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Cursillo #201 – November 7-10

Theme: "Listen To Him"

Rector: John Bordenkircher

Dear Cursillo Family,

I first want to thank you for your Prayers and Palanca, and to ask for you to continue to pray for us and the men the Holy spirit will send to the Cursillo in November. God has provided a very special team to help do His work.

It's so humbling to serve as rector for these men of God. When we say "yes" and serve on a team there is so much to learn from the faith lives and love of God shown through those we serve with. We are coming together in faith and love and trying to listen to Jesus and the Holy Spirit as we prepare for Cursillo #201.

Our theme for the weekend is "Listen to Him" and the scripture verse is from the Gospel of Luke 9:35 "Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son, listen to Him." Our theme song is "Pescadores de Hombres" or "Fisher of Men."

This is God's team for Cursillo #201.

Our **Spiritual Director** is Fr. Barry Harmon, Newton IL (Christian Life, Sun 10 AM). The **Assistant Spiritual Directors** are Fr. Tom Meyer, Jacksonville, IL (Grace, Fri. 11 AM) ; Fr. Chris Comerford, Collinsville, IL (Holy Spirit-Divine Aid, Fri 3:30 PM) ; and Fr. Chuck Edwards, Springfield, IL (Sacraments, Sat 11 AM) and Deacon Bill Gray, Hamilton, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Sat 4:15 PM).

The **Assistant Rectors** are Bill Neuser, (Christian Community in Action, Sun 11:30 AM) and James R. Cramsey, (Laity, Fri 1:15 PM) Quincy, IL; and Dennis Cobb, Montgomery City, MO (Action, Sat 3:00 PM).

Rollistas are George Schultz III (Environment, Sun 9:00 AM), John Little, (Ideals, Fri 10:15 AM); and Larry Bork, (Leaders, Sat 7:00 PM) Jacksonville, IL; Don Tooley, Clayton, IL (Piety, Fri 7:00 PM); and Tim Carmody, Hardin, IL (Study, Sat 9:00 AM).

Auxillaries are David Schutz, White Hall, IL; Kevin Ostermiller and Jim Davis, Quincy, IL; Jim Cochran, Montgomery City, MO; Delbert Hayes, Hannibal, MO; Gary Mast, Fowler, IL; Trevor Huffman and Stuart Gilpin, Jacksonville, IL; and Greg Bergschneider, Concord, IL.

Musician is Bob Carney, Jacksonville, IL. **Sacristan** is Steve Jansen, Quincy, IL; **Food Service** is Jim Nevins, Jacksonville, IL and Richard Mitchell Sr. Quincy, IL; **Service Team** is John Peterson, Alexander, IL; Jon Davis, Fredrick, IL; Tom Meehan, Roodhouse, IL; and Mike Ludvigsen, Jacksonville, IL.

Board Representative is Mike Holbrook, Quincy, IL and **Observer** is Pat Tracy, Mount Sterling, IL. **Rector** is John Bordenkircher, Jacksonville, IL and Sandy Bordenkircher will present "A Woman Speaks Her Mind."

Our Buddy Mass will be Sunday, October 27th at 2:00 P.M. at the Church of Our Saviour, 500 East State St., Jacksonville, IL. A carry in meal will follow in the basement of Routt Catholic High School, across the street and past the playground area of the grade school. Please come and join us.

Please continue your prayers, palanca and support as we strive to do God's work. You have our sincere thanks for all you have given so far and will continue to do for Cursillo #201. God Bless All!

Your friend in Christ,
John Bordenkircher
and team of Cursillo #201

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for Cursillo #201 please call
Jim Nevins 217-243-4318 or
Richard Mitchell, Sr. 217-223-0724

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #201
October 27, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.
Our Savior Church
Jacksonville, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow

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 #201

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

Nov. 9th (Saturday)
8:00 p.m.
Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

Nov. 10th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

October 18
St. Thomas Church
Camp Point, IL
7:00 p.m.
Call 217-593-7132
Brent & Jenni Obert for info

November 2
Holy Rosary Church
Monroe City, MO
Ultreya after 5:30 p.m. Saturday Service

November 16
Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception Church
Old Monroe, MO
Ultreya after 5:00 Saturday Service
Call 636-462-5550 Stan Pollman for info

New Board Member Profile

Ann Knuffman



My life without Cursillo...I don't even want to think of it. My life with Cursillo....has been so blessed since my husband, Marv, and I made it in 1976. We've 31 years of marriage (almost) and 4 grown (well, almost) children to show for God's DECOLORES Providence. Cursillo #54 was my chance to serve as Rectora. How do you spell WA-HOO?

We live just a mile north of the Retreat Center and are members of St. Francis, where we're both Eucharistic Ministers. My job is teaching technology at All Saints to pre-school through eighth grade, and some adult learners. It's Awesome how we keep learning about God's life in us.

Being on the Cursillo Board is such a golden opportunity to perform an action-prayer: "Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace." Dear Family, please, call on me if I can be of assistance. Thank you!

