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Cursillo #179 – September 7-10, 2000

Theme: “You Are the Light of the World”

Theme Song: “We Are the Light of the World”

Rector: Bill Gilmore

Greetings to the Cursillo Community from the Team of Cursillo #179,

This summer has been very busy for all of us with those many things that we normally do during this time of year. I believe that Cursillo #179 and I have been blessed by our Lord Jesus to have so many men step forward to be a light to our world. The light of Christ radiates from them as we travel to each representative community for our team meetings and the prayers and palanca being offered up for us is evident during the meetings. **Keep up the good work!**

It is with great pleasure that I am able to present you a group of men who are willing to give up their summer weekends to let their light shine for Jesus and Cursillo #179.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Chris Comerford, Jacksonville, IL (Sacraments).
Assistant Spiritual Directors: Fr. Austin Albers, Quincy, IL (Obstacles); Sr. Jane Boos, New Berlin, IL (Divine Aid); Rev. Mr.

Bill Sinak, St. Louis, MO (Grace); Fr. John Stack, Camanche, IA (Christian Life).
Assistants: John Bordenkircher, Jacksonville, IL (CCIA); Vernon Korte, Bowling Green, MO (Piety); Tom Meehan III, Roodhouse, IL (Leaders). **Rolloistas:** Steve Bunch, Quincy, IL (Ideals); Scott Fischer, Gillespie, IL (Study); Mark Hill, Mt. Sterling, IL (Action); Sheldon Robinson, Quincy, IL (Laity); Mike Wigand, St. Louis, MO (Environment); Rosemary Gilmore, Roodhouse, IL (A Woman Speaks Her Mind). **Musician:** Bob Carney, Jacksonville, IL. **Auxillaries:** Tom Benz, Kane, IL; Roger Busen, Mt. Sterling, IL; Tim Carmody and Matt Lorton, Hardin, IL; Jerry Fischer, Quincy, IL; Ralph Gonzalez and Jeff Haley, Jacksonville, IL; David Schutz, Whitehall, IL; Don Tooley, Clayton, IL. **Sacristan:** Tony Moore, Jacksonville, IL. **Service Team:** Bill Casper, LaGrange, MO; John Peterson, Alexander, IL; Paul Quinn, Monroe City, MO; George Tepen, Bowling Green, MO. **Food Service:** Mike Holbrook and Paul “Big Dog” Soebbing, Quincy, IL. **Observer:** Lawson Faler, Quincy, IL. **Board Rep:** Art Shirey, Canton, MO.

Please continue to pray and do your palanca for us, our families, and especially the candidates. By letting your love of Jesus shine upon this weekend and the candidates, our blessings will truly be bountiful. We will be looking forward to seeing your lights shine Sept. 7-10.

God’s Blessing’s to You All
from the Team of Cursillo #179,
Bill Gilmore, Rector #179

IMPORTANT - KEEP!!!

SEPT. – MEN’S
Buddy Mass – Cursillo #179
Sun., Aug. 27, 2000 – 2:00 p.m.
Church of Our Saviour, Jacksonville
Carry-in at Routh Catholic H.S. across the street from church following mass.

OCT. – WOMEN’S
Buddy Mass – Cursillo #180
Sun., Oct. 1, 2000 – 2:00 p.m.
St. Dominic’s Church
4100 Columbus Rd., Quincy, IL
Carry-in to follow.

HOW GREAT THOU ART!

Lord, your sky is so blue this evening, not the brilliant blue of mid-day, but a gentle, deeper blue. If I could touch the blue, it would feel like silk, supple and light. The clouds are no longer fluffy bright-white cotton balls. They are softly rounded, the color of ivory, soft and warm. I see feathers of flamingo pink, frothy waves of coral, streaks of bold tangerine, towers of fresh ripe peach, and ribbons of ruby red jet streams. The clouds and sky are embracing each other, gradually changing shape and color. The silken sky above is reaching to me, caressing my eyes with violets. I see rose petals of magenta, folds of scarlet velvet, lacy scallops of mauve, each shade deepening, dipping lower to touch my soul and pull me into the arms of my God’s love.

The sky brightens, then darkens as the spectacular pink orb slips beyond my sight. The heavens change, colors shifting from brilliance to soothing lavender, then to sedate and quiet blue-black. The last of the birds call out “goodnight”, and the sounds of the night, music to my weary mind, begin to gain strength, taking over my consciousness. I see the twinkling of diamonds, dippers and bears. In the distance, I see zigzags of yellow heat lightning and white-hot reflections in mirror-like clouds.

As I slip into the soothing arms of your love, the worldly day is drained of the heated stress. My heart is cooled as my soul sings:

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy Power throughout the universe displayed!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountains grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, My God, How Great Thou Art!

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great thou art, how great Thou art!
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- Carl Boberg -

Cindy Stephens

Note: If you would like to share something with the Cursillo family, mail to Steve Jansen, 4421 N. 60th, Quincy, IL 62301.

