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CURSILLO #184 – February 8-11, 2001

Theme: The Lord is my strength and my song

Song: "Carousel Song to Jesus"

Rectora: Renae Jansen

It is an honor and a humbling experience to be Rectora for the February weekend. I have been blessed with friends willing to share their talents to make this weekend special. We have a beautiful theme song, "Carousel Song to Jesus", written by a wonderful friend. Also, we are blessed by a special poem written by my sister, "Carousel of Praise". Our theme comes from Exodus 15:2, "The Lord is my strength and my song".

Our lives are like a carousel. God is the center and source of power. A carousel is made up of many horses not meant to be ridden alone. Just as the carousel goes around, our lives have many ups and downs. We struggle with the past; we are fearful of the future; we feel unworthy of God's love. If we listen, we will always hear His music inviting us back. We can bring our brokenness to Him as we join together on this Carousel of Praise. It's there we find peace,

hope and strength to carry on in this journey we share together.

We have been blessed with a great team. **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Don Knuffman, Quincy, IL (Sacraments). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Chris Comerford, Jacksonville, IL (Holy Spirit); Rev. Mr. Bill Gray, Hamilton, IL (Obstacles); Sr. Joanie Miller, Springfield, IL (Christian Life); Sr. Elyse Rameriz, Springfield, IL (Grace). **Assistant Rectoras:** Sharon Cole, Quincy (Ideals); Netty Hatch, Mt. Sterling, IL (Action); Pat Nevins, Jacksonville, IL (CCIA). **Rolloistas:** Rachael Flynn, Bowling Green, MO (Environment); Linda Holthaus, Quincy, IL (Piety); Amy Koch, Mt. Sterling, IL (Study); Christine Lewis, O'Fallon, MO (Laywoman); Kathy Liesen, Quincy, IL (Leaders). **Auxiliaries:** Rose Marie Beeley, Jacksonville, IL; Cindy Bunch, Debbie Standley, and Evelyn Uppinghouse, Quincy, IL; Maria Carmody, Hardin, IL; Shirla Hart and Jo'an Hennen, Ottumwa, IA; Karen McCrory, Clarksville, MO; Lorna Monroe, Roodhouse, IL. **Food Service Team:** Henrietta Hughes, Monroe City, MO; Jane Runkles, Troy, MO. **Service Team:** Sherry Epperson, Clarksville, MO; Marie Korte, St.

Peters, MO; Rosie Lewis, Bowling Green, MO; Gini Schnier and Beth Toumbs, Quincy, IL. **Sacristan:** Laura Kammerer, Quincy, IL. **Musicians:** Cathy Condra and Patty Gramke, St. Louis, MO. **Observing Rectora:** Patty Koch, Mt. Sterling, IL. **Board Rep:** Pat Kendrick, Monroe City, MO.

Thank you for all you are doing. Please continue to pray for each member on the team and the candidates that will be sent to us.

God bless you real good!

Renae Jansen and the Cursillo Team #184

IMPORTANT – KEEP!!!

FEB. – WOMEN'S
Buddy Mass – Cursillo #184
Sun., Feb. 4, 2001 – 2:00 p.m.
St. Dominic's, Quincy, IL
Carry-in to follow.

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



CURSILLO #182: FRONT (L-R) Jim Vogel, Tom Holck, Tom Beattie, Richard Mitchell Jr., John Boland, Michael Grant, Jeff Liesen, Michael Kuse, Les Kelch, Chuck Lagoski, Nelson Vessell, Ed Holthaus, Gene Soebbing. **SECOND (L-R)** Jim Liesen, Jim Harke, B. J. Menne, Jerry Epperson, Matt Harmon, Howard Burditt, Joe Grote, Matthew Davis, Glen McGee, George McDonnell, Fr. Nick Adam, John Blonski, Bill Woodford, Bill Harke, Steve Hembrough, Brent Frericks. **THIRD (L-R)** James Gragg, Erick Kallal, Mike Zanger, Harry Cramer, Raymond Rossmiller, Alan Cannady, Ron Jacobs, Gerald Koetters, Keven Crookshanks, David Schmeling, Dean Shupe, Terry Ross, John Soucy, Otto Alber, Tom Edwards. **FOURTH (L-R)** Jim Hibbeler, Larry Groeblichoff, Rodney Bick, Roger Longwalker, Art Flynn, Ron Peters, Joe Haubrich, Greg Chrismer, James Grisham, Eric Rollins, Adrian Fischer, Gerald Denight, Philip Wilson, Robert Barfield, Dave Steele. **FIFTH (L-R)** Larry Klauser, Don Hilgenbrinck, Mike Carter, Charles Hendren, Grey Standley, James Reid, M. Trevar Hoffman, Russ Siebers, Charlie Finley, Christain Schultz, Warren Naber, Ryan Hanke, Greg Kuse.

The year nears its end as we receive a new blanket of snow on top of the old frozen, stained mass of ice. I'm glad I fed our birds well yesterday afternoon. I sit in my warm room with Christmas candles lit and write.

