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Cursillo #226: April 14 - 17, 2005

Theme: Share in the Healing and the Hope

Rectora: Terri May

Dear Children of God,

Our Bible verse is Matt. 22: 37-40, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The theme is "Share in the Healing and the Hope". Jesus came to give us hope, hope for eternal life with him, hope to become whole in mind, soul and body, hope that following him will bring us his joy. With hope, comes healing, and with healing comes more hope – it is a beautiful circle of his love. The key word, however, is "sharing" because being a believer of Christ means to be a community that helps one another.

We are calling on all of you to "share" in this weekend by continuing to support us with prayer, palanca, by coming to the Buddy Mass, signing up for an hour in the Palanca Chapel, serving meals on the weekend and by bringing us candidates. Look in the newsletter for names and numbers to call for signing up for chapel hours and meals. We are so grateful for all the ways you are there for us.

The Song is "Come, Lord Jesus, Come" by Steve Angrisano. It is based on the St. Francis prayer and speaks of being hope, peace, comfort and faith to our neighbor in need. Plain and simple – Jesus loves us, he asks us to love him and then pass it on.

Well, it is totally humbling to be the "party planner" for this wonderful celebration where the candidates are being called to meet the King! The team is being molded by His Spirit and we are all eager to serve. Here are His servants.

Spiritual Director: Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy (Grace-Fri. 11:15 a.m.)

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Deacon Bill Gray, Hamilton (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid - Fri. 3:30 p.m.). Don Knuffman, Quincy (Sacraments-Sat. 10 a.m.); Sr. Carol Kopff, St. Louis (Obstacles to Grace-Sat. 4:15 p.m.); Sr. Jane Boos, Springfield, IL (Christian Life - Sun. 10 a.m.).

Assistant Rectoras: Claudia Davis, (Study – Sat. 9 a.m.); Genny Gramke (Environment – Sun. 9 a.m.); Kathy Schwartz (Piety – Fri. 7 p.m.), Quincy.

Rollistas: Karen Biggs, Bowling Green (Ideals – Fri. 10 a.m.); Ann Gage, Quincy (Laity – Fri. 1:30 p.m.); Jan Jacobs, Hamilton (Leaders – Sat. 7 p.m.); Heather McCallum, Quincy (Action – Sat. 3 p.m.); Chris Wiemelt, Quincy (C.C.I.A. – Sun. 11:30 a.m.).

Auxiliaries: Laurie Assell, Clayton, II.; Cobi Cory, LaGrange; Lisa Gray, Hamilton; Mary Koch, Ursa; Lisa McDonald, Pam Pfanner, Barb Seeley, Karen Wiewel, Quincy; Laura Smith, Hannibal.

Sacristan: Nancy Weede, Quincy; Musicians: Kendall Bowen, Jan Faler, Sharon Zehnle, Quincy. Food Service: Carol Darnell, Quincy (217)224-6213; Henrietta Hughes, Monroe City (573) 735-4330. Service Team: Rita Frese, Mendon; Sharon Johnson, Keokuk; Pam Kelch, Bowling Green; Cindy Steimkamp, Quincy.

Board Rep: Cindy Stephens, Quincy, **Observing Rectora:** Patty Marshall, Dallas City, IL; **Rectora:** Terri May, Quincy (Group Reunion & Ultreya, Sun. 12:25 p.m.)

Called by His love to serve, Terri May and the Team of #226

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #226 please call: Carol Darnell 217-224-6213 Henrietta Hughes 573-735-4330

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #226 April 10, 2005 at 2 p.m.. St. Peter Church, Quincy, IL Carry in dinner to follow

Men's Cursillo #227

May 22, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Church, Mt. Pleasant, IA

Carry-in to follow in the hall

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #226

April 14th (Thursday) 7:30 p.m. Registration 8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

April 16th (Saturday) 8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

April 17th (Sunday) 5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
St. Charles County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception School
Dardenne/O'Fallon, MO
Call Marie Korte for info. 636-272-7326

Saturday, April 23rd Collinsville Area Ultreya Follows 4:30 p.m. Mass Morris Hall, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish For info call Jim Hill, 618-344-7985

Saturday, April 23rd
Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
St. Clement Parish, Bowling Green, MO
Ultreya follows 6 p.m. Saturday Mass
Call Stan Pollman for info
636-462-5550

Saturday, April 23rd Jacksonville Area Ultreya Ultreya follows the 5:30 p.m. Mass Our Saviour Covenant Church Jacksonville, IL

Sunday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. Hannibal Area Ultreya Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO

From the Lay Director's Notebook

So You Want to be a Sponsor

Earlier I put forth two questions we needed to ask ourselves, "Why am I here?" and "What am I going to do about it?" We have all often heard a candidate at closing say in answer to that last question, that they are going to get everybody they can to come to experience Cursillo. And we all agree that it's a great idea.

