



Farewell message from Lay Director

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY = TRANSFORMATION

"A grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it falls into the ground and dies." - John 12:24

Jane and I have been called to explore the meaning of the Paschal Mystery as we have prepared for presenting that topic on TEC #255. Interestingly, our "Why Catholic?" subject matter has also centered on that theme. As I consider the unlikelihood of being invited to explore such an atypical topic on more than one simultaneous occasion, I have been obliged to ask...

WHAT IS THE PASCHAL MYSTERY? ... and ...

WHAT MEANING DOES IT HAVE FOR US?

The word "pasch" is of Jewish origin and means "transitional" or "passing over" and has reference to the Angel of Death as the 10th Plague of Moses. With Christianity, the Passover became associated with Easter and Jesus became known as the Paschal Lamb who was sacrificed that we might live. The Paschal Mystery is about Life, Death and Transformation... it's about finding meaning in the crosses that we carry in life with Jesus as our greatest model.

The Paschal Mystery is also about the change of seasons. For me personally, it's about "what's next" in my life. Being the Lay Director for Quincy Cursillo has been immeasurably enriching to my life but it's time to "let go and let God" take our Cursillo family to new heights under the direction of your Cursillo Board and John Runge as Lay Director. Know that your program is in the hands of prayerful and wise individuals. Also part of that collective prayer and wisdom are Board officers, Dennis and Marcia Steinkamp, Kathy Cramsey and our Spiritual Director, Fr. Tom Henseler. Along with the Board, their help and guidance have been limitless and I thank all of them for the tremendous contributions that they have made to a program that is truly according to God's plan.

Thank you Lord!

De Colores and God Bless,

Tom Deters

Lay Director, Quincy Cursillo

4th Day Renewal

When: December 5-6, 2008 from 7 pm Friday to 7 pm Saturday

Where: Retreat Center-Quincy

Cost: \$45 (includes \$10 deposit to be remitted with application)

Directors: Lisa and Matt Lorton

4th Day Renewal is a 24-hour experience of personal growth designed for those who have previously made a Cursillo weekend and are wanting to renew and develop their spirituality. This relaxed, co-ed environment is ideal for couples that would like to experience a little bit of Cursillo as a couple.

For an application refer to: www.quincycursillo.com or complete the application on the back page of this newsletter.

Mail the completed application and \$10 deposit to:

Dennis & Pat Holbrook, Reservation Coordinators

4025 Holiday, Quincy, IL

If you would like more information about 4th Day Renewal, call either Dennis or Pat Holbrook at 217-224-3898 or Vernon & Katie Korte at 573-324-3611.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please be reminded that Cursillo lists are not to be used for purposes of sales or solicitation.
- Cursillo Singles meet Saturday 5:30 at Sprout's on Cursillo Weekends
- Cursillo/TEC Cruise January 2009-Call Mike & Giny Baker (217-223-2324) or John & Margaret Little (217-243-4938)

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

December 5-6, 2008

Matt and Lisa Lorton

ULTREYAS

Friday, November 14, 2008

Libery, Fowler, Mendon Ultreya

St. Brigid Parish Hall, Liberty, IL

Starts at 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall

Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.

Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Lincoln County Ultreya

St. Alphonsus Parish - Millwood

Silex, MO

Ultreya follows 6 p.m. Mass

Friday, November 21, 2008

Montgomery County Area Ultreya

Resurrection Church, Wellsville, MO

Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by Ultreya

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #259

January 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Church, Mt. Pleasant, IA

Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

Women's Cursillo #260

February 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church, Hannibal, MO

Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

CURSILLO DATES

Jan. 22-25, 2009 - John Danner, Rector

Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2009-Lisa Leake, Rectora

Mar. 26-29, 2009 - Jonathan McClelland, Rector

April 23-26, 2009 - Janet Summy, Rectora

June 25-28, 2009 - Pat Beckman, Rector

July 23-26, 2009 - Amy Koch, Rectora

Weekend Retreat with Paul and Bill

Fr. Bill Burton, Scripture Scholar, will present a weekend studying the writings of St. Paul the Apostle

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 1, 2009

OUR LADY OF ANGELS SPIRITUALITY CENTER, QUINCY

The figure of St. Paul towers, not only over the New Testament, but over the first two centuries of church history. This year, dedicated by the Holy Father to St. Paul, provides the perfect opportunity for Catholics to take a serious look at this amazing follower of Christ and the letters he has left behind.

