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Cursillo #204 - February 6-9, 2003

Theme: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Rectora: Mary Dodd

Dear Cursillo Family,

Wow...the role of rectora has been awesome and joyful, as I am sure every rector/a before me would agree. The team of 204 is made up of dedicated, tender, loving and a few crazy people! I am thankful for each of them. Together we will be ready to be servants to the beautiful candidates God has already called for the February weekend.

The weekend theme is "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Our scripture is taken from John 12:1-3. *"Six days before Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."* Our theme song is "As the Deer". This is the Lord's humble team for #204.

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Beveridge, Collinsville, IL (Sacraments, Sat. 10 am). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Sr. Elyse Ramirez, Oak Park, IL (Grace, Fri. 11:15 am); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Springfield, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Fri. 3:30 pm); Fr. George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, MO (Obstacles to a Life of Grace, Sat. 4:15 pm); and Sr. Rosalie Supinski, St. Louis, MO (Christian Life, Sun. 10:00 am).

Assistant Lay Directors: Lisa Leake, Palmyra, MO (Piety, Fri. 7:00 pm); Judy Lenk, Silex, MO (Study, Sat. 9:00 am); and Donna Thompson, Monroe City, MO (Leaders, Sat. 7 pm).

Rollistas: Carol Blentlinger, Mt. Sterling, IL (Ideals, Fri. 10:00 am); Karen Crabtree, Roodhouse, IL (Laywoman in the Church, Fri. 1:30 pm); Naomi Egbert, Hannibal, MO (Action, Sat. 3 pm); Mary Myers, Palmyra, MO (Environments, Sunday 9:00 am); and Janey Menne, Troy, MO (Christian Community in Action, Sun. 11:30 am).

Auxiliaries: Stephanie McClelland, Monroe City, MO; Maria Carmody,

Hardin, IL; Pat Troesser, Laddonia, MO; Marge Hufendick, Sheli Martin Kendrick, Jill Mason, Lisa McDonald, Heather McCallum, and Tracey Peters, Quincy, IL.

Musician: Judy Meats, Versailles, IL; **Sacristan:** Ginny Andrews, Louisiana, MO; **Board Rep:** Cindy Stephens, Quincy, IL; **Service Team:** Patti Bunch, Giny Baker, Donna Siebers, Quincy, IL; and Janet Schieffer, Troy, MO.

Food Service Team: Maggie McGee, Quincy, IL; and Marcia Becker, Laddonia, MO. **Observing Rectora:** Nan Grawe, Quincy, IL. **Rectora:** Mary Dodd, Liberty, IL. (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sunday 12:25pm).

The team and their prayer buddies are praying daily the 23rd Psalm. Please join us in this leading up and into Cursillo 204. You, the Cursillo family, are challenged to have a full palanca chart before the buddy mass. Please call Mike & Sue Holbrook at (217) 223-6676 now to sign up for an hour. All will be blessed because of the prayers and sacrifices made by this beautiful family we are a part of.

Our Buddy Mass will be Feb. 2, 2003, at 2:00 pm, St. Brigid Church in Liberty, IL. A carry-in meal will follow in the hall behind the church (drinks and table service provided). Please join us for good food and fellowship.

When we think about the lives that will be blessed and changed through the Holy Spirit on Cursillo 204, the team is excited and truly thankful for the thoughts, prayers and sacrifices you each have made. Thank you, Jesus, for this program and for the people you send.

Peace, joy & love -
Mary Dodd and the Team of Cursillo #204

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #204 please call Maggie McGee 217-222-5131 or Marcia Becker 573-482-6669

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #204

Feb. 2, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Bridgid Church, Liberty, IL
(Hwy 104 12 mi. E. of Quincy)

Carry-in to follow in hall behind church

Men's Cursillo #205

March 2, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

St. John's Church (All Saints Parish)
Carry-in dinner to follow in cafeteria

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #203

Feb. 6th (Thursday)

7:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

Feb. 8th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m.

Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

Feb. 9th (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

Wed. February 5th

Hannibal/Palmyra Area Ultreya
7:00 p.m.

Holy Family, Hannibal, MO

Sat. February 15th

Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
St. Alphonsus Church, Millwood, MO
Ultreya after 6:00 p.m. Saturday Mass
Call Stan Pollman 636-462-5550 for info

Fri. February 21st

7:00 p.m. St. Thomas, Camp Point, IL
Call 217-593-7132

Brent & Jenni Obert for info

4th DAY RENEWAL

January 24-25, 2003

For information call 217-224-3898
Dennis and Pat Holbrook

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Cursillo Family –

Another year has passed and as I look back over the last 12 months, I can't help but feel very blessed and very proud. Blessed and proud because, through you and your continued support, the Cursillo family has accomplished a great deal.

One of our greatest rewards is that we have all hopefully come to know Jesus better in our lives. We have worked long and hard to make many much needed improvements at the Retreat Center. We have stepped forward to unselfishly volunteer our time and treasures for the betterment of Cursillo.

As we continue to try to do God's work, please pray along with me, that we can follow Him very carefully and clearly so as not to get confused on what we want - versus what God wants from us. He will never lead us astray, but we, in our own worldly ways can sometimes allow "the me" in ourselves to overshadow the path that Jesus wants us to follow. Stay focused!

There is much that lies ahead for us to accomplish. Please pray that we are wise enough to recognize the Christian path to follow, never forgetting that Jesus is right there along with us – every step of the way.

Let's continue in the year 2003 to love Jesus more and let's do it by simply loving our neighbor!! Good luck to each and every one of you.

DeColores and WAHOO!
Jay Grawe

THANK YOU FROM CURSILLO #202

Dear Fellow Cursillistas:

On behalf of the Team and Candidates from Cursillo #202, I wish to extend to you our most heartfelt thanks for all the prayers and palanca you offered for the success of our December, 2002 weekend. The Holy Spirit truly came alive in each of us from the start of our Journey on Thursday thru the closing on Sunday evening. We truly serve an awesome God, who is Good All the Time. All the Time, God is Good.

From the beginning of team formation throughout the weekend, the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt by each of us. He not only made each team meeting a special event on our Journey, but he brought us 25 of the most genuine and loving women to share in our Journey. The invitation to Journey was issued and answered by all who participated in person and in spirit. We came, he anointed, and many hearts and lives have changed forever. In Matthew 11:28, he invited all who were weary and burdened to Come, and Peace would be granted. On Cursillo #202, the scripture was truly realized and experienced by all.

Human words of THANKS pale in the presence of the Holy Spirit, however, please know that we Cursillistas from Cursillo #202 will continue to pray for the continued success of the Quincy Cursillo movement. From the Rectora of #202, please accept my sincere gratitude for your prayer and palanca support and for allowing me to share this "once in a lifetime" experience on my Journey

In Christ's Service,
Sheila Smith, Rectora #202

CURSILLO #203



Front row, left to right: Chuck Lagoski, Jay Grawe, Bob Rucker, Bill Couch, Pat Tracy, Fr. Tom Henseler, Mike Sheehan, Bill Gray, Tom Deters, Joe Geisler, John Schneider. **Second row:** Ronnie Koch, Carl Varadin, Alan Shoopman, Tom Benz, Tom Cutrone, Eric Peters, Ray Capestrain, David Tramel, Thomas Lane, George Kavaliunas, Keith Aschemann, Jon Boylen, John Baumgartner, Ed Goett, Paul Quinn, Glen Koch. **Third row:** Bill Mummey, Mike Whelan, Mike Newton, Tom Golemon, Ramon Hernandez, Don Beeley, Leon Welsh, Bill Tull, Charles Riley, Richard Ryan, Dave Ferrill, John Grimm, Ross Dames, Mike Wittland, Chris Wegs, James Schafer, Greg Wittland. **Fourth row:** Gerald Hodgson, Jeff Kassing, Craig Hiatt, Roger Busen, Randy Maas, Jim Heaton, Jeff Hyer, Josh Bunch, Steve Bunch, Carey Toalson, Jerry Gunn, Phil Holt, Clark Todd, Scott Splaingard, Matthew Maerz, Matthew Popov. **Fifth row:** Kevein Reller, Kevin Shirey, Kevin McGinnis, Jack Freiburg, John Obert, Brad Klausner, Wayne Zimmerman, Bill Metzinger, Ralph Heimann, Jim Hill, Richard Schultz, Greg Voreis, Nathan Dvorak, Tim DeGroot. Not photographed because of broken elevator: Matt Lorton