Yesterday, I read about St. John whom Jesus loved so intimately that from the cross, he gave over his beloved mother Mary to John to care for as his own. I read that John more than encountered Jesus, he experienced him. I had to contemplate that. An encounter is definitely the first big step, like what happens at Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, REC and TEC. But, to experience Jesus is to develop a relationship with him, an intimacy, a "knowing".

Because he came back to us after his crucifixion and resurrection, through the power of his Spirit, we can each answer the call of his voice to "come" and "become" his true friend.

There's a big difference in reading about him and knowing him. It is as my friend Father Richard de Ranitz spoke about at a parish mission I attended. You can read all the books, but until you integrate the message into your heart and let it change you, it is only information you accumulate and "know about". It is like standing on the shore and watching the water instead of becoming part of the water and letting it carry you where it would.

It is a long journey; our learning to drop our heavy burdens and cloaks along the way as we come to truly know our Savior. Self knowledge and understanding is needed; recognizing our need for healing and letting go of control, anger and resentments, dropping the heavy addictions that rule our lives and press us in on all sides.

The truly beautiful truth is that we don't have to do these monumental tasks on our own, before we are fit to go to Jesus! We go first to Him as helpless little children whom he loved enough to come, to know and to save. Together with him, we begin the arduous process of "healing" and "dropping". He knows what we need; when and how we need it. And, he will bring us back around to it when we fail. He never gives up and we must not either!

Trust is essential, like a baby trusts its mother and father. But, also, the awareness is a key; becoming aware of our need, aware of his great love and his true caring that we live his dream for each of us. Becoming that dream God has for us is our life's goal, our journey. It is not lightening fast. *It is the river.* Standing by and watching is only a partial part of a rich life, like sticking your toe into a great ocean when you could wade into the surf, sink your feet into the sand and plunge your whole self into the wonder of it. That's "becoming".

We've celebrated Christmas; God coming among us as an infant, becoming one of us. It is the greatest opportunity of all time, the greatest gift offered; that we may one on one, become the intimate friend of our Lord and God Jesus Christ! More than wonderful, more than amazing. A new year approaches. I feel like these days of Advent and Christmas just past have been a resting time, time to enjoy those I love and love me, time to relax and celebrate. Together, now it is time to pack up and continue the journey; into a new year, a time of discovery and adventure. I have to wonder what He has planned.

THANK YOU FROM RECTORA #182

Dear Cursillo Family,

You are such a shining example of Christian Community in Action! Cursillo #182 was a wonderful experience with the Lord. And your ministry to us made the weekend very special. Thank you to all the servers, the people who handled registration, the people who handled the Apostolic hour, the bathroom ministry, the bag ministry (what a blessing), the people who handled sponsors hour, my prayer group who handled the food for the Buddy Mass and all the other ministries that serve Quincy Cursillo and make these weekends possible.

Your dedication is awesome and very much appreciated. May God bless you all. Have a happy New Year with Jesus.

Gratefully,
Pat Dorsey, Rectora Cursillo #182

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 Henrietta Hughes, 573-735-4330, or Jane Runkles, 636-462-3233.

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

IN THE PALACE OF THE KING

"So what do YOU do?" the elbow-patched, camel-haired garbed, professional gentleman with the drink asked me at a university department function... "Oh," I smiled, "I'm a janitor - when I'm not doing that, I home school my daughter." He almost swallowed his ice cubes as he struggled to categorize THAT concept - condescension crept into the conversation...

"And WHAT job will we never do?" The upper thirties, New Hampshire ABC News Producer elitist asked his 9 and 6-year-old daughters. Almost in unison, they answered their father, "Flipping burgers, Daddy." "That's right," he said, "That's the only job some people CAN do, but you can do better than that." This exchange took place in my hearing a month ago.

"Why are you doing that?" six-year-old Natasha asked me as I prepared to mop the church's kitchen one recent Sunday evening. Her mother was visiting another woman outside, and Tash found my activities more intriguing. "Well, for one, it's my job, Tash. I'm a janitor." "What's a janitor?" "It's a cleaning person. I clean things."

Her eyes widened, and she drew a sharp breath. In awed tones (I could see that SHE was working hard to categorize this concept), she said, "YOU are a servant!" Then, with a smile and a wide, open-armed flourish, she dramatically and approvingly proclaimed, "YOU are a servant in the palace of the KING!*" You can imagine how I grinned to that and answered her readily, "Exactly! Jesus is my King, Natasha, and I am a servant in his palace!"

That's how I feel wherever I clean - the two homes I cleaned this very Friday (pot pies for supper tonight, ladies) - and the offices I visit early in the morning two days a week.

Like Rich Mullins sang - "The moon is a sliver of silver, like a shaving that fell on the floor of a carpenter's shop. And every house must have its builder - and I awoke in the house of God..."

In Christ there is neither slave nor free.

Yes, there is a class consciousness in our society! God give me grace to shed the ragged clothes of my naturally snobby nature and have the mind of Christ.

Article written by
Claire Muzal of South Carolina
(sister of Terri May)

If you would like to share an experience or witness, send article to Steve Jansen, 4421 North 60th, Quincy, IL 62301, or e-mail jansen@adams.net.