Our early sessions will focus on Paul, the Pharisee. To understand Paul's writings we must look at his own religious convictions and how he emerges from Pharisaic Judaism and how he reacts to his former religious mind-set. But Paul was also thoroughly Hellenistic. This cultural context also has an important influence on Paul and will be considered as we try to understand him within both his cultural and religious context.

Next we will look at the significance of the Hellenistic letter as the twenty-seven works are letters! Twenty-one of the New Testament's Paul towers over all others for his influence and power. We will look at the form of the Hellenistic letter and how Paul so effectively presses this form into service for the pastoral formation of his early Christian communities.

Finally, we'll look at the seven Pauline letters. From these we will try to glean an insight into the theology of Paul so we can better appreciate his genius and measure the tremendous influence this man has had on Christianity.

Details of the Retreat (cost, times, registration) will be in the January Fourth Day Newsletter and also posted on the Quincy Cursillo website.

Team Applications

Have you been wondering why you haven't gotten a call to be on a Cursillo team? Have you had a change in your telephone number since the last time you were on a team? Dennis and Connie Hoyt are our Team Application Coordinators. Contact them at 217-224-2322 or choyt@comcast.net to find out if your application is on file or to provide them with your new contact information.

Spiritual Direction

At least three times during the Cursillo weekend, there is reference made to finding a spiritual director who will journey with us in the spiritual life. A director is one who listens to how God is leading us, offers suggestions, prays with and for us.

Everyone is called to holiness. The sessions help us to bring God into focus in our daily living as we strive to live out that call. Spiritual direction is NOT counseling. It is focusing on our life in God and God's life in us and allowing another person to support us on the journey.

A spiritual director is one who has been trained to listen in this special way. Generally, sessions are once a month for about an hour. There are several directors in the Quincy area.

Contact Sister Jane Wand (217-224-0841) for information.

Chase Hilgenbrinck, Soccer Star to Seminarian

A relative of local Cursillistas made news recently when he retired from professional soccer to enter the seminary. ESPN picked up the story and is available online at: <http://sports.espn.go.com/espn/page2/story?page=darcy/081023>

CURSILLO #258



Front row, left to right: Katie Korte, Judy Harmon, Judy Williams, Ann Knuffman, Fr. John Stack, Connie Liechty, Christine Duvall, Mary Peterson. **Second row:** Nan Grawe, Pam Kelch, Dorothy Welcher, Jana Casper, Cheryl Wagner, Lisa Leake, Theresa Demeter, Kay Penrose, Sr. Clara Malanowski, Sharon Yocum, Susan Bays, Linda Reeves. **Third row:** Rachal Clark, Melody Clark, Jane Akin, Cece Weir, Sr. Ann Marie Dunn, Dolores Stack, Jan Frageman, Chris McIntire, Heidi Morrison, Ruth Louth, Jan Walter, Pat Mayer. **Fourth row:** Renee Skillet, Kathi Mettenburg, Brenda Wand, Anna Keithley, Rosie Martin, Minette Sternke, Rosalee Alaniz, Michelle May, Judy Miller, Shirley Theilen, Nelva Owens, Peggy Northcutt. **Fifth row:** Melissa Fischer, Carol Bain, Joanna Shipe, Mary Courty, Lynn Fedler, Nancy Vens, Christine Lansaw, Kathy Lohman, Nancy Harper, Brenda Bland.

Understanding Ultrayas

The Ultraya is important for creating a larger environment for the benefit of the Christian Community. Here the Group Reunions can come together to share their commitment and growth and encourage each other in the evangelization of Jesus' love in their world. This can also foster the opportunity for the new cursillista to find a Group Reunion to join by meeting and making new friends.

