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Cursillo #191 - November 8-11, 2001

Theme: Jesus, I Trust In You

Theme Song: Peace Is Flowing Like a River

Rector: Gary Whitaker

Dear Cursillo Family,

We are well into our meetings for Cursillo #191. The Lord has blessed me with some of the most spiritual men in our area. I called and they answered. They threw down their nets to follow Jesus. This is not my weekend, but it belongs to Jesus.

The theme for #191 is "Jesus I trust in you". We must all put our trust in Him or we are lost. Our song for #191 is "Peace is Flowing Like a River". We must all pray that peace and love will flow out of us. Our Bible verse is Hebrews 11:1 "Now Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see".

Team members of Cursillo #191: **Spiritual Director** - Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Sacraments 10 am Sat.). **Assistant Spiritual Directors** - Fr. Chuck Edwards, Liberty, IL, (Holy Spirit-Divine Aid 3:30 pm Fri.) Fr. Tom Hensler, Mt. Sterling, IL, (Grace 11:30 am Fri.), Deacon Bill Gray, Hamilton, IL, (Obstacles to Grace 4:15 pm Sat.), Sr. Jane Wand, Quincy, IL (Christian Life 10 am Sun)

Assistant Rectors - Robert K. Edwards, Quincy, IL (Laity 1:55 pm Fri.), Joe Vermeire, Quincy, IL (Piety 7 pm Fri.), Jerry Liechty, Mt. Pleasant, IL (Study 9 am Sat).

Rollistas - Steve Bunch, Quincy, IL (Leaders 7 pm Sat), Wayne Myers, Palmyra, MO (Action 3 pm Sat.), Ron Clark, Quincy, IL (Ideals 10:15 am Fri.), Jerry Zerrer, Troy, MO (CCIA 11:30 am Sat.), Rich Gabel, Quincy, IL (Environment 9 am Sun.).

Auxilliaris-Rayburn Cook, Jeremy Allen, Hannibal, MO; Ted Bush, Hamilton, IL; Dennis Hoyt, Quincy, IL; Douglas Baker, Myron W. Witt, Ronnie Church, Roger Foster, Palmyra, MO; David Kattleman, Quincy, IL.

Sacristan - Robert L. O'Donnell, Sr., Clinton, IL.

Musicians - Jonathon McClelland, Monroe City, MO, Guy Schell, Quincy, IL. **Service Team** - Curtis L Beebe, Quincy, IL; Art Shirer, Robert E. Otte, Canton, MO; Ronald Koch, Mt. Sterling, IL; Bob Donnelly, Mt. Pleasant, IA. **Food Service Team** - Joe Geisler, Mt. Sterling, IL; Roger Berry, Monroe City, MO.

Observer - Bob Rucker, Eolia, MO (Rector #193). **Woman Speaks Her Mind** - Shirley Whitaker, Revere, MO (3:05 pm Sun.). **Rector** - Gary Whitaker, Revere, MO (Group Reunion and Ultreya 12:25 pm Sun.).

Please remember to mark your calendars for Buddy Mass for #191 Sunday November 4 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church, Canton, MO.

CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR CURSILLO #191.

Jesus has no hands but our hands to do His work.

Carry-in to follow. Please plan to attend.

I would like to thank all of you for your payers and palanca. Without them, we could not have a weekend. I would like to thank Jesus for asking me to lead this weekend. He has humbled me and shown me that he is in charge. We all need to get out of his way and let him work through us.

Keep the prayers coming and may God Bless each one of you. I love you and Jesus loves you.

Gary and the Team of #191

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for **Cursillo #191** please call
Joe Geisler 217-773-3470
Roger Berry 573-735-2817

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #191
November 4, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Church, Canton, MO
Carry-in to follow

Women's Cursillo #192
December 2, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Francis Church
1721 College, Quincy, IL
Carry-in to follow

Thoughts from a Monday morning...

September 17th 2001

It was like going to a haven this morning as I went to morning Mass in Father Reynold's small living room in Rushville II. A few friends from our parish were gathered. I watched Father as he prayed over the bread and wine. I prayed with him, becoming tearful as my emotions surfaced. I knew I needed to relinquish my fear of the unknown, my concern over the events of the past week.

After Mass, we cleared the small table that's used as an altar, of it's spiritual articles, folded the snowy white clothe for the next time, then spread a cheery terry table covering for our breakfast. At these simple occasions Father has Danish or sometimes bakes bread for us. We share a small meal and talk.