But do we really pass on to our candidates what being a sponsor is all about? Do they know what the real purpose is in sponsoring someone? Primarily, I believe, they just want to share this new, deeper love for Jesus and that alone is commendable. But there is a much more important reason for being a sponsor, it is in fact the real purpose of the existence of the Cursillo Movement. The true purpose is to develop new Christian leaders to carry out Christ's work here on earth. Yes, we know that some people feel that their candidate needs to make a Cursillo because he or she is having a rough time in their marriage, or is unemployed and needs support, or is gravely ill or lost a child or a partner, and we empathize with those needs. And more often than

not the Cursillo helps the candidate, but the real reason we should be a sponsor is to develop a new leader for Christ.

We all need to talk to God about the proposed candidate, and do this before we talk to that candidate about God. Is he or she a person who will be a leader? We also need to talk to God about the sponsor, is he or she willing to go the extra distance to perform real meaningful palanca. Yes, talk to Him even when we are the sponsor. Are we willing to make every effort to get that candidate into a group reunion, to bring him or her back for The Apostolic Hour or the Sponsor's Hour, and to share with him or her the responsibilities of being a sponsor? So do you still want to be a sponsor?

Check out the Sponsor's Responsibilities sheet in the receptacle by the bulletin board at the main entrance to the Retreat Center.

So do you want to be a sponsor? I do.

Love, peace and joy through, with and in Christ. Jim Nevins

Cursillo #225



Front row, left to right: Jeff Liesen, Mark Lotz, Matt Harmon, John Boland, Michael Grant, Fr. Michael Kuse, Sister Annie Rudsell, Rob Edwards, Jerry Eberhardt, Jim Harke, Ed Holthaus. Second row: Jerry Liechty, Bill Couch, Ron Taylor, Don Beely, Gary Hodgson, Delbert Hayes, Tom Holck, Dan Stork, J.R. Petersen, Glenn Thompson, Eric Andrews, Marlin McCormick. Third row: Gregg Golemo, Dennis Santiago, Edward Mitchell, Jeff Fisher, Joe Lavery, Dave Lockhart, Gene Sparrow, Russell Eggering, Paul Meyer, Ralph Pisetta, Kipp Proefrock, Jeff Meyer, Blaise McDonald, Bryan Smith. Fourth row: David Tooke, Herb Schwartz, Clifton Cox, Les White, Bill Morrison, Ted Sitton, Charlie Finley, JimMiller, Bob Huebotter, Herman Winking, Ryan Kirby, Aaron Parn, Greg Fischer, Dave Bader, Dave Rommel. Fifth row: Dave Hummel, Lenny Harvey, Tim Logan, Robert Zahn, Kent Lepper, Brett Isley, Jim Millan, Kyle Larson, Roger Sparrow, Tom Edwards, Mike May, Jeff Hampton, Rob Appling, Jeremy Lansaw.

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

This morning as I put Shout on a sweatshirt I wore yesterday I had a thought. Well, actually a few thoughts. Here is what they are. First the reason for the Shout was an accident that happened to me yesterday as I was rushing to get out of the house. I dropped a bowl of soup I was trying to make space for in the frig.

Have you ever seen a film of a volcano erupting?! The bowl hit the floor bottom down keeping most of the solid contents in it, but the liquid flew everywhere – the floor, cupboards, counters, wall, over the counter and onto the curtain and tablecloth, It was utterly amazing to say the least.

I was very fortunate that no one else was home as I spit out my own volcano of exclamations! The whole episode would make some kind of great analogy of life but that's not my point at all.

