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Cursillo #206 – April 3 - 6, 2003

Theme: “My Heart Belongs to Jesus”

Rectora: Nan Grawe

Dear Cursillo Family,

Every so often, Jesus sends a special blessing into our lives like no other. Serving as your Rectora for Cursillo #206 has been one of those blessings that I will cherish forever. Jesus has sent a team of very special angels and as a team, we are striving to become instruments of His peace.

The theme of our weekend is “My Heart Belongs to Jesus”. Our scripture is Psalm 16: “You Lord, are all I want, You are my choice.” Mary Jane Davis has written a beautiful song, “Walking Down the Road with Jesus” that we will be singing as our theme song along with “Here I Am, Lord.”

What a wonderful team I am happy and proud to present. They are: **Spiritual Director** - Fr. Mike Kuse, Quincy, IL (Sacraments, Sat. 10 a.m.). **Assistant Spiritual Directors** are: Chaplain Sue Bays, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to a Life of Grace, Saturday 4:15 p.m.); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Springfield, IL (Holy Spirit-Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 p.m.); Sr. Annie Rudsell, O'Fallon, MO (Christian Life, Sunday 10 a.m.); Deacon Bill Sinak, St. Louis, MO (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.).

Assistant Rectoras: Julie Fischer, Gillespie, IL (Piety, Fri. 7 p.m.); Elaine Gray, Hamilton, IL (Study, Sat. 9 a.m.); Connie Vermeire, Quincy, IL (Action, Sat. 3 p.m.).

Rollistas: Rose Marie Beeley, Jacksonville, IL (Environment, Sunday 9 a.m.); Genny Gramke, Quincy, IL (Ideals, Fri. 10 a.m.); Kathy Kroeger, Hannibal, MO (Leaders, Sat. 7 p.m.); Shelly Nacke, Bowling Green, MO (CCIA, Sun. 11:30 a.m.); Jenni Obert, Camp Point, IL (Lay Woman in the Church, Fri. 1:30 p.m.)

Auxiliaries: Paula Haley and Tonia Alfano, Jacksonville, IL; Marlene Dittmer, Connie Hoyt, Connie McDowell, Sue Ostermiller, and Tracy

Waterkotte, Quincy, IL; Cindy Gervais and Linda Reeves, Palmyra, MO.

Sacristan: Renae Jansen, Quincy, IL; **Musicians:** Mary Jane Davis and Brenda Wessel, Frederick, IL; **Service Team:** Diane Wagner and Denice Edwards, Quincy, IL, Sharon Sitton, Roodhouse, IL, and Barbara Welch, Eolia, MO; **Board Rep:** Jenean Wand, Quincy, IL; **Food Service:** Joan Grote, Bowling Green, MO and Kathy Cramsey, Quincy, IL; **Observing Rectora:** Mary Markert, Macomb, IL; **Rectora:** Nan Grawe, Quincy, IL (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 p.m.).

I encourage you to sign up on the Palanca chart and thank you in advance from the bottom of my heart for all those special acts of sacrifice, prayer and love you are already doing for our team and candidates. We need those prayers!

Please come to our Buddy Mass scheduled for March 30 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, 2500 Maine, Quincy. We will have a wonderful carry in dinner following Mass.

Thank you again for being such an important part of Cursillo #206.

I wish you Jesus – because when I wish you Jesus – I've wished you everything!

Nan Grawe and the
Team of Cursillo #206

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #206
March 30, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Church
2500 Maine, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow

Men's Cursillo #207
June 1, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Francis Church
18th & College, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #206

April 3rd (Thursday)
7:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

April 5th (Saturday)
8:00 p.m.
Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

April 6th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

Wednesday, April 2nd
7:30 p.m.
Hannibal/Palmyra/Quincy Area Ultreya
Holy Family Church, Hannibal
Witness, sharing, refreshments

Saturday, April 12th
Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
St. Clement Church
Bowling Green, MO
Ultreya after 6:00 p.m. Saturday Mass
Call Stan Pollman 636-462-5550 for info

Friday, April 25th
7:00 p.m. St. Brigid, Liberty, IL
Call 217-593-7132
Brent & Jenni Obert for info

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for
Cursillo #206 please call
Joan Grote 573-324-2797
or Kathy Cramsey 217-224-6210

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Cursillo Family:

Thank you for continuing God's work in securing candidates for our weekends. Our numbers have been very strong these past few months, but we need to concentrate our work now for the summer weekends.

Congratulations on having the palanca chart - the 72 hour slots filled before the weekend begins. That's the way it should be for each and every weekend. Mike and Sue Holbrook really appreciate all the calls in advance, as does the team.

