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CURSILLO: #222 – December 2-5, 2004

THEME: We Are Yours

RECTORA: Pat Nevins

Dear Cursillo Community:

Cursillo #222 is receiving God's blessings already thanks to your prayers and palanca, which I know began almost a year ago. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to each weekend and especially for all you are doing for #222. The Spirit is with us.

Our theme is "We Are Yours" from the Joe Wise song "Take our Bread". Our scriptures are Psalm 100:3, Jeremiah 31:33 and Galatians 4:4-7; "He has made us - we are His"; "I will be their God and they shall be my people" and "The proof that you are sons is the fact that God has sent forth into our hearts the spirit of His Son which cries out "Abba" (Father)." If we but remember this daily, how can anything deter us. May you be blessed even as you give to us, as we represent you to the candidates of Cursillo #222.

I am so blessed to have the following team: **Spiritual Director:** Msgr. Mike Kuse, (Sacraments, 10:00 AM Sat.) Quincy; **Asst. Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Chuck Edwards, (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, 3:30 PM Fri.) Springfield, IL; Deacon Bill Gray, (Grace, 11:15 AM Fri.) Hamilton, IL; Sr. Annie Rudsell, (Christian Life, 10:00 AM Sun.) Florissant, MO; Deacon Tony Trautman, (Obstacles to Grace, 4:15 PM Sat.) O'Fallon, MO.

Asst. Rectoras: Rosemary Gilmore, (CCIA, 11:30 AM Sun.) Roodhouse, IL, Susan Holbrook, (Piety, 7:05 PM Fri.) Quincy, IL; Mary Koch, (Leaders, 7:00 PM Sat.) Mt. Sterling, IL.

Rollistas: Teresa Bennett, (Action, 3:00 PM Sat.) Pleasant Plains, IL; Sandy Bordenkircher (Environment, 9:00 AM Sun.) Jacksonville IL; Maria Carmody, (Ideals, 10:00 AM Fri.) Hardin, IL; Katie Hembrough, (Laywoman in the Church, 1:30 PM Fri.) and Carolyn White, (Study, 9:00 AM Sat.) Jacksonville, IL.

Auxiliaries: Kathy Bridges, Roodhouse, IL; Rhonda Cors, Woodson, IL; Kathy Cramsey, Quincy, IL; Kathy Dobelman, Louisiana, MO; Sherry Epperson, Clarksville, MO; Cindy Johnson, Waverly, IL; Lisa Lorton,

Hardin, IL; Doris Reid, Greenfield, IL; Cindy Sievers, Brussels, IL.

Sacristan: Pat Kendrick, Monroe City, MO; **Musicians:** Renae Jansen, Quincy; Patty Gramke, St. Louis, MO; **Food Service:** Darlene Boland, Troy, MO; Evelyn Hirner, Hannibal, MO; **Service Team:** Rosann Lentz and Kathy Xamis, Quincy; Joan Varadin and Kathy Vessell, Hannibal, MO.

Board Rep.: Sheryl Geisler, Mt. Sterling, IL; **Observing Rectora:** Mary Peterson, Alexander, IL; **Rectora:** Pat Nevins (Group Reunion/Ultreya, 12:30 PM Sun.) Jacksonville, IL.

Please join us for our Buddy Mass at 2:00 P.M. on November 21 (the Sunday BEFORE Thanksgiving) in Jacksonville, IL, Church of Our Saviour, State Street and Hardin. A carry-in will follow Mass at the Martha Routh Room of Routh Catholic High School.

To those of you who could not serve on this team, thank you for the prayers you have promised and consider each of you an extension of our team. Thank you for your commitment to Jesus' mission through Cursillo. The team of Cursillo #222 awaits your candidates. Please invite them. They are already in our hearts and we look forward to seeing them face to face December 2.

For all you do, love and prayers.
Pat Nevins,
Honored to be Rectora,
Cursillo #222



SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #222 please call:

Darlene Boland 636-528-6352
Evelyn Hirner 573-221-1252

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #222
November 21, 2004 at 2:00 p.m..
Our Savior Church
Jacksonville, IL
Carry in dinner to follow

Men's Cursillo #223
January 2, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.
All Saints Church
White Hall, IL
Potluck dinner to follow

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #222

December 2nd (Thursday)
7:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

December 4th (Saturday)
8:00 p.m.
Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

December 5th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

Friday, November 19th
St. Charles County Ultreya
7:00 p.m.
Call Marie Korte for info
636-272-7326

Saturday, November 20th
Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
St. Clement Church
Bowling Green, MO
Ultreya follow 6 p.m. Saturday Mass
Call Stan Pollman for info
636-462-5550

Sunday, December 12th
Hannibal Area Ultreya
7:00 p.m.
Holy Family Parish, Hannibal, MO

4th DAY RENEWAL

January 21-22, 2005
7 p.m. Friday to 7:30 p.m. Saturday
North Campus Retreat Center

Meet Your New Board Representative

Mary Dodd



Hello Cursillo Family,
My name is Mary Dodd and I am one of your newly elected board members. My first Cursillo was in 1980, #48, and I have been in the same group reunion for 23 years!

