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Cursillo 216 – April 15 - 18, 2004

Theme: “Bloom Where You’re Planted”

Rectora: Jane Deters

Dear Cursillo Family,

I am very humbled to serve as Rectora for Cursillo 216. God has blessed me in so many ways and has provided a wonderful team. We have formed a special community as we strive to “bloom where we are planted”. We desire to do God’s will in our everyday lives wherever He puts us. It is Mother Theresa who said, “A Christian does ordinary things with extraordinary love.”

Our scripture is Romans 8:28: “We know that God makes all things work together for the good, of those who love Him, who have been called according to His decree.” The theme song is “Christ Be Our Light”.

Please note a change in the time of the Buddy Mass. It will be on Sunday April 4, 2004, 1:30 p.m. at St. Peter Church, Quincy with a carry-in to follow.

God’s team for Cursillo 216 is ...**Spiritual Director:** Fr. Don Knuffman, Quincy, IL (Sacraments 10:00 a.m. Saturday). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Sr. Jane Boos, New Berlin, IL (Obstacles to Grace, 4:15 p.m. Saturday); Fr. Bob Jallas, Quincy, IL (Grace 11:15 a.m. Friday); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Springfield, IL (Holy Spirit Divine Aid 3:30 p.m. Friday) and Fr. George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, MO (Christian Life 10:00 a.m. Sunday).

Rectora: Jane Deters, Quincy, IL (Group Reunion & Ultreya 12:25 Sunday). **Assistant Rectoras:** Teresa Martin, Canton, MO (Piety 7 p.m. Friday); Connie Liechty, Mt. Pleasant, IA (Study, 9:00 a.m. Sunday), and Connie Vermeire, Quincy, IL (Environment 9:00 a.m. Sunday).

Rolloistas: Genny Gramke, Quincy, IL (CCIA 11:30 a.m. Sunday); Carol Johnson, Quincy, IL (Leaders 7:00 p.m. Saturday); Janey Menne, Troy, MO (Laywoman in the Church 1:30 p.m. Friday); Mary Myers, Palmyra, MO (Ideals 10:00 a.m. Friday); Cindy Steinkamp, Quincy, IL (Action 3:00 p.m. Saturday).

Auxiliaries: Kathy Citro, Lori Cornwell, Rose Daniels, Joan Haubrich, and Dianne Deters, Quincy IL; Rita Frese, Mendon IL; Hannah Heidt, Mt. Sterling, IL; Phyllis Proefrock, Roodhouse, IL and Mary Jo Seiz, White Hall, IL.

Musicians: Mary Jane Davis, Frederick, IL and Jan Faler, Quincy, IL; **Sacristan:** Katie Korte, Bowling Green, MO. **Service:** Laurie Assell, Ginny Camacho, Barb Deters, and Rosie Liesen, Quincy, IL. **Food Service:** Sheli Martin Kendrick, Quincy, IL and Mary Ann Messer, Mt. Pleasant, IA. **Observing Rectora:** Giny Baker, Quincy, IL; and Board Rep., Sheryl Geisler, Mt. Sterling, IL.

To serve meals call: Mary Ann Messer 319-385-9365 or Sheli Martin Kendrick 217-257-8532.

We thank you for your love and support, for your prayers and palanca. You are truly a part of the Cursillo 216 team. The Lord has blessed our entire Cursillo family as we grow together in His love
Your Sister in Christ,
Jane Deters, Rectora.

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #216 please call:

Mary Ann Messer 319-385-9365
or Sheli Martin Kendrick 217-257-8532

Overnight Accommodations

Quite a few people have added their names to our lists of hosts for overnight accommodations on Cursillo weekends. **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.** We appreciate your willingness to become involved.

Leanne Schell

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women’s Cursillo #216
April 4, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Note: time change
St. Peter’s Church, Quincy, IL
Carry in dinner to follow

Men’s Cursillo #217
May 23, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Peter’s Church, Quincy, IL
Carry in dinner to follow

WOMEN’S CURSILLO #216

April 15th (Thursday)
7:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

April 17th (Saturday)
8:00 p.m.
Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

April 18th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

Saturday, April 24th
SS Peter & Paul, Collinsville, IL
Mass 4:30 p.m.
Ultreya to follow at Morris Hall
Contact Melba Wobbe for info
618-345-0247; melbamw02@aol.com

Saturday, April 24th
Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
St. Alphonsus, Millwood/Silex, MO
Ultreya follows 6 p.m. Saturday Mass
Call Stan Pollman for info
636-462-5550

Sunday, April 25th
7:00 p.m.
Holy Family Parish
1111 Broadway, Hannibal, MO

Friday, April 30th
7:00 p.m.
St. Brigid Hall, Liberty, IL
Call Obert’s 217-593-7132 for info

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Cursillo Family,

During this Lenten season I am reminded of when I was just a little boy (and yes, I was little at one time in my life) and what I thought Lent was all about. As I recall, it was a time when we all sat around the table and said the rosary every single day; it was a time when I didn't get to eat any candy; and a time when Lent began I went to church and came home with a dirty forehead. Now that I'm supposed to be older and wiser my devotion to saying the rosary seems to exist only when we travel anywhere; I don't really care if I have candy or not; but I do still have that dirty spot on my forehead when Lent begins. A major change, however, appeared in my thought process as I matured and began to examine what the real meaning of Lent should be. I encourage you to allow this Lenten season to serve as an opportunity to do some things for Jesus in return for all that He did for us. Make your choice of sacrifice worthy of the choice He made for you and for me.

