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Cursillo #248: July 12 – 15, 2007

Rectora: Connie Vermeire

Theme: "Come to the Water"

Dear Cursillo Family,

DeColores! As God's chosen team of Cursillo # 248 continues to prepare for this upcoming weekend, we would like to say, "Thank You!" to each and every one of you for all of the prayers and palanca that you are doing for us. We are Blessed because of you.

I have been praying and planning for this once in a life time experience for the past 14 months. God has spoken to me in ways that I have never experienced and He has called me to a journey of deepening my faith.

The theme for this special weekend will be "Come to the Water." Our scripture passage comes from Isaiah 55 and our theme song will be "Come to the Water" by Kate Miner.

God invites us to drink of His "Living Water: This "Living Water" He refers to is not the water that quenches our thirst. It is the "Living Water" that hydrates our souls. This "Living Water" will Grace us with God's gifts of pardon, healing, joy, peace and love. This "Living Water" that God assures us will never run dry is also known as the "Spirit" of Jesus. If we stop drinking water our bodies will become dehydrated and we will become physically ill. If we don't allow the Spirit of Jesus to move within us, we will become spiritually dehydrated and that will lead to physical and emotional illness. Therefore, we must ingest Jesus when ever and as often as we can through scripture reading, grouping and prayer. We must let Jesus do for our souls what water does for our bodies.

God has brought together a team filled with His Spirit, Compassion and Love. I am honored and privileged to serve with them. They are as follows:

Spiritual Director: Msgr. Mike Kuse, Quincy, IL (Sacraments-Saturday 10:00 am); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Tom Hagstrom, Quincy, IL (Grace-Friday 11:15 am); Sr. Jane Wand, Quincy, IL (Holy Spirit / Divine Aid-Friday 3:00 pm); RoseAnn Liesen, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to Grace-Saturday 4:15 pm); Deacon Jim Giglione, Mt.Zion, IL (Christian Life-Sunday 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectoras: Ann Gage, Quincy, IL (Environment-Sunday 9:00 am); Jill Mason, Quincy, IL (Leaders-Saturday 7:00 pm); Shelley Nacke, Bowling Green, MO (Piety-Friday 7:00 pm).

Rollistas: Lori Cornwell (Study-Saturday 9:00 am), Dianne Deters (Christian Community in Action-Sunday 11:30 am), Jennifer Deters (Action-Saturday 3:00 pm) and Diane Schultz (Laity-Friday 1:30 pm) all of Quincy and Colleen Koch, Chapin, IL (Ideals-Friday 10:00 am).

Auxillaries: Karen Adam, Kendall Bowen, Melody Clark, Jane Liesen and Janet Nutt all of Quincy, IL; Stacey Gervais, Palmyra, MO; Shirley McLaughlin, Liberty, IL; Sharon Phillips, Maywood, MO; and Harriette Vacek, WillowBrook, IL.

Service Team: Billie Huebotter, Lewistown, MO; Kathy Bridges, Roodhouse, IL; Cindy Gervais, Palmyra, MO; and Loretta Musholt, Quincy, IL. **Food Service:** Jill Hooper and Susie Lee, Quincy, IL. **Sacristan:** Nan Grawe, Quincy, IL. **Musicians:** Jan Faler and Evelyn Uppinghouse, Quincy, IL.

Board Rep: Terri May, Quincy, IL; **Observing Rectora:** Joan Varadin, Hannibal, MO; and **Rectora:** Connie Vermeire, Quincy, IL (Group Reunion-Sunday 12:30 pm).

Please join with us on **Sunday July 1st at 2:00 pm** as we celebrate our Buddy Mass at **St. Anthony Church** 2223 St. Anthony Rd, Quincy, IL. A carry in will follow.

I would like to invite each one of you to spend time in the palanca chapel and write palanca letters to show your continued support for this beautiful team. For those of you who don't have family or candidates on the weekend I would like to invite you to serve meals. Again, I would like to "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart for your prayers and support and I would like to remind you to "**Come to the Water**" and experience the Grace of God's gifts.
Go God!
Love and Peace,
Connie Vermeire # 248

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #248
Sunday, June 24, 2007 at 2:00 pm
St. Anthony's Church,
2223 St. Anthony Rd., Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow

Men's Cursillo #249
To be scheduled
Check next month's newsletter

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #248

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

ULTREYAS

Saturday, July 21st
Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Our Saviour Church
Follows the 5:30 p.m. Mass
Upper Room of Parish Admin. Bldg.

