



Cursillo #272: July 22-25, 2010

Rectora: Rosemary Gilmore

Theme: The "Beatitudes"

DeColores Cursillo Family,

May God bless all of you for saying 'YES' to Cursillo #272, as it takes all of us to make a Cursillo weekend come together. Working with our friend, Jesus, to put together this team has been an awesome, humbling yet daunting task. I have thoroughly enjoyed all of our meetings. I have especially enjoyed meeting those of you whom I didn't know and renewing acquaintances with those I did. This has been a special time for us as we drove, prayed, ate, listened, laughed and cried.

The theme for this weekend is the "Beatitudes" which comes from Matthew 5:1-12 and our song is "Blest Are They". I chose this because it is Jesus' call for us to love one another. He challenges us to move beyond the dos and don't's of morality into a more mature fulfilling way of taking care of one another.

It is with great pride and honor that I introduce Cursillo Team #272. **Spiritual Director:** Msgr. Mike Kuse, Quincy, IL (Sacraments, Saturday 10:00 am). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Katie Korte, Bowling Green, MO (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Rev. Bill Gray, Hamilton, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Sr. Loyola Miller, Springfield, IL (Christian Life, Sun. 10 am).

Assistant Rectoras: Linda Keller, White Hall, IL (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm); Diane Schultz (Leaders, Sat. 7 pm) and Lori Cornwell (CCIA, Sun. 11:30 am) both of Quincy.

Rollistas: Doris Reid, Greenfield, IL (Piety, Friday, 6:45 pm); Amy Dietrich, Jacksonville, IL (Ideals, Friday 10:00 am); Kathy Cramsey, Quincy, IL (Study, Saturday 9:00 am); Lisa Longmeyer, Rockbridge, IL (Action, Saturday 3:00 pm); Carol Ann Johnson, Quincy, IL (Environment, Sunday 9:00 am).

Auxiliaries: Carrie Bugos-Alexander and Ginger Gilmore, both of Carrollton, IL; Laura Smith, Hannibal, MO; Doris Portwood, Chapin, IL; Cindy Johnson, Waverly, IL; Brenda Bland, Palmyra, MO; Mary Jo Seiz, Springfield, IL; Nancy Schultz and Sue Brosmith, both of Jacksonville, IL.

Service Team: Monica Huffman, Jacksonville, IL; Shari Goetten, Fieldon, IL; Sue Holbrook, Quincy, IL; Judy Oberman, Bowling Green, MO.

Musician: Judy Williams, Jacksonville, IL. **Food Service:** Sharon Cain, LaBelle, MO; Marcia Steinkamp, Quincy, IL. **Sacristan:** Pat Nevins, Jacksonville, IL.

Board Rep: Anita Eberhardt, Quincy, IL. **Observing Rectora:** Carol Pieper, O'Fallon, MO. **Rectora:** Rosemary Gilmore, Roodhouse, IL (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm).

Our Buddy Mass will be celebrated on July 18th at Our Saviours Church in Jacksonville, IL with a carry-in following the mass at the Jacksonville Community Park facility center (across from the Dairy Queen in South Jacksonville). We invite all to come to the Sponsor's Hour on Thursday July 22nd, the Candlelight Mass on Saturday July 24th and the closing on Sunday July 25th.

Please schedule your visit with Jesus in the Palanca chapel by calling Mike and Sue Holbrook at 217-223-6676. If you would like to help serve meals, call Sharon Cain at 660-213-3368 or Marcia Steinkamp at 217-224-5665.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the prayers and palanca for me and my family following the death of our dear husband and father, Bill. We were all truly blessed by the outpouring of prayers, food, cards, visitors and so many acts of generosity and love. We have had first-hand experience of the love of Jesus acting through his many disciples. The grace of God has flowed abundantly through these past weeks.

I ask that you please continue your prayers and palanca for the team and candidates of #272. I ask too that you continue to offer prayers for me and my family during this weekend. Only through your prayers am I able to persevere through this weekend. God bless all of you and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Your sister in Christ,

Rosemary Gilmore, Rectora #272

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #272

July 18, 2010 at 2:00 pm
Our Saviour Parish, Jacksonville, IL
Carry-in dinner following Mass
at Jacksonville Community Park Facility

Men's Cursillo #273

September 19, 2010 at 2:00 pm
Our Saviour Parish, Jacksonville, IL
Carry-in dinner at KC Hall following Mass

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #272

July 22 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

July 24 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

July 25 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, July 31, 2010
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

Montgomery County Ultreya

Friday, August 6, 2010
Resurrection Church, Wellsville, Mo
Begins with Mass at 7 pm
with Ultreya following

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, August 7, 2010
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

CURSILLO DATES

Sept. 23-26, 2010 - Don Beeley, Rector
Nov. 4-7, 2010 - Carol Pieper, Rectora
Jan. 27-30, 2011 - Ron Schieffer, Rector
Feb. 24-27, 2011 - Nancy Weede, Rectora
Mar. 24-27, 2011 - Tim Carmody, Rector
Apr 28 - May 1, 2011 - Sue Holbrook, Rectora
June 22-26, 2011 - Don Tooley, Rector
July 14-17, 2011 - Judy Oberman, Rectora

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

December 3-4, 2010
Directors: Tom & Jane Deters

A Note From Sheryl Geisler

Dear Friends,

Joe and I and our children, Philip, Seth and Katie, want to thank you for the blessed prayer support you have and continue to give me since my diagnosis of lung cancer that metastasized to several bone sites. Believe me when I say that the prayers have been felt, along with your lavish love and care. I had my 1st chemotherapy treatment yesterday (6/14). Though I am very tired, I feel well and have a good appetite. Praise God!