Thank You From Cursillo #199

Dear Cursillo family,

As rector of #199, I cannot begin to tell all of you how much your prayers and palanca meant to those of us on this weekend. For me personally, it was an amazing experience to watch God work in my life, in the lives of each team member and in each of the 25 new Cursillistas. What a blessing it was to have so many men share themselves and their gifts.

Our theme song was "Be Love, Be Loved." One of the men on the weekend said it so well: I learned to let myself be loved. That is truly what this Cursillo was all about, because unless we let God and others love us, we have nothing to give. You can't give what you don't have. Thanks for loving us so well.

Love in Christ
Bill Kerns

Cursillo #200



Front row, left to right: Shauna McCormick, Kathy Liesen, Judy Cobb, Connie Liechty, Marlene Donnolly, Fr. Nick Adam, Anita Witt, Becky Keeley, Deacon Joe Demeter. **Second row:** Sue Rapheld, Marilyn Brau, Jan Jacobs, Mary Ann Messer, Pat Reed, Bertha Wiseman, Imogene Rose, Sr. Marlene McDonnell, SFCC, Evelyn Leake, Sally Bull, Theresa Williams, Theresa Demeter, Jan Faler, Patti Runge. **Third row:** Candess Karr, Jolinn Huebotter, Marie Bolseen, Cathy Flanagan, Sharon Vieira, Ruth Louth, Geri Angell, Janis Nichols, Sandy Moeller, Kristen Goings, Ruth Tossiek, Mary Koch, Sue Holbrook. **Fourth row:** Nancy Harper, Holly Burden, Susan Hoff, Gaila Donaldson, Elaine Miller, Kristine Bickhaus, Kelly Arntzen, Rosalee Alaniz, Sara Beth Maher, Tracy Beasley, Susan Ross, Jan Walter. **Fifth row:** Gwen Lupkes, Jeanne Aschemann, Ginny Meiners, Mary Witte, Peggy Craig, Diane Piette, Susan Kallash-Bailey, Deb Lawrence, Carrie McKinney, Cindy Naber, Kristin Kahle, Judy Lochirco.

Celebration 200

Plan to join your Cursillo family for the celebration and reflection on where we've come in 200 Cursillo weekends.

When: Sunday, November 17, 2002

Where: St. Peter Church,
2600 Maine Street, Quincy, IL

Music: 2:00 p.m.

Mass: 3:00 p.m.

Carry-in meal to follow in the gym

Contact: Jeff & Cindy Steinkamp
for information

Phone: 217-224-6284

E-mail: jsteinka@ksni.net

- Fr. Tom Hensler will be the principal celebrant at Mass.
- All past Rector(a)'s are asked to bring their weekend banners.
- All past Rector(a)'s are asked to contact their Spiritual Directors and invite them to the Celebration. Those priests that wish to concelebrate with Fr. Tom should contact him and should also bring their vestments to the Mass.
- Please bring food to the meal according to your last name:
A-I: Salad
J-Q: Meat/Casserole Dish
R-Z: Dessert

Message From Your Lay Director

Dear Cursillo Family:

Happy 4th Day everyone!! I know that only a small percentage of those who are reading this letter have actually just completed their first weekend as a candidate, BUT.... that shouldn't keep the rest of us from wishing our fellow Cursillistas a HAPPY 4TH DAY! We can never allow all those nice little extras that we found out about after our first weekend to turn into happy memories. I've always believed that if you want to keep something alive - you have to keep it close to your heart so it can become a part of your everyday life. One of the very best parts of my everyday life is remembering who my very best friend is - His name is Jesus. Every day will be a good day when Jesus is a part of it!

Another little plea for candidates. We are low on numbers at this writing, so let's all do our part and get some folks signed up for the upcoming weekends. Have you ever considered what a wonderful gift a Cursillo weekend could make for someone you care about?

Hope everyone is planning to attend the Celebration 200 scheduled for November 17th at St. Peter's Church. Jeff and Cindy Steinkamp, and their committees, are working so hard and are covering every detail we haven't even thought about. It's bound to be awesome, so mark your calendar!! Those of you who have been past rectors/rectoras, don't forget to bring your banner to display for the event.

I would like to ask for your prayers for the Board. They continue to do such a fine job for all of you and spend many, many hours of their time dedicated to Cursillo. Countless responsibilities, that most of us don't even realize are being done, are necessary for a Cursillo weekend to run smoothly! It's the members of the Cursillo Board who do many of them without even being asked. The Lord is so good.

A huge "thanks" is also extended to our whole Cursillo family. You make my job so much easier! Thanks to all of you for your assistance in not only preparing the retreat center for a weekend, but for cleaning up as well. When we all work together as a team, it doesn't take nearly the time it otherwise would!! For those of you who help to clean up the chapel, I ask that the songbooks stay in the pews stacked up on the inside aisle corners. If there are left over song sheets, please gather them altogether and they can then be disposed of, unless the rector/rectora wishes to save them.