Saturday, August 4th
Collinsville Community Ultreya
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish
Carry-in and program in Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 p.m. Mass

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

September 21-22, 2007
Mike and Sue Holbrook, Directors

CURSILLO DATES

Sept. 27-30, 2007 - Tim Oitker, Rector
Nov. 1-4, 2007 - Joan Varadin, Rectora
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

GREAT RIVER TEC DATES

TEC #245 - June 23-25, 2007

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #248 please call:
Jill Hooper at 217-224-3244
Susie Lee at 217-222-3946

REMINDERS

- VOTE FOR YOUR CURSILLO BOARD
Ballots must be received by July 15
- Serving Meals: Sponsors, spouses, siblings, parents and children of candidates and team are asked not to serve meals. We all want participants to process the weekend with out being reminded of "outside" concerns. Spouses of team members may serve at the last Sunday meal if needed.
- To be admitted to the Palance Chapel between 10 pm and 7 am, call 217-228-5085.

THANK YOU FROM CURSILLO # 246

Dear Cursillo Family,

All things are possible when we trust in the Lord! What a beautiful and peaceful weekend the Lord shared with all of Cursillo #246. On behalf of the team, the candidates, and myself, we would like to thank all of the Cursillo Community for all the prayers and palanca offered up for us. Your generous outpour of love truly shined upon Cursillo #246. God has been very gracious to all of us!

The weekend was totally AWESOME! Words cannot explain the love, beauty and peacefulness that was felt throughout the weekend! Thank you for such a beautiful Cursillo!

"May the Lord bless you and keep you!"

"May the lord let His light shine upon you and be gracious to you!"

"May the Lord turn His face upon you and give you Peace!"

Also, sponsors please stay in contact with your candidate so they are involved in a prayer group and other Cursillo events. Thank you!

Jane Grant Rectora #246

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LOOKING FOR ANOTHER STEP: Experience a spiritual journey called "JustFaith." Contact: Sr. Jane Boos, SSND at Office for Social Concerns 217-698-8500 ext. 130 or [email: jboos@dio.org](mailto:jboos@dio.org) for more information.
- Marriage Encounter is scheduled at Quincy University Our Lady of Angels Spirituality Center on October 12-14, 2007. Brochures are available in the lobby.

CURSILLO #247



Front row, left to right: Rev. Rex Beard, Mike Fessler, Randy Lovell, Mark Shade, Matt Harmon, Fr. Chris Comerford, Rick Davis, Tim Oitker, Gary Hodgson. **Row two:** Fr. Mike Freymuth, Brent Frericks, Harley Hirner, Don Kelly, Tim Carmody, Ron Wuelfing, Joe Montanez, Jay Grawe, Fr. Chuck Edwards, Tom Meehan. **Row three:** Steve Jansen, Tom Benz, Dan Corvaia, Kenneth J. Sievers, Tim Pranger, Steve Berry, George E. Kimbrell, Scott Ketcham, Clint Plueter, Kenny Kendrick, Steve Hembrough, David Tramel, Tim Coonrod. **Row four:** Steve Ross, Lance Mullink, Patrick Kreinberg, Rayburn Cook, Roger Thomas, Tom Lundberg, Adam Newman, Wayne Newell, Mark Fennewald, Raymond Sievers, Jim Hughart. **Row five:** Joe Haubrich, Mike Liesen, Scott Splaingard, Jeremy Lansaw, Steve Adams, Kyle Connell, Roy Connell, Chris Lorton, Jeff Van Camp, Will Gilmore, Kenny Blentlinger.

UNITY BUILDS COMMUNITY

A few weeks ago, Jane and I had the occasion to hear a sermon that included the following story...

When Jesus returned to heaven after His earthly stay, Gabriel voiced the following concern: "Jesus, you chose twelve very ordinary humans to accomplish your purpose. Humans are unreliable and these guys are mediocre at best. All of mankind is depending upon the success of your mission. Do you happen to have 'Plan B'?"