MEET OUR NEW CURSILLO BOARD REPS:

Mike Holbrook, Cindy Stephens, and Nelson Vessell

Nelson Vessell was born in Ste. Genevieve, MO. After graduating from high school, he left the farm to join the Air Force after which he continued his education at the University of Missouri Columbia, where he graduated with an Agricultural Degree in 1958.



Together, he and his wife, Kathy, have eight children, the youngest of which is a sophomore at MU.

Nelson made his first Cursillo #82 in February, 1986. Most recently, in November 1999, he was Rector of #173.

Nelson is a Eucharistic Minister at Holy Family Church in Hannibal, MO. He and his wife, Kathy, also minister the Eucharist at the Hannibal Regional Hospital twice a month. Nelson is a 4th degree in Knights of Columbus.



I made Cursillo #89 in March, 1987, and I was Rectora on Cursillo #170 in April, 1999. My first Cursillo Weekend was like a buried treasure chest and in it I found new treasures: friends, healing, joy and sorrow, grace, renewal of my faith, so many treasures that I will never remember each one. And so, I am looking forward to this new treasure, serving on the Cursillo Board.

My husband, Chuck, and I will celebrate our 20th anniversary in December. We have four beautiful children, ages 16 to 30, and three perfect grandchildren. I am a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church here in Quincy, and I am involved in divorce ministry through the Springfield Diocesan Tribunal Office - I help divorced people with the process of seeking annulments in the Catholic Church. I also work full-time as the Operations Manager of a local Credit Union.

Cindy Stephens

4TH DAY RENEWAL SEPT. 22-23, 2000

\$35/\$10 Dep. Payable to Quincy Cursillo
Co-ed/anyone who has made Cursillo
7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Q.U. Retreat Center
Send to: Dennis & Pat Holbrook, Res. Coord.
4025 Holiday
Quincy, IL 62301
217-224-3898
or
Katie & Vernon Korte
573-324-3611

**FOURTH DAY RENEWAL WEEKEND
REQUEST FOR RESERVATION**

Application Date: _____
Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Age _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Male Female
Marital Status: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed
Number of Children _____
Church _____ Denomination _____
Are you on a special diet? _____ If so, what? _____
Are you on special medication? _____
Please check: Deaf Hearing Impaired
Do you have a health problem or physical disability that might affect your attendance at the Fourth Day Renewal weekend? _____ If so, please specify _____
Cursillo number made _____
Are you active in a Group Reunion? _____
Do you attend Ultreya's? _____
Are you willing to make a Fourth Day Renewal weekend on short notice due to a cancellation? _____
If yes, how much time would you need? _____

State briefly why you wish to make a Fourth Day Renewal weekend and what you expect to gain from it.



My name is Mike Holbrook. My wife, Susie, and I have four children, three boys and a girl. We are members of St. Dominic Parish in Quincy. I am the Catechumenate Coordinator for the R.C.I.A. and a lector at St. Dominic's.

I made Cursillo #37 in the spring of 1979 and was Rector for #138 in September of '95.

Currently, Susie and I are responsible for providing the Palanca Chart for the Cursillo weekends.

Away from Cursillo, I am employed by the FedEx Corp. I enjoy playing tennis, fishing, and playing with my 2-year-old daughter.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Cursillo membership for placing their trust in me. I consider this a great honor, to serve my God and you as one of your board members.

Mike Holbrook

FINAL PASSION

As Jesus stepped into the garden, you were in His prayers. As Jesus looked into heaven, you were in His vision. His final prayer was about you. His final pain was for you. And, his final passion was you.

- Max Lucado -

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

For uninterrupted mailing of your Fourth Day Newsletter, send your change of address to Terri May, 2831 Curved Creek, Quincy, IL 62301, or call 1-217-224-7027, e-mail: dmay@adams.net

DISCOVERING & CELEBRATING

“What I Did On My Summer Vacation”

Dear Teacher God,

I keep encountering this topic in different places, so I guess this is my assignment. First, I have a question for you though. When I was a kid, summer vacation in my mind's eye was like a road in Kansas – it seemed to go on forever; but, now, it is more like an expressway in St. Louis – it flies by unless there is a traffic jam or road repair! Why is that?? You'll tell me after class? Okay, onto my assignment.

On my summer vacation I did some fun stuff – we went to the zoo, went swimming in Lake Michigan (brrrr), climbed a lot of apple trees...oops, sorry, that was a few years back! Actually, now it is more like I live in a zoo and I am the zookeeper! This summer we did go to some nice places, but success is now measured more by relationships and connecting with those special people in my life.

I was able to spend some great alone time with my husband surrounded by awesome scenery. We had to fly far away so no one could find us, but it was worth it! There we saw Your goodness in each other, in the stunning mountain vistas and were touched by Your Word at a church we found in the midst of all that beauty.

