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Cursillo #188 - July 12-15, 2001

Theme and Theme Song: Light Your World

Rectora: Jenean Wand

Dear Cursillo Family,

First of all, we the team of #188, would like to thank you for all the prayers and palanca you are doing. If God gives you a job and you feel you are not able, He will make you able and give you the means to do it. Just believe and trust in Him. "Fear not for your God is already there. Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light for my path." (Ps. 119:109) The theme for #188 and the song is Light Your World.

God does give the means to do a job through all the prayers and palanca of the Cursillo family. He has provided an awesome team, who are willing to share their walk with Jesus in order to show others (the candidates of #188) the way to bring them out of their darkness into the light of Christ.

The team of Cursillo #188:
Spiritual Director: Fr. Adrian Fischer, Quincy, IL (Sacraments, 10 a.m. Saturday); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Bill Sinak, St. Louis, MO (Grace, 11:30 a.m.

Friday); Fr. Edwin Albers, Dieterich, IL (Holy Spirit Divine Aid, 3:30 p.m. Friday); Sr. Annie Rudsell, O'Fallon, MO (Obstacles to Grace, 4:15 p.m. Saturday); Sr. Jane Wand, Quincy, IL (Christian Life, 10 a.m. Sunday).

Assistant Rectoras: Elaine Gray, Hamilton, IL (Piety, 7 p.m. Friday); Teresa Martin, Canton, MO (Study, 9 a.m. Saturday); Jane Grant, Quincy, IL (Environment, 9 a.m. Sunday).

Rollistas: Cindy Naber, Hamilton, IL (Ideals, 10:15 a.m. Friday); Kathy Klauser, Quincy, IL (Laywomen in the Church, 1:55 p.m. Friday); Wanda Tappe, Quincy, IL (Action, 3 p.m. Saturday); Jean Zacky, Mt. Sterling, IL (Leaders, 7 p.m. Saturday); Kathy Schwartz, Quincy, IL (CCIA, 11:30 a.m. Sunday).

Auxillaries: Rosann Lentz, Susan Holbrook, Cindy Venvertloh, Laurie Brink, Barb Deters, Quincy, IL; Judy Harmon, White Hall, IL; Margaret Little, Jacksonville, IL; Anne Meyer, Ursa, IL; Jan Jacobs, Hamilton, IL.

Service Team: Pat Kerns, Hannibal, MO; Sally Kroner, Payson, IL; Mary Jo Seiz, White Hall, IL; Cindy Steinkamp, Quincy, IL. **Food Service:** Lynn Semerad, Quincy, IL; Tammy Foster, Palmyra, MO. **Sacristan:** Alice Shirey, Canton, MO. **Musician,** Connie Vermeire, Quincy, IL. **Observing Rectora:** (#190) Faye Kuhlman, Florissant, MO. **Rectora:** Jenean Wand, Quincy, IL (Group Reunion and Ultreyas 12:25 Sunday).

We ask and thank you again for your continued prayers and palanca as we prepare for #188. God bless you all for all the love you always give for the glory of God.

Love and Peace,
Jenean & Cursillo Team #188

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for **Cursillo #188** contact
Lynn Semerad (217-223-3130)
or Tammy Foster (573-769-3797)

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #188
Sunday, July 1, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Church, Quincy, IL
Carry-in to follow

Men's Cursillo #189
Sunday, Aug. 26, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.
Our Saviour's Parish
Jacksonville, IL
Carry-in to follow

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Election of New Board Members

**Ballot must be received
by July 12th.**

Ballot in the May newsletter.

Moving Through Our Journey

June 2nd 2001

I was feeling draggy this morning at 6am when Jon was reading the morning scripture and meditation from Acts before going to work. As I listened, I felt myself sit up straighter, a spark flickered in my muddled brain and a small smile split my face.

Remember how suddenly Acts ends? You think, "What happened to Paul? I wanna know the rest of the story." Then you remember... Luke was a very smart and savvy fellow. He knew the book of Acts would never be finished until Jesus comes back to take us all home. We ARE the book of Acts.

This morning I felt energized and empowered as I listened to Jon read the old story and felt it become new for me. The Spirit of God is alive and flows like a river, a great powerful river, through our hearts and souls. Come let us be together in one spirit and ask that His fire enkindle us as we move on through our journey, writing the book of Acts as we go.