David and I have been married 34 years and have three sons, Darin, Dan & Jared, three daughters-in-

law (or soon to be), Kim, Angie & Tracey, and three beautiful granddaughters, Teghan, Karson and Grace.

It truly is my pleasure to serve on the board of a movement that works so powerfully in the lives of people, putting God first. Thank you for your vote of confidence. I will do my best.

St. Charles County Ultreya

Cursillistas in St. Charles County are starting a new Ultreya, actually reviving an Ultreya with a new Spirit. After an initial get-to-gether meeting, a core group decided to have their first Ultreya on Friday, November 19th. Dates for future Ultreya's will be announced in future newsletters.

The group invites all St. Charles County Cursillistas as well as Cursillistas from the surrounding area to join them.

For more information, contact Carol & Howard Pieper at 636-379-4894; cpieper@mail.win.org or Marie Korte at 636-272-7326; kortem@earthlink.net.

Belleville/Fairview Heights Cursillista Looking for Group Reunion

I would like to be contacted by anyone in the Belleville/Fairview Heights, IL area that would have room for a Cursillo couple to join their Group Reunion. My husband, Bob, and I attended Cursillo 209 & 210.

I can be contacted by e-mail or by phone. Please put Cursillo in the subject line of the e-mail.

Thanks,

Bob & Carole Hermann

618-233-4303; e-mail caroleh101@charter.net

CURSILLO 221



Front Row, left to right: Paul Quinn, David Dodd, Art Witte, Bill Gates, Tom Meehan, Pat Beckman, Sheldon Robinson, Rick Davis, Fr. John Stack, Tony Herdrich, Bob Carney, Doug Baker, Nick Xamis, Mike Baker. **Second Row:** Ron Eftink, Damian McDonald, Nick Martise, Garnie Walters, Vernon Mennemeier, Chris Scholz, Steve Freiburg, Todd Platt, David Perry, Joe Camillo. **Third Row:** Juett Kendrick, Tom Pranger, Ron Portwood, Bo Peters, Fr. Dan Bergbower, Scott Neisen, Randy Stocker, John Scranton, John Coats, Steve Rice, Tony Moore, Ray Calhoun. **Fourth Row:** David Steele, Harry Cramer, Lynn Gallagher, Dale Robertson, Joe Troesser, Jeff King, Howard "Satch" Pieper, Russ Siebers, Chris Heidgerken, Mark Strieker, Paul Morrison, John Leonard.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Cursillo Family,

Here it is the month of November with Thanksgiving only a couple of weeks away. I need to take more time than ever to thank sweet Jesus for all He has done for me this past year and I encourage you to do the same. I know with all of my heart, that without Jesus in my life – there wouldn't be much of a life! He is and has been there every day and every minute of every day. Sometimes I get too busy to acknowledge His presence and yet He stands by my side through thick and thin. What a partner I have in Him. We are all so blessed to have the privilege of being a part of our Cursillo family - so lets always help each other and continue to give Him all the praise and honor He deserves all the time. Let's be Jesus to each other!

Do you ever find yourself getting so bogged down with life that you forget about where you are going with it? Let that serve as a reminder that you need to slow down a little and have a long talk with Jesus. He wants to be there for you, He wants to be a part of everything you do. He wants to lift you up when you fall down. He wants to lift you higher than you've ever been before. BUT – He also wants you to ask Him. Do you remember a time when one of your children came to you and said, "Will you help me?" Do you remember how good it felt that that child trusted you enough to ask for your guidance? Jesus wants us to come to Him in the same way. Why do we not utilize this wonderful gift?? I would like to challenge you, as well as myself, to take more time to talk to God. He's got all the answers, so why do we not ask Him for them??? I guess we need to trust in Him more than we do ourselves and just give it all to Jesus!!!

Improvements at our retreat center just keep getting better!! There are people out there who certainly know the true meaning of being a servant and they have done so much for us using their skills to improve our retreat facility. How blessed we are to have them – God knows each of them by name!

