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The FOURTH DAY

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CURSILLO #185 – March 8-11, 2001

Theme: “Because God loves us, we love one another, and in doing so we also love God”

Song: “The Servant Song”

Rector: Charles Lagoski

Your prayers and palanca are blessing Team 185 as we prepare for welcoming our Cursillo candidates March 8. Our proclamation to the candidates is the most basic tenant of our faith: **God is love** (I John 4:7). St. John’s theme is our theme: because God loves us, we love one another, and in doing so we also love God. The theme song of our weekend is “The Servant Song.”

Our weekend, which will occur during Lent, will be a time for reflection on Jesus’ sacrifice, because it was His great love for us that led to the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

I am humbled and honored to be Rector of this team of dedicated servants of God:

Spiritual Director: Fr. Thomas Henseler, Mt. Sterling. **Assistant Spiritual Directors:**

Bill Gray, Hamilton; Fr. Chuck Edwards, Liberty; Fr. Mike Kuse, Quincy; and Fr. George Kramer. **Assistant Rectors:** Dennis Steinkamp (Piety), Quincy; Dave Dodd (Action), Liberty; Bob Kassing (Environment), Mt. Sterling. **Sacristan:** Jon Davis, Frederick. **Observers:** Melvin Nilges, Wellsville, MO; John Peterson, Jacksonville. **Musician:** Jim Heaton, Mt. Sterling. **Rolloistas:** Bill Blankenship (Ideals), Hannibal; Kipp Proefrock (Leaders), Roodhouse; Dennis Boudreau (Study), Quincy; Timothy Moulton (CCIA), White Hall; Don Beeley (Laity), Jacksonville. **Auxiliaries:** George Schulz, Jacksonville; Greg Andrews, Mark Lotz, Larry Davis and David Waterkotte, all of Quincy; John Ormond, James Wort, and Greg Vorheis, all of Mt. Sterling; and John Brady of Camp Point. **Board Rep:** Jim Nevins, Jacksonville. **Service Team:** Ed Koch and Glen Koch of Mt. Sterling; Mike Baker and Howard Wand of Quincy; Jeff Kassing, Versailles; Ed Goett, Timewell.

To volunteer in serving meals, please contact Mike Baker (217-223-2324) or Howard Wand (217-656-3646).

We are grateful for your prayers for the candidates of Cursillo 185 and for us as we prepare to be the messengers of God’s love.

Charles Lagoski, Rector

IMPORTANT – KEEP!!!

MAR. – MEN’S

Buddy Mass – Cursillo #185
Sun., Mar. 4, 2001 – 2:00 p.m.
Holy Family Church, Mt. Sterling
Carry-in to follow.

APR. – WOMEN’S

Buddy Mass – Cursillo #186
Sun., April 8, 2001 – 2:00 p.m.
Holy Family Church, Mt. Sterling
Carry-in to follow.



CURSILLO #184: FRONT (L-R) Gini Schnier, Sr. Joanie Miller, OSF., Netty Hatch, Renae Jansen, Fr. Don Knuffman, Sharon Cole, Patty Koch, Patty Gramke. **SECOND (L-R)** Pat Nevins, Bill Gray, Jane Runkles, Laura Kammerer, Cathy Condra, Marie Korte, Connie Kendrick, Sherry Epperson, Carol Carlson, Doris Reid, Barb Alber, Tracy Martin, Rachael Flynn, Linda Holthaus, Shirla Hart. **THIRD (L-R)** Henrietta Hughes, Pat Kendrick, Dottie Hibbeler, Joan Haubrick, Sheila Robene, Debbie Woodford, Sharon Glowacki, Debbie Standley, Marie Paul, Linda Longnecker, Denise Bick, Bernadette Harke, Tina Schmeling, Karen McCrory, Patti Brawner, Joyce Kuse. **FOURTH (L-R)** Monica Mitchell, Julie Chrismer, Jill Mason, Rosie Lewis, Theresa Briddle, Paula Crookshanks, Sheli Martin, Maria Carmody, Lis Kallal, Linda Mitchell, Jennifer Koch, Arlene Hendren, Monica Huffman, Kathy Liesen, Rose Marie Beeley, Bonnie Glover. **FIFTH (L-R)** Christine Lewis, Diana Heitman, Eryn Moller, Charlotte Denight, Ann Peters, Linda Zanger, Kathy Finley, Mary Kay Shupe, Peggy Koettters, Nancy Groebinghoff, Amy Koch, Beth Toubms, Evelyn Uppinghouse, Lorna Monroe, Nancy Beattie, Sue Metzinger.

ATTENTION!

NEW CONTACT FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

For uninterrupted mailing of your Fourth Day Newsletter, send your change of address to Lisa McDonald, 2207 State St., Quincy, IL 62301, or call 1-217-223-1787, e-mail: mcdonald@ksni.net

Dear friends in Christ,

I would like to share a true story with you that was shared with me. One Saturday afternoon in mid-November a memorial service was held for a man who had in the past stayed at the Peter & Paul Shelter in St. Louis. The man had frozen to death in downtown St. Louis the previous Sunday night.

