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Cursillo #264: July 23 - 26, 2009

Rectora: Amy Koch

Theme: "In His Presence"

Dear Cursillo Family,

It has been with great humility that I have been able to be in the company of such a wonderful, faithful team since the beginning of May. The team of #264 have accepted the call to serve our God one by one, and each "yes," has been a tremendous blessing to our team and will greatly bless the candidates of #264.

Our scripture is Psalm 42:1-2, "as the deer longs for the running waters, so my soul longs for you, O God. Athirst is my soul for God, the living God." Our meetings of preparation have shown hearts of genuine love, compassion, commitment and longing for our God, the Living God. We have each come thirsting for the "living water" that our scripture refers to and have found the blessing of resting in His Presence.

We thank each and everyone of you for your prayers and support through palanca. You know as well as we do, that the success of Cursillo #264 depends heavily on those prayers and palanca.

Our wonderful team begins with the introduction of team #264, beginning with our **Spiritual Director**: Fr. Tom Henseler, Mt. Sterling, IL (Sacraments, Sat. 10:00 am)

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Deacon Bill Gray, Hamilton, IL (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Highland, IL (Holy Spirit, Divine Aid, Friday, 3:30 pm); Sue Bays, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); and Sr. Mary Fran Flynn, St. Louis, MO (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectoras: Carol Blentlinger, Mt. Sterling, IL (Action, Saturday 3 pm); Linda Holthaus, (Leaders, Saturday 7 pm) and Jill Mason, (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 am) both of Quincy.

Rollistas: Teresa Bennett, Pleasant Plains, IL (Ideals, Friday 10:00 am); Caren Busen, Timewell, IL (Laity in the Church, Friday 1:30 pm); Diane Schultz, Quincy (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm); Deb Meservey, Mt. Sterling, IL (Study, Saturday 9:00 am); Jean Zackey, Mt. Sterling, IL (Environment, Sunday 9:00 am).

Auxiliaries: Cari Graham and Karen Coonrod both from Carrollton, IL; Judy Jones and Ginger Teefey both from Mt. Sterling, IL; Patty Gramke, St. Louis; Tracy Garde, Jacksonville; Sharon Zehnle, Quincy; Delana Becker of Laddonia, MO and Sherri Deimeke of Martinsburg, MO.

Service Team: Tracy Waterkotte, Nancy Weede, and Ann Gage of Quincy; Mary Markert of Macomb, IL and Mary Scheetz of Nauvoo, IL. **Food Service**: Jane Grant and Giny Baker of Quincy.

Musicians: Mary Jane Davis of St. Joseph, MO and Judy Williams of Jacksonville, IL. **Sacristan**: Elaine Gray; **Board Rep**: Anita Eberhardt, Quincy; **Observing Rectora**: Kathy Schwartz, Quincy; and **Rectora**: Amy Koch, Mt. Sterling, IL (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm).

Our Buddy Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm on July 19, 2009 at Holy Family Parish in Mt. Sterling, IL with a carry-in to follow the Mass. We invite you to come to the Sponsor's Hour on Thursday July 23, the Candlelight Mass on July 25 and the closing on July 26.

Please continue with your prayerful support and palanca for the success of Cursillo 264. We need our Palanca chart filled as we seek to rest in HIS presence during the weekend. To sign up for the Palanca chart, please call Mike and Sue Holbrook at 217-223-6676. To serve meals, please call the Food Service Team (Jane Grant 217-224-2166 or Giny Baker, 217-223-2324.)

We rest completely in the power of your prayer and palanca as we seek His presence in the team and lovely candidates of #264. The weekend will only be complete by seeing your candlelit eyes Saturday night and hearing your warm welcome for the new Cursillistas we will have to introduce to you Sunday night before sending them off on their Fourth Day.