This week I had a great privilege... to sing with my dear friend Sheryl at the funeral of a venerable old disciple of Christ, Cletus Koch of Mt. Sterling. Father

Tom told us that Cletus was the first Cursillista to come home to Mt. Sterling from Quincy Cursillo. He was like Johnny Appleseed when he got home... planting many seeds. He brought his family and friends back to Quincy to make Cursillo weekends. It was Cletus' son Ronnie and wife Patty Koch along with his nephew Joe and wife Sheryl Geisler who came and shared about Cursillo at our church, St. Rose in Rushville, 17 years ago. Jon and I plus two other couples signed our papers that night.

Cletus used to say at every parting, "You pray for me and I'll pray for you". With that phrase, I will close. Though the celebration of Pentecost is past, we must remember that Pentecost is with us always. When we are weighed down by burdens, the Power and the Light are here with us to tap into. May we all receive as He gives; a full measure, shaken down and filled to overflowing. Then, we can be like Johnny Appleseed and Cletus...planting God's love in our world. Each in our own way...

My Mom, another venerable disciple gone on to the Sweet By and By, always signed her letters like this.

Hugs and Kisses,
Mary Jane

Cursillo #187



Front row, left to right: Craig Long, Spike Ehrhardt, Dennis Cobb, Fr. John Stack, Melvin Nilges, Mike Holbrook, Harold Hall, Bob Leake, Jim Veit. **Second row:** Stan Pollman, Dennis Holbrook, Gary Gardner, Pat Stumbaugh, Vince Garufi, Steve Schneider, Johnathan McClelland, John Householder, Bob Kirchner, Marvin Genenbacher, Jerry Witthaus, Norman Roach. **Third row:** Doug Hoerr, Steve Burditt, Jim Erickson, Robert Mette, Randy Berameier, John Wagner, Alan (Buzz) McLaughlin, Dale McGowan, Richard Bainbridge, Mike Moyers, Gary Wellman. **Fourth row:** Michael Weed, Pat Welschmeyer, Dave May, Chris Heidgerken, Charles Theivagt, Pat Beckman, Jeff Wilson, Todd Yager, Rick Wright, Mike Elbe, Dan Brink. **Fifth row:** Richard Phillips, Noel Schafer, Dave Bierbaum, Shawn Ehrhardt, Larry Radosevich, Leonard Gnade, Matt Trudzinski, Keith Emberton, Chris Camp, Tom Ott.

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NEWSLETTER NOT FORWARDED**

It is very important for us to have your **CORRECT ADDRESS** to send you the Fourth Day newsletter. If your address has a new 911 change or you have a change in your zip code (example: the 62305 zip change in Quincy) please contact Lisa McDonald, 2207 State St., Quincy, IL 62301; 217-223-1787 or e-mail: mcdonald@ksni.net.

The Western Catholic Union, a Fraternal Benefits Society, has graciously taken on the task of labeling and sorting our newsletter for mailing. However, their bar-coding machine will reject any address that is incorrect according to the updated address program it gets every month. We hand sort these rejected newsletters and mail them hoping to get an address change back. However, a postal carrier (trying to be nice) might deliver to a changed address if you are still living there. If this happens, the next month the machine will reject it again, leaving us with the question of what to do with it and what the correct address is.

The newsletters are bulk mailed so they can **NOT** be forwarded. If you have moved they are returned to us with an address change or insufficient address stamped on it with a .35 charge. This also causes you to miss a newsletter. To save time, funds and missed newsletters please contact Lisa with your new address.

Also check out the Cursillo website, www.quincycursillo.com, for the 4th Day Newsletter (under News & Information). It's free, with a color photo, posted after each Cursillo, has applications and more. The web version helps save postage and printing if you get it this way instead of by U.S. mail. Let Lisa know if you want to switch to the web.



DISCOURAGEMENT

It was once announced that the devil was going out of business and would offer all tools for sale to whoever would pay his price. On the night of the sale they were all attractively displayed, a bad lot, Malice, Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Sensuality, and Deceit, and all the other implements of evil were spread out, each marked with its price.

Apart from the rest lay a harmless wedge-shaped tool, much worn and priced higher than any of them. Someone asked the devil what it was. "That's Discouragement", was the reply. "Why do you have it priced so high?" "Because", replied the devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's conscience with that when I could not get near him with any of the others, and once inside I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is so much worn because I use it with nearly everybody, as very few people yet know it belongs to me."

It hardly need be added that the devil's price for Discouragement was so high that it was never sold. He still owns it and is still using it.

Let's realize the devil's tools, but use God's tools ... prayer, faith and unconditional love. God's tools are like life preservers. They help to hold us up.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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CURSILLO DATES

#188 July 12-15, 2001
Jenean Wand

#189 September 6-9, 2001
John Peterson

#190 October 11-14, 2001
Faye Kuhlman

#191 November 8-11, 2001
Gary Whitaker

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

September 21-22, 2001

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

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GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #203 June 23-25, 2001
Julie Regner

TEC #204 July 28-30, 2001
John Baumgartner

TEC #205 October 6-8, 2001
David Lunt

MINI TEC #37 July 13-14, 2001

For information call:
Doug Many 217-224-8416

Applications available on TEC website:
www.greatrivertec.org

QUEST

#16 August 3-4, 2001

#17 October 26-27, 2001

For information call
Ed and Linda Holthaus 217-222-2198

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

September 28-30, 2001

For information call: 1-888-889-9963

DISCOVERING & CELEBRATING

"Happy birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday, dear Dad, Mom, sister, brother, spouse,
Happy Birthday to you!"

From January through April our house celebrates 6 birthdays. The balloons and crepe paper streamers go up and down every few weeks; the birthday cakes range from the traditional cake with gloppy frosting (my personal favorite) to the low-cal angel food cake with strawberries and dreamwhip. You could say we really like birthdays!

Birthdays were always a special time for me as a child - maybe minus all the decorations and not as many gifts, but it was a day we all anticipated. I carried that into my married life with my own family and having no other relatives in our town to help celebrate we made sure it was a festive occasion. Okay, so there have been times the birthday girl or boy was so keyed up we "wanted" to cancel but on the whole the day ended on a good note. This year my birthday with family was delayed for a week until my 2nd daughter returned from school and we celebrated her birthday as well. But through the week I received cards, a cake, and gifts from friends - a whole week of feeling special!

Something else happened this year on my birthday that gave me pause to reflect - my neighbor's almost 97-year-old mother passed away. I attended the funeral a few days later and as the prayer petitions were read I discovered a pearl. We prayed for the deceased, the grieving family and community, for the people who had gone before us and for the people yet to be born. "For those who will be born into the world this day, that they will in their lifetime come to knowledge of the purpose in life."

Once I wrote that "good-bye" is an earthly phrase - that with God there are only "hello's". He welcomes us into the world with the breath of life and the spirit into our souls, and He welcomes us into His arms as that breath and spirit depart this world to join Him forever.

I experienced that awe again the same evening at a local church play about the life, death and resurrection of our Lord. In one scene Jesus gathers all the little children around him, and with a child on each knee, sings that he is always with them - "closer than a heartbeat." As he gently set the children down and kissed the forehead of the little girl, I felt His love and concern for me also, and believed anew that death could not conquer our Lord or keep Him from us.

This time of year is resplendent with messages of rebirth and new life. The brown, dead-looking plants begin to green and blossom with new growth. The birds and animals return and awake from winter slumber. We watched in amazement as the finches again built a nest in the basket on our front door twig by twig and then laid 5 perfect, blue-gray eggs in the softly lined nest. Each year I am renewed again in the wonder of God's creation, in His care for us (even the little birds of the air) and I see the beauty in birth and the holiness in death, in His spirit that touches our life, our day, our breath, our very heartbeat.

Each day is a "Birthday"- a day of new birth, a day to be born again with His Spirit, a day to be reborn into His Kingdom - always "closer than a heartbeat" to Him.

Lots of Love, Terri May

Schedule of Events Women's Cursillo #188

July 12 (Thursday)	7:00 p.m. Registration 8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour South Chapel
July 14 (Saturday)	8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour South Chapel
July 15 (Sunday)	5:00 p.m. SHARP! Closing South Chapel

JULY ULTREYAS

- July 7 Palmyra - St. Joseph Church
Ultreya after the 5:30 Saturday Service
Call 573-221-5405 Syl Riney for info
- July 21 Lincoln Co. at Sacred Heart, Troy, MO
Ultreya after 5:00 p.m. Saturday Service
Call Stan Pollman 636-462-5550 for info

If you would like your Ultreya published, contact Marie Korte at 636-936-2201 or e-mail kortem@earthlink.net

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contact Lynn Semerad (217-223-3130)
or Tammy Foster (573-769-3797)

PALANCA CHAPEL

To sign up, call or e-mail
Mike and Sue Holbrook
319 Glendale Drive, Quincy, IL 62301
217-223-6676
E-mail: holbrok@adams.net

CURSILLO ACCOMMODATIONS

If you would like to stay overnight in Quincy on Cursillo weekends at no charge, please call:
Leanne Schell, 217-222-6690

CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS

John and Connie Kendrick
39549 Monroe Rd., Monroe City, MO 63456
573-735-2995

TEAM APPLICATIONS OR INFO

Jay and Nan Grawe
240 Holiday Drive, Quincy, IL 62301
217-224-3529

Candidate and Team applications are available on the
Cursillo web site: www.quincycursillo.com