There were ten people from the staff of the shelter, including those who knew Harry from volunteering at the center. Harry's family had buried him earlier in the week without a wake service, because they couldn't afford one.

Before the service, the staff did the usual things like making the coffee and making sure that they had enough cookies for after the service. The request went out to turn up the heat in the chapel. Ironically, Harry's mourners would be warm enough in the church for the service.

A poem was shared at the service that Harry had written.

“So what's the world got to do with a man like I am?
Never meant nothing to nobody, never did nothing much
But drink wine. Ain't nobody going to cry when they find me
Dead. Ain't nobody buying flowers and the folks who will
Carry my box will be paid. I reckon it's better this way
Cause I don't mean very much. But there is just one thing though, Lord,
My mamma raised me a Christian, and Christian is what I've been.
I've always been honest, never stole a thing in all my life,
Never did lie or cheat.
I have given up my blanket and shared my bottle around.

So there's one thing on my mind: If I ain't broke none of your laws
Why did all my life come to what is was – nothing at all?
Was I too tall, wasn't I tall enough, or was I just too fat,
Wasn't I fat enough, was it the way I walk, talk, the way I look –
Just what put me here, and that man over there where he is?”

Old Harry froze to death while we slept in a warm bed. He found peace finally. “What you have done to the least of my brothers you have done to me.” The challenge isn't just in St. Louis. People like Harry are all around us in IL, MO, and IA. We see them when they ask for a job. We see them when friends lives are turned upside down. They need someone to listen. I sometimes think too much about the problems I have and forget the problems around me. Christ died for all of us, he has a plan for all of us. We are all very important and we are worthy! If we take the time to allow him to lead us, we can make a difference, one person at a time. Make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ! God is alive!

Your friend in Christ,
Steve Jansen

THANK YOU FROM RECTOR #183

WOW! What a truly Blessed weekend for all who answered to “The Invitation.”

There are no words to express the sincere gratitude from the team of #183 and myself to the Cursillo family for all you have done. From the hours of praying in the Palanca Chapel, serving meals to being present at candlelight and closing Mass.

One will never know the months of sacrifices, palanca and prayers offered for the Team of #183 and the Candidates. And to the sponsor's, a job well done. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. I'm sure Jesus is smiling on you in a special way.

For the new Cursillistas, I pray your 4th day is going well. Keep Jesus in your heart and in your daily prayers. Simply say, “YES” to His Invitation.

DeColores
Your Humbled Rector of 183
Jeff Liesen

AS CLEAR AS MUD

Here are a few points to clear up any confusion regarding our new website.

YES, you can get the 4th Day Newsletter on our Cursillo website – www.quincycursillo.com. When you access the website, look under News & Information for the newsletter.

YES, the picture is in color!

YES, the website has applications for candidates & team, contact people, and an e-mail directory of Cursillo people.

NO, the e-mail directory has nothing to do with accessing the newsletter. It is strictly for contacting other Cursillo people and is not used to notify you that the newsletter is there.

YES, you can print off the newsletter.

YES, IF you like this option, you can take your name off the mailing list by e-mailing Lisa McDonald – mcdonald@ksni.net – providing her with your mailing address (NOT e-mail address) so she will take the correct person off the list. Lisa will be taking care of changes of address, corrections, and new mailings.

YES, it is free. It doesn't cost you anything, saves Cursillo on printing and postage fees, you get it faster than the conventional mail and no matter where you move to you can get it without bothering with a change of address.

The main point of the newsletter is to get you the news – I feel this is a fantastic way to do that for people who have access to the web – it conserves material, money, time and gives you more options. I want to thank Justin Meats at Internet Partners who made this available for us and Don Hilgenbrinck, hilgenbrinck@adams.net, who maintains the website for us.

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 Baker, 217-223-2324, or Howard Wand, 217-656-3646.

A CLEAN, BUT DUSTY JOKE

On the way home from church, a little boy asked his mother, “Is it true, Mommy, that we are made of dust?”

“Yes, darling.”

“And, do we go back to dust again when we die?”

“Yes, dear.”

“Well, Mommy, when I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going.”

DISCOVERING & CELEBRATING

It was a Kodak Moment that no one recorded with a camera. The story was related back to me and knowing the people and the place so well, I could paint you a picture. Ready?

Being a normal Sunday, the church was full. In fact, the ushers put folding chairs along the back to accommodate the overflow. Halfway to the front of church, a three-year-old did a 360 degree scan of the church with no qualms or embarrassment, even pointing a finger at times, and asking a barrage of questions of her mother. On spotting an usher standing against the back wall, she asked her mom, "Mommy, what is *he* doing back there?"

Her young Mom whispered to her, "He's working."

