



## Cursillo #270: April 22 – 25 2010

**Rectora: Kathy Xamis**

**Theme: Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace**

Dear Cursillo Family:

May God's own peace be with all of you! In gratitude, I welcome the prayers and palanca that you offer for the preparation and formation of a beautiful team of servants the Lord has called. I have been humbled as Jesus led this formation of women and men He chose to be His peace to the women of #270. We have come together very certain in the knowledge that our purpose is to bring Jesus closer to the candidates of #270. His presence and love can be felt at every meeting as He brings His peace to the team.

Our theme is "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace", well known as the Prayer of St. Francis. Our Scripture is John 14:27, "Peace I give you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not be troubled or afraid." Our song is "The Peace Prayer."

I am honored to introduce Jesus' very giving and loving servants: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Tom Henseler, Mt. Sterling, IL (Sacraments, Saturday 10 am). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Msgr. Mike Kuse, Quincy (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Pam Kelch, Bowling Green, MO (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Sr. Glenda Becker SSND, St. Louis MO (Christian Life, Sunday 10 am).

**Assistant Rectoras:** Pat Holbrook, Quincy (Environment, Sunday 9 am); Maria Carmody, Hardin, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7 pm); Joan Brown, Moscow Mills, MO (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm).

**Rollistas:** Hannah Heldt, Mt. Sterling, IL (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 am); Sheila Goehl, Quincy (Study, Saturday 9 am); Mary Koch, Ursa IL, (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm); Deborah Schutz, White Hall, IL (Action, Saturday 3 pm); Barb Leaf, Springfield, IL (Ideal, Friday 10 am).

**Auxiliaries:** Pam Arnold, Barry, IL; Amanda Hill, Mt. Sterling IL; Tracy Garde, Jacksonville, IL; Rita Heneghan, Jerseyville, IL; Donna Boster, Charlotte Buckman, Mary Lavery, Mary Lenane, Tina Ehrhart, all from Quincy.

**Service Team:** Margaret Little, Jacksonville, IL; Teresa Hays and Tammy Foster both from Palmyra, MO; Terri Many and Connie Hoyt, both from Quincy.

**Food Service:** Christine Duvall, Quincy; and Wendy Casagrande, Foley, MO.

**Musician:** Vicky Mitchell, Quincy. **Sacristan:** Ann Knuffman, Quincy.

**Board Rep.:** Maggie Dixon, Quincy; **Observing Rectora:** Rosemary Gilmore, Roodhouse, IL; **Rectora:** Kathy Xamis, Quincy (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm).

Please be our honorary team members by praying The Prayer of St. Francis daily with us. We ask for your help in covering hours in the Palanca chapel throughout the weekend. Call Mike and Sue Holbrook at 217 223-6676. Men who are able to serve meals call Chris Duvall at 217-228-9108, or Wendy Casagrande at 636-662-2505.

You are invited to share in our celebration and anointing of the team at our Buddy Mass Sunday, April 18 at 1:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 7th and Adams St., Quincy, and join us at our carry in dinner in the school basement following the liturgy.

We ask that you don't let #270 end on Saturday night. Let's have a wonderful showing of Cursillo family gathered to welcome our new family members at 5 pm Sunday at the closing Mass.

Thanks to so many faithful disciples who have lifted up this team for the candidates who have been called, and especially to my personal prayer buddies in Savannah and Lisbon who can not be here but continue to ask that God wraps His loving arms around us.

Kathy Xamis and Jesus' team of #270

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### BUDDY MASS

**Women's Cursillo #270**

April 18, 2010 at 1:30 pm

Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy, IL

Carry in dinner following Mass

**Men's Cursillo #271**

June 13, 2010 at 2:00 pm

St. Peter Church, Quincy, IL

Carry-in dinner following Mass

#### WOMEN'S CURSILLO #270

**April 22 (Thursday)**

7:30 p.m. Registration

8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

**April 24 (Saturday)**

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

**April 25 (Sunday)**

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

#### ULTREYAS

**Lincoln County Ultreya**

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Immaculate Conception, Old Monroe, MO

Follows the 5:00 pm Mass

**Jacksonville Area Ultreya**

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.

Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

**Montgomery County Ultreya**

Friday, May 7, 2010

Begins with Mass at 7 pm with

Ultreya following in school

Immaculate Conception Church

Montgomery City, Mo

**Collinsville Area Ultreya**

Saturday, May 8, 2010

Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall

Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

#### CURSILLO DATES

June 24-27, 2010 - Jeff Steinkamp, Rector  
July 22-25, 2010 - Rosemary Gilmore, Rectora  
Sept. 23-26, 2010 - Don Beeley, Rector  
Nov. 4-7, 2010 - Carol Pieper, Rectora  
Jan. 27-30, 2011 - Ron Schieffer, Rector  
Feb. 24-27, 2011 - Nancy Weede, Rectora  
Mar. 24-27, 2011 - Tim Carmody, Rector  
Apr 28 - May 1, 2011 - Sue Holbrook, Rectora  
June 22-26, 2011 - Don Tooley, Rector  
July 14-17, 2011 - Judy Oberman, Rectora

## Cursillo Family Singles Meet April 24th

We invite all single Cursillistas to join our Cursillo Social Singles. Our next gathering will be on Saturday evening of the Women's Cursillo weekend, April 24th at 5:30 at Sprouts Inn Restaurant on North 12th Street in Quincy. Just ask to be directed to the Cursillo 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.

Our numbers in attendance have fallen off the last couple of months...we want to keep this going, so if you are interested, please keep this gathering in mind, otherwise, we may have to make a decision about disbanding.

It is preferred to have reservations, but if it's a last minute decision, please come anyway, reservation or not. Please call Cindy Naber at 217-779-1138 for your reservation. 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.

## Updating Your Team Application

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. They can be reached at 217-224-2322 or email them at [choyt@comcast.net](mailto: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.

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.

## Need Name Tags? - Contact Ron Clark

Ron Clark has taken over the roll of ordering Cursillo name tags. He will be available during Cursillo weekend gatherings but he can also be contacted at 217-653-0177 or email him at: [clarkmr9@comcast.net](mailto:clarkmr9@comcast.net) His contact information will be published in ongoing newsletters and is also listed on the Cursillo website.

Please remember that payment is due in advance of ordering the name tags. Sponsors, it's a nice gesture to purchase name tags for your candidates.

Thank you Ron for taking over this committee.

## Thank You From #268

DeColores Cursillo Family

John 6:35 - Jesus said to them, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

I have been very blessed to be the rectora of # 268. God called a very Spirit-filled team and 25 candidates to "Come to His Feast."

I want to thank each and every one of you, the Cursillo family, for all of your prayers, palanca, Chapel music, clowns, serving meals, traveling, clergy coming for reconciliation, the group handling the food at the Buddy Mass, the sponsors and anyone else that quietly works behind the scenes. May God bless each of you abundantly.

Rectora of #268

Kathy Liesen

## Cursillo #269



**Front row, left to right:** Jeff Steinkamp, Tom Meehan, Tim Carmody, Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, Fr. James Wheeler, OFM., Dennis Holbrook, Joseph Haubrich, Dennis Hoyt, Matt Harmon, Gary Hodgson, Dave Lockhart, Dennis Ippensen. **Second row:** Rob Haistings, Bob Erhart, Eric Peters, Grey Troy, Mike Coop, Brian Forrester, Chuck Amburg, Eric Schultz, Deacon Bill Neuser, Fr. Chuck Edwards, Russ Siebers, Matt Lorton, Dennis Steinkamp. **Third row:** Larry Frese, Joe Cruz, Fred Kientzle, Jerry Gunn, Henry Steckel, Steve Welbourne, Fr. John Doctor, OFM., David Stammeyer, Kent Muniz, Wayne Beeler, Jeff Rowling, Jeff Sorrill, Glen McGruffin. **Fourth row:** Eric Lay, Jerry Meyer, Rob Steuer, Bill Welbourne, Mark Standley, David Penn, John Venegoni, Ed Standley, Louie Marrero, Scott Neisen, Chris Schnelle, Boyd Tenhouse, Mark Christensen, Alan Bradish. **Fifth row:** Russ Hinkamper, Tom Myers, Joe Ormond, Dan Kramer, George Schultz, Marty Stegeman, Rick Gengenbacher, Ron Deimeke, Terry Johnson, Paul Ohnemus, Jim Aschemann, John Kuntz, Jeff Biggs, Scott Farlow.

## Lay Director's Message

**"Make a Friend. Be a Friend. Bring a friend to Christ."**

I am not sure how to approach presenting this without offending anyone so I must rely on the Spirit to direct these words because what I want is the strengthening of the Quincy Cursillo movement. I need to address sponsoring of candidates.

Think about this statement that has been drilled into our heads. Read it more than once. "Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring that friend to Christ." It is easy to gloss over this statement when we have heard and read it so many times.

When we adhere to this statement then we can eliminate so many headaches, heartaches, and misunderstandings. When we understand the statement, a candidate's application cannot be filled out in a few seconds even if the weekend is in two days. If we are being a friend then we know this person. We know about their health issues. We want this individual to have the best weekend possible, which also means there is a team prepared to give this special person what it takes to have an enjoyable weekend without disrupting the flow and dynamics of the weekend.

