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Cursillo 214 February 5-8, 2004

Rectora: Cathleen Koch

Theme: "Be Love: To Yourself, to God and to Others"

Dear Cursillo Family,

What an awesome privilege it is to be Rectora of Cursillo #214. It has been and continues to be a very uplifting spiritual journey. With God's Grace and guidance Cursillo 214 will be filled with His love and His presence.

Our theme is "**Be Love: To Yourself, to God and to Others**". I truly believe that we must love ourselves before we can deeply love God and others. Once we accept and love ourselves, we are then able to see that it is Jesus and His love within us.

Our scripture is Luke 10:27 " You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength, and with all your mind. And you must love your neighbor just as much as you love yourself." Our theme song is "**Be Love**" written by Jim Heaton.

Jesus has chosen a beautiful team for this weekend. Each and every team member carries the love of Jesus in his or her heart and upon their face. They truly shine for the love of the Lord.

Spiritual Director: Fr. George Kramer, Bonnots Mill (Sacraments-Sat. 10:00 a.m. and Obstacles to Grace, Sat. 4:15 p.m.); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Deacon Jim Ghiglione, Collinsville (Christian Life, Sun. 10 a.m.); Fr. Tom Henseler, Mt. Sterling (Holy Spirit-Divine Aid, Fri. 3:30pm), Chaplain Susan Bays, Quincy (Grace, Fri. 11:15 a.m.).

Rectora: Cathleen Koch, Mt. Sterling, IL (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sun. 12:25 p.m.) **Assistant Rectors:** Ellie Couch, Stoutsville, MO (Action- Sat. 3:00 p.m.), Kathy Schwartz, (Ideals, Fri. 10:00 a.m.), and Kathy Liesen, Quincy, IL (Environment- Sun. 9:00 a.m.).

Rollistas: Vicky Mitchell, Quincy, (Laywomen in the Church-Fri. 1:30 p.m.); Tammy Foster, Palmyra, (Piety, Fri. 7 p.m.); Jean Zachey (Study-Sat. 9 a.m.) and Carol Blentlinger (CCIA- Sun. 11:30 a.m.) from Mt. Sterling; and Diane Powers, Fort Madison (Leaders-Sat. 7 p.m.).

Auxiliaries: Karen Dames, Palmyra; Dianne Dittmer, Payson; Carolyn Haley,

Louisiana, MO; Nancy Holterfield and Jennifer Koch, Mt. Sterling; Jill Mason and Cathy Platt, Quincy; Gail Mast, Fowler; and Ruth McCaskill, Clayton, IL.

Sacristan: Patty Koch, Mt. Sterling; **Musicians:** Anita Witt, Camp Point and Kendall Bowen, Quincy; **Observing Rectora:** Jane Deters, Quincy; **Board Rep:** Jenean Wand, Quincy.

Service Team: Theresa Geisler, Mt. Sterling; Jane Grant, Quincy; Pat Kerns, Hannibal; Pat Nevins, Jacksonville; and Dorothy Welcher, Mt. Pleasant.

Food Service: Becky Keeley, Mt. Pleasant and Alice Shirey, Canton. Please feel free to call Alice or Becky to sign up for serving meals and to help with food service.

We, the team of Cursillo 214, thank you for all your love and support these past months and for all your palanca that will carry us throughout the weekend. We give thanks to Jesus for all your wonderful good deeds, commitment and dedication that you have for the Cursillo movement and to serving Jesus.

Please join us for our Buddy Mass February 1st at 2 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Mt. Sterling, IL. A carry in will follow at the KC Hall.

You are all so very special and I praise God for our paths crossing. May we all continue to journey together with Jesus. May the peace and love of Jesus be with you all. Know that on Cusillo 214 we will be lifting up all of you and the Quincy Cursillo movement. **Remember: Be Love: To Yourself, to God and to Others.**

Your Sister in Christ,
Cathleen Koch, Rectora
and the team of 214.