An Ultraya should be simple, not too long, 1 ½ hrs- 2hrs, but with substance. It should include prayer, a short witness, sharing that witness in small groups, brief comments by a representative from each group, time for socializing with light snacks and drinks, whenever convenient in the program, and ending with prayer.

As quoted from Our Fourth Day - "A witness is delivered as a living experience of what the cursillista is or believes. When a person speaks of what he or she is living, it is almost always motivating." It can be as simple as using the questions, "What does Cursillo mean to me? And what am I doing about it?" as a format for a witness.

Other things that can be incorporated into the Ultraya would be name tags/ and or introductions depending on the size of the group, and music with musicians or a song leader. Ultraya's have been held after a Mass or prayer or communion service but that is not required due to time constraints or finding a priest. They can be held anywhere there is room to accommodate the numbers expected. This is also a good place to provide any Cursillo information such as team members and candidates on the upcoming Cursillo.

As the Group Reunion aids the individual in their faith, so the Ultraya encourages the growth of Piety, Study, and Action and fosters unity with our brother and sister Christians to be Church in the World.

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

My computer faces the front window of our house. For privacy I can close the drapes, so no one can see in, but then I can't see out. I can't appreciate the brilliance of the neighbor's burning bushes or the sun casting shadows across the lawn, or catch a glimpse of the people, cars and critters that go by. I can also figuratively open the drapes or close them to a lot of experiences in my life that can change me, affect my outlook, encourage and help me grow.

This last month David and I had the opportunity to witness the beauty of God's handiwork in the varied landscape of the West Coast, the ocean at sunset, the rolling hills covered with grape vines, the giant redwoods that words can not encompass, the rugged Oregon coastline and the snow covered Mountains of Washington.

Almost as varied and as rewarding were the people we visited out west. My young Navy son, my 84 year old uncle, a niece reunited to our family, my academic brother, his friendly Mexican neighbor, a cousin & husband who we shared our faith journey with, and a niece and nephew who tickled us with their new found love for parenthood, each with a little boy to show off to us. They had told us, "If you are ever out this way, stop in." and we did. We opened that drapes to new and renewed relationships and the wonder of God's creation.

On coming home I rejoined my Bible Study group covering the Book of Mathew. Jeff Cavins the presenter on the tapes spoke of the Beatitudes. He explained how the first Beatitude, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." is the basis on which the others rest. We must first be humble and realize that we are nothing without God before we can progress to the other Beatitudes. In Hebrew, blessed means "happy." Our happiness rests in Jesus as we strive to become like Him and we look honestly at ourselves, opening up to change and growth.

I ran across a quote from Norman Vincent Peale the other day that reads, "Throw your heart over the fence and the rest will follow." Jesus took the Law of the Jewish people and pointed to the "heart" of it. Instead of "do not", he stressed "do - love, forgive, go the extra mile." The lady on my walking CD encourages my progress as I put on the speed by telling me, "Give me some heart." And that's what Jesus wants from me - He wants me to open that drape of insecurity, fear, shame, ignorance or whatever it is that keeps me from Him and to "give Him my heart," my heart. With that the "rest will follow" and the journey will be unbelievable!

Much love,
Terri May

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**Fourth Day Renewal Weekend
Request for Reservation**

Application Date _____ Date of Fourth Day Renewal _____

Name _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day: _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Separated _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____ No. of Children _____

Church: _____ Denomination: _____

Are you on a special diet? _____ If so, what? _____

Please check: Deaf _____ Hearing Impaired _____

Do you have a health problem or physical disability that might affect your attendance at the Fourth Day Renewal weekend? _____ If so, please specify: _____

Cursillo number made: _____ Are you in a Group Reunion? _____ Do you attend Ultreya's? _____

Are you willing to make a Fourth Day Renewal weekend on short notice due to a cancellation? _____

If yes, how much time would you need? _____

State briefly why you wish to make a Fourth Day Renewal weekend and what you expect to gain from it.