When we speak of health issues, and most all of us have health issues to some degree, I mean issues that need special attention. For example, if a person cannot hear well, they may need to sit at a particular table or have a hearing assisted device. When it comes to medication, we need to know what time the candidate needs to take their medication or determine if it would be better if they kept their watch. Will under or over medication create a medical emergency for this candidate?

Other examples of health issues may include a sleeping disorder where they cannot stay awake long enough to experience the weekend. Maybe it takes an hour or two to wake them up. Do they snore too loud for another person in their room or need a fan to fall asleep? Do they need a wheelchair or special provisions for seating? Do they need a hospital type bed?

We are all spiritually challenged or we wouldn't be on these weekends but is the candidate physically, or mentally challenged, or possibly need a care giver? If you are a friend to these candidates you know of their needs.

This type of health information needs to be highlighted on the candidate's application so that we, as a board, can determine, prior to acceptance, how we can prepare for this candidate so that we are not faced with a last minute realization that we are not prepared for this candidate at this time.

Lack of knowledge of health issues places undue burden on those who are to be leading the weekend and the possibility of making the candidate feel as though they are a burden, which takes away from what we want them to experience. The weekends have to follow the assigned schedule or we risk losing the flow and dynamics and possibly deny a candidate the knowledge of how to live their Fourth Day.

To all sponsors and those who encourage individuals to make a Cursillo, thank you! We have been blessed to have many candidates this past year. You take on a big responsibility to be a sponsor. Take it seriously! Be a friend! The new cursillistas need to know they are a part; they need to know how to keep the Spirit of the weekend alive in their hearts; they need to be a part of a family. Get them started into a group reunion.

One last thought is that our closings on Sunday have been poorly attended. The last weekend #268, I made an announcement on Saturday night about making a commitment to attend and in fact the attendance was good on Sunday. We need to support these new cursillistas. They stand up to give themselves to us but how many of us are there to accept the gift. How many are there to open the gift they are giving? We are family and they want to see us in the light.

John Runge  
Lay Director, Quincy Cursillo

## 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 or contact Sheldon & Teresa Robinson at 217-228-2201.

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.

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### Discovering and Celebrating

It was very quiet in the Saguaro Desert as a handful of us began our two hour trek with the Park Ranger one sunny but cool afternoon in Arizona. The walk was entitled "What's for Dinner" and the Ranger began to educate us on what the animals of the desert ate to survive. We only encountered a couple of the critters because it was too cold for them to venture out yet this spring.

However, we did learn to look for signs of their presence - the tumble of stacked debris which the packrat called home; the holes in the ground that alerted us to the abode of jackrabbits, ground squirrels, kangaroo rats, desert turtles; pecked out holes in the big saguaro cactus where a variety of birds nested; the footprints of coyote in the mud left by recent rains and the deep scratches left in the dirt marking "their" territory; nibbles in the cactus by jackrabbits and big chomps taken by the javelina, a small, wild pig looking creature. And every so often the Ranger would stop and fish out the skull of some animal from her backpack and discuss how we could tell what they ate by the type of teeth they had. Although we had only caught a glimpse of a rabbit and a ground squirrel, we felt like we had encountered the spirit of the desert in the signs of the wildlife we found along the way.

Likewise, signs of God were scattered through our days, as we vacationed far from home in Arizona this March. The distant mountains and desert landscapes were a beauty He gifted us with and had His stamp on. He was there as David and I found the right words to express our love of our faith with relatives we spent time with. God sat in the hot tub with us as we listened to a woman relate her faith journey and her husband's illness that was covered by God's grace. His hands were in the circle of hands that prayed

together around the table we shared with old friends. The presence of God's comfort was felt when we traveled to see my very ill uncle, I hugged him, told him I loved him and said good-bye to him, probably for the last time.

Through the people we encountered, the new experiences we had, the connection we felt as we celebrated mass in the different churches we attended, signs of God were there for us. "What's for Dinner?" - His love, grace, joy and hope are in abundance to feed us and strengthen us on our trek through life, be it desert, mountain or prairie. His signs are everywhere to lead the way to His Table of Life to partake, celebrate and share with others. It's a feast not to be missed - don't be late for dinner!

Always hungry for the Lord, Terri May

### Looking for Missing Rollo Books

If anyone that has given a rollo still has their books, please return them to the Retreat Center or to a board member. We only have a limited supply of these books available.

### Meal Servers for Cursillo #270

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

Chris Duvall at 217-228-9108 or

Wendy Casagrande at 636-662-2505

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.