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

It is a new year! Where did last year go? What will the New Year bring? I sit here in the living room, the tree still up, a few gifts still scattered around the tree, and 8 inches of snow covering the ground outside my window. So far we have gotten more snow in one day than we had all last winter put together. Is that a sign of what the winter will hold?

The New Year is a big question mark of possibilities, of challenges, of blessings, of bright beginnings, of final endings, of wise and poor choices, of obstacles hurdled and dreams realized. So how did we celebrate on the eve of this New Year dawning? Our four children scattered in all directions and we became the "designated babysitters" for our granddaughter!

After a bath and stories Madeline fell asleep right on schedule and we put our feet up and settled down for a movie and snacks. In less than 2 hours the patter of little feet greeted our ears and we realized we had company to help us usher in the year 2003. When midnight arrived my husband and I danced in the New Year in stocking feet. And there beside us, her aunt's t-shirt nearly touching the ground, Miss Madeline swayed to the music with two of her stuffed dogs lovingly clutched in her arms and a smile on her face.

The New Year is a question mark but that is why we hold fast to the stabilizing forces in our life, the rocks that support our foundation, the relationships that uplift and encourage us through ups and downs - our God, and the love of family and true friends. Even though I am many years older than my granddaughter, I would also like to believe I still hold in my heart, a smidgeon of that youthful hope of good things just around the corner, that I saw glowing on the face of a barefoot pixie dancing in the New Year.

Much love and many blessings in the New Year,
Terri May

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 application form and forward the application with the deposit fee to Cursillo (mailing information on back of newsletter).

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.

As a sponsor, you are also responsible for doing palanca for your candidate and writing them a palanca letter. And most of all, you are responsible for praying for your candidate during the weekend.

After the Cursillo weekend 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 into a Group Reunion. Ultreya's are held once a month in various locations.

If you have any questions, contact your sponsor, area representative, rector/a or assistant rector/a's.

CURSILLO DATES

#204 February 6 - 9, 2003
Mary Dodd

#205 March 6 - 9, 2003
Tom Deters

#206 April 3 - 7, 2003
Nan Grawe

#207 June 5-8, 2003
Dennis Steinkamp

#208 July 10-13
Mary Markert

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

January 24 - 25, 2003
Pat Beckman, Director

For information call:
Dennis and Pat Holbrook
217-224-3898

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #215 March 1-3, 2003

TEC #216 April 26-28, 2003

For information call
Doug Many 217-224-8416

Applications are available at:
www.greatrivertec.org

QUEST

#22 February 21-22, 2002

#23 May 9-10, 2003

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For information call: 1-888-889-9963

GUIDANCE

When I meditated on the word GUIDANCE, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky.

When one person realizes and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other.

My eyes drew back to the word GUIDANCE.
When I saw "G," I thought of God, followed by "u" and "i."
"God, "u" and "i" dance!"
God, you, and I dance.
This statement is what guidance means to me.

As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. Once again, I became willing to let God lead.

My prayer for you today is that God's blessings and mercies be upon you and your family on this day and everyday. May you abide in Him as He abides in you. Dance together with God, trusting Him to lead and to guide you through each season of your life.

I Hope You Are Dancing!!!!



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www.quincycursillo.com

PALANCA CHAPEL

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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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