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Cursillo #215 – March 11-14, 2004

Theme: "We are Precious in His Eyes"

Rector: Vernon Korte

Dear Cursillo Family,

The team for Cursillo #215 has been chosen with much prayer. With so many wonderful people to choose from, this was quite a difficult task because I wanted everyone to have the chance to serve. Please pray for us that we will all be open to hear the whisper of God guiding our steps as we prepare to meet the needs of the candidates God is calling.

Our theme is "We are Precious in His Eyes". Our scripture is taken from Psalm 139: 13-16 "...You formed my innermost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! My very self you knew; my bones were not hidden from you, when I was made in secret fashioned as in the depths of the earth. Your eyes foresaw my actions; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be." Our theme song for Cursillo #215 is "You are Mine".

The men whom God has chosen are:
Co-Spiritual Directors: Fr. George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, MO (Sacraments, Sat. 10 a.m.; Christian Life, Sun. 10:00 a.m.) and Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Grace, Fri. 11:15 a.m.; Obstacles to Grace, Sat. 4:15 p.m.); **Assistant Spiritual Director:** Fr. Bob Jallas, Quincy, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid).

Assistant Rectors: Matt Harmon, Roodhouse, IL (Piety, Fri. 7:00 p.m.); Jeff Steinkamp, Quincy, IL (Study, Sat. 9 a.m.); and John Wagner, Davenport, IA (Christian Community In Action, Sun. 11:30 a.m.).

Rollistas: Steve Carr, Carlinville, IL (Ideals, Fri. 10 a.m.); Jeff Haley, Jacksonville, IL (Environment, Sun. 9 a.m.); Wayne Korte, Bowling Green, MO (Layman in the Church, Fri. 1:30 p.m.); Chris Patterson, Roodhouse, IL (Leaders, Sat. 7:00 p.m.); David Schutz, White Hall, IL (Action, Sat. 3 p.m.); and Katie Korte, Bowling Green, MO (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sun. 3 p.m.).

Auxillaries: Jeff Burditt, New London, MO; Dale Gervais, Palmyra, MO; Dave Hummel and Matt Hynes, Quincy, IL; Raymond Sievers, Brussels, IL; Jack Powers, Ft. Madison, IL; Joe Stevenson, Burnside, IL; Phil Thompson, Monroe City, MO; and Greg Wyble, Bowling Green, MO.

Sacristan: John Runge, Keokuk, IA; **Musicians:** B.J. Menne, Troy, MO; and Raymond Rossmiller, Quincy, IL. **Service Team:** Greg Andrews and Mike Holbrook, Quincy, IL; Tim Moulton, White Hall, IL; and Don Tooley, Clayton, IL. **Food Service:** Don Beeley, Jacksonville, IL and Steve Jansen, Quincy, IL. **Board Rep:** Mike Baker, Quincy, IL. **Observing Rector:** Matt Entrup, Quincy, IL. **Rector:** Vernon Korte, Bowling Green, MO (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sun. 12:25 p.m.).

On behalf of the team of Cursillo #215, I thank you for the prayers and palanca that you have been offering up for us. I also thank you for what you will be doing on the weekend - filling chapel hours, praying with speakers, serving meals, and so many other things. Please continue to invite people to become a part of this wonderful community that has touched so many lives.

Please join us for the Buddy Mass and carry-in dinner on March 7th at 2:00 p.m., St. Peter's Church, Quincy. Remember, you are precious in His eyes and our's too!

Love, hugs & prayers,
Vernon Korte and
the team of Cursillo #215

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #215 please call Don Beeley 217-243-3205 or Steve Jansen 217-222-8461

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #215

March 7th, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Church, Quincy, IL
Carry in dinner to follow

Women's Cursillo #216

April 4, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Church, Quincy, IL
Carry in dinner to follow

MEN'S CURSILLO #215

March 11th (Thursday)
7:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

March 13th (Saturday)
8:00 p.m.
Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

March 14th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

Friday, February 20th 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas, Camp Point, IL
Call Ober's 217-593-7132 for info

Saturday, February 28th
SS Peter & Paul, Collinsville, IL
Mass 4:30 p.m.
Ultreya to follow at Morris Hall
Contact Melba Wobbe for info
618-345-0247; melbamw@aol.com

Saturday, March 20th
Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
St. Clement, Bowling Green, MO
Ultreya follows 6 p.m. Saturday Mass
Call Stan Pollman for info
636-462-5550

Sunday, March 21st
7:00 p.m.
Holy Family Parish
1111 Broadway, Hannibal, MO

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Please send your address changes to Lisa McDonald. Contact Lisa at 217-223-1787, or e-mail her at: newsletter@quincycursillo.com.

If you have been receiving the newsletter by e-mail and your email address has changed, please e-mail Don Hilgenbrinck at don@hilgenbrinck.net. Please note Don's e-mail changed a few months ago so check to be sure you have his new address.