I will be staying at my folks which is handy for my appointments, though I hope to get home part time. I have two excellent doctors! They insist that I have very limited visitors as I continue to receive chemotherapy every 3 weeks and must protect myself from contagions; pretty much the standard rule. I think of all of you often, so touched by the many cards, letters, gifts and flowers. Your love is incredible. Most of all, I am grateful for the prayer and ask that your prayer support continue!

I give glory to God who strengthens me.

Love, Sheryl Geisler

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 or contact Sheldon & Teresa Robinson at 217-228-2201.

If you would like to contribute to the Gift of Cursillo fund, please send a check made payable to Quincy Cursillo to P.O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305-3153.

Cursillo Book of Remembrance

We are in the planning stages of creating a Book of Remembrance for those in our Cursillo family who have passed from this life to be with Christ. This book of names will be presented at the weekend masses of Cursillo in order that our deceased family members may benefit from our prayers of intercession. At each mass we pray the Nicene Creed in which we acknowledge our belief in the Communion of Saints. One hand helps the other. May we never forget those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith".

To have your loved one's name placed in our Book of Remembrance, we need three pieces of information:

1. Name of the deceased
2. Cursillo number (if known)
3. Date of death

You may e-mail Mike Holbrook at: holbrook6@gmail.com or there will be a table set up for this purpose before the weekend masses beginning with the June weekend.

If your deceased family member was also involved with TEC, please provide their name to Jerry Eberhardt by calling 217-222-5333 or email: jae12@comcast.net

Cursillo Family Singles Meet July 24th

Join our Cursillo Social Singles on Saturday evening of the Men's Cursillo weekend, July 24th at 5:30 at Sprouts Inn on North 12th Street in Quincy. It is preferred to have reservations, but if it's a last minute decision, please come anyway, reservation or not. Please call Cindy Naber at 217-779-1138 for your reservation.

Cursillo #271



Front row, left to right: Ralph Fairchild, Ray Wheeler, Troy Egbert, Mark Wiewel, Jeff Steinkamp, Don Beeley, Tom Deters, Paul Soebbing, Bill Casper, David Waterkotte. **Second row:** Dave May, Michael Grant, John Caldwell, Jr., Ron Tallcott, Jerry Grant, Edmund Roche, Adelmo Marchiori, Jerry Jenkins, Paul Korte, Toot Ewalt, Vernon Korte, Terry Ellerman, Chris Patterson, Jay Grawe. **Third row:** Jack Powers, Jim Deters, Rich Ellerman, Gabriel Vanderbol, Robert Serbin, Tim Serbin, Bob Gervasi, Neal Cornwell, Dwight Seeley, George Ausmus, Joe Henning, Dave Bauer. **Fourth row:** Jerry Dreier, Rob Bowman, Greg Wieberg, Nathan Koetters, Dan Tanna, Gary Schluckebier, Jim Rapp, Mark Lawrence, Charles ODonnell, Bill Cornwell, Dave Ferrill, Michael Gramelspacher. **Fifth row:** Paul Buckman, Zach Robb, D.J. Crane, Hermes Alonzo, Jeff Mayfield, Scott Harris, Aaron Coovert, A.J. Wiewel, Dave Hustedde, Darin Huntley, David Boster, David Scharnhorst. Not pictured: Greg Mateyka. Absent but with us in spirit was Spiritual Director Fr. Kurt Hartrich, who was recuperating from surgery, and the late Bill Gilmore, who was called home to his Lord 11 days before #271 began."

Those Who Have Gone Before Us Marked With the Sign of Faith

We are fortunate to have this community, this Cursillo community. Just as in any close families, there are times of struggle and times to rejoice, there are times to work and times to rest, there are times to cry and times to radiate with a smile, there are times to talk and times to listen, there are times to give of oneself and times to receive life from others, there are times to pray and times to let go.

This past year, there have been many pass from our community, most recently Bill Gilmore and Bob Schepers. There have been many who have had to deal with sickness within or within their family and friends. Hopefully our new "Book of Remembrance" will become a tool used to remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and a witness to our faith among the living.

On May 25, 2010, Bob Schepers passed away. Bob was instrumental in bringing Cursillo to Quincy and in many ways the "father" of Quincy Cursillo. The following is a shortened excerpt from the Catholic Times March 5, 1989 and just prior to the 100th Cursillo in Quincy. Bob is interviewed by Ed Wojcicki.

