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Cursillo #251: January 24-27, 2008

Rector: Bill Couch

Theme: "Forgiveness"

Dear Cursillo family,

DeColores! As the team of #251 journey's through our meeting's, we wish to thank all of you for prayer's and palanca that we have received. We ask for your continued prayers and palanca in the next few week's.

God has blessed us with a great team. The December and January weather has not kept these men from traveling many miles to do God's work.

Our theme is "Forgiveness". Do you know the joy of being forgiven? Can we be the forgiver? Our scripture is II Corinthians 5:17. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, He is a new creation, The old has gone, the new has come." Our theme song is "You Are Mine".

The team members on the weekend are: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Don Antweiler, Monroe City (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 a.m.); **Assistant Spiritual Director's** are: Fr. George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, Mo. (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Highland, Il. (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:00 p.m.); Msgr. Mike Kuse, Quincy (Sacraments, Saturday 10:00 a.m.); Deacon Bill Gray, Hamilton Il. (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday, 4:15 p.m.)

Assistant Rectors: Damian McDonald, Quincy (Action, Saturday 3:00 p.m.); John Little, Jacksonville (Study, Saturday 9:00 a.m.); Joe Buttitta, Roodhouse, IL (Piety, Friday 7:00 p.m.)

Rollistas: Phil Thompson, Monroe City (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 p.m.); Mike Carter, Quincy (Laity, Friday 1:30 p.m.); Todd Platt, Hull, Il. (Environment, Sunday 9:00 a.m.); Mark Gough, Shelbina Mo. (Ideals, Friday 10:00 a.m.); Dan Brink, Quincy (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 a.m.); and Ellie Couch, Stoutsville, Mo. (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sunday 3:00 p.m.).

Auxiliaries: Tom Becker, Laddonia, Mo; Andy Thomeczek, Hannibal, Mo; Ron Deimeke, Martinsburg, Mo; Jerry Dreier and Gabriel Vanderbol, Quincy; Tom Cisne, Jacksonville; Edmund Torbeck, Daryl Cobb and Gary Hoette, Montgomery City, Mo.

Service Team: Bill Casper, LaGrange, Mo; Jerry Keeley and Gary Welcher, Mt. Pleasant, Ia; and Roger Foster, Palmyra, Mo. **Food Service:** Joe Geisler, Mt. Sterling, Il and Bob Street, Whiteside, Mo.

Sacristan: John Kendrick, Monroe City, Mo; **Musician:** Pat Beckman, Quincy. **Board Rep:** Vernon Korte, Bowling Green, Mo. **Observing Rector:** John Boland, Troy, Mo. **Rector:** Bill Couch, Stoutsville, Mo. (Group Reunion/Ultreyas, Sunday 12:30 p.m.)

Please join us for our Buddy Mass at 2:00 p.m. on January 20th, at Holy Rosary Church on Main Street in Monroe City, Mo. A carry-in dinner will follow in the K.C. Hall located behind the church.

If you would like to help serve meals, please call Joe Geisler at (217-773-3470) or Bob Street at (573-485-7311)

May God Bless all of you,
Bill Couch, Rector

Meal Servers for Cursillo #251

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

Call Joe Geisler 217-773-3470 or Bob Street 573-485-7311

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

Men's Cursillo #251

Sunday, January 20, 2008 at 2:00 pm
Holy Rosary Church, Monroe City, MO
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

Women's Cursillo #252

Sunday, February 17, 2008 at 2:00 pm
St. Francis Church, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

MEN'S CURSILLO #251

Jan. 24th (Thursday)

7:30 p.m. Registration

8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

Jan. 26th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

Jan. 27th (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Saturday, February 2nd

Lincoln County Ultreya
St. Alphonsus Parish, Millwood/Silex, MO
Ultreya follows the 5 p.m. Mass

Saturday, February 23rd

Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Our Saviour Church, Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday, February 23rd

