



Cursillo #256: July 24 - 27, 2008

Rectora: Jo Beavers

Theme: "God provides the wind but we must provide the sails"

DE COLORES!

Welcome from the Cursillo Team #256. It's "been a long and winding road" to be able to say 'Thank You' for you prayers and palanca. Sometimes, God works in mysterious ways, and with us, it's been that way for the team since the first time we all said 'yes'. Time flies, worries abound, and things happen, but God has steered us together for this journey! God has provided the wind for our spirits and we are happily sailing beside him. But we need your prayers for Assistant Spiritual Directors, we have lost some due to reassignment and surgeries.

The summer has been very busy and also very tragic with the weather of tornadoes, torrential rain and flooding. But the Lord Jesus has blessed us with our traveling to Quincy, Jacksonville and Mt. Pleasant. We have selected the Bible verse of 1 Peter 4:10 "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." In other words, God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings!

The song is *Breastplate of St. Patrick's* by Ceili Rain. I have permission from the group to use it as our song. Please keep your palanca and your prayers going uplifting the team members and the candidates! I am very humbled to be Rectora and I am blessed to present the team.

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Sacraments, Saturday 10:00 am).

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Sr. Jeannette Feldott, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday, 4:15 pm), others TBD.

Assistant Rectoras: Linda Holthaus (Action, Saturday 3:00 pm) and Pat Holbrook (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm) both of Quincy, IL and Katie Hembrough, Jacksonville, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 pm).

Rolloistas: Beth Shade, Jacksonville, IL (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 am); Shirley Sangster, Keokuk, IA (Study, Saturday 9:00 am); Paula Haley, Jacksonville, IL (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm); Karen Wiewell, (Environment, Sunday 9:00 am) and Helen Zimmerman (Ideals, Friday 10:00 am) both of Quincy, IL.

Auxiliaries: Judy Cisne and Amy Dietrich, Jacksonville, IL; Katie Douglas and Donna Pratt, Quincy, IL; Barb Leaf, Springfield, IL; Lisa Longmeyer, Rockbridge, IL; Buena Messer and Sue Rodruck, Mt. Pleasant, IA; and Denise Nord, Carrollton, IL.

Service Team: Mary Ann Messer and Shauna McCormick, Mt. Pleasant, IA; Rose Marie Beeley, Jacksonville, IL; and Patti Runge, Keokuk, IA. **Food Service:** Marlene Donnolly, Mt. Pleasant, IA and Connie Hoyt, Quincy, IL.

Sacristan: Donna Gengenbacher, Ft. Madison, IA. **Musicians:** Becky Keeley, Mt. Pleasant, IA and Cathleen Koch, Mt. Sterling, IL. **Observer:** Connie Liechty, Mt. Pleasant, IA. **Board Rep:** Anita Eberhardt, Quincy, IL. **Rectora:** Jo Beavers, Mt. Pleasant, IA (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 3:00 pm).

Your continued prayers and palanca will be most appreciated. Please sign up for an hour in the Palanca Chapel and to serve meals. Please help our team set up the sails for a smooth ride with Jesus and the candidates.

De Colores! And remember, it is often just as sacred to laugh as it is to pray!!!! Enjoy your friendship with God!

Jo Beavers, Rectora #256

Meal Servers for Cursillo #256

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

Call Marlene Donnolly 319-385-2201 or Connie Hoyt 217-224-2322

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 #256

July 20, 2008 at 1:30 pm

St. Alphonsus Church, Mt. Pleasant, IA
Social Hour (dessert/drinks) follow Mass

Men's Cursillo #257

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008 at 2:00 pm

Our Saviour Church, Jacksonville, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #256

July 24th (Thursday)

7:30 p.m. Registration

8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

July 26th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

July 27th (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Saturday, August 2nd

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

Saturday, August 2nd

Hannibal Area Ultreya
Holy Family Parish, Hannibal, MO
3:30 pm followed by 5:30 pm Mass

Saturday, August 9th

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

CURSILLO DATES

July 24-27, 2008 - Jo Beavers, Rectora
Sept. 18-21, 2008 - Mike Sheehan, Rector
Nov. 6-9, 2008 - Connie Liechty, Rectora
Jan. 22-25, 2009 - John Danner, Rector
Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2009 - Lisa Leake, Rectora
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

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

December 5-6, 2008

BOARD ELECTIONS

Submit your vote by July 27, 2008
Refer to ballot on page 4 of this newsletter
and short bios in May Newsletter.