I would also like to encourage you to write some letters to future candidates. Candidates you don't even know!! It is so good to hear them speak at a closing, saying how much those letters mean to them when they are from people they don't even know. It's real easy for us to write to our "friends" – but it can end up being an even greater gift when you write to a stranger and share your own love for Jesus with them.

Please know that your Board continues to work for you and to do those things for the benefit of all. It's not always easy to make decisions that everyone will be happy with, but continue on trying to follow in Jesus's footsteps.

In Grace for the Moment it talks about God knowing what He is doing and it says, "God owes no one anything. No reasons. No explanations. Nothing. If he gave them, we couldn't understand them. God is God. He knows what he is doing. When you can't trace his hand, trust his heart."

Good luck on your journey. You remain in my thoughts and in my prayers.

DeColores and WAHOO!

Jay Grawe

THANK YOU FROM #220

Dear Cursillo Family,

Thank you all so much for all the love, prayers, palanca, and support you provided for the Cursillo 220 team and candidates. Those 2 words "thank you" seem so inadequate to express our appreciation for all you did for us. Please know it was through your prayers and palanca that we all experienced anew His great love for each of us.

Thank you for all the meals you served, time spent in the palanca chapel, time spent decorating, setting up and cleaning up, the Candlelight walk, stations, clowns, entertainment, music, letters – it all meant the world to us. Since I originally made Cursillo 111 in 1991 – I have experienced this love from the Cursillo family in many different ways. But I have never appreciated or needed it as much as I have the past few months. And you were all there for me and for all of us. Your support made the weekend a very joyful and easy time for me, the team, and the candidates. This experience was beyond my wildest imagination of what it would be like to be a Rectora!! I also want to thank the Board for their support and confidence in us – and for all they do for the Cursillo family.

De Colores!! We are all His Beloved Children!!

Ann O'Sullivan

Rectora, Cursillo 220

CURSILLO DATES

#223 January 6-9, 2005
Tom Meehan

#224 February 3-6, 2005
Mary Peterson

#225 March 10-13, 2005
Mike Grant

#226 April 14-17, 2005
Terri May

#227 June 2-5, 2005
Jerry Liechty

#228 July 7-10, 2005
Jo Beavers

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

4TH DAY RENEWAL

January 21-22, 2005
Ron Eftink, Director

GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #228 January 15-17, 2005
Jack and Diane Powers

TEC #229 March 5-7, 2005
Kathy Steinbrecher

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

Applications are available at:
www.greatrivertec.org

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#30 February 18-19, 2005
#31 May 6-7, 2005

For information call
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DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

Dear friends,

Early this morning I hung a couple loads of laundry. There was a promise of sunshine with a blue sky peeping out between thin layers of white. An occasional bird chirped and a few insects made contributions to heralding in the new day. My feet crunched the brown leaves underfoot, and I breathed in the cool fall air as I stooped to pick clothes out of the laundry basket. I'm sure a few neighbors going by to work, wondered "why" I bothered with a perfectly good dryer inside. And since I had the time today, I wondered "why not" with a perfectly good sun up there in the sky! With time at a premium hanging laundry just isn't always practical these days but for me it is a sacred place.

Out there with no telephone, TV, radio, or computer I am left to my own senses and thoughts, smelling the seasonal changes, feeling the sun, the wind and sometimes the rain as I hurry to take the laundry down! I think about my day, my family, memories of childhood that the seasons invoke. I dream about things I'd like to accomplish, places I've been to, places I'd like to go to. And I pray - in thanksgiving, in repentance, in need and sometimes just in wonder and awe at the beauty that God has put around me.

My mother's generation grew up with hanging laundry and she taught me. For them it was a need since we didn't get a dryer till I was in high school. For me it is something I love to do - at least as long as I can bend over to get the clothes out of the basket! This is such a busy world, with so much packed into each day. I remember the hectic round of trips for school, the kid's activities, doctor appointments etc., but even then there were sacred moments; rocking a toddler to sleep, all snugly and warm on my shoulder, hanging the diapers on the line while the kids played with Daddy, even grocery shopping all by myself was a time to breathe in the goodness of my life and look around at my blessings.

Well, the laundry might be dry now, so I think I'll go check it out. Think of me when you see a sheet flapping in the breeze. And I'll be praying that you take time to visit that sacred place in your life and renew your spirit.

Much love, Terri May

CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS

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Mail signed original

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

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CURSILLO ACCOMMODATIONS

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