



Lay Director's Message

There are several items I would like to focus on that have been addressed many times before and are beneficial to all the family. The first is information. There are several areas where information such as phone, address, and email address are stored. It is a difficult task to keep these updated. It is important that all Cursillistas keep their information updated. When a rector or rectora goes to select team, the task can be a bit overwhelming at times and when the contact information is not correct, it puts an even greater burden on them to seek out this individual. If this person cannot be contacted, then they lose the opportunity to be on a weekend. We have very little information on those making weekends #100 and before. Many of these people have wondered in the past why they have not been called back to be on team. If the information is not there, how can they be called? A team application has to be in the file for this to happen. Applications are available at the Cursillo Center; however the easiest is to go online at www.quincycursillo.com. It is your responsibility to provide this information. (*Application Coordinator contact information is located elsewhere in this newsletter.*) Our need as a family would be one central storage area for information where this information could be accessed by categories in many different ways and that this information could only be accessed by a password so as to protect everyone from wrong usage. If there is someone in the family capable of setting up such a program please contact me. It is important that we be able to contact all if only to say DeColores.

The second, which again pertains to information, is that when you are called to be on team please be diligent in updating your team application stating what positions you have done and talks you have given. The intent from all the boards in the past is that an individual can be a rector/rectora once, an assistant twice, a rollista twice, and an auxiliary twice. The exception is an auxiliary - this has been either once or twice depending on the number of team applications available at the time. When there are a large number of applications eligible to serve as rollista available and there is a small number of auxiliary applications, then these can be used to the advantage of being a one time or two time auxiliary. It has never been the intent that an individual could serve three times in any position. Everyone should have equal opportunities to serve on teams and taking an extra time of service is a matter of denying someone else. When you are called to be on team, and you say yes, you are also saying that you agree to move up to eventually be rector/rectora. Unfortunately, there are some long waiting lists for assistants and rector/rectora but when the time is there, you will be called if the information is there.

The third item is, when the last song is finished at Saturday candle mass, it is time to be quiet!!! It is not a social time then, it is a time to disengage "me" and let the Spirit move in a quiet way. It is a time for the candidates!!! I know there are a lot of people we want to talk to and not enough time but this is not the time! If you want to socialize, you need to come sooner, like an hour sooner and maybe you could even help me to set up chairs while you talk. When you sing the "Jesus Song" it needs to be soft. The whole chapel doesn't need to hear you only the candidate that walks directly in front of you. I know you want to release the excitement that dwells inside but this is not the time. When you go out of the chapel remain silent, don't congregate in the lobby. Go into the letter writing room or down the handicap corridor or better yet go outside to talk. I wish we had a large gathering space adjacent to the chapel; however, presently we do not. It is good that we can all gather and share but our focus is on the candidates and their need in order that they have the best weekend possible.

A fourth item is that we need someone to step forward to be a leader in fund raising. If we want this facility to be a welcoming building environmentally and to be here for future generations, we need to provide sweat equity and funds to keep the facility going. The University has a commitment to keep the Spirituality Center vibrant by opening it to use to our renewal programs, the fire department, the Salvation Army, and so forth. This helps all financially and provides a building that is very functional for our needs.

Please help out in these areas of concern. I thank you all for the support you give to our Cursillo family and to all the generations of candidates. You truly are Jesus' hands, feet, eyes, and ears as you walk in your own environment trying to make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ. Have a great Thanksgiving and may Christmas find Jesus the reason to be celebrating.

De Colores!
John Runge
Lay Director - Quincy Cursillo

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

December 4-5, 2009 - CANCELED
Plan to attend the next Fourth Day Renewal
February 19-20, 2010
Applications are available on website:
www.quincycursillo.com

ULTREYAS

Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Saturday, November 14
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

Montgomery County Ultreya
Friday, November 20
Resurrection Church, Wellsville, MO
7 pm Mass followed by Ultreya

Collinsville Area Ultreya
Saturday, November 21
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Hannibal Area Ultreya
Friday, December 4
Holy Family Church basement
Carry-in dinner at 6:30; ultreya follows

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #267
January 24, 2010
Location and time TBD

MEN'S CURSILLO #267

January 28 (Thursday)
7:30 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour
January 30 (Saturday)
8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour
January 31 (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

CURSILLO DATES

January 28-31, 2010 - Stan Pollman, Rector
February 25-28, 2010 - Kathy Liesen, Rectora
March 25-28, 2010 - Dennis Holbrook, Rector
April 22-25, 2010 - Kathy Xamis, Rectora
June 24-27, 2010 - Jeff Steinkamp, Rector
July 22-25, 2010 - Rosemary Gilmore, Rectora

Our New Board Members



Decolores and Hello, I'm Matt Harmon. I feel honored to be able to take another step in Cursillo and with the Lord by serving on the Cursillo Board.

I made Cursillo #132 in Sept. of 1994. And I have have been on several great teams since then including the privilege of being Rector on #247 in June of 1997.

