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## Cursillo #241: November 2-5, 2006

Theme: "Prepared by Grace"

Rector: Jim Cramsey

DeColores,

Words cannot express how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve as Rector of Cursillo #241. Having just finished observing #239 I have a very humble heart, after again watching the Power of the Holy Spirit at work.

The theme of our weekend is "Prepared by Grace" and the scripture verse is Eph 2:4-10. Verse 10 reads "God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which He has already prepared for us to do." There is no doubt in my mind that God has "prepared" the team of #241 for the weekend ahead. He has given to me a great group of men and two women to serve as team for the candidates of #241.

The Team He has "prepared" is as follows: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. Dan Bergbower, Quincy, IL (Sacraments - Sat. 10:00 a.m.).

**Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. John Beveridge, Collinsville, IL (Grace - Fri. 11:15 a.m.); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Springfield, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid - Fri. 3:30 p.m.); Fr. Roy Bauer, Quincy (Obstacles to Grace - Sat. 3:00 p.m.); Sr. Jane Wand, Quincy (Christian Life - Sun. 10:00 a.m.).

**Assistant Rectors:** Tim Gilbert, Hannibal, MO (Piety - Fri. 7:00 p.m.); Don Beeley, Jacksonville, IL (Study - Sat. 9:00 a.m.); Tony Herdich, Dallas City, IL (Action - Sat. 4:15 p.m.).

**Rollistas:** David Hanke, Camp Point, IL (Ideals - Fri. 10:00 a.m.); Dan Brink, (Layman - Fri. 1:30 p.m.); David Lockhart, (Leaders - Sat. 7:00 p.m.); Harry Cramer, (Environment - Sun. 9:00 a.m.); Eric Schultz, (CCIA - Sun. 11:30 a.m.) all of Quincy.

**Auxiliaries:** Kevin Philips, Jeff Mayfield, Tom Ernst, Tod Cunningham, Troy Peters, Larry Frese, and John Venegoni of Quincy, IL; Joe Ritterbusch, Camp Point, IL; Richard Cramsey, Liberty, IL.

**Sacristan:** Bill Casper, La Grange, MO. **Musicians:** Lawson Faler and Steve Buckman, Quincy, IL. **Service Team:** Joe Vermeire, Gerry Rolves, and Tim Oitker of Quincy and David Dodd, Liberty, IL.

**Food Service:** Bill Couch, Stoutsville, MO (573-672-3328) and John Bordenkircher, Jacksonville, IL (217-245-0501). (Call to serve meals)

**Board Representative:** John Peterson, Jacksonville, IL. **Observing Rector #243:** Dennis Cobb, Montgomery City, MO. **Rector:** Jim Cramsey (Group Reunion & Ultreya - Sun. 12:45 p.m.). Kathy Cramsey (A Woman Speaks Her Mind - Sun. 3:00 p.m.), Quincy, IL.

Our team meetings are being held at St. Peter Church on Friday evenings in Quincy and we have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit at our meetings. We ask that you keep us in prayer as we continue to be "prepared" during this time before the weekend. This includes travel time for those who are driving to and from meetings, that they will remain safe and in God's care. Please pray for those who will be candidates and reach out to those in your community that may be ready for God's call. Palanca is what fuels these weekends and I am confident that the Cursillo Community will again be there for the team and candidates of Cursillo #241.

We invite you to join us for our Buddy Mass that will be celebrated at St. Peter Church, 26<sup>th</sup> & Maine, during the 5:30 Mass on Saturday October 28, 2006. This is a regularly scheduled weekend Mass in our Parish with the anointing service following the Mass. We will then go downstairs to the cafeteria for our carry-in dinner. Bring your covered dish downstairs before Mass and join us for the celebration.

Thank you in advance for all you do, and will do, to help bring Christ to the candidates through your prayer and Palanca.

A servant for Christ,  
Jim Cramsey  
Rector #241

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BUDDY MASS

#### Men's Cursillo #241

Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.  
St. Peters Church  
2600 Maine St., Quincy, IL  
Anointing service and carry-in  
dinner to follow Parish Mass

#### Women's Cursillo #242

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006 at 12 noon  
Sacred Heart Church  
Troy, MO  
Carry-in dinner to follow

### MEN'S CURSILLO #241

#### November 2nd (Thursday)

7:30 p.m. Registration  
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

#### November 4th (Saturday)

8:00 p.m. Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

#### November 5th (Sunday)

5:00 p.m. Closing and Liturgy

## ULTREYAS

#### Saturday, October 21st

Collinsville Community Ultreya  
Follows 4:30 p.m. Mass  
Morris Hall, Sts. Peter & Paul  
Carry-in and program to follow

#### Saturday, November 11th

Lincoln/St. Charles County Ultreya  
Sacred Heart Church, Troy, MO  
Ultreya follows 5 p.m. Mass

## SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for  
Cursillo #241 please call:  
Bill Couch 573-672-3328 or  
John Bordenkircher 217-245-0501

## Meet Your New Board Reps

### Rick Davis



Rick Davis began his Cursillo experience with #94 in February 1988 and was Rector of #221. His wife Claudia was Rectora of #240 and their son became a Cursillista on #197.

Rick is a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, a participant in a Thursday night Bible Study program and member of the Parish Master Planning committee of the church of St. Peter in Quincy.

His 30-year real estate career includes owning and managing Davis & Associates Inc. Realtors (with his wife) plus as a pre-license real estate instructor at John Wood Community College.

## Thanks to the Work Day Crew

A work day was held on Saturday, Sept. 23 with about 45 people coming to the north wing of the Retreat Center to help with renovations.

A big thanks to Ed Holthaus and Dave Lunt for organizing the day. Mike Grant, Jeff Liesen, Rob Edwards and Greg Wittland were also very instrumental in providing food for the workers. A big thank you to all who helped. A great deal of progress was made to prepare the north wing for our move.

*"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope."*

Jeremiah 29: 11

## Cursillo #240



**Front row, left to right:** Sheryl Geisler, Cathleen Koch, Darlene Boland, Claudia Davis, John P. Beveridge, Rev. Rod Bakker. **Second row:** Mary Ann Swip, Mary Dodd, Pat Nevins, Judy Taylor, Evelyn Uppinghouse, Pat Finnell, Jean Butterfield, Bonnie Brod-Nytes, Tammy Foster, Lisa McDonald. **Third row:** Mary Myