



Cursillo #260: February 26 - March 1, 2009

Rectora: Lisa Leake

Theme: "Yes I Love You, Kindle in Me the Fire of Your Love"

De Colores Cursillo Family,

It is with thoughts of love and anticipation that I write to you of the journey of Cursillo 260. The study of the Apostle Peter has inspired the theme for Cursillo 260 "Yes I Love You, Kindle in Me the Fire of Your Love." The theme song is "Do You Love Me?" written by Andy Cloninger. Just as Peter was asked by Jesus, "Do you love me?" team 260 is answering the question and being set on fire by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Like Peter in John 21:15-19 Christ loves us just where we are. He loves us unconditionally, and the grace flowing out of that love has touched all of our hearts. That love is also reflected in the support of our prayer buddies and the whole Cursillo family. We thank you for all you have done and will do in building up the kingdom of God.

It is with great pride and honor that I introduce Cursillo Team 260. **Spiritual Director:** Fr. John Stack, Clinton IA (Sacraments, Saturday 10:00 am). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Deacon Bob Leake, Palmyra, MO (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Fr. Michael Quinn, Hannibal, MO (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Fr. George Kramer, Bonnets Mill, MO (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Katie Korte, Bowling Green, MO (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectors: Nanna O'Donnell, Clayton, IL (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm); Naomi Egbert, Hannibal, MO (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 pm); Joan Brown, Old Monroe, MO (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 am).

Rollistas: Marie Baker, Palmyra, MO (Ideals, Friday 10:00 am); Joan Albright, Hannibal, MO (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm); Cindy Gervais, Palmyra, MO (Study, Saturday 9:00 am); Paula Gough, Shelbina, MO (Action, Saturday 3:00 pm); Linda Keller, White Hall, IL (Environment, Sunday 9:00 am).

Auxiliaries: Carrie Bugos-Alexander, Carrollton, IL; Cathleen Cancel, Bev Rossmiller, Janice Shuckman and Dorothy Huber all of Quincy, IL; Harla Friesz and Teresa Hays of Palmyra, MO; Delores Miller, Montgomery City, MO; and Sharon Welshmeier, Martinsburg, MO.

Service Team: Mary Dodd, Liberty, IL; Marie Korte, Bowling Green, MO; Mary Myers, Palmyra MO; Sheila Smith, Quincy, IL; and Alice Schwartz, Palmyra MO.

Musician: Connie Vermeire, Quincy, IL; **Food Service:** Carol Pieper, O'Fallon, MO and Barbra Welch, Eolia, MO. **Sacristan:** Darlene Boland, Troy, MO.

Board Rep: Terri May, Quincy, IL. **Observing Rector:** Janet Summy, Fowler, IL. **Rectora:** Lisa Leake, Palmyra, MO (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm).

Please join us at the Buddy Mass February 15, 2009 at Holy Family Church in Hannibal, MO with a carry-in to follow the 2:00 pm Mass. Join us also for Sponsor's Hour on Thursday February 26th, Candle-light February 28th, and for closing on March 1. We invite you to participate in the Palanca Chapel, sponsoring a candidate, through prayer, and serving meals (contact Carol Pieper at 636-379-4894 or Barb Welch 573-485-6921). Call Mike and Sue Holbrook for a time on the palanca chart (217-223-6676). Remember the will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you. Thank you for responding to Jesus' question "Do you love me?"

Respectfully Yours in Christ

Lisa Leake

Rectora Cursillos 260

Meal Servers for Cursillo #260

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

Call Carol Pieper 636-379-4894 or Barb Welch 573-485-6921

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #260

February 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

Men's Cursillo #261

March 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
Holy Rosary Church, Monroe City, MO
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #260

February 26th (Thursday)

7:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

February 28th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

March 1st (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Friday, March 6

Montgomery County Area Ultreya
Resurrection Parish, Wellsville, MO
Mass at 7 pm with Ultreya following

Saturday, March 7

Lincoln County Ultreya
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, MO
Ultreya follows 5 pm Mass

Saturday, March 7

Collinsville Area Ultreya
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Saturday, March 7

Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

February 20-21, 2009
Cindy Stephens, Director

CURSILLO DATES

Mar. 26-29, 2009 - Jonathan McClelland, Rector
April 23-26, 2009 - Janet Summy, Rectora
June 25-28, 2009 - Pat Beckman, Rector
July 23-26, 2009 - Amy Koch, Rectora

Thank You From Cursillo #258

Dear Cursillo Family;

I want to thank the board for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Retora of #258. It was a fun and rewarding experience as well as a true blessing. God blessed me with such a beautiful team of caring and faith filled women. Each of them gave of their time for many weeks and traveled many miles as they prepared for this faith filled weekend. Thank you team. Needless to say I could not have done it with out you.

Thanks to all the Cursillo Family, for all the prayers, time, travel, planca, serving meals, for attending candlelight, closing and so much more. But most of all Thank You for bringing us the candidates.

And last but not least, thank to the candidates for trusting us. Thank you for allowing us to share with you our love for Jesus.

It is so true, WE CAN NEVER OUT GIVE THE LORD!

Your Sister in Christ,

Connie Liechty, Rectora #258

Updated Security Measures at Retreat Center

To maintain security, Quincy University is keeping **ALL DOORS** locked at all times. There is a phone in the foyer, at the main entrance to the chapel, with the phone number to call the service team to let you in as needed. Doors are not to be blocked open so if you are going out and coming right back, you will need someone to assist you. **Remember to where nametags.**

Cursillo Family Social Singles

Our Cursillo Family Social Singles continues to grow and we invite all single Cursillistas to join us. Our next gathering will be on Saturday evening of the Women's Cursillo weekend, February 28 at 5:30 at Sprouts Inn Restaurant on North 12th Street in Quincy. Just ask to be directed to the Cursillo Singles 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. You can ride together to the Retreat Center or meet back up again upon arrival at the Retreat Center and sit with your new friends.

Please call Cindy Naber at 309-221-1107 for your reservation or any questions you may have. 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. We may arrive alone but we depart as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Team Applications

Have you been wondering why you haven't gotten a call to be on a Cursillo team? Dennis and Connie Hoyt are our Team Application Coordinators. Contact them at 217-224-2322 or email them at choyt@comcast.net to find out if your application is on file or to update your contact information.

Also remember to update your information to continue to receive the Fourth Day Newsletter. Contact Lisa McDonald for regular mail and Don Hilgenbrinck for the emailed version. Contact information is in the column to the right.

Cursillo #259



Front row, left to right: Greg Wittland, Joe Pacino, Art Shirey, John Danner, Fr. John Stack, Jonathan McClelland, John Wagner, Bill Gilmore, Steve Chismarich, Ed Holthaus, Paddy Keller. **Second row:** Blaise McDonald, Ryan Kent, Jerry Lauber, Harry Ruth, Les Kelch, Tim Carmody, Dick Lieber, Chip Miller, Heath Keller, Tom Benz, Deacon Andy Daus, Fr. Chuck Edwards, Robert Wolfmeyer, Jeff Steinkamp. **Third row:** Darrell Moore, Brad Morrison, Harvey Million, John Wheeler, Andy Jankowski, Andre Griffin, Michael Reynolds, Jack Burns, Aaron Emig, Scott Young, Tony Heitzig, Steve Bland, Bradley Boeing. **Fourth row:** Tim Ringhausen, Chuck Amburg, Rick Taylor, Chuck Muller, Will Gilmore, Joe Cernich, Don Kelly, Keith Frank, Mike Benker, Steve Cockrell, Brad Scott, Michael Davis, Willie Rees, Fr. Jeff Stone, Chris Griffin. **Fifth row:** Ted Sitton, Ken Feldmann, Rick Davis, Scott Geest, Cliff Gronauer, Jerry Rehkemper, Jared Holbrook, Allan Woline, Neil Oberman, Jeff Porter, Bill Middleton, Brian Schutz.

LAY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

So, how many of you took the time to consciously breathe in the fresh cold air and relate those feelings to the cold in your everyday life? How many consciously planted seeds for the Lord? These were two challenges I made last month. There has been plenty of opportunity for cold fresh air so I know that wasn't holding anyone back and we have a great roster of candidates for cursillo #259, so some sponsors have been out harvesting.

This month we need to look at where we want Quincy Cursillo to be in One year, Five years, and in Ten years. I need responses back in writing or emails. Where do you see that Quincy Cursillo is at this point in time and where are we to be in the future? Our lives as Christians are not passive roles and at the heart of being a Catholic Christian is to be an evangelizer. In the second letter of Timothy 1:6-7 "I remind you to keep alive the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control." We are supported by the power of the Spirit! We need to be alive!

From the time I made my first cursillo #63 to the present, the Spirit has become so much more powerful to view. I am amazed how the Spirit is working through these teams and in turn through the candidates. Prayer, palanca and us opening our eyes and getting out of the way to let the wonder of the Spirit work and letting Jesus reign in lives; these are what make metanoias happen on the weekends.

Quincy Cursillo should be in process, always becoming, and moving toward goals. One of our diocesan priests, Ed Dunn, writes "Tradition is the living faith of the dead, traditionalism is the dead faith of the living" We who are in process, a state of constantly becoming, are making tradition. We cannot sit and relax on a past because we are constantly being reborn. Tradition is what is alive and active. Tradition is not just the wick and the candle, it is the burning! What shall we do to keep cursillo "alive" for the future.

DeColores,

John Runge, Lay Director, Quincy Cursillo

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

In the winter months when I hunker down in the warmth of home and the smells of food cooking are especially tempting, I feel like sorting out closets, throwing away clutter and looking inward at my life. While attempting to make sense of my corner in the laundry room where I keep my collection of articles, snippets and quotes, I came across some pearls I'd like to share.

ON CHANGE.

"We all need improvement but we don't need to woo God's love. We change because we already have God's love." *Unknown*

"We don't have to be able to see the whole staircase. We just need to take the first step." *Martin Luther King*

ON FAITH

"Reason never makes room for miracles, faith releases miracles. And in final comparison, faith is a sounder guide than reason. Reason can only be stretched so far but faith has no limits. The only limit to your realization of tomorrow is the doubt to which you hold fast today." *The Travelers Gift by Andy Anderson*

ON PURPOSE

"Aspire to inspire before you expire." *from the pastor at St.Dennis in Madison.*

ON OPTIMISM

"Whenever I find myself in the cellar of affliction, I always look about for the wine." *Unknown*

ON BLESSINGS

In winter months, the trees and shrubs are devoid of leaves. Because of that I can see further into the woods and one day captured the vision of four deer bounding through the trees their tails like white flag behind them. In the winter times of our life blessings are like that, we can see them more clearly because of the contrast to the bleak landscape. They are like little white flags of God's love in our life. *A reflection by Terri May*

Today David and I went for a 15 degree early morning walk. It was cold for sure but it was invigorating and home was warm when we got back. Winter is a great time to look inward, to see the contrasts, to appreciate home and family and church communities, to be mindful of the pearls each day brings and to embrace them with joy and maybe a glass of wine... or if you prefer, a cup of hot chocolate!

Much love, Terri May

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**Fourth Day Renewal
Feb. 20-21, 2009**

24-hour experience of personal growth for those who have made a Cursillo weekend.

Fri. 7:00 p.m. to Sat. 7:30 p.m.
at Retreat Center, Quincy

Total cost is \$45
with a \$10 deposit
Payable to Quincy Cursillo
Send application and
deposit to:
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**Fourth Day Renewal Weekend
Request for Reservation**

Application Date _____ Date of Fourth Day Renewal _____

Name _____ Adress: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day: _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Separated _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____ No. of Children _____

Church: _____ Denomonation: _____

Are you on a special diet? _____ If so, what? _____

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 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.