I did make it out the door, after mopping everything up and changing clothes (oh, I forgot to mention the clothes!). When I got into the car I flipped on the C.D player and on came Carmen's Christian rap song, "Whose in the House?". Of course, the answer is "JEEEEESUUUUS!" By the time I reached my destination, which was a Cursillo study group, I was in a good mood and bopping to the music. That was thought one.

The second thought was our discussion of the question for chapter 10 in the Purpose Driven Life byRick Warren. The question to consider was: What can I do to remind myself to think about God and talk to him more often throughout the day? I'm not sure I was talking to God while cleaning up that mess, but the music in my car did help me get back into focus and crowd out those "grrrrrrrrr's" that had control of me. And my study group helped me consider other ways I could keep my eyes on Jesus in my day – notes on my computer, Bible verses on sticky notes in my car, little reminders that God is woven throughout my day and wants my input on it.

Okay, I can't resist it. God should be splattered all over my day like that pot of soup was, touching my life in little ways, found in unexpected corners, blessing me and waiting for me to be open to His presence. I will admit, I love to visit and who better to spend time talking to than God? And I am sure my husband, David, will be thrilled I have found someone else to use some of my thousands of words up on!!

Klutzy but yours, Terri May

A Big heartfelt Thank You..

to the Quincy Cursillo Family for all of your prayers, words of encouragement, love and support through our son Tim's kidney failure and illness. On February 10th, our future son-in-law, Steve Rice #221, gave life back to our son with a kidney transplant at Barnes Jewish Hospital.

Both are doing fine. We know now how St. Paul felt in his letter to Philemon "We thank God always making mention of you in our prayer, because of your faith towards Our Lord Jesus and His Body of Believers. We have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, our hearts have been refreshed."

Please continue to pray for their complete recovery and for their finances.

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John & Marie Baumgartner

Lost and Found

Some time ago I found in the Retreat Center's main chapel, after a Cursillo or a TEC, a SONY CD player/clock radio that is 11" long by 7" deep. Call me at 217-224-5615 or email dwightsee@yahoo.com to identify. Dwight Seeley

Change of Address

Great River TEC

Please send your address changes to Lisa McDonald at 217-224-3665 or email: newsletter@quincycursillo.com.

You can also choose to receive your newsletter by e-mail and help save Cursillo postage costs. Let Lisa know and she will remove your name from the postal mail list and forward your e-mail information to Don Hilgenbrinck, who maintains the e-mail distribution list.

If you already receive the newsletter by e-mail and your e-mail address has changed, contact Don at don@hilgenbrinck.us.

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#227 June 2-5, 2005 Jerry Liechty

#228 July 7-10, 2005 Patty Marshall

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Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2005 Judy Taylor

Applications are available at: www.quincycursillo.com

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TEC #231 June 11-13, 2005 Julie Regner

TEC #232 July 16-18, 2005 Justin Meats

For information call Barb and Dwight Seeley 217-224-5615 Applications are available at: www.greatrivertec.org

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#31 May 6-7, 2005 #32 August 5-6, 2005

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Thank you From Cursillo 224

Dear Cursillo Family,

As many before me have expressed, the words THANK YOU seem so small and little for what all of you did for us on Cursillo 224 — but we reeeally do THANK YOU for giving us your gift of love spelled T-I-M-E through your prayers, palanca and sacrifices. Through your gifts, we truly heard, saw and felt the Holy Spirit and learned of God's great and unconditional love for each of us. It truly was an AWE-SOME time spent with an awesome GOD who was and is and ever shall be WITH US ALWAYS.

To the sponsors of these 45 women who blossomed into beautiful Sonflowers, I thank you so much for bringing them to Cursillo 224. What blessings they were and are! Now I ask that you get them into a Group Reunion as soon as you possibly can, so that they may perservere in their walk with Jesus.

Thank you to the Cursillo Board for your prayers, support and encouragement for me and Cursillo 224 and for following and believing in God's plans.

Now comes the time for us, His disciples (Sonflowers) of 224 to spread His light (Sonshine) and truth to the world — our 4th day. Through,In and With HIM we will...with a whole lot of THANKS and PRAISE to HIM and to YOU! And GLORY to HIM!!!

Love, (big smiles), and Sonshine Mary Peterson (The Crazeee Rectora of 224)

"With God, All Things Are Possible"

Matthew 19:26

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Candidate and Team applications are available at: www.quincycursillo.com

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