Earlier before I went to Mass, I witnessed on TV the opening of the New York Stock Exchange, after being closed for one week after the terrible events of September 11th. I was deeply touched as the whole of the body stood in reverent silence for two minutes. Then the voice of an angel came from a woman, a Major in the Marines, singing God Bless America. When she finished, people cheered, then a fireman and a policeman jointly rang the opening bell. America was back in business.

Yet as I witnessed this, I realized that truly America never stopped doing "business". Courage shined through those volunteering in the rescue efforts at the sights of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Immediately help went out to those so stricken by the immediate fear of friends and family missing in the rubble. Our nation turned to God. In came the Red Cross. Those who could gave blood, money,

food and clothing along with comfort and compassion. Whether in the heart of Illinois or on the west coast, we stood together as a people, through prayer and acts of compassion. We laid down things that separated us and banded together as one nation under God. We began to speak out about the senseless persecution of brother and sister American's of the Muslim faith. We were open for business.

The United States is bent double but not broken. We are reeling but not down for the count. We are sad, angry, and numb from the utter senselessness of such acts of hatred and disregard of human life and dignity. However, we are not without hope, choices, nor vision.

I believe that already God has shown us the good he is bringing about through this atrocity. That is a bitter pill to swallow for those who are planning funerals and memorials, yet I must look closely at what I see in others and in myself. People all over the world have shown their sorrow, love and support. I have noticed that a more patient attitude is surfacing.

As for me, I want to be kinder and more considerate of people I come in contact with, more loving. The scriptures are speaking to my heart with a pointed shaft. This morning, before going to work, Jon read today's Gospel to me. It was clear how closely involved Jesus is in our everyday lives. I wondered how he is standing it, seeing such pain in his people. I thought it must be like being crucified again.

God be with us; in our national pain and our personal suffering, conflicts and sorrow. God be with us. Grace is being showered upon us. I believe that with all my heart. Receive it, friends. Look to the truth of Christ. Enkindle in us the fire of your love, dearest Savior.

Hugs and Kisses
Mary Jane Davis

Cursillo #190



Front row, left to right: Kathy Vanek, Virgie Keller, Judy Taylor, Faye Kuhlman, Claudia Davis, Sr. Carol Kopff, Father John Beveridge, Jeri DuFresne. **Second row:** Susan Hoffmeister, Christine Basteau, Pat Wigand, Doris Carlson, Tina Berry, Tracy Hays, Virginia Murphy, Marilyn Miles, Karen Meehan, Alice Mayes, Sarah Dunn, Edna Church. **Third row:** Sue Lockhart, Mary Dodd, Sharon Sitton, Betty Smith, Sharon Edmonson, Nanna O'Donnell, Melanie Stilson, Shari Beck, Sharon Meyer, Lucille Steele, Kathy Tenholder, Sr. Rosalie Supinski, Alice Schwartz. **Fourth row:** Lisa Cusumano, Joan Varadin, Jane Amburg, Wanda Hercules, Esther Cutright, Desiree Hamilton, Jodi Banta, Jane Peterson, Diana Stephens, Kasi Klein, Rosanne Reid, Tracey Peters, Therese Long. **Fifth row:** Marcia Steinkamp, Lisa Leake, Carol McNett, Melissa Moore, Pat Kendrick, Kathy Wellman, Chris Pranger, Christi Longnecker, Kathy Kroeger, Mary Rita Melvin, Sheila Smith, Katalin Farago, Jeanne Wigle, Evelyn Tooley, Marcheta Gingrich.

Dear Friends in Christ,

There once was a man who was excited about and interested in many things. He sought out the challenges and tore into them with great vigor and energy. Being at the bottom of the ladder made it take a lot of work to move up every step. He thought to himself that he could be A+ at his business, at his family and church organization. He got up early worked hard, spent his nights divided between organization calls and family. It was a tight rope to be walking.

A wise man had said many years ago that it could not happen. One man could not be all these things for each took much time to become excellent in. As the tight rope became tighter and the load became heavier the free time went to zero. It was only a matter of time when that big problem would arise and there would be no more hours left in his day.

You see problems are normal and to be expected in every part of life. To expect no problems is kinda silly. Then one day it came to him. He didn't have to be superman. God would still love him even in his imperfection. There will always be somebody better than us in any category, but God loves us no matter where we are. He accepts us as we are, and He thinks we are special. When never ceasing thoughts of failure to accomplish come upon us remember they are only the arrows of Satan. Throw such thoughts in the trash where they belong. God doesn't condemn but instead engages in constant rebuilding program. Gently He pushes us in the right direction. Sometimes knocking us off the horse. He starts construction up from where ever we left off. Building with faith, hope and community.