There is no Plan B!... on the back of our Cursillo crosses, we are reminded that "Christ is counting on us". He was counting on His apostles to work together. Unity is the key to reaching the world for Christ. The unity to which we are called is not "oneness of mind" but rather "oneness of heart". Christ doesn't expect us to think alike but He does call us to be in agreement according to His purpose.

In Ephesians 4:2-3, God challenges us: "Always be humble, gentle and patient, accepting each other in love. You are joined together with peace through the Spirit, so make every effort to continue together in this way." Together, we can... Make a Difference!

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

GIFT OF CURSILLO

The Cursillo Board has adopted a program called "Gift of Cursillo." The intent of "Gift of Cursillo" is to provide an option for candidates that otherwise might not be able to attend. It is a \$50 gift to help cover the cost of a weekend. A candidate or sponsor can request a gift by writing on the application that they need financial assistance. There are a limited number available for each weekend and will be made available on a first come first serve basis.

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

You have probably heard of the book, "Everything I Know, I Learned in Kindergarten." Well, I'm thinking of writing a book entitled, "Everything I Know, I Learned from the Cat Next Door." He is a black cat with quite a personality. Sometimes I look into his cat eyes and wonder, "God, are you trying to teach me something here?" Here are a few of those lessons.

Stymie always has time to visit. He will meow across the yard when he sees David or me outside and meanders over for a good petting and stays till we have had our fill. *Lesson: Always be nice to your neighbor and share your gifts with them. It might make their day.*

One day I heard an awful yowling going on in the pines out back and soon out shot the cat and not far behind came the neighborhood fox. I clapped my hands loudly and the fox trotted off reluctantly while Stymie came over to be fussed over. *Lesson: Be careful what kind of company you keep and don't be afraid to accept the helping hand of a friend. That is God's hand reaching out to us.*

Yesterday I observed our feline friend lounging in the middle of the empty lot across the street looking very contented. *Lesson: Enjoy each day the Lord gives you and treasure the opportunity to rejoice in the beauty of His creation. After all He made it for us.*

After one visit with Stymie when he rubbed against David's leg, David noticed a tick on his leg. Then it happened a second time. *Lesson: Sometimes even good friends can inadvertently hurt you but that doesn't mean they shouldn't be forgiven or loved. Only God will never disappoint us, let us down or make a mistake.*

A question in my Catechism lessons when I was little was "Why did God make me?" And the answer is imbedded in my mind and now my heart. "God made me to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him." In my search to know Him, to learn the Truth that is God in my life, I have encountered His presence in many places - in the awesomeness of the Grand Canyon, in the imagination of an artist's eye, in the soaring notes of a song that touched my soul, in the loving hugs of family and friends, in the inspiration of a writers mind, in the Good News found in the Holy Bible, and in the soft purr of a black cat named Stymie.

"Thanks, God. Keep teaching me, and I will try to keep learning your lessons of love."

A slow learner but yours, Terri May

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Next Board Meeting
June 21, 2007 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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2007 Cursillo Board Election Ballot

The Cursillo Family is asked to cast a vote for TWO of the following MEN and TWO of the following WOMEN candidates who will serve for 3 years beginning in August. Cast only one ballot per Cursillista.

Men	Women	Men	Women
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Giny Baker	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Giny Baker
<input type="checkbox"/> Craig Long	<input type="checkbox"/> Anita Eberhardt	<input type="checkbox"/> Craig Long	<input type="checkbox"/> Anita Eberhardt
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Rucker	<input type="checkbox"/> Nan Grawe	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Rucker	<input type="checkbox"/> Nan Grawe
<input type="checkbox"/> John Runge	<input type="checkbox"/> Billie Huebotter	<input type="checkbox"/> John Runge	<input type="checkbox"/> Billie Huebotter
	<input type="checkbox"/> Judy Taylor		<input type="checkbox"/> Judy Taylor

INSTRUCTIONS

Cast only one ballot per Cursillista - Send your ballot to:
Tom Deters, 6614 State Street, Quincy, IL 62305

YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 15, 2007
Ballots received after this date will not be counted.