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #214 please call Alice Shirey 573-288-5930 or Becky Keely 319-986-5042

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #214

February 1, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.
Holy Family Church
Mt. Sterling, IL
Carry in dinner to follow in KC Hall

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 #214

February 5th (Thursday)
7:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

February 7th (Saturday)
8:00 p.m.
Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

February 8th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

Tuesday, January 27th, 2004

Hamilton IL Ultreya
St. Mary's Parish, Hamilton, IL
Mass at 6 p.m. with Ultreya to follow
about 6:30 in the Parish Hall.
Bring a snack, drinks will be furnished.
Call Naber's 217-847-2224 for info

Wednesday, February 4th

Hannibal/Palmyra/Quincy Area
Holy Family Parish, Hannibal, MO
Mass at 7:30 with sharing to follow

Saturday, February 14th

Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception Parish
Old Monroe, MO
Ultreya follows 5 p.m. Saturday Mass
Call Stan Pollman for info
636-462-5550

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

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

THANK YOU FROM CURSILLO 212

Dear Cursillo Family,

On behalf of the team and candidates for Cursillo #212, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each one of you for all of your prayers, palanca, letters, sacrifices, and all the work and participation in making our Cursillo #212 such an awesome, loving, and prayer filled experience for all of us.

We felt your prayers from the time our team was formed, our meetings, and throughout the weekend. Special thanks to the Clowns, Holy Fools, all those who participated in the "Live Stations of the Cross", for the priests who cheerfully gave of their time to help on Friday and Saturday nights with reconciliation, and the men who came to serve meals and entertain us. The Lord does great and mighty work through special people like you. Keep up the good work; so Quincy Cursillo can continue to grow and thrive, so many others can come to know Jesus and His love for them as "We Come To Pray" and say "Here I Am Lord."

I will be forever grateful for the privilege to serve as Rectora for Cursillo #212.

In Christ's Love,
Barbara Peasel

Hosts Needed for Overnight Accommodations

We are getting many requests for overnight accommodations in Quincy. There is a need for volunteers in the Quincy area to open their homes for out of town guests to stay on Cursillo weekends. Many Cursillistas drive for many hours so that they can take part in weekend activities at the Retreat Center. It's a long drive to return home each night and costs from a hotel stay may not be affordable.

If you have a spare bed and would like the opportunity to get to know Cursillistas that you may otherwise not meet, please contact Leanne Schell at 217-222-6690.

There are many ways to offer up palanca for a weekend. Opening your home is just one more opportunity for palanca.

CURSILLO 213



Front row, left to right: Mike McCrory, Jeff Liesen, Michael Kuse, John Boland, Jerry Epperson, Joe Grote, Mike Long, Jim Heaton, Harley Hirner, Richard Grote. **Second row:** Tony Trautman, Dwayne Buzzard, Bob Street, Herb Schwartz, Curt St. Clair, Mike Keller, Tom Holck, Doug Ericson, Lawson Faler, Nelson Vessell, Spike Ehrhardt, Joe Geisler. **Third row:** Charles Spratt, James Gallo, Robert Schmitt, Wesley Ballard, Alan Jenks, Rick Schafer, Paul McCormick, Philip Throm, Greg Peck, Steve Chismarich, Alan Shofner, Bob Hoff, Kipp Proefrock, Joe Barnes, Andy Davis, Gordon Street. **Fourth row:** Brian Hendrian, Jim Schapp, Roch Schulte, Rich Gaebel, David Colbert, Jim Citro, Jim Reid, Ross Dames, Mike Vens, Stephen Crawford, George Eversman, Ken Feldmann, Michael Merz, Michael Chismarich, Dave Cory, Dennis Dewey. **Fifth row:** Randy Lovell, Brent Chatham, Vernon Korte, Dustin Greving, J.R. Derksen, Patrick Staples, Wade Conn, Gary Crawford, Aaron Foster, Lance Ashmann, Dominic Whiston, Tim Gilbert, Paul Sculley, Doug Dietrich, Patrick Korte, Mike Carter.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Cursillo Family -

Happy New Year to all of you in our Quincy Cursillo Family!! As we all make our new resolutions, I'd like to suggest and challenge each of us to sponsor a candidate for an upcoming weekend. Jesus asked us to be "fishers of men" and getting a candidate is probably one of the best fishing most of us could do. The Retreat Center at QU is definitely Holy Ground where a lot of us first met Jesus. Do you know someone who needs to meet Jesus?? Be the one to step forward and ask them - you might be surprised to find that they had just been waiting for someone just like YOU to ask them!

I would also like to thank those in our family who have made sizeable donations to our program in 2003. We have been able to purchase a brand new refrigerator in the Service Room, new beds, paint for the conference room, and cash for the Scholarship Program to help pay the way for those who would otherwise not be able to afford a weekend. You and Jesus know what you have done for Him. May you be blessed many times over for your generosity.

