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Cursillo #202 – December 5 - 8, 2002

Theme: Come and Journey With Me

Rectora: Sheila Smith

DeColores Cursillo Family:

On behalf of the team for Cursillo #202, I wish to express our sincere thanks to each of you for the prayers and palanca you have been offering for the success of the December 2002 weekend. God is Good All the Time - All the Time God is Good. These words have been ringing in my ears since the beginning of team formation.

Our dear Lord has once again outdone himself by selecting an "awesome" group of Cursillistas to serve as team. From the beginning of the Journey for Cursillo #202, the formation meetings have truly been blessed by the Holy Spirit as our faith and love continue to grow. Our theme, "Come and Journey With Me", has led this Rectora since the Lord pierced her heart with His love on Cursillo #97, fourteen years ago. The entire team has humbly joined the Journey and accepted their individual roles on this pilgrimage. We ask for your continuing prayers and palanca, to insure that we will be fully equipped to do His work in December.

We as team have followed the direction of our theme song, "Bring all you are, and all you Be; Be all you are, and all you can Be. That is exactly what we have done. Our scripture is taken from Matthew 11:8, "Come to Me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

This is God's team for Cursillo #202.

Our **Spiritual Director** is Fr. George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, MO (Sacraments, Sat. 10 AM). The **Assistant Spiritual Directors** are: Sr. Mary Fran Flynn, SSND (Grace, Fri. 11 AM); and Sr. Carol Kopff, OP (Christian Life, Sun. 10 AM), St. Louis, MO; Fr. Lou Dorn, Jefferson City, MO (Holy Spirit-Divine Aid, Fri 3:30 PM); Fr. John Stack, Camanche, IA (Obstacles to Grace, Sat. 4:15 PM).

Assistant Rectoras are Judy Taylor,

Florissant, MO (Environment, Sun. 9 AM); Katie Korte, Bowling Green, MO (Action, Sat. 3 PM); and Patty Marshall, Dallas City, IL (Piety, Fri. 7 PM).

Rollistas are : Rose Hanke, Camp Point, IL (Ideals, Fri. 10 AM), Carol Ann Johnson, Quincy, IL (Study, Sat. 9 AM), Patricia Finnell, Roodhouse, IL (Leaders, Sat. 7 PM), Evelyn Tooley, Clayton, IL (Laywoman, Fri. 1:30 PM), Kathy Vanek, St. Louis, MO (CCIA, Sun. 11 AM).

Auxiliaries are: Rebecca Fischer and Mary Lenane, Quincy, IL; Debbie Beard, Fowler, IL; Marie Baker, Palmyra, MO; Joan Brown, Moscow Mills, MO; Theresa Lott, O'Fallon, MO; Nanna O'Donnell, Clayton, IL; Diane Powers, Nauvoo, IL and Mary Zerrer, Troy, MO.

Sacristan is Faye Kuhlman, St. Louis, MO; **Musician** is Vicky Mitchell, Quincy, IL; **Board Rep.** is Jana Casper, LaGrange, MO; and **Observing Rectora** is Mary Dodd, Liberty, IL, and **Rectora** is Sheila Smith, Bethalto, IL (Group Reunion & Ultreya, Sun. 12:30 PM).

Service Team is Marilyn Miles, Monroe City, MO; Mignon Chismarich, Bowling Green, MO; Ellie Couch, Stoutsville, MO; Judy Munger, Hannibal, MO and Mary Kempf, Palmyra, MO. Food Service is Barbara Mitchell, Quincy, IL and Edna Church, Palmyra, MO.

Once again, we thank you for your prayer and palanca support and ask that you continue supporting this team by giving all your praise and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ. God Bless All!

In His Love,
Sheila Smith,
Rectora, Cursillo #202

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #202 please call
Barbara Mitchell 217-223-0724 or
Edna Church 573-769-2453

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #202

Nov. 24, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Dominic's Church, Quincy, IL
Carry-in to follow
Meat, drinks, table service provided

Men's Cursillo #203

January 5, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.
Holy Family Church
Mt. Sterling, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow at KC Hall

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #202

Dec. 5th (Thursday)
7:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

Dec. 7th (Saturday)
8:00 p.m.
Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

Dec. 8th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

Hannibal/Palmyra Area

No Ultreya in December
Planning meeting for 2003
Wed. January 8th
St. Joseph Church, Palmyra, MO

Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
No ultreya in December

January 3

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

4th DAY RENEWAL

January 24-25, 2003
For information call 217-224-3898
Dennis and Pat Holbrook

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Cursillo Family –

What a job you've done. We went from 8 candidates for the November weekend to 27 as of this writing! Great job!!

I would like to reflect for a few minutes on the duties of being a prayer buddy. First of all, a prayer buddy should sign up for at least one hour in the palanca chapel. If, when you go to sign up, you find that someone else has already signed for the hour you wanted to take – sign up anyway. In Matthew 18:20 it says: "Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." Can you really think of anyone else you'd rather be with??