Collinsville Community Ultreya
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 p.m. Mass

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

February 15 - 16, 2008

Jim Cramsey, Director

CURSILLO DATES

Jan. 24-27, 2008 - Bill Couch, Rector
Feb. 21-24, 2008 - Theresa Edwards, Rectora
Mar. 27-30, 2008 - John Boland, Rector
April 24-27, 2008 - Elaine Gray, Rectora
June 26-29, 2008 - Brent Frericks, Rector
July 24-27, 2008 - Jo Beavers, Rectora
Sept. 18-21, 2008 - Rector TBA
Nov. 6-9, 2008 - Rectora TBA

4th Day Renewal

When: February 15-16, 2008 from 7 pm Friday to 7 pm Saturday
Where: Retreat Center-Quincy
Cost: \$45 (includes \$10 deposit to be remitted with application)
Director: Jim Cramsey

4th Day Renewal is a 24-hour experience of personal growth designed for those who have previously made a Cursillo weekend and are wanting to renew and develop their spirituality. This relaxed, co-ed environment is ideal for couples that would like to experience a little bit of Cursillo as a couple.

For an application refer to: www.quincycursillo.com or complete the application on the back page of this newsletter.

Mail the completed application and \$10 deposit to:

Dennis & Pat Holbrook, Reservation Coordinators
4025 Holiday, Quincy, IL

If you would like more information about 4th Day Renewal, call either Dennis or Pat at 217-224-3898 or Vernon & Katie Korte at 573-324-3611.

Lay Director's Message

"Be still and know that I am God."

- Psalm 46:10

This is a mantra that bears repeating ... perhaps, this is what God is saying:

"Be still and know that I am God." ... "Just keep quiet for a while and listen."

"Be still and know that I am." ... In trying to know God, Moses asked His name and God replied, "I AM WHO AM." (Exodus 3:13-14) He still is!

"Be still and know 'I' " ... "Let's visit awhile so that you can get to know the real 'Me'."

"Be still and know." ... Sometimes knowledge comes in quieting ourselves and dwelling on what we have heard.

"Be still." ... "Find a time and a place to sit quietly."

"Be." ... For those of us who have experienced true love, we know that "being" in the presence of a loved one is ALL that we really need... so it is with God.

My 2008 New Year's resolution is to become a better listener. In listening, we come to know - in knowing we come to love. God Bless all of you in 2008 A.D. (Annus Dominus - "Year of the Lord")!

De Colores,
Tom Deters
Lay Director, Quincy Cursillo

Are You in a Group Reunion?

Group Reunions are the heart of Cursillo. One of the most important concepts to remember from Cursillo is that the three days are held to put people into group reunions. Meeting with friends whom you can share your life in piety, study and action is essential to your walk with Christ.

To insure success in a group reunion, meet with others with whom you have a natural and easy friendship; give the group plenty of time to nurture and grow; and be open, honest, and generous about your life in Christ.

Group reunions can start with just two people and grow from there. Take that step and ask someone to group with you.

Hawaiian Island Cruise

Interested in a Hawaiian Island Cruise with others from the Tri-state Area? Anyone who has made a Cursillo, TEC or Walk to Emmaus, as well as their family and friends, are invited to join Bishop George Lucas of the Springfield, Illinois diocese and Fr. Tom Henseler of Quincy on a 4-Island Hawaiian Cruise. The cruise will sail January 17-24, 2009 - NOTE that's 2009.

Don't delay - reservations must be booked by June 1, 2008. For more information, contact Mike & Giny Baker at 217-223-2324 or John & Margaret Little at 217-243-4938.

Sign up for Palanca Chapel

Remember how much it meant to you when you learned of all the people offering up palanca for you before and during your weekend?

The meaning of the word "palanca" is lever. What palanca are you doing for Cursillo weekends? Can you spend an hour in the palanca chapel?