After a bit of time and thought, the little girl announced, "I am going back there!" She proceeded to get down off the pew and began to navigate herself over the kneeler to the aisle. As the mother tried to dissuade her daughter from her mission, the usher appraised the situation, caught the mom's eye and gave her the okay sign. I'm sure a few heads turned to see where this child was headed and wondered why the mother had let her go alone.

With curls bouncing, she confidently marched down the aisle until she stood beside the usher. Looking up, she smiled and put her little hand into his. For five minutes they stood together – a tall gentleman in a suit and a pixie in a blue jumper and red tights calmly looking about. Then, with a smile on his face, the Grandpa quietly walked his granddaughter back down the aisle to her mother.

On hearing the story, I was surprised that the little girl would walk down that aisle surrounded by all those big people and be unafraid. Then, I reminded myself that she knew who was waiting for her – someone whom she loved and trusted, her Grandpa, the fellow who always insisted on a hug and kiss and could fix anything for her...Where else do you find that kind of love and security?

Ray Boltz has a song, "The Altar" that speaks of taking our burdens to the Lord. One part says, "There's a light in the darkness, There's a love that's true, And Jesus is waiting, He is waiting here for you." He insists on loving us and waiting for us. He can fix anything – sometimes he works through us; sometimes he is the face of a neighbor, friend, family member, or a stranger. His healing hand can touch our physical being if he wills it or he can send his light into those dark corners of our soul to make us whole again. He never grows impatient, or wanders off and a smile always lights his face when we trust him and put our hand in his.

With much love, Terri May

POST CURSILLO NOTES

* This is an excerpt from the Post Cursillo Notes pamphlet.

TEAM APPLICATIONS - If you are interested in serving the Lord on one of His Cursillo Team's, please fill out a team application form and send it to the name and address in the Cursillo 4th Day newsletter. Musicians will need to send in an application for musician in addition to the regular team application.

You need to remember that it will be at least a year before you will be able to serve on a team. If you wish to serve as a team member, you will need to be active in a Group Reunion.

If asked to serve on a team, you will need to ask others to be your "Prayer Buddies". A Buddy mass is held before the Cursillo weekend for all team members, families, and their "Prayer Buddies".

All Cursillistas are invited to the Buddy masses.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.

May god bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people so that you will work for justice, equality and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

Source Unknown

NEW 2000 - 2001 CURSILLO DATES

#186 April 19-22, 2001
Patty Koch

#187 June 7-10, 2001
Melvin Nilges

#188 July 12-15, 2001
Jenean Wand

TEC DATES

MINI TEC #36 Feb. 16-17, 2001

TEC #201 Mar. 3-5, 2001
Jack & Diane Powers

TEC #201 April 28-30, 2001
Jerry & Carol Rolves

For reservations:
Doug Many
217-224-8416

QUEST

#14 Mar. 23-24, 2001

#15 May 4-5, 2001

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Feb. 23-25, 2001
April 20-22, 2001
Sept. 28-30, 2001

Call 1-888-889-9963
For more information

PALANCA CHAPEL VISITS

To Sign Up, Call or Write
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CHANGING OUR PATHS

A few years ago, at the Seattle Special Olympics, nine contestants, all physically or mentally disabled, assembled at the starting line for the 100-yard dash. At the gun, they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with a relish to run the race to the finish and win.

All, that is, except one little boy who stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times, and began to cry. The other eight heard the boy cry. They slowed down and looked back. Then, they all turned around and went back. Every one of them.

One girl with Down's Syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "This will make it better." Then, all nine linked arms and walked together to the finish line. Everyone in the stadium stood, and the cheering went on for several minutes. People who were there are still telling the story. Why? Because deep down we know this one thing: What matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What matters in this life is helping others win, even if it means slowing down and changing our course.

Schedule of Events ***Men's Cursillo #185***

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

Mar. 10 (Saturday) 8:00 p.m. (sharp)
Liturgy and Apostolic
Hour - South Chapel

Mar. 11 (Sunday) 5:00 p.m. SHARP! Closing
SOUTH Chapel
Plenty of Seats

(Please enter Main Entrance from Seminary Road)

CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS

John and Connie Kendrick
39549 Monroe Rd. 588, Monroe City, MO 63456
1-573-735-2995

TEAM APPLICATIONS OR INFO

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

CURSILLO ACCOMMODATIONS

If you would like to stay overnight in Quincy
on Cursillo weekends at no charge,
please call:
Leanne Schell, 217-222-6690

RIDDLE ANSWER: Nothing
(From December Newsletter)

ULTREYAS

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

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. 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.

HE MEETS US ALL

"He comes to us in the brokenness of our health, in the shipwreck of our family lives, in the loss of all possible peace of mind, even in the very thick of our sins. He saves us in our disasters, not from them. He emphatically does not promise to meet only the odd winner of the self-improvement lottery: he meets us all in our endless and inescapable losing."

Robert Farrar Capon
The Astonished Heart