Thanks, too, to the family for all the prayers for the Board and your Lay Director. The position of serving on the Board carries many responsibilities to ensure the stability of the Cursillo Program. Decisions must be made to keep the big picture in focus and sometimes those decisions are not popular with everyone, but are necessary if we are to continue doing the work of the Holy Spirit.

My prayer for each of you is that you will continue to look for and find Jesus in your daily life. Jesus is our purpose for life. I pray that none of us get so wrapped up with "things" that we forget the real meaning of why we are here.

I leave you with a thought from Matthew 24:46 "When the master comes and finds the servant doing His work, the servant will be blessed.".....there is no need for me to say more!

DeColores and Wahoo!!
Jay Grawe

POST CURSILLO NOTES

Apostolic Hour

The Apostolic hour on Saturday night begins at 8:00 p.m. After Mass, anyone who has not made a Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus is asked to leave.

It is important that you leave the Chapel and building on Saturday evening as quietly and as quickly as possible so as not to disturb this special time for the Candidates.

Cursillo Closing

The Cursillo Closing begins at 5:00 p.m. After the Candidates and Team leave Chapel, the remaining Cursillo Family is asked to take a seat while directions for clean-up are given. Chairs need to be taken to the alcoves for storage. All items on the altar also need to be removed and stored. Assistance with these housekeeping duties is a part of our service and palanca.

Also, remember weekend activities are for adults only.

Palanca

Palanca is one absolutely essential element of a Cursillo weekend. This is where the fuel for the Cursillo is generated. All of us have benefited from the wonderful self giving of others. 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 you can call Mike Holbrook at 217-223-6676 to sign-up.

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? Please write letters to those you know as well as those you do not know. 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 of the Candidates and Team have letters, none will be given out. Candidates and Team names are posted in the letter writing room.

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 for the team or candidates, such as flowers, etc.

CURSILLO DATES

#215 March 11-14, 2004
Vernon Korte

#216 April 15-18, 2004
Jane Deters

#217 June 3-6, 2004
Matt Entrup

#218 July 8-11, 2004
Giny Baker

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

January 23-24, 2004
John Baumgartner

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

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

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

Applications are available at:
www.greatrivertec.org

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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

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

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

As a new year begins, the ranks of the health conscious swell at the local gyms, and resolutions of all kinds - to quit smoking, to start that project, to take your dream vacation, to study harder, abound. One of my favorite activities is to pull out the calendar for that year and mark down birthdays, anniversaries, school activities, and church functions on its fresh new pages. It feels good to see a whole year stretch before me with so many open blocks of possibilities. It is also fascinating to look back over the old year, see where we have been, what we have experienced, and who we have encountered in our days - a combination of nostalgia and anticipation.

My husband, David, was inspired in another direction which, unfortunately, required my participation. He was looking at our storage room in the basement. Yes, that room where you can cram one more item onto one more shelf (if you shove hard enough and then quickly shut the door before it explodes into the rest of the basement)! It was definitely out of control.

I groaned and moaned but he dragged me down there anyway. I told him it would be like opening Pandora's box once we started, but he wouldn't listen. Well, I was right, but so was he. It spilled out all over the rest of the basement but it was so liberating! The garbage bags began to fill, and items were sorted out for give away or to be stored elsewhere. We are still not done with the job. Tonight we began to sort through 30 years of cards. It was a treasure hunt and we were rewarded with love notes, laughter, and a reminder of all the lovely people who have blessed our lives.

A few days ago a friend was telling me about all the "stuff" she had of her mother's stacked in boxes in her basement, a lot of it expensive antiques. I asked her if her mother would mind if she sold any of it and she replied "no." I said, "Doesn't that feel like a weight on your shoulders? Why don't you keep the pieces you really enjoy, let your children have what they want and then sell the rest?" She said she was considering that and then using the money to take her whole family on a vacation together - old possessions used to make new memories together. Sounded like a good exchange to me. Even though I don't have boxes of antiques, I have belongings I hang onto that I don't need, don't use, or maybe even don't like. This includes not only material "stuff" but also things of the spirit - old fears, dusty hurts or resentments, rusty regrets, guilt with an overdue expiration date, baggage that ought to go into the garbage.

In the gospel according to Luke, Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." David got us moving to sort out the dreaded storage room. My friend has begun to unload herself of the weight of old possessions, and Jesus has come to set our spirit free from oppression and pain. He is here to open our eyes and hearts to his love and grace in each of our days, and to encourage us to look to "the year of the Lord's favor" with renewed hope and anticipation. The possibilities that can fill our calendar with blessings will abound when he walks beside us in the New Year.

With much love,
Terri May

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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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