Continue your prayers for the Board as we are still in the process of updating the Bylaws and Guidelines. Many extra evening meetings have been held with many to follow. We ask for prayers for guidance and wisdom as we make decisions that will hopefully benefit the entire Cursillo family. Our goal is to have a realistic outline that can be referred to and followed in future years. These guidelines and bylaws are not

private to only the Board members and are available to any Cursillista who would choose to read them even though they are usually provided only to Rectors/Rectoras.

Again, I am so happy to report that our March and April weekends are both full. I personally appreciate all your dedication in securing candidates for the weekends. Without your diligence – the weekends would not be possible.

A reminder to everyone again of the importance of leaving Saturday night Mass etc. as quietly as possible. It is amazing how noise travels back into the chapel from the outer lobbies. Wouldn't it be sad if we became so loud that we interrupted the team and candidates during their prayer on the altar? Thanks for your cooperation.

If you have left anything from a weekend or a buddy mass – Nan and I will bring any articles with us to the Thursday night openings. Look for us and hopefully some things can be returned to their owner.

Plant some new life into your very soul this spring and always remember that Jesus is counting on you!!! In the book Just Like Jesus it says, "There are certain things no one can do for you. And, one of those is spending time with God." Happy Easter to each of you.

DeColores and Wahoo!
Jay Grawe

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Front row, left to right: Mike Baker, Tim Moulton, Jeff Steinkamp, Matt Harmon, John Wagner, Fr. George Kramer, Vernon Korte, Fr. John Stack, B.J. Menne, Greg Andrews, Don Tooley, Raymond Rossmiller. **Second row:** Matt Entrup, John Runge, Rev. Fr. Christopher Davis, Felipe Javier III, David Welchmeyer, Michael McMahon, Jack Powers, T.J. Bauer, Jeff Haley, Mark Lynn, Brian Fee, Bill Hunter, Bernie Basteau, Ray Hunsinger, Mike Holbrook. **Third row:** Don Beeley, Steve Jansen, Robert Edwards III, Vic Markell, Nathan Waterman, Dale Gervais, Jeff Burditt, Matt Hynes, Chris Holbrook, Phil Thompson, Chad Hilbing, Dennis Ippensen, Nathan Fritts, Chris Korte, Paul Belobrajdic. **Fourth row:** Tom Korty, Jim Baer, Wayne Korte, Arnie Neely, Chris Patterson, Paul Korte, Matthew Koettters, David Schutz, Jared Dodd, Raymond Sievers, Steve Carr, Paul Davis, Jerry Fee, Kevin Fortman, Andy Deters. **Fifth row:** Greg Howard, Jim O'Hara, Walt Giesing, Joe Stevenson, Dave Hummel, Steve VanCleave, Chris Merz, Herb Schnitker, Dave Hassler, Mark Dowil, Richard Turnbull, Stephen Chismarich, Richard Halasey, Greg Wyble, Mark Baalman, Bill Hugenberg, Danny Beckett.

THANK YOU FROM CURSILLO 214

Dear Cursillo Family,

As Jay would say Wahoo!! What an awesome weekend!!!. All I can say is Thank you Sweet Jesus, Praise you Sweet Jesus. It was a privilege and honor to be rectora of 214. The weekend was filled with God's love and His Grace. He sure blessed me with a wonderful team.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each one of you for all of your prayers, palanca, letters, sacrifices, and all the work that made Cursillo 214 such a Jesus-spirit filled weekend. Special thanks to the clowns, Katie Korte and Julie Fisher; my Brothers Darrell; participants in the "Live Stations of the Cross"; "Lofty musicians"; to the Priests providing reconciliation; to the men who came to serve meals; and the "Little People". The Lord does great and mighty work through special people like you. I thank Jesus everyday for people like you who are willing to do God's work. Keep up the good work and remember Be Love: To Yourself, To God and To Others.

I also want to thank Jay, Nan and the Board for all their time and energy that they put into Cursillo.

In Jesus's Love,
Cathleen Koch

Mary Jane's Journal

March 9th 2004 Come Unto Me All Who Are Weary

I love old sterling silver and have a very modest collection. I find unique pieces as I poke around junk stores, antique shops, and outdoor bazaars. Most of it is not "the good stuff", pure sterling, but silver plate which is very beautiful and not nearly so expensive. I like handling it and wondering about the places it's been and where it's come from. It seems almost a holy thing to slather an old spoon with silver polish, freeing it from grime, bringing out its true beauty. Some designs are very intricate, taking great patience in cleaning out the crevices, while others are more simple yet just as beautiful.