Call or email Mike & Sue Holbrook to sign up for an hour for the Men's Cursillo weekend January 24-27th. Spend an hour with Jesus in the quiet of that blessed room. The Holbrooks' phone # is: 217-223-6676; email: holbrook6@in-sightbb.com

Remember the "Gift of Cursillo"

A "Gift of Cursillo" can provide an option for candidates that otherwise may not be able to attend Cursillo. A candidate or sponsor can request this "gift" of \$50 by writing on the application that they need financial assistance. There are a limited number of "gifts" available each weekend and are made available on a first-come first serve basis.

Overnight Accomodations Available in Quincy

Please remember during these cold, wintry months that there are warm homes in Quincy where travelers from afar can stay overnight during Cursillo weekends. For reservations, call Nancy Weede at 217-222-0922 or email: nancyweede@sbcglobal.net

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

I can hear a baby babbling in the next room and the sound of my voice speaking to someone. What, my voice?! Has it finally happened? Am I in the "Twilight Zone"?!..... No, it's just my husband starting a new project of transferring all the old family video tapes to DVD's. As I dust and clean I hear snippets of conversations from the past, of family and friends, some no longer with us. Every so often I stop what I'm doing and go take a peek, almost feeling like I am time traveling, the tapes so alive and clear, a nostalgic look at times gone by, memories to savor and preserve.

In a few days it will be a new year. I have begun to take some of the Christmas decorations down, sorting through closets to make some kind of order in an attempt to feel uncluttered and ready for this year of 2008. Looking around I recognize how this last year has brought change to our lives - a new wedding picture added to the collection of framed pictures on the old piano - a son-in-law now a part of our family, a baby bed ensconced in the guest bedroom - another acorn added to the family tree, baby Connor, Madeline's little brother, and a book entitled "How to Retire without Retreating" by Johnnie Godwin laying on the coffee table - a guide for David and I in our first year of retirement.

Life is a mixture of old and new, memories and new adventures, traditions and breaking away. This Advent/Christmas Season David and I are reading a daily reflections entitled "Daybreaks" by Paula D'Arcy. It has thought provoking articles from the first Sunday in Advent through the Epiphany. Paula wrote, "Give up all disappointments. Step outside your door. Stop focusing on what "might have been" and sit at the edge of what is. - Life is revealing itself in this very moment."

Yesterday David and I watched baby Connor and big sister Madeline for the day. In the morning I fed, held, burped, changed, rocked, sang to, and played with Connor - baby fun. In the afternoon while David took over with Connor, Madeline and I attempted to sled down the back yard- it was a no go but the wet snow was perfect for building a snow fort. We threw snowballs, made snow angels, trounced around in the fir trees and pretty well pooped out this body of mine! Later because Madeline loves little critters we got our doggy fix with a visit to the neighbor's to play with Jordan and Gracie (with the added bonus of talking to the neighbor of course) - kid fun. Children not only sit on the "edge of what is" but they dive into it, reveling with all out abandon in the "now." What better teachers could we have?

I look back with gratitude at times spent with family and friends, love nurtured and shared. I look forward to new beginnings, memories in the making, adventures waiting to be embarked on, hearts open to growth, souls ready to embrace the God we call **I AM**.

Paula D'Arcy asks a question that is worth pondering as the year 2008 rolls around. It's a question I will ask myself and use as a measure of my spiritual growth, a question with different answers, stops and starts, but always relevant and worth pursuing. She asks, "What are we doing with the life God gave us?" It demands our participation, our choice, our movement forward.

I hope I can say that my life will not be spent looking out the window at the winter landscape with it's beauty, challenges and opportunities but instead that I will be embracing all it holds with faith and wonder - be it sledding down a slope at break neck speed, tossing snowballs with abandon or making joyful angels in the snow!

A tired but happy Grandma,
Terri May

*These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*

John 16:33

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January 17, 2008 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Fourth Day Renewal Weekend
Request for Reservation**

Application Date _____

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 speciy: _____

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.