I have been married to Judy for 32 years. We have been blessed with 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

We both are employed at Pactiv in Jacksonville, Il. for 30 years, where I have been a Mechanic for 27 years. I have attended All Saints Church in White Hall, Il. all of my life. Where I have been involved in several activities, such as Eucharistic Minister, Parish Council, Finance Council, Usher, and RCIA. I have been involved in TEC and REC in the past years. I have been on the REC Board, and having directed some REC weekends.

Serving on the Cursillo Board is another "Yes" to Jesus by serving the Cursillo family.

A Warm Thank You From #265

Dear Cursillo Family,

On behalf of the team, I want to offer you my warmest gratitude for all of your Prayers and Palanca throughout the whole process of team meetings and the weekend itself. Because of all your Sacrifices and Prayers; we had a Spirit-filled weekend.

A special thanks to all the Ladies who worked in the kitchen and served the meals. Thank you to the musicians who played music in the balcony. I cannot express enough gratitude and thanks for everyone who prayed or helped with the weekend. Because of you and your prayers, we were able to reach out and serve candidates.

I would like to personally thank the team and the Spiritual Directors for their service to the Lord. Because of them the candidates would not have had the encounter with Christ that they had.

Due to your prayers, a team member Marty Fox had successful surgery and he needs no further treatment. "WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE!"

I was so humbled by the Lord calling me to serve him. And I just praise His Holy Name.

Your Brother in Christ,
Ron Taylor, Rector #265

Updating Your Team Application

Contact Dennis and Connie Hoyt, our Team Application Coordinators, and let them know your new contact information. Call them at 217-224-2322 or email them at choyt@comcast.net. If you no longer wish to be called for a team, also please contact them to ask that your application be removed.

CURSILLO #266



Front row, left to right: Amy Looten, Kendall Bowen, Karen Biggs, Sr. Concepta Joerger, Kathy Schwartz, Genny Gramke, Mary Zerrer, Mary Peterson. **Second row:** Carolyn White, Brianne Fritts, Carol Darnell, Nancy Altgilbers, Helen Dickens, Collette Brockman, Chrissie Dunn, Fr. Chuck Edwards, Delores Blacketer, Carolyn Haley, Katie Hembrough, Sharon Sitton, Kathy Liesen. **Third row:** Sheila Weber, Haroletta Patterson, Nellie Hellemeyer, Sharolyn Rice, Mary Ann Carril, Cecilia Siebert, Jane Wellman, Marcia Edwards, Peggy Henrick, Mandy Irvine, Tina Schmeling, Cathy Dean, Judy Munger, Vicki Lipton, Rita Frese. **Fourth row:** Stella Lawler, Shelley Hendrickson, A.J. Dolly Genenbacher, Cindy Sievers, Ebby Knebel, Misstia Shoop, Linda Manley, Diane Rash, Cathy Roberts, Mary Lou Meridith, Karren Esicar, Jennifer Sparrow, Jennifer Miller. **Fifth row:** Sue Ostermiller, Mary Koch, Carol Rolves, Peggy Klausner, Rosemary Tangy, Nancy Venegoni, Amy Kientzle, Jill Hooper, Kathy Lohman, Amy McClellan, Terri May, Susie Lee, Susan Maerz, Diane Kattelman.

Christian Community in Action: Bob and Susan's Story

What Cursillo meant to them and what they are doing about it

Dear Cursillistas:

My husband, Bob, and I did things kind of backwards. Near the end of 2001 one of Bob's friends had asked him to make a Cursillo. Since Bob's mom had just passed away that September, I encouraged him to go; thinking he needed a weekend retreat to heal from that loss. Neither of us had any knowledge about what a Cursillo was at that time and he decided to go in January 2002. When he came home late that Sunday night at the end of the weekend, I thought he had gone crazy and I wondered what in the world happened to him. He was talking crazy stuff like he didn't care if we lost our house because that was all part of God's plan for him, etc. I thought our life together was certainly going to be over sometime in the near future. But as I watched him every day, I saw nothing but joy in him. And every morning and every night when I had no idea where he was, I'd find him somewhere kneeling and praying from this little green book he told me I wasn't allowed to read because I hadn't been on a Cursillo.

So one day after several months when I was home alone, I noticed that little green book on the kitchen counter. I thought: hmmm... No one will ever know if I look in this book since he isn't here. I picked it up and read one short prayer and thought: hmm, that is a pretty good prayer. So eventually after seeing Bob so happy all the time and his depth of prayer at Mass, I told Bob I would like to go to Cursillo also. He'd asked me a time or two to go, but I wasn't interested and he didn't hound me about it. So after 9 months he took me from O'Fallon Illinois to Quincy one dark, cold Thursday night in October of 2002. As we approached the seminary I thought sure he was dropping me off somewhere in no-man's land and was never coming back to get me. Well, Bob did leave me there - the old me.