Speaking of calls, we need to call in our names to the Food Service members that are listed in each 4th Day Newsletter. We are asking that 18 people sign up and show up to serve meals. Your Board is concerned that too many people are just showing up to help and that we need to keep the number of servers down. This can be accomplished if those who want to serve will simply call and sign up with the Food Service team members. If you still want to "serve", there is plenty of room in the palanca chapel and plenty of letters to be written to the candidates.

By now the new sound system should be in operation and the Cursillo Family needs to thank its members for their generosity in getting this much needed equipment paid for. There are, however, still some other projects that we would like to see accomplished in the near future. How about new bedding for the entire South side? The cost on this would be in the neighborhood of \$17,000. If anyone would like to pay for this - just give me a call at 217-224-3529, or send your check to Quincy Cursillo. More on this later.

We are very proud and happy to announce the new Rectors/Rectoras for the upcoming Cursillo year. They are as follows: #209 - Rob Edwards, #210 - Billie Huebotter, #211 - Joe Pacino, #212 - Barb Peasel, #213 - Jerry Epperson, #214 - Cathleen Koch, #215 - Vernon Korte, #216 - Jane Deters, #217 - Matt Entrup, #218 - Giny Baker. Wow! What a group of dedicated servants! Please keep them in your daily prayers.

DeColores and Wahoo!!

Jay Grawe

ONLINE NEWSLETTER / CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The 4th Day Newsletter is available online at www.quincycursillo.com and it can be e-mailed to you. If you would like to help Cursillo reduce mailing costs, please contact Lisa McDonald and ask her to remove you from the mailing list. Don Hilgenbrink is our "webmaster" and he will send out an e-mail letting you know when the new issue is available online. Please remember to let Don know if your e-mail address changes.

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Cursillo #205



Front row, left to right: Bill Gilmore, Lawson Faler, Jeff Steinkamp, Tom Deters, Art Flynn, Dennis Steinkamp, Joe Wilkens, Craig Long, Gene Soebbing. **Second row:** Vernon Korte, Marvin Knuffman, Phil Bellis, Jeff Meyer, Gregory Hanbrich, Fr. Don Knuffman, Gary Schell, Stewart Nyi, Chris Kammerer, Bill Huber, Gary Sharp, Stephen Hadwiger, Guy Schell, Steve Jansen. **Third row:** Gary Platz, Larry Waterkotte, Kenny Mock, Jerry Ritterbusch, Jeff Mayfield, Damian McDonald, Steve Bland, Dwight Seeley, Gerry Rolves, Bill Sullivan, Tony Kattelman, Jim Liesen. **Fourth row:** Neal Cornwell, Nick Johnson, Jim Wolters, Larry Long, David May, Roger Wittland, Russ Doellman, Chris Patterson, John Venegoni, David Koch, Louis Splaingard, Tom Gott, Joe Vermeire. **Fifth row:** Rick Genenbacher, David Waterkotte, Norm Slazinik, Tim McBride, Bill Burton, James Waters, Mike Ridder, John Popov, Mark Rhea, Dan Haider, Steve Hembrough, John McDuffy.

THANK YOU FROM CURSILLO #204

Dear Cursillo Family,

Don't ever take for granted the role you play on a Cursillo weekend just because your name is not on the team list. Yes, I have always been aware that each of us plays a role but it was really brought home to me during Cursillo #204.

You might think your sacrifice was kind of small...it wasn't. Your prayers and words of encouragement during the meetings prior to the weekend lifted us along as we faced various challenges. The buddy mass is a day I won't soon forget. We were anointed for a mission and my family at St. Brigid did a beautiful job of taking on the responsibility of organizing the dinner afterward. Their prayers that evening prepared me to go home and put the tables together...tables that would be bonded together. I truly know it wasn't my human self that was doing that. The Cursillo family made me so proud that the palanca chart was full when that day was over.

When the weekend came, it was one special moment after another. The men who came to serve meals weren't there because it was a job that needed to be done. The Spirit sent them with joy in their hearts and love in their eyes. It was hard to leave the chapel in the evenings because of the beautiful music coming from the loft. Thank you, dear priests, for giving of yourselves during reconciliation each evening. Clowns, fools, stations...I surely will forget someone to thank. Just remember, as good as Cursillo is...It's all about a man, it's all about a cross, it's all about the blood so we would not be lost. Thank you Jesus.

Mary Dodd, Rectora
Cursillo #204

February 18th 2003 ~ Morning Meditation ~ Mary Jane Davis

It has been a difficult week. Jon's mom Marie, had a stroke. As I laid in bed earlier, I was thinking of scriptures when Jesus healed. He always touched people. Today at the hospital I rubbed fragrant lotion into Marie's hands, arms and face. She liked it. I liked doing it for her. It was more than lotion, it was prayer and touch.

In Father Reynold's homily Sunday, he talked about Jesus touching the Leper. No one else touched lepers, but Jesus did. Love transformed the leper and love transforms us. Father said, "That's the point."