Like the man in the story above I have found that there are only 24 hours in a day and there are no more hours left. It is important to me to spend some of those hours with my family. I shall never forget the fun, rocky times, sadness, joy, laughter and love that came from being Lay Director for Quincy Cursillo. I don't know a better people anywhere. The Holy Spirit dwells in the hearts of so many beautiful people. When you came forward and said what can I do to help, it was like seeing sparkling diamonds in the night.

Thanks ever so much!!

You have an outstanding Cursillo Board which has the wisdom, knowledge and love to keep Cursillo going forward. If Cursillo is truly run by the Holy Spirit than it does not matter who the hands and feet are. What matters is that we ask God to show us the way and we will do our best.

Love you all!!
Steve Jansen

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CURSILLO DATES

#191 November 8-11, 2001

Gary Whitaker

#192 December 6-9, 2001

Marcia Steinkamp

#193 January 10-13, 2002

Bob Rucker

#194 February 7-10, 2002

Mary Jane Davis

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www.quincycursillo.com

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

January 25-26, 2002

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

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #206 November 3-5, 2001
Heather McCallum

TEC #207 January 19-21, 2002
Matt & Bobbi Hynes

For information call:
Doug Many 217-224-8416

Applications available on TEC website:
www.greatrivertec.org

QUEST

#17 October 26-27, 2001
Joe and Connie Vermeire

For information call
Ed and Linda Holthaus 217-222-2198

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

November 9-11, 2001

For information call: 1-888-889-9963



DISCOVERING & CELEBRATING

October '01

If I were to ask my 4 year-old granddaughter, Madeline, who her neighbor is, she'd say it is Rachel, the nice lady who lives in the apartment next to her. Someone who visits with her and her mommy, gives her candy treats and sometimes paints her toenails for her. Madeline also knows the names of my neighbors, likes to go over for a short chat when she sees them outside and introduces her stuffed animals to them - a true sign she likes you.

The subject of neighbors came to me after reading a recent article in the paper by David Waters that gave tribute to Fred Rogers of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. My children grew up with Mr. Rogers, his cardigan sweater and tennis shoes, his neighborhood of make-believe populated with puppets and a red trolley car, and his gentle words, "You are special and so is your neighbor." For 30 years this "true minister" of God's love has delivered the message that "God in his great mercy accepts us exactly as we are." Without being preachy or self-righteous, he did this with his accepting behavior and example and with stories that children could grasp.

The world has gotten smaller and smaller as technology has progressed and the definition of "neighbor" has grown larger and larger in the process. Last week on an excursion to the park, Madeline, ran up to a little girl on the playground and asked, "Would you be my friend?" Without having to say another word the two of them immediately scampered off to play. Later Madeline exclaimed happily, "Everybody is my friend!"

It would be wonderful if it were that easy to be "friends" with everyone, to be as accepting as a little child, wouldn't the world be a fantastic place! But Jesus started with a few apostles to spread this message and we are all called to continue the task, just as Fred Rogers and other good Christians have, no matter the difficulty encountered. A good place to start is right here at home and with those we encounter in our day. Remember - "You *are* special and so is your neighbor."

Lots of Love, Terri May

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Schedule of Events Men's Cursillo #191

November 8 (Thursday)	7:00 p.m. Registration 8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour South Chapel
November 10 (Saturday)	8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour South Chapel
November 11 (Sunday)	5:00 p.m. SHARP! Closing South Chapel

NOVEMBER ULTREYAS

- November 3 Holy Rosary Church - Monroe City
Ultreya after the Saturday Service
Call 573-221-5404 Syl Riney for info
- November 17 Lincoln Co. at Sacred Heart, Troy, MO
Ultreya after 5:00 p.m. Saturday Service
Call Stan Pollman 636-462-5550 for info



PALANCA CHAPEL

To sign up, call or e-mail
Mike and Sue Holbrook
319 Glendale Drive, Quincy, IL 62301
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E-mail: holbrook@adams.net

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

John and Connie Kendrick
39549 Monroe Rd., Monroe City, MO 63456
573-735-2995

TEAM APPLICATIONS OR INFO

Jay and Nan Grawe
240 Holiday Drive, Quincy, IL 62301
217-224-3529

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