Secondly, being a prayer buddy includes writing them a letter. It takes no little effort, but means so very much to the person on the receiving end. Thirdly, PRAY. I leave this to the end of responsibilities not because it is of lesser importance. Sometimes it simply is OK to save the best for last. PRAY AND DO SOME PLONKA!

I know I will receive many calls regarding my next request. I promise to keep you all on file and honor your willingness to serve accordingly. **WE NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO CLEAN THE CONFERENCE ROOM BEFORE THE CLOSING ON SUNDAYS.** It would mean you would only need to arrive about 1/2 hour early for the closing, but your act of service for Jesus will reap you great rewards. How about your prayer group volunteering?? I hope that all of you continue to use your trifold and at the very end of it, it notes - "Activities of my permanent group." Is this a perfect opportunity for you to step forward or what??? Sounds like perfect ACTION to me! Please call me and volunteer your time. My phone number is 217-224-3529. Special Bonus: if there's food left over – you can eat some!

Thanks for your continued prayers for the Board. We stand committed to serving you as we serve Our Lord. Be looking for some changes that may take place at our Masses.

DeColores and WAHOO!
Jay Grawe

4th Day Renewal Weekend

Another 4th Day Renewal weekend is coming up January 24-25th. This 24-hour experience is designed for those who have previously made a Cursillo weekend and are wanting to renew and develop their spirituality and their commitment to living the Christian life. It is a relaxed, co-ed experience, offering an opportunity to reflect, share, and grow in a community of believers.

The 24-hour experience starts on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and ends Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35.00 and is held at the Quincy University Retreat Center.

This would be a great way to start off the new year and take a break from the winter blues. If you think you'd like to be on a team but not quite sure you're ready, this is a great way to get that extra little spiritual boost.

An application will be included in next month's 4th Day newsletter or applications are also available on the Quincy Cursillo website at www.quincycursillo.com

CURSILLO #201



Front row, left to right: Michael Ludvigsen, Bob Carney, Fr. Kurt Hartrich, OFM, John Bordenkircher, Jim Cramsey, Pat Tracy, John Peterson, Tom Meehan. **Second row:** Bill Neusen, Jim Nevins, Dennis Cobb, Jon Davis, Mike Holbrook, Tino Garamella, Tom Tooley, Don Tooley, Brian Graft, Frank Pryor, Dick Mitchell. **Third row:** Tim Carmody, Delbert Hayes, Jim Cochran, Stuart Gilpin, Donald Kesner, Mike Burgmeher, Don Liesen, Ernie Buckman, Fr. Rayappa Repudi, Kevin Ostermiller, Jim Davis. **Fourth row:** Brian Roth, John Morris, Jim Long, George Schultz, Jim Citro, Larry Bork, John Little, Joe Koch, Jim Dewey, Charles Duncan, Andrew Lenzen, Albert Roth. **Fifth row:** Trevor Huffman, David Schutz, Brent Bordenkircher, Barry Petrowsky, Tony Fedler, Greg Bergschneider, Jason Poyser, Steve McKenzie, Alan Munger, Jeff Doelman, Donald Gary, Gary Mast.

THANK YOU FROM CURSILLO #200

Dear Cursillo Family,

Wow! What a wonderful weekend we experienced on Cursillo 200! Many blessings and much peace filled our three days together. We thank Jesus for giving us each other. The Spirit was alive and His presence was felt by all of us there, team and candidates shared much love and joy. We were so blessed to have such a wonderful team and such great candidates! So many treasures and so many people to thank. Our wonderful Cursillo family is such a blessing to one another. I thank the Lord for all of them. Blessings filled the weekend because of our Cursillo family. Much palanca and prayer was done and many many hearts were changed. God is Good!!

As it says in 1 JOHN 4:7 "Let us love one another for love is from God." Love the Lord with all your heart. May Jesus continue to live within your heart and may you share His love with others. AMEN!

In Thanks and Praise,
Marlene Donnolly,
Rectora #200



DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

Dear Lord,

This day was filled with your face. Even the dreary, drizzly, cold weather did not hide your presence or dampen your warmth. You were there raised before us at Mass today, consecrated and offered up and brought down to us personally in communion with our faith community.

And then in a little golden container I carried you to a couple waiting for you in their home as they watched the mass on t.v., she in a wheelchair, he with his faithful dog lying beside him - two people who are love to each other in sickness as they were once in health. They wore your face of devotion.

I traveled to the north side of town where I was greeted warmly by a little, frail woman who is dying. We chat about her children, grandchildren and a friend who recently lost her husband and who she worries about. This woman has known for some time that she will not recover but has been blessed with 3 years to prepare and treasure her time with family and friends. Her eyes and voice hold so much life and you once again show me the beauty of the human spirit. Physically she is frail but as a "temple of the Holy Spirit" she is strong and I saw you dwelling within her - it was your face of faith.