After Mass, since I was going by the hospital to see Marie, Father asked me to take a card to his friend Joe who was also in the hospital. I did not know Joe. When I walked into the room, I saw a very ill man with breathing problems. Have you ever felt delighted by smiling eyes? Babies have smiling eyes. So does Joe. When I told him I'd brought a card from Father Reynolds, I watched a big grin come to his face. I was so attracted to this fellow. My hand reached out and I touched his forehead and made the sign of the cross, blessing him with the words "in the name of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit". He closed his eyes, receiving the prayer. I knew the Lord was with us and both Joe and I had received His touch.

Later, I thought of that word "touch". I looked at my hands and thought, because of Jesus there is healing in them. Healing is in my hands when in love I touch my husband, a friend, my mother-in-law. There is love, peace and hope in our touch.

It is good to remember the miracles of Jesus and be aware of our need to be ready to receive and give all that God brings us each day. I wonder how many signs I miss because of being busy?

I am thankful that my hand reached out to Joe without my thinking about it. I might have talked myself out of it. I'm thankful that as that small act happened, I realized God was with us and using me to touch this gentle man, whom the Lord in turn, used to touch me. It was a good thing. You know what? I'd thought about dropping the card at the nurses station because the door to his room was shut. I hated to intrude and I was 'in a hurry' to get to Marie's room.

May God's Spirit help us watch and listen, becoming more aware of the everyday signs of his love and his urgings for us to touch and be touched by his transforming love.

With that thought, dearest friends, I will leave you.

Hugs and Kisses...Mary Jane

CURSILLO DATES

#206 April 3 - 7, 2003

Nan Grawe

#207 June 5 - 8, 2003

Dennis Steinkamp

#208 July 10 - 13, 2003

Mary Markert

#209 September 4-7 2003

Rob Edwards

#210 October 2-5, 2003

Billie Huebotter

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FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

September 19 - 20, 2003

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Dennis and Pat Holbrook
217-224-3898

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

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TEC #216 April 26-28, 2003

Susan Schmitz

TEC #217 June 21-23-2003

Denny Sinnock

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#23 May 9-10, 2003
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DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

Each morning as I walk on my treadmill, I start by reading from a little devotional my sister gave me called "Grace for the Moment." It is filled with excerpts from books by the Christian writer, Max Lucado. In one of these daily readings he tells the story of a little boy who fell out of bed. And when his mother asks what happened he tells her, "I don't know. I guess I stayed too close to where I got in." Max goes on to challenge me with questions on how far I have moved in my spiritual journey or if I am still "too close to where I got in." It is always good for me to take stock of where I am in my relationship with Jesus. Sometimes I make a comfortable little nest where I feel safe and don't venture out into uncharted territory until something shakes my branch!

It might be the Sunday's reading of Mark's gospel of Jesus' cure of a leper that causes me to look inward at my own "spiritual leprosy", to see forgiveness from God and look to him for healing and new growth. I might be encouraged to give of myself in a new way by the example of another person in my life. Maybe my prayer life becomes stronger because of a challenge I encounter and this in turn opens my eyes to His blessings and joy in my day.

This last month at the library my spiritual study was expanded in an unexpected place - in the plays of Oscar Wilde, and Robert Lewis Stevenson's story, *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. Oscar's plays *Lady Windermere's Fan* and *An Ideal Husband* are British comedies mixed with social intrigue set in the 1800's. However, there is a strong underlying message of forgiveness for past wrongs and ridiculing of the social hypocrisy of that time. Wilde asks the questions: "Once a person has done a wrong is he never to be forgiven or accepted again in society?" , "Is it acceptable to present an outward image of perfection but to be corrupt inside?" Oscar Wilde had his own demons to contend with which might explain this recurring plot but his stories led me to question my tolerance of others' weaknesses and whether I am totally open to the redemption Christ has offered them as well as me.

Robert Lewis Stevenson who lived in the same period as Wilde wrote the horror story of Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. The compassionate Dr. Jekyll in the process of trying to find a cure for his mentally ill father takes a drug and unleashes his evil side in the persona of Mr. Hyde. Jekyll struggles to keep control but loses the battle as Hyde's wickedness hurts everyone in his life. This work too raised the question of what personal demons people battle and what it takes to overcome them and become free again.

In another daily devotion Max Lucado states, "What makes a Christian a Christian is not perfection but forgiveness." Since I am a human being I will continue to make mistakes and must continue to seek forgiveness, to not only accept it but to also forgive my neighbor as Jesus told me to 70 times 70 times . Healing and growth in Christ will not come by hugging the edge of the bed or staying in my safe little nest. It will only come from stretching my wings and reaching beyond what I am to what God sees for me, maybe little hops at a time or one branch to another but always with eyes upward focused on Him.

With much love, a little fledgling, Terri May

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