2008-09 BOARD ELECTIONS

It's time to choose new Cursillo Board members to replace those whose term expires in August. All Cursillista's are urged to prayerfully consider the nominees to serve a three-year term. Short bios are available in the May Fourth Day newsletter. You will vote for one man and two women. A ballot is available on the back page of this newsletter for mailing or to drop in the ballot box during the July Cursillo activities.

Cursillo Family's Social Singles To Start Gathering

There are many of us "Cursillo Singles", of all ages, that would like to gather with other singles of our Cursillo family, and what greater way to do this than gather for dinner and visit and share and offer support to each other and have some fun along the way also!

We will meet every Saturday of a Cursillo weekend at 5:30 pm at Sprouts Inn on North 12th Street in Quincy. Those of the group who wish to do so, can go together to the Retreat Center for Mass. We would like it to be a very casual gathering, as we want everyone to feel comfortable. Just ask for the "Cursillo Singles Group" upon arriving at Sprouts and they will help you find the rest of the group.

Please call Cindy Naber at 309-221-1107 for your reservation at Sprouts and also for any questions you may have. What a great way to make new Christian friendships!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Quincy University Retreat Center fund-raiser Golf Outing**
Organize your foursomes or sign up individually! Camp Point Indian Trails course - August 9, 2008 - 1 pm shotgun start - contact Ed Holthaus 222-2198 or Jerry Eberhardt 222-5333... leave a message for registration or for more information. Get your foursomes together for the upcoming Cursillo golf fund-raiser. More information to follow ...
- The Palanca Chart only had two openings left on Thursday - thanks for the great response! Please consider signing up well in advance on each weekend. Also, please sign up for serving meals since our Food Service teams are sometimes unsure of having enough servers at the meals.
- Attendance at Candlelights has been awesome! Please also join us at Sunday's Closings to welcome our new Cursillistas.

Guidelines for Entering the Retreat Center During a Cursillo Weekend

Due to additional security measures at the Retreat Center, please make note of the following guidelines.

- Display your nametag and/or Cursillo cross when entering a Cursillo Weekend.
- Only enter through the North Main entrance or the Handicap entrance. All other doors will ALWAYS remain locked including the kitchen entrance.
- At the Saturday Night Mass, the south door will only be open from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. When leaving by that entrance, be sure that the door is locked behind you.

CURSILLO #255



Front row, left to right: Dennis Steinkamp, Michael Grant, Ray Wheeler, Fr. James Wheeler, OFM., Brent Frericks, BJ Menne, Joe Haubrich, Mike Sheehan, Dennis Holbrook. **Second row:** Tony Trautman, Dennis Hoyt, Fr. Chuck Edwards, Gary Hodgson, David Tramel, Richard Chiola, Douglas McDonald, Jon Rakers, Larry Frese, Brad Hoyt, Jay Grawe. **Third row:** David Waterkotte, Ron Frericks, Dennis Ippensen, John Blean, Richard Mark Biggs, Tom Gittemeier, Gabe Wheeler, David Freeman, Dick Whelan, David Adam, Tom Meehan. **Fourth row:** Terry Ellerman, Scott Ketcham, Steve Adams, Marty Haugh, Michael Gardner, Patrick Kemner, Bob Chriscsinske, Patrick Murphy, Art Flynn, Randy Gobon, Steve Hembrough. **Fifth row:** Kenneth Schulte, Eric Schultz, Ted Haugh, Gary Vogel, Chris Keller, Jim Aschemann, Tony Viviano, Gary Frericks, Gary D. Clem, Kirk Frageman.

HIDE 'N' SEEK

"Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?"

Psalm 139: 7

I'm blessed with cheerful childhood memories of balmy summers with family ball games on Sunday afternoons, the smell of Mom's grape jelly cooking on the stove and lightning bugs flickering against a moonless sky. One nightfall activity that occupied our extended family gatherings was hide 'n' seek. We trusted that whoever was "It" would continue to search until we were found or we slipped undetected back to base. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on our own understanding." Proverbs 3:5 When do we need to relinquish our worldly understanding and to trust that the Lord is fully in charge?

Having six grandkids under eight, Jane & I have entered our second childhood and we are again playing hide 'n' seek. Of course, we have to have "blind eyes" when searching for a two year old standing in full view! Likewise, we can't hide from God nor should we hide our gifts and talents. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Do we keep our gifts hidden from others? What gifts do we possess to make our world better? Have we explored new opportunities or nurtured new talents?

"Hide not your Talents, they for Use were made: What's a Sun-Dial in the Shade?"

- Benjamin Franklin

De Colores and God Bless,
Tom Deters, Lay Director, Quincy Cursillo

THANK YOU FROM CURSILLO #254

Dear Cursillo Family, As so many past Rector/Rectoras already know, all the preparation, meetings and then the actual weekend come and go so quickly. However, as we all opened our hearts to Jesus, we know we are changed by this experience and will never be the same.

On behalf of the team and candidates of Cursillo #254, I would like to express our appreciation for all the Palanca offered for us. It was overwhelming and we truly felt the power of prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit. You raised us up and carried us on this wonderful journey. You were on our team each and every step of the way. Thank you for your faithfulness and your willingness to serve in whatever capacity you could. We hope to continually answer HIS call to "Come follow me...and never be the same." We know the weekend may only be a pleasant memory unless we commit to help each other grow into a living and loving Jesus through group reunions.

I can't complete this thank you note without expressing appreciation to my husband, Deacon Bill, for serving the gals as the main spiritual director in so many ways...what a guy! Thank you, LORD. Thank you, ALL.

Peace and love, Elaine Gray

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

I am a list maker. Don't know when I became addicted to them. Maybe it was after I had children and having lost control of my life, made lists to give myself the false sense of having some say over my day. They were pretty simple lists then: Get up, feed the kids, and take a shower - sometime in the day ect. Feeling like I had accomplished something I could throw the list away at the end of the day and begin anew the next morning!

When the movie The Bucket List came out, David and I were intrigued enough to see it at the theatre. The plot line consisted of two men with very different personalities; meeting in the hospital, both with a terminal illness, making a list of things they would like to do before "kicking the bucket" Then the action begins as they proceed to try to accomplish it all. Not a perfect movie but one with a lot of merit.

Of course being a lover of lists, David and I decided to make our own Bucket List. Here are just a few of the items on our list. Retrace our honeymoon trip from Niagara Falls to New York City, take a hot air balloon ride, visit Rome and the Vatican, find the most decadent ice cream sundae in Quincy, live to see our great grandchild and the list goes on. The list can be big things or small things, it doesn't matter.

At one point in the movie while sitting atop one of the great pyramids, Morgan Freeman tells Jack Nicholson how the Egyptians believed when a person died and was standing at the gates of the Afterworld for admittance they were asked two questions before they could enter: 1. Do you have joy in your life? 2. Do you give joy to those in your life? Two very good questions that give the Bucket List another dimension. It could be called a Spiritual Bucket List. It would help us grow in our journey, remind us of how fleeting life in this world is, and that we shouldn't put off finding the joy in life but even more importantly giving that joy to those around us, the joy that comes from within, the joy that comes from HIM. A list worth making.

Much love, Terri May

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July 17th, 2008 at 7 p.m.
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**Fundraiser Golf Outing
August 9, 2008
More information inside**

2008 CURSILLO BOARD ELECTION BALLOT

The Cursillo Family is asked to cast a vote for **ONE** of the following **MEN** and **TWO** of the following **WOMEN** candidates who will serve for three years beginning in August 2008. Cast only one ballot per Cursillista.

Please give prayerful consideration to the qualifications of candidates.

MEN		WOMEN		MEN		WOMEN	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Cramsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Darlene Boland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Cramsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Darlene Boland
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Holbrook	<input type="checkbox"/>	Billie Huebotter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Holbrook	<input type="checkbox"/>	Billie Huebotter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ed Holthaus	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ed Holthaus	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Peterson
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Vessel			<input type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Vessel

INSTRUCTIONS

Cast only one ballot per Cursillista.

Mail your ballot to:

Tom Deters, 6614 State Street, Quincy, IL 62305

Ballots will also be available during the June and July Cursillo weekend activities.

YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 27, 2008.

Ballots received after this date will not be counted.