Recently my friend Sue gave me some lovely pieces that belonged to her mother. There's a tiny fork from a baby's set that was very tarnished. This morning I decided to clear away the darkened splotches with silver polish. You know how one thing leads to another. I took a side glance at my bowl of collected spoons, forks and such, on the counter where I was working and decided to take a few more minutes to apply polish on them as well. Each one has a story. Each one has been on a journey. Each one had temporarily landed in my kitchen. Each one needed some tender loving care in order to shine with its true beauty.

Doing simple tasks like polishing silver is a bit of the sacred in the ordinary. In the morning quiet I heard Jesus speak to me about the tender loving care He wishes to give to my soul and every soul.

I am not a "fancy" person, more simple than some, though high maintenance in areas of neediness; not unlike my pieces of silver plate. Do you see yourself there, among the tarnish encrusted silver in my bowl? I saw myself there. We each have a story, we're on a journey and God knows we need His tender loving care. We encounter sin every day. We take part in it. We become encrusted with its tarnish.

Our Father God wants to tenderly wipe our sins away, friends. He says to you and me, "Come unto me all who are weary, heavy laden and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28) I had a vision of Him, knelt at His disciple's feet with a basin and a towel.

I remember an evening camping. Our grandchildren were grimy. Jon heated water over the campfire. I stood them one at a time in an old dish pan, pouring warm water over their heads and scrubbing them from head to toe with soap. Then Jon slowly poured fresh water over them, rinsing away the soap and dirt then wrapped them up in blankets. We held them in our arms while sitting around the warm fire. They didn't like the washing much, but they sure liked the snug cuddling afterwards.

Is it time to give in to the Lord? Is it time to have your sins washed away? Is it time to be held by the fire? I think every day is time for that.

I have rubbed the polish off the little fork and it is once again clean and shiny, ready for service.

Hugs and Kisses...Mary Jane Davis

CURSILLO DATES

#217 June 3-6, 2004

Matt Entrup

#218 July 8-11, 2004

Giny Baker

#219 September 9-12, 2004

Joe Vermiere

#220 Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2004

Ann O'Sullivan

#221 November 11-14, 2004

Rick Davis

#222 December 2-5, 2004

Pat Nevins

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#28 August 6-7, 2004

#29 October 22-23, 2004

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DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

Today was a very strange day. When I got up it was Wednesday but somewhere between putting on my workout clothes and putting the sheets in the washing machine it became Thursday. Thursday I go to a prayer group at church. So it being Thursday (I thought) I figured I better skip the treadmill and get ready. I rushed to take a shower, put more laundry in, and fix my hair. Not only did I misconstrue the day, I goofed up on the time. When I arrived at church I thought, "What are all these cars doing here?" Well, instead of being 15 minutes late for the prayer group I was on time for 8 o'clock mass. My time warp didn't get back into sync until a few minutes into mass when it struck me that it was Wednesday, not Thursday, and there was no prayer group until tomorrow. After mass I ran into a friend of mine and we set up a time to get together later in the week. I went home after the early morning confusion and rushing about, surprisingly refreshed, happy, and back in the right time zone!

Aren't days like that - full of a variety of emotions, reactions and experiences? I read a book by Lynne Hinton called *Forever Friends*. In the book her character says that she thought fulfillment and happiness just came along as you were going about living. She says - "I never knew you had to choose to be happy, choose to find out who you are in the midst of all those days of doing what you think you're suppose to do. I never realized that peace is what you find when you're able to sit with all the parts that are your life, all the fears and surprises and mistakes and regrets and all those fine, perfect moments of being loved and say to yourself, 'This is a glorious life'."

Today I watched an episode of "7th Heaven" that my son had taped for me. In it the Mom had lost her Dad and no one could understand why she appeared so happy. She explained to her husband that her father's death made her want to celebrate his life, and not only his but the lives of all her family and friends. All the sacrifice, work, and sorrow in raising a family and supporting friends were balanced by the love, companionship, and joy she had experienced in the process.

Henri Nouwen in his book *Can You Drink the Cup?* explains it this way. "The cup of life is the cup of joy as it is the cup of sorrow. It is the cup in which sorrows and joys, sadness and gladness, mourning and dancing are never separated. If joy could not be where sorrows are, the cup of life would never be drinkable." Sometimes the sorrows can overtake the joys in life and that is why Henri states that we also need a community who is willing to drink the cup of life with us, where "confession and celebration are always present together. When we lift our cups and say 'to life', we should be talking about real lives, not only hard, painful, sorrowful lives, but also lives so full of joy that celebration becomes a spontaneous response."

I am still not sure why the calendar and clock in my head went haywire this morning but it is okay. It took me to a good place where I connected with my Lord, my community of believers in celebration and with my friend. My cup surely runneth over with blessings - how sweet the taste.

Much love,
Terri May

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