"In Quincy, the TEC renewal movement arrived three years before Cursillo did. In 1971, Schepers attended the first Great River Teens Encounter Christ weekend as an observer. He was so enthralled by it that he told Father Harry Speckman, OFM, at Quincy College there was to be more to it than the TEC program for teens. So Father Speckman told Schepers about Cursillo, which is for adults, and said a weekend was coming up two weeks later in Peoria.

Schepers, Tony Wiewel and Rich Halle went to Peoria, and in the next few years a few others from Quincy also traveled to Peoria for Cursillo. Schepers' plan was to use the Peoria Cursillo as a way of recruiting adults to be team members for the Great River TEC, which had gotten off to a good start in Quincy.

Over the years the small band of Quincy cursillistas met regularly, and then in the fall of 1974 Schepers had a dream two consecutive nights in which he heard a masculine voice say "bring Cursillo to Quincy." That led him to call Father Clarence Chambers, OFM, then rector of the OLA Franciscan Seminary, and said they needed to talk.

"I told him I wanted the B wing of the seminary Dec. 12-15 (in 1974) for Cursillo, and he said, 'What's that?'"

Schepers explained the Cursillo renewal program to the priest, and as Schepers tells it today, Father Chambers "shut his eyes for approximately a minute and he opened his eyes and smiled and said, 'It's yours.'"

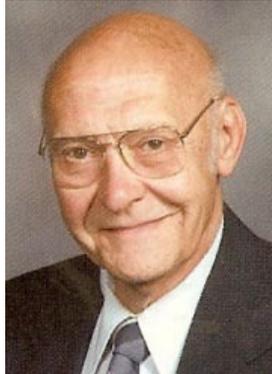
A team of willing cursillistas from Peoria was put together, and there were 84 candidates and team members on that first Quincy weekend – quite a large group, considering that an average might be 40 or 50.

Thus came to Quincy a program that has permanently changed the outlook of the Catholic community in the Springfield diocese. About 3,000 men and women have experienced in the past 14 years through Cursillo what it means to live a life of piety, study, and action in the context of a Christian community.

Schepers mentioned that cursillistas still seek him out occasionally just to talk – and the trust level to make that possible occurred during the Cursillo weekend."

Since this article was written in 1989, we have now reached Cursillo weekend #272 and the Cursillo community in Quincy, over the course of 35 years, has had approximately 7,000 people attend the weekend. We owe much of this to Bob Schepers who listened to the voice of God that night so many years ago.

Many of us have stories and witnesses that we could share about Bob and how he touched our lives. A special section on the Quincy Cursillo website, www.quincycursillo.com, has been set up to honor Bob. Anyone who would like to share their stories of Bob on the website, please email your comments directly to the website designer, Marie Korte, at mkorte@dishmail.net or send by postal mail to her at 18746 Pike 9224, Bowling Green, MO 63334.



Bob Schepers

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DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

Dear Lord,

On our visit to my sisters in South Carolina this May I knew you would be there but I didn't know how or where or when you would present your face. On the Sunday we were there, we attended St. Paul the Apostle Church just down the street from my sister's house. After celebrating the Mass we discovered something extraordinary we had overlooked the last time we had been there. My husband said to me, "Terri, look at the Stations of the Cross. Aren't they different?" Looking up I saw spaced across the back wall of the church very large 2 by 3 ft. framed pieces of art for each station. We wandered back and began to closely examine them. Each one was done in a different style using a different medium - pencil, watercolor, pastels, oil, print, or photo collage.

On reaching the end of the stations we were approached by a girl who asked if we would want to meet the artist, who happened to be her mother and was there in the church. We said yes and proceeded to listen as the artist told us how the stations came about after 2 years of work, surprisingly funded by a public grant and exhibited in a gallery before being hung in the church.

David and I left the church looking at each other in wonder at what we had just experienced. The art work had brought tears to my eyes; the talk with the artist brought a sense of peace and feeling of rightness to my heart, knowing that your Holy Spirit had been at work in her as she accomplished this project. She also took the time to give us the readings for the Stations. The last reading says:

"You are called to question and challenge your assumptions, your judgments.

You are called to bear your life with hope,

to offer comfort and help to others,

to love, and to accept God's love for you.

You are called to recognize God in yourself and in every other life."

Thank you for the open eyes to see your sacrifice and love through those works of art, for the ears to hear the witness of the artist and for the girl who brought us together - your face revealed.

Always growing in your love, Terri May

Remeber to Vote In Cursillo Board Elections

Please remember to prayerfully choose and vote for new board members to serve a three-year term starting August 2010.

Ballots were published in the June newsletter along with a brief bio of each candidate. Ballots will also be available during the July Cursillo weekend.

You will choose two men and two women to serve a three-year term.

Men candidates are:

Jim Erickson

Ed Holthaus

Jonathan McClelland

Women candidates are:

Darlene Boland

Theresa Edwards

Janet Summy

Kathy Vessel Rucker

New Mailing Address

A mailing address has been established for Quincy Cursillo for general inquiries, donations, invoices, etc.

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