201. A team member should speak with the Board Rep for that weekend.

If you would like to contribute to the Gift of Cursillo fund, please send a check made payable to Quincy Cursillo to P.O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305-3153.

"Yahweh will always guide you, giving you relief in desert places. He will give strength to your bones and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never run dry."

Isaiah 58:11 (scripture theme Cursillo #276)

Cursillo #276



Front row, left to right: Nicole Costigan, Amy Hoerr, Kathy Kroeger, Nancy Weede, Fr. George Kramer, Mary Zerrer, Sue Bays, Deacon Terry Ellerman, Heather Friday. **Second row:** Patty Marshall, Cari Graham, Rose Ann Liesen, Debbie Franke, Chris Lester, Marilyn Obert, Jan Schafer, Pam Korte, Ann Gage, Janet Summy, Connie Liechty, Sherry Epperson, Sue Holbrook, Jane Haas. **Third row:** Renae Jansen, Brenda Leatherman, Audrey Gough, Lisa Patterson, Tracy McGee, Jeanette Kamp, Pam Higgins, Cathy Weatherford, Katelyn Aschemann, Sarah Brokaw, Alice Daiber, Hillary Gorrell, Leslie Hamm, Connie Hill. **Fourth row:** Connie Vermeire, Tina Schmeling, Janet Wetmore, Randi Maerz, Sheli Martin-Kendrick, Becky Esselman, Shirley Sangster, Jeanne Aschemann, Katie Furkin, Julie Stromquist, Amber Hendrian, Molly Henry, Debbi Robnett. **Fifth row:** Laura Carmody, Diana Welbourne, Michelle Beck, Misstia Shoop, Barb Dietrich, Jeanne Smith, Linda Schrecke, Heidi Shaw, Linda Reeves, Sue Sculley, Jennifer Koch, Vicki Schwartz, Dawn Ormond, Gerri Schutte.

Lay Director's Message

The start of this last women's Cursillo weekend became quite the challenge for many as the snow from Mother Nature was blown forcefully upon this region. I talked with a few about their adventure to Quincy and it was definitely a challenge. They were focused on getting their candidate to the weekend. They may have been shaking a little from the distant drive and their eyes a bit stressed from worry of being safe but they made it. Hopefully all had safe journeys to and back from Quincy through the weekend activities. Even myself and Patti, as we headed home Thursday evening, were forced into going 20 mi./hr for a while as the car was pelted with snow to a point of not being able to see. I was focused too; I wanted to get home so my speed would creep up and I'd hear some chatter, "You're going too fast! How can you see?!!"

I remember a time when our family was young, we went to church and as normal the kids would run to the car afterwards while we would be talking to others. Eventually we made it to the car and drove off toward home. Suddenly after we had driven maybe ten blocks a question came up, "Where's Aaron?!!" I thought internally kind of like, "Why are you asking me? I'm just the designated driver!" My focus was on getting home, breakfast, chores, riding the motorcycle... Aaron still reminds us of this. I think it may have effected him more than we realized. I was thinking of myself more than of the family and we all fail in those ways. We all, as a Cursillo family, need to lose focus of ourselves and become a part of the present as it is happening for others.

If we are a part of the present for others, we will act as family in a respectful way, especially on our Cursillo weekends. Prior to the weekend, if you are claiming to be a Cursillo "buddy", you will sign up for palanca chapel and food server and keep your buddy in prayer. This is a commitment you can joyfully make for them.

Thursday evening, as we try to bring forth the candidates to the conference room, quiet yourself so as to bring about respect for the rector/rectora. You are the one to start setting the tone for the weekend at this point. After cleaning up any mess you may have made, go to the main chapel to pray during the Sponsor's Hour. This is mainly a quiet time. While the speaker must be conscious of having a good voice volume, you also must be quiet so all can hear. Once the ceremony is finished, you need to clear the chapel and the foyer outside the chapel because this is where the candidates come in. If conversations are to be continued, they need to be done in the letter writing room or up that east corridor. Respect also the quiet of the Palanca Chapel. The purpose of this room is for prayer and with the real presence of Jesus exposed, another dimension of respect comes into focus. The way the room is decorated should be to draw our focus to Jesus. We should be able to experience His transforming presence in us and recognize the need to bond as family through prayer to transform the lives of the candidates. Signing up for palanca chapel is not about ownership for an hour, rather it is about an opportunity to receive grace through commitment for another. It is about respect.

Saturday evening, please be conscious of where you park. There are fire lanes and if parked in these areas you will be fined. Most generally, the south chapel door is open to enter the building, so overflow parking is encouraged in the south parking lot. Ten minutes prior to the start of the Eucharistic celebration there are announcements...please take your seats and be quiet. The board tries to keep you updated through these announcements. During the sign of peace don't lose your focus of what we are celebrating. Once the closing song has finished, quiet yourself. Make sure that you and those around you are ready to be a light to the candidates and not a microphone. This is a quiet time for the candidates to experience God's light through us. The song we sing is not to be a concert but more nearly a whisper. Sing very softly! Do not delay the candidates by extended hugs or talking. Once all of the team and candidates have passed by and it is possible, leave the chapel in silence. The team and candidates need quiet to assemble around the altar and to absorb the power of the Spirit at this time of the weekend. They need this for their own metanoia and any distraction may take away from their experience. When leaving the chapel and no one is collecting the candles, take charge and collect them and return them to the storage room going into the main chapel. Do not remain in the lobby, go down to the letter writing room or that same corridor and talk if it is needed.

Sunday closing is a real gift to the family from the candidates. I'm not sure why anyone would not want to be there; to accept the gifts that are being given. Come a little early and help set up and clean up if possible. Welcome the new candidates when you have an opportunity. On Sunday or Saturday don't reserve seating. If you come into chapel find your place and experience the possibility of getting to know someone you didn't know before. Respect others who come to chapel to sit, they shouldn't have to worry if a coat is supposed to be holding someone's territory.

I know that you know in your heart what I am trying to help you understand. In our humanness, we lose focus of the present for others. Without this vision we may leave someone behind and they may never experience the true grace and joy of community.

God Bless!

John Runge, Lay Director

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Valentine's Dinner Dance Gala - A Big Success

As our friend, Mary Jane Davis, wrote in her Morning Medications, "We made music for Mass, soaked up the Gospel, then broke bread at table. It was a time of rejoicing. God danced."

The Cursillo Board was extremely happy with the large turnout at the Valentine's Dinner Dance Gala held Feb. 12th. Final numbers are still being tallied but there was a nice profit. A big thanks to Mike Holbrook for chairing this event and all those that pitched in to help Mike out while he was recuperating from surgery. Thanks to Fr. Tom Henseler and Deacon Bill Neuser for our beautiful Mass to start the evening off; thanks to our entertainment and to the ladies that prepared the beautiful table decorations and to Niemann Catering for preparing such a scrumptious meal. Thanks to the TEC group for helping out with the coat check. The board is discussing making this an annual event.

We want to send a huge thank you to all of the sponsors. If you know anyone from these businesses or groups, please thank them in person.

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Meal Servers for Cursillo #277

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 Dennis Holbrook (217-224-3898), Chuck Amburg (618-946-1183) or Matt Lorton (618-576-9352)

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.

Update Your Team Application

If you have changed your telephone number since the last time you were on a team, please contact Dennis and Connie Hoyt, our Team Application Coordinators at 217-224-2322 or email them at choyt@comcast.net. It is quite a challenge to keep our application database up-to-date so if you want to be called to be on a team, you need to keep us informed of how to reach you.

To sign up for team, applications are available on the Quincy Cursillo website: www.quincycursillo.com.