That weekend changed our lives forever. The moment I felt God wrap his arms around me and told me He forgave me is a moment I never want to forget. God forgave me for so much that weekend and I felt him hug me and tell me that He loved me over and over and over again. By Sunday night when I gave my witness I told the crowd I didn't know exactly what I was going to do about it yet; but I knew one thing - I was going to find a way to share God's unconditional love with everyone who needed it, wanted it and would accept it.

That was the beginning of my 7+ year journey thus far. After praying for months and months to God asking Him what He wanted me to do to share His love, and after He gave me bits and pieces slowly, one bit at a time; He finally told me that He wanted me to open a home for unwed mothers so they wouldn't have to have an abortion. After getting over that shock, I started researching, planning, more praying, etc.

In April 2004 Bob and I went on a pilgrimage to Italy with our pastor and a group of people from our church, we found the name to call our maternity shelter. It would be called Fontebella which means "beautiful source of life". On that trip we met a wonderful couple who we became very close friends with. In Fall 2008 they sold their business and decided to move back to her home town to live near family. On November 1, 2008 Bob and I received a phone call from these dear friends telling us that rather than dealing with selling their property in this down real estate market, they were going to donate their property to us to open Fontebella.

So for the last year we have been working very hard on making Fontebella an official 501c3 corporation and meeting with City Councils to get Fontebella open so we can share God's unconditional love to women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy and need a place to live or face having an abortion because their parents or father of the baby do not want anything to do with this baby.

We have suffered setbacks from 2 municipalities refusing to grant us the necessary zoning to open a "group home" to make this dream come true. So in order to reduce citizens' and government officials' anxieties of this unknown operation in the Metro East; we have decided to open a very small facility with only 2-3 pregnant women in order to stay within the guidelines of single family zoning. We have the building that was donated to us and are now working on collecting donations to furnish the home and cash to operate the facility and provide educational programs for the women which has been designed much after Our Lady's Inn in St. Louis.

We wish to let all of our fellow Cursillistas know that even though you haven't seen us in Quincy for quite a while, we have been very busy in O'Fallon Illinois putting into practice what so many of you taught us on our weekends there. We are working diligently towards sharing God's unconditional love and putting into practice living His Word in our daily lives.

Bob and I invite you to visit Fontebella's website regularly to keep up to date on our progress. From there you can e-mail us and stay in touch till we see you in Quincy again, hopefully very soon. Please visit us at www.fontebella.net, e-mail us from our website, call us at 618-406-4355 or mail us at P.O. Box 137 in O'Fallon, Illinois 62269. We are a 501c3 corporation so any donations are tax deductible as well.

Please keep Bob and I, Fontebella, its Board of Directors, and the women and babies we will be serving soon in your prayers. Thank you for all your support and all that you have taught us.

De Colores!
Bob and Susan Hoff

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November 19, 2009 at 7 p.m.
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Benefit for St. Clair Baby

Benefit to offset medical costs for 9 month-old Madilynn Rose St. Clair who has Tetralogy of Fallot (heart defect) and DiGeorge Syndrome (chromosomal deletion)

- Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009
- K of C Hall, Monroe City, MO
- 8 am Bake Sale
- 5 - 7 pm Pork Dinner; 7:30 pm Live Auction
- Raffle Drawing (advance tickets available)

For more information or to make a donation, call Juett Kendrick 217-223-4811; Jamie & Sabrina Mudd 573-735-1025 or Jeff & Mary Kendrick 573-735-4168

Remember the "Gift of Cursillo"

A "Gift of Cursillo" can provide an option for candidates that otherwise may not be able to attend Cursillo. A candidate or sponsor can request this "gift" of \$50 by writing on the application that they need financial assistance.

If you would like to contribute to the Gift of Cursillo fund, please send a check made payable to Quincy Cursillo to Marcia Steinkamp, 2250 College, Quincy, IL 62301.

Overnight Accommodations Available in Quincy

Please remember that there are homes in Quincy where travelers from afar can stay overnight during Cursillo weekends. For reservations, call Nancy Weede at 217-222-0922 or email: nancyweede@sbcglobal.net

Area Representatives and Their Role in the Cursillo Community

Each parish or town is eligible to have one representative and one assistant to serve as your Area Representative. The role of the Area Representative is to act as a liaison between your parish or area and the Board. They are encouraged to attend all Board meetings when possible. In their local communities, they should be in contact with their pastors and keep an active list of who has made Cursillo and who is in Group Reunions.

It is also the responsibility of the Area Representative to maintain contact with sponsors when they have candidates to help answer any questions and to handle post-Cursillo activities, ultreya's and assist in getting Cursillistas in Group Reunions. Your Area Representative also maintains a supply of both candidate and team applications and Cursillo brochures.

A list of Area Representatives is available on the Quincy Cursillo website - www.quincycursillo.com - in the Board Information section. Please contact your Representative and let them know your contact information so they can keep you updated on Cursillo activities. Many areas have their own newsletter with local information. Help them help you stay informed. They are your resource if you have questions.

If your parish or area is not represented, choose someone from your local Ultreya area and nominate them to the Board to fill this position.