The 4th Day Newsletter is also available online at the Quincy Cursillo website: www.quincycursillo.com.

THANK YOU FROM CURSILLO #213

"He Is Here", and Cursillo 213 "Let Him Be", keeping the "Main Thing.....the Main Thing"!

The Light of Our Lord brought us out of the quiet Friday morning darkness, and the glow from the Love of our Cursillo family added to the intensity of our three days, finally discharging thunderbolts of electrifying Christian Joy on Sunday evening.

We continue to be overwhelmed by the blessings showered upon us, and offer our most inadequate thanks to the Cursillo family for the immeasurable prayer and sacrifice for Cursillo 213. Sharing the joy and peace of our Lord with 40 new brothers is a privilege that the team will cherish forever.

A special thanks: to Donna Vogel for helping after Buddy Mass; to Steve and Renee Jansen for rushing to our aid; to Tom Holck and his friends at HyVee for a hasty, tasty breakfast; to the "Lofty Musicians"; to the special group from Quincy for their special "Stations"; to Katie Korte and Julie Fisher; to the Holy Fools; to the Priests providing Reconciliation; to Harley Hirner and Holschlag Florists for the beautiful poinsettias in the Chapel; and to the people of St. Mary's Parish for allowing us to use their beautiful facilities in our preparations.

I cannot find words that will adequately express my thanks and gratitude, but offer all praise and glory to God. Each time I have the opportunity to serve the Quincy Cursillo Family, I am more in awe of the power of His Love and Grace. It has been an honor to serve as Rector of 213.

In His Service,
Jerry Epperson

CURSILLO #214



Front row, left to right: Patty Koch, Jane Grant, Kendall Bowen, Anita Witt, George Kramer, Cathleen Koch, Ellie Couch, Kathy Schwartz, Kathy Liesen, Pat Kerns. **Second row:** Deacon Jim Ghiglione, Susan Bays, Becky Keeley, Alice Shirey, Julie Korte, Ruth Schmitt, Cathy Platt, Vicky Mitchell, Joan Farnworth, Nancy Holterfield, Carolyn Haley, Sharon Oberdahlhoff, Pat Nevins, Jane Deters, Theresa Geisler, Dorothy Welcher. **Third row:** Jenean Wand, Faith Berkowitz, Carol Blentlinger, Diane Humke, Twila Thomas-Osborne, Karie Ashmann, Kathie Throm, Angie Clifton, Terry Barnes, Amber Schafer, Tina Crawford, Jill Mason. **Fourth row:** Jeanie Deters, Diane Powers, Vicki Feldmann, Rosemary Peck, Ruth McCaskill, Leesa Penn, Krista Steinkamp, Felicitas Kluck, Amy Waterkotte, Rebecca Boyce, Connie Dewey, Karen Dames, Christina Happel, Michelle Adams, Dianne Dittmer, Gail Mast. **Fifth row:** Kathy Crawford, Vicki Ridder, Sharon Sandidge, Tori Greving, Jean Zackey, Rose Keller, Audrey Buzzard, Pam Dietrich, Michelle Eversman, Nancy Chatham, Sue Sculley, Tammy Goster, Nancy Vens, Diana McClelland, Jennifer Koch.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Cursillo Family -

Your Board is excited and proud to announce the following Rectors/Rectoras for the upcoming Cursillo year:

#219	Sept. 9-12, 2004	Joe Vermiere
#220	Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2004	Ann O'Sullivan
#221	Nov. 11-14, 2004	Rick Davis
#222	Dec. 2-5, 2004	Pat Nevins
#223	Jan. 6-9, 2005	Tom Meehan
#224	Feb. 3-6, 2005	Mary Peterson
#225	Mar. 10-13, 2005	Mike Grant
#226	Apr. 14-17, 2005	Terri May
#227	June 2-5, 2005	Jerry Liechty
#228	July 7-10, 2005	Jo Beavers

These leaders truly have Jesus in their hearts and need our prayers as they prepare for an awesome journey.

Our candidate lists are somewhat low for our spring and summer weekends. I know the Cursillo family will come through again. We all know someone who can benefit from the experience of meeting Jesus in a special way.

We are blessed to have so many, many new Cursillistas who are sending in team applications to be added to all those other good folks whose applications have been in the box for some time. Please understand that the Lay Director has absolutely nothing to do with choosing who will serve on anyone's team. There is a team application box that is broken into categories for each position. The names in the team application box are chosen by the Rector/Rectora to serve on their team. After serving on a team, those team member names go into a file and remain inactive for about one year before they can be called to serve again on another team. It is a very difficult job for a Rector/Rectora to choose their team, as there are so many good people and such a limited number of positions that can be filled. Don't ever be offended or become discouraged that you are not called - God knows exactly when the time is right for you. God Knows what's best.