Much love and gratitude,
Amy Koch, Rectora #264

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #264

July 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
Holy Family Church, Mt. Sterling, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

Men's Cursillo #265

Sept. 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #264

July 23 (Thursday)

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

July 25 (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

July 26 (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Friday, July 3, 2009

and

Friday, August 7, 2009

Hannibal Area Ultreya
Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO
Carry-in dinner 6:30, Ultreya follows

Saturday, August 1

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

Saturday, August 1

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

CURSILLO DATES

September 24-27, 2009 - Ron Taylor, Rector
November 5-8, 2009 - Kathy Schwartz, Rectora
January 29-31, 2010 - Stan Pollman, Rector
February 25-29, 2010 - Kathy Liesen, Rectora
March 25-28, 2010 - Dennis Holbrook, Rector
April 22-25, 2010 - Kathy Xamis, Rectora
June 24-27, 2010 - Jeff Steinkamp, Rector
July 22-25, 2010 - Rosemary Gilmore, Rectora

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

December 4-5, 2009

2009-10 BOARD ELECTIONS

It's time to choose new Cursillo Board members to replace those whose 3-year 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 June Fourth Day newsletter. Vote for two men and one woman. 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.

Updating Your Team Application

Our Rectors and Rectors are coming across a lot of team applications that do not have up-to-date telephone numbers. If you have had a change in your telephone number since the last time you were on a team, please contact Dennis and Connie Hoyt, our Team Application Coordinators, and let them know your new contact information. Call them at 217-224-2322 or email them at choyt@comcast.net. If you no longer wish to be called for a team, also please contact them to ask that your application be removed.

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

Whales have calves; Cats have kittens;
Bears have cubs; Bats have bittens;
Swans have cygnets; Seals have puppies;
But guppies just have little guppies.
By Ogden Nash

This poem from childhood came to mind one early Sunday morning as my husband and I took a walk around our neighborhood. "Look," my husband said, pointing to a family of geese at the end of the cul - de - sac, one parent in front and one in back, marshalling their leggy goslings in a row across the street. As we got closer they stopped and quickly did an about face, the parents herding the little ones out of harms way and back the way they came.

Everywhere it seemed I was given the opportunity to witness nature in action - a Robin's nest on the ledge over one of our windows, parents diligently feeding juicy worms to their offspring; an almost traffic stop on south 12th street as a mother duck led ten little ducklings across busy traffic to safety; and the sight of a red fox quickly running through our backyard on a cool morning jaunt to find food for his family.

Another favorite poem of mine by W. H. Davis ends with the line " A poor life this, if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare." I read lately that observing nature is a form of prayer, being thankful and appreciating God's handiwork. And for me it is a way to listen to God , for somehow in the beauty, peacefulness, majesty and sometimes humor of his creation my mind is opened to his presence and His message of love.

Today I heard that message as I rocked my 20-month old grandson back and forth lulling him into slumberland. In that stillness between waking and sleeping for my grandson I realized those glimpses of nature I encountered mirror the love of God in my own life - parents, grandparents children, aunts, uncles, friends, siblings, grandchildren - nurturing, protecting, enjoying, teaching, playing, and mentoring each other. As I stop in my day to "Look" in wonder and appreciate what God has made, I need to remember to also see the goodness He has wrought in myself, my family, and my neighbor - His "loving nature in action". Much love, Terri May

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Front row, left to right: Clint Reeves, Bill Casper, Mark Wiewel, Pat Beckman, Fr. John Stack, Dr. James "Tiger" Reid, Dick Mitchell, Jr., Don Hilgenbrinck, Jerry Keeley. **Second row:** Ron Taylor, Michael Grant, Miles Blair, Bob Gough, Darrell Webster, Mike Pratt, Buzz McLaughlin, Vince Davis, Michael Wolfmeyer. **Third row:** Tim Serbin, Richard Hayes, Ted Bush, Ron Vanderbol, Gabriel Vanderbol, Matthew Flatley, Morgan Ibe, Mike Irvine, Terry Manning, Jim Murphy, Damian McDonald, Bob Donnolly. **Fourth row:** Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, Jeff Shade, Scott Vacek, Donnie Steinbrechen, Ed Nelson, James Monroe, Dan Moffitt, Wayne Myers, Keaton McDonald, Tom Colclasure, Joe Sutera. **Fifth row:** Lance Mullink, Alan Miller, Bill Albright, Kevin Nielsen, Dennis Allen, Jon Wellman, Jason Kehl, Tom Becker, David Morris, Bill Kuhnline, Eric Thomas.