DISCOVERING & CELEBRATING

“The wheels on the car go round and round...” The rumble of the car beneath me, the whine of the tires on the expressway, the steady flow of cars and trucks turn my thoughts to other trips we have taken during the holidays to visit “home” as we head North to see family. My Dad always said, “The one thing that is certain in life is change.” And how right he was.

The very route we take has improved to almost totally expressway. The cities we stop at for food and gas along the way have expanded; our vehicle is now a stretch van; our children sport headphones attached to CD players for entertainment instead of Barbi dolls and Star War figurines; with our parents deceased, we set up camp at siblings’ houses, and “home” is now a collection of photos and memories. I have changed also – a little rounder, a little grayer, a few more creaks, bifocals instead of contacts and – I had better stop there before I depress myself!

...Three days later.

Our visit is over now and we head South back to Quincy with the same white snow and sky marking the landscape. It has been a good three days seeing my sister and my husband’s family. Life has changed at each household we stopped at – a 50-year-old sewer pipe collapsing, houses redecorated, a spouse lost and mourned, new people entering lives, children grown, divorced, changing careers, and their children sprouting up to our surprise (which is the real surprise that we think they are going to stay the same size!). Some of these changes are good and some bearable – as long as there is a thread of constancy that runs through life to hold it all together. The constant? The foundation? The anchor? – Love.

The gatherings of family and friends sharing the changes in their lives, showing their concern, marveling at the new babies, rejoicing at the upcoming wedding, reminiscing over family stories, laughing at our own blunders – this is unchanging. The place, the people, the occasions might alter, but the “tie that binds” continues to weave through our lives, giving it stability and meaning.

And where is God in this picture? When I recognize Him in my life, I see that He is the “whole pot of soup”, not a single ingredient, but the total sum of all the love in my life. I can love a gift I am given; but, when I know the source of it, the focus moves from the “gift” to the “giver”, from my satisfaction to being grateful and thankful to the benefactor of those blessings in my life. And that is the most significant change in me – my focus, the goal at journey’s end. Changes bring growth and variety to my life; love nourishes, encourages and teaches me of God in my life through the ties of family and friends...and with His grace, the road will lead me “home”.

A fellow traveler, with much love, Terri May

PALANCA CHAPEL VISITS

To Sign Up, Call or Write

Sue & Mike Holbrook

319 Glendale Drive • Quincy, IL 62301

217-223-6676

E-mail: holbrook@adams.net

FOLLOW?

On a tombstone in England:

“Remember man, as you walk by
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so shall you be –
Remember this and follow me.

Someone scratched next to this:

“To follow you I’ll not consent,
Until I know which way you went!”

NEW 2000 - 2001 CURSILLO DATES

4th Day Renewal

Jan. 26-27, 2001

For info call Pat & Dennis
217-224-3898

#185 Mar. 8-11, 2001

Charles Lagoski

#186 April 19-22, 2001

Patty Koch

#187 June 7-10, 2001

Melvin Nilges

#188 July 12-15, 2001

Jenean Wand

TEC DATES

TEC #200 Jan. 20-22, 2001

Matt & Amy Obert

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

POST CURSILLO NOTES

* This is an excerpt from the Post Cursillo Notes.

PALANCA LETTERS – Palanca Letters need to be written to the Team and the Candidates. These are spiritually and psychologically important. Remember how you felt when you found out how many people were praying for you. Don't forget to write letters to those you know, as well as to those you do not know. Please make sure these letters are delivered on Thursday evening or Friday morning, if at all possible. Letters are needed for Friday and Saturday. Unless all the Candidates and Team have letters, none will be given out. Candidate and Team names are posted in the letter writing room. They are also available from your area representatives or board members prior to the weekend.

PALANCA – Palanca includes prayer, fasting, sacrifices of any kind, and helping out behind the scenes. Remember that prayer and palanca are essential for the success of the weekend. (Please do not bring gifts for the team or candidates, such as flowers, etc.)

PALANCA CHAPEL – is one absolutely essential element of a Cursillo weekend. This is where the fuel for the Cursillo is generated. All of us have benefited greatly from the wonderful self-giving of others. Let's follow their example by making a whole-hearted commitment and follow through. Cursillistas are needed to fill the hours in the Palanca Chapel each weekend. If there is no one to cover the Palanca Chapel, then a Team Member must fill in which takes them away from other weekend duties. The Palanca Chart is available at Buddy Mass or anytime during the Cursillo weekend. You may also sign up by calling Mike Holbrook at (217) 223-6676.

Schedule of Events

Women's Cursillo #184

Feb. 8 (Thursday)	7:00 p.m. Registration 8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hours (sharp) South Chapel
Feb. 10 (Saturday)	8:00 p.m. (sharp) Liturgy and Apostolic Hour - South Chapel
Feb. 11 (Sunday)	5:00 p.m. SHARP! Closing SOUTH Chapel Plenty of Seats <i>(Please enter Main Entrance from Seminary Road)</i>

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

BE "HAPPY" ATTITUDE

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for
they shall never cease to be amused.

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.

A RIDDLE

“What is greater than God
More evil than the devil
The poor have it
The rich need it
And if you eat it, you'll die?”

“Answer in next newsletter”