Down the hall I stopped to see another woman who is 97 years old. I am not always sure if she knows who I am but she has the sweetest smile and thanks me profusely for coming every time we visit. She is like you, Sweet Jesus, recognizing the gift I bring - your face of acceptance.

In the afternoon heading back to my car after lifting a few weights at the YMCA, I ran into a friend watching her grandson play football and I stopped to talk. It was a bit chilly out there but as we shared news and insights, I was warmed by your face of caring and friendship in that of my friend's.

The evening found my husband and I in a full church attending our parish mission. The priest spoke of people searching for happiness and asked us, "If you had one wish to make what would you ask for?" I saw your face up there, Lord, wondering if we would ever "get" what you came so long ago to teach us, a loving face, a face of a father concerned for his children.

Later yet I stopped by a Christian youth activity and was blessed again. This time smiling, laughing faces surrounded me. It was your joy-filled face I saw reflected around the room - it was contagious and gave me hope that you would continue to live on in your people.

Thank you for the endless ways you touch and color my world with your many faces of love, Lord Jesus. Help me to always look for you in my day, to recognize your love, and to reflect it back to those I encounter.

Much love,
Terri May

CURSILLO DATES

#202 December 5-8, 2002

Sheila Smith

#203 January 9-12, 2003

Pat Tracy

#204 February 8-9, 2003

Mary Dodd

#205 March 6-9, 2003

Tom Deters

#206 April 3-7, 2003

Nan Grawe

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

January 24-25, 2003

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

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #214 January 18-20, 2003

David Cawthon

TEC #215 March 1-3, 2003

For information call
Doug Many 217-224-8416

Applications are available at:
www.greatrivertec.org

QUEST

#22 February 21-22, 2002

For information call
Barb and Dwight Seeley
217-224-5615

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For information call: 1-888-889-9963



Morning Musings from Mary Jane Davis

November 2nd, 2002

What a beautiful day. I am alone in the house, which is unusual. Rosco is out duck hunting with Jon. It got very cold last night. When I walked this morning I needed a heavier jacket. One day soon, I'll have to dig my old wool walking coat out of the closet. It will fit better this year, rather snug around the hips last winter. Happily, 23 pounds are "lost" from me. Grateful!!! That's me. It is good to loose extra baggage such as pounds, but also something like worry is good to "loose". I suppose I must face this fact; I worry about things and people. For instance, I worry about Jon; how difficult his job is and about his health and well-being.

Today I feel like I've stumbled into a stream of water and its brought me a gift from "up-stream"; *freedom from worry*. I am aware though, that receiving this gift is a choice. Instead of worry, I can choose instead, to embrace what my friend Momma Helen shared with me in a letter last year, "All is cared for, all is guided."

November holds the jewel of Thanksgiving. That is something I can replace worry with! For today and I hope this whole month, (maybe forever!) I'm going to choose an attitude of gratitude. I will thank God for Jon, for his job and for his health! I'm going to dance in my spirit with the joy of sharing life with such a fellow! I'm going to laugh and sing over the gift of my bride-groom and our children, both beautiful women who brought us good sons we love. I will shout with joy over Seth and Cinda, our precious grandchildren! I will think of our friends with a heart full of praise!

I think the Lord loves to trade and barter. He likes to take our rags such as worry and trade them for lovely garments such as gratitude. Is there something he is asking you for today, something he'd like to help you "loose"? Name it, claim it, and he'll help you tame it!

Hugs and Kisses,
Mary Jane

POST-CURSILLO NOTES

Team Applications

If you are interested in serving the Lord on one of His Cursillo Team's, please fill out a team application form and send it to Dennis and Connie Hoyt (address in column to the right). Musicians will need to send in an application for musicians in addition to the regular team application.

Please keep in mind that you will need to wait one year after your initial Cursillo weekend to serve on a team. If you wish to serve as a team member, you will need to be active in a Group Reunion.

If asked to serve on a team, you will need to ask others to be your "prayer buddies". A Buddy Mass is held before the Cursillo weekend for all team members, families and their prayer buddies. All Cursillistas are invited to the Buddy Mass. (Note: Weekend activities are for adults only.)

Serving Meals

If you are interested in serving meals for a Cursillo weekend, please contact the Food Service team for that weekend. Name and phone numbers are listed in the 4th Day Newsletter. You need to call to find out when help is needed.

When serving meals on Friday, trays are not carried for the candidates or team. Helping to clean-up is as important as serving the meals.

It is recommended that no Cursillista serve meals on a weekend when they have a candidate or their spouse is a candidate or team member. Minimal contact with your candidate is suggested.

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Send your change of address to
Lisa McDonald
2207 State St, Quincy, IL 62301
Call 217-223-1787
or E-mail: mcdonald@ksni.net

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit news items for the December newsletter by **Dec. 1st**.

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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

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573-735-4337

Fax applications to same number
Mail signed original

TEAM APPLICATIONS OR INFO

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Candidate and Team applications are available on the Cursillo web site:
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