A real miracle this July was the 6-day trip spent with two of our teenagers in relative sanity and peace. We thanked you profusely for that time together, Lord! At an amusement park, we all admired the human minds that could create roller coaster rides that keep you safe while scaring you half to death! The trip to the aquarium found us marveling at the variety of sea creatures, their brilliant colors and shapes, from the treacherous looking sharks and graceful jelly fish to the comical penguins. We shared an awe for your handiwork, Teacher.

This summer has been a time of relationships. My days have been rich with them, Lord, and I thank you for the growing awareness of this blessing. Family and friends, in need, in pain, confused, looking to you, needing an ear to listen, a hand to hold, a heart to care. But, because of You, also rejoicing in the blessings of each day, celebrating time spent together, the goodness of each other, the beauty of these warm weather days and firefly nights. These relationships mirror the one I still strive to learn more about and grow closer to, the love that created this world and me and all those I care for, a love that is not held by this world and knows no limit. I look to You, Teacher God, for guidance as I journey with You from summer through winter and back to “summer vacation” in ways and places I might feel stretched and challenged. With You beside me though, I will learn trust and faith and some day will fly down those roller coaster experiences of life with my arms raised high to You!

Lots of Love from your student,
Terri May

TO SERVE MEALS

All new and past Cursillistas are invited to serve the meals if you don't have a spouse or candidate on the weekend. The Rector or Rectora will appreciate the help of those who will take part in serving the meals. The contact persons for the weekend are Mike Holbrook, 217-223-6676, or Paul “Big Dog” Soebbing, 217-223-9505.

PALANCA CHAPEL VISITS

To Sign Up, Call or Write
Sue & Mike Holbrook

319 Glendale Drive • Quincy, IL 62301

217-223-6676

E-mail: holbrok@adams.net

NEW 2000 - 2001 CURSILLO DATES

#180 Oct. 12-15, 2000
Anita Eberhardt

#181 Nov. 9-12, 2000
Lawson Faler

#182 Dec. 7-10, 2000
Pat Dorsey

#183 Jan. 11-14, 2001
Jeff Liesen

#184 Feb. 8-11, 2001
Rena Jansen

#185 Mar. 8-11, 2001
Charles Lagoski

#186 April 19-22, 2001
Patty Koch

TEC DATES

TEC #198 Oct. 7-9, 2000
Jerry Eberhardt

For reservations:
Dave & Lynn Hummel
224-1615

QUEST

For info, call
Ed & Linda Holthaus,
222-2198

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Sept. 22-24 – Carlinville
Nov. 10-12 – Quincy

For info, call
Tom & Nancy Goetten
888-889-9963 toll free

Schedule of Events

Men's Cursillo #179

Rector.....Bill Gilmore
Spiritual Director.....Fr. Chris Comerford
Asst. Rectors.....John Bordenkircher,
Vernon Korte, Tom Meehan

Sept. 7 (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hours (sharp)
South Chapel

Sept. 9 (Saturday) 8:00 p.m. (sharp)
Liturgy and Apostolic
Hour - South Chapel

Sept. 10 (Sunday) 5:00 p.m. **SHARP! Closing**
SOUTH Chapel
Plenty of Seats
(Please enter Main Entrance from Seminary Road)

CURSILLO BED & BREAKFAST

Overnight accommodations are available on Cursillo weekends.
If you would like to stay overnight in Quincy, please call

LEANNE SCHELL
217-222-6690

THE COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU!
GIVE US A CALL!

We just want to make it easier for those of you
who have to do so much traveling.

THERE IS NO CHARGE!!!

Send Candidate Applications to:
John and Connie Kendrick
39549 Monroe Rd. 588
Monroe City, MO 63456
1-573-735-2995

Applications must be signed by the Pastor.
(Reminder: Because Cursillo is designed to be a Catholic Renewal
Movement, attendance by other Christians is limited to 20% of the
total applications accepted for each weekend.)

FOR TEAM APPLICATIONS OR INFO:

Mail to: Jay & Nan Grawe
240 Holiday Drive
Quincy, IL 62301
Ph: 217-224-3529

ULTREYAS

Cardinal Stritch High School
Plank Rd. Keokuk, IA
1st Friday - 7:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception/
Resurrection
Montgomery-Wellsville, MO
Martinsburg
1st Friday - 7 p.m.
Call 573-684-2465

Lincoln County Ultreya
first Saturday after Cursillo
Closing
Call Stan Pollman
for time and place
314-528-4152

Holy Family Parish
Hannibal, MO - Palmyra, MO
Monroe City, MO - Quincy, IL
1st Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
Church Basement
314-221-5405

St. Alphonsus Church
Mt. Pleasant, IA
2nd Sunday each month
7:00 p.m.
Church Basement

St. Peter & Paul Church
Nauvoo, IL
(In School)
Last Friday - 7:00 p.m.

**All Cursillistas
and future candidates
are welcome at any of these
Ultreyas.**

Please contact Steve Jansen
4421 North 60th • Quincy, IL 62301
217-222-8461
with the date of your Ultreya if you would
like to have it published in the
newsletter or have any changes.