I give you my love and best wishes and leave you this month with a passage from Grace for the Moment where it reads: "Your name is on God's hand. It may be difficult to believe that God knows your name. But He does. Written on His hand. Spoken by His mouth. Whispered by His lips. Your name.".....pretty comforting thought, isn't it?? Believe it, my friends. You matter that much to Him!

DeColores and Wahoo!!
Jay Grawe

POST CURSILLO NOTES

Sponsors

If you wish to sponsor someone on a Cursillo, you will have responsibilities to fulfill as a sponsor. As soon as you have a candidate in mind, begin praying for them and ask others to do the same.

If they are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, meet with them and help them fill out the application. When sponsoring couples, both applications need to be submitted together, if possible. Answer any questions they may have without revealing any of the surprises on the weekend.

Make sure their pastor signs the form, after which you will need to forward the application with the deposit fee to Jonathan and Stephanie McClelland. (Contact information on back page.)

Once your candidate has been accepted for a weekend, you will receive a letter with sponsor responsibilities along with a letter for the candidate. You are responsible for getting the letter to your candidate and making arrangements to get your candidate to Cursillo.

If your candidate cannot attend the weekend after being accepted, it is your responsibility to contact the committee for applications.

After the Cursillo is over, you are still responsible for post-Cursillo follow-up. This includes meeting with your candidate and discussing the weekend, along with post-Cursillo activities such as Group Reunion, Ultreya's, and Buddy Masses. It is up to you to help your candidate get in a Group Reunion.

CURSILLO DATES

#216 April 15-18, 2004
Jane Deters

#217 June 3-6, 2004
Matt Entrup

#218 July 8-11, 2004
Giny Baker

#219 September 9-12, 2004
Joe Vermiere

#220 Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2004
Ann O'Sullivan

#221 November 11-14, 2004
Rick Davis

#222 December 2-5, 2004
Pat Nevins

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #222 March 6-8, 2004
Jerry and Anita Eberhardt

TEC #223 April 24-26, 2004
Dwight and Barb Seeley

TEC #224 June 12-14, 2004
Genny Gramke

TEC #225 July 17-19, 2004
George & Betty McDonald

TEC #226 October 9-11, 2004

TEC #228 November 6-8, 2004

For information call
Barb and Dwight Seeley
217-224-5615

Applications are available at:
www.greatrivertec.org

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#26 February 20-21, 2004
Russ Rohrer, Director

#27 May 7-8, 2004

#28 August 6-7, 2004

#29 October 22-23, 2004

For information call
Donna Siebers 217-222-3627
Kathy Steinbrecher 217-228-1518

January 28th 2004 Morning Meditation

By Mary Jane Davis

It's so cold outside that Rosco wanted back in without coaxing. He actually barked at the door for me to let him in. We both settled down, Rosco near where I sat at my little study desk.

I was just reading what Thomas Aquinas had to say about hardness of heart being a place where the good seed can not grow. He says, "It's the nature of love to melt things". I had to smile about that as I wrapped Jon's warm flannel shirt closely around me. Love is warm.

I do not like to entertain the thought that I have a hard heart. After all, my heart is loving. Yet I think we all tend to have areas of hard-heartedness simply because we often don't get enough "Heart Medicine". Why not? Because we are so busy. There are some things we just have to be busy at, right? Yes. However, if I am savvy with my eye, I see things such as when I pick up my email at the beginning of what is supposed to be my quiet time with Jesus and scripture. I did that yesterday and forty minutes later realized I'd run out of time. It pained me, thinking of the Lord here, waiting, while I answered just a couple notes from friends. Silly. I didn't laugh. Jesus didn't laugh. The Burgler laughed. I let myself be robbed. As my mom used to say, "Phooey"! I was a little mad at myself.

I love my Heart Medicine. I feel good taking it and it lasts a long time. I find that when I take it early in the morning, I often get to share it during the day. When I share it with a friend, some morsel I glean from reading and prayer, the seeds planted in the early morning hour with the Lord seem to seat themselves further into the soil of my heart, taking root.

It is cold outside, friends. Do a heart check up and see how it is on the inside. The Doctor is in! He will see you today! He has lots of Medicine plus a Study Guide to teach you the ins and outs of working with a hard heart! When you use His tools, you will find you are putty in His hands.

Hugs and Kisses...Mary Jane

Sermons We See

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day,
I'd rather one would walk with me - than merely show the way.
The eye's a better pupil - more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but examples always clear.
And the best of all the people are the ones who live their creed,
For to see the good in action is what everybody needs,
I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done,
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
The lectures you deliver may be very wise and true -
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I may understand you, and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

by Edgar Guest

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573-735-4337
Fax applications to same number
Mail signed original

TEAM APPLICATIONS OR INFO

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3311 Golf Drive
Quincy, IL 62301
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Candidate and Team applications are
available on the Cursillo web site:
www.quincycursillo.com

PALANCA CHAPEL

To sign up, call or e-mail
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If you would like to stay overnight
in Quincy on Cursillo weekends
at no charge, please call:
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