For those of you who have been on a weekend and have accidentally forgotten something, Nan and I usually take anything of value home with us in hopes that you will call (217-224-3529). If it hasn't been claimed within a reasonable amount of time, we take it back to the retreat center and keep it in a box marked "Lost and Found". Please let us know if there is something imparticular you are missing and we will do our best to get it back to you.

Wishing you all the Lords blessings!! You are all so very special to me and I thank God every single day for the gift of YOU.

DeColores and Wahoo!

Jay Grawe

Thanks from the Edwards Family

Dear Cursillo Family,

Words cannot express how grateful we are to all of you for all of the prayers, cards, memorials, flowers and most of all the outpouring of love shown to us during the loss of our mother, Delores Edwards.

Making a Cursillo weekend was not in God's plan for mom but mom experienced Cursillo. During her visits to the Quincy area, so many of you touched her heart with your warmth, love, and affection. What an awesome family you are!

We expecially would like to thank the musicians who so blessed us with their talents at mom's funeral mass. What a beautiful job you did. We were so blessed!

May God bless each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

Karen Kelly, Tom & Denice, Fr. Chuck, Mike, Rob, and Jim Edwards

CURSILLO DATES

#2001 November 7-10, 2002

John Bordenkircher

#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

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 #213 November 2-4, 2002

TEC #214 January 18-20, 2003

TEC #215 March 1-3, 2003

For information call
Doug Many 217-224-8416

Applications are available at:
www.greatrivertec.org

QUEST

#21 October 25-26, 2002

#22 February 21-22, 2002

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For information call: 1-888-889-9963

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

A year and a half ago my husband gave me a book on painting flowers on rocks. Well, as usual, it took me awhile to get all the materials together and started but it has been another adventure for me. Somewhere in all of this I began to sing that song with the words, "Love, it is a flower and you're its only seed." Now where do you think that came from?!

I love the way God jiggles thoughts around in my mind, offers a bit here and there in the puzzle until I start to see the picture. I ran across an article a few months back in the newspaper by Jacquelyn Mitchard that was titled "A simple key to a better life: Don't be a jerk." It was not a spiritual piece by any means, but it made some good points on how life is improved if you are a considerate, caring person. It also brought up the thought for me that you can be a nice person without being a Christian but you cannot truly be a good Christian without being a nice person. All of Jesus' teachings point to that premise. This doesn't mean that Christians don't ever do unkind things or make mistakes in their lives, but only that they should always be attempting to become "nice people" more often than not - in other words, more like Jesus - the epitome of goodness.

A little devotional, Living Faith, presented another interesting perspective on being a good person in their June 24, 2002 entry. Amy Welborn said, "When we consider holiness, sometimes we think in far too small a box. Certainly, there are qualities we find in all the people we call saints, whether those people are formally canonized or known only to us. These are people who live the virtues, who share Christ's love unreservedly. Where we get trapped is in our mistaken impression that there is just a single model of holiness, that it is all about being meek, mild and simple." She shares that each of us are unique in our holiness and in the person that God has called us to be.

I am constantly being inspired by God's good people. There is the oral hygienist I met who traveled with her church to India on a mission trip, the young people who volunteer their time at the nursing home near me, the friends I know who teach religious education to the youth at our church, the people I see being loving caregivers to family members, faithful friends to those in need of support and comfort, and joyful Christians who brighten my day with their inner light.

There are so many ways to plant the seeds of His love in this life, for us to be nurturers of peace and joy, gardeners of goodness, sharing our "unique holiness" with others, watching love bloom and "glow" with His light. We are his holy priesthood who on accepting his call are forever thirsting for Him in our lives and feeling the fire within cannot help but pass that flame to others. Somewhere inside I knew all this, but a paint book, a growing pile of rocks and some "music" from the Heavenly Maestro helped paint the bigger picture for me to appreciate ... always an adventure with Him.

Lots of Love,
Terri May



Early Morning Meanderings

Mary Jane Davis
October 2nd, 2002

Today is our grand-daughter Cinda's birthday, a big 12. Last weekend Jon and I were at our daughter Janey and son-in-law BJ Menne's home to celebrate. Jon had gone home Sunday afternoon via Quincy and a Cursillo team meeting for November's men's weekend. I stayed an extra day at Janey's house.

I slept with Cinda. I like that. Those minutes before sleep comes, we talk and snuggle. She rubbed my cheek like she did as a tiny little girl child. Now she is a woman child. I like her room. It is messy! There are shiny stars on the ceiling of her room that glow in the dark. Their house is way up on a hill and that night, the window was wide open and cool air blew in. The night was bright with the half moon and glowing stars. A big, distant tree looked so lovely in the moon shine.

On Cinda's wall is a picture of Jesus, the one we have at Cursillo. I had someone on my mind that I was worrying over. I glanced over at the picture and the Lord spoke to my heart, "Just love him". That was all, that was my answer; *to love*.

I thought, how simple! Leave it to Jesus to give me the simplest of answers to my turning to him, offering a broken piece of my heart in my outstretched hand. **Just love**. That's all. Love. *And*, leave it in his hands. He is the one who can "fix" things. I can't.

Well, there it is...

For today, *just love*! It is our mission statement, as simple as that.

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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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