Quincy Cursillo Board Policy/ Change Policy Item #14 "Restricted Building Fund Monies"

(Note: It is required that any changes to Board Policy be read/published for three months before the policy change can take effect. Please direct any comments to John Runge, Quincy Cursillo Lay Director.)

Twenty-three-years ago Quincy Cursillo was struggling in our relationship and communications with Quincy University and we were at a point where it appeared we wouldn't have a place to hold our spiritual weekends. For about a year and a half we were uprooted several times and forced to use different and somewhat difficult facilities for our weekends. Because of this and a desire in some in our Cursillo Family's hearts for a home of our own, a building fund was established in May of 1987. In January of 1990 a building committee was formed to seek an alternative plan and place for our weekends.

During the interim years our situation and communications, though not always smooth, have stabilized and we have been assured by Quincy University that there are no other future plans for the Spirituality Center except to help the movements of Cursillo, TEC, Koinonia, Walk To Emmaus, 4th Day Renewal, Quest and other users of the facility such as the Salvation Army and the fire department. This can certainly change because of Quincy University's needs, but for now we seem to be in as secure of a situation as is possible.

Over the 21 years, we have accumulated \$43,000.00 in the building fund. This money has been the subject of controversy over the years and has been in a restricted account by board policy stated: "All monies donated to the Building Fund are restricted to the use of building or buying a Retreat Center in which Quincy Cursillo can facilitate a weekend."

The present board finds in light of our past and present history that this money should not be restricted. The board being fiscally responsible should be able to improve the quality of the environment of our weekends by the use of these funds and currently we have a list of projects that will benefit the family.

Because we do not want to inappropriately use money that donors intended for a specific purpose when they donated it, we are asking for your help. If you donated to the Cursillo Building Fund and you are not in agreement with the board decision, please contact the Quincy Cursillo Lay Director, John Runge. Possibly this money could be earmarked for a specific improvement to our facility.

We will publish this notice in the Fourth Day newsletter and also announce it from the pulpit for a period of three months. We also request that if you know of someone who donated but will not read or hear this, that you notify them.

Thanks to our whole family for your continued support of us even when you don't understand or agree completely with our thoughts or actions. We as board always try to do what is best for our future but it is based on the information we have at hand, so please keep your board representatives informed. Continue to keep us in yours prayers as we try to discern our needs in light of the mission and goals we are trying to attain.

The Quincy Cursillo Board

Cursillo Family Social Singles

We invite all single Cursillistas to join our Cursillo Social Singles. Our next gathering will be on Saturday evening of the women's Cursillo weekend, July 25 at 5:30 at Sprouts Inn Restaurant on North 12th Street in Quincy. Just ask to be directed to the Cursillo Singles table when you arrive. We order off the menu and have plenty of time to visit prior to going to the 8 pm Cursillo Mass.

Please call Cindy Naber at 217-779-1138 for your reservation. We have all age groups and guys and gals represented so please come join in the fun and socializing! Don't let that fear of coming alone keep you from sharing this evening together. We may arrive alone but we depart as brothers and sisters in Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS - GENERAL DISCUSSIONS - FIND GROUP REUNIONS
ALL NEW FEATURES ON THE QUINCY CURSILLO WEBSITE
QUINCY CURSILLO ALSO HAS A GROUP PAGE ON FACEBOOK
GO TO WWW.QUINCYCURSILLO.COM FOR LINKS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Next Board Meeting
July 16, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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**REMEMBER TO VOTE
in Cursillo Board election.
Check the June Fourth Day
newsletter for short bios on
each board candidate**

2009 CURSILLO BOARD ELECTION BALLOT

The Cursillo Family is asked to cast a vote for **TWO** of the following **MEN** and **ONE** of the following **WOMEN** candidates who will serve for three years beginning in August 2009. 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"/>	Theresa Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Cramsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theresa Edwards
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Dodd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Connie Vermiere	<input type="checkbox"/>	David Dodd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Connie Vermiere
<input type="checkbox"/>	Matt Harmon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donna Vogel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matt Harmon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donna Vogel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Vermeire			<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Vermeire		

INSTRUCTIONS

Cast only one ballot per Cursillista.

Mail your ballot to:

John Runge, 3712 Waverly Court, Keokuk, IA 52632

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

YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 26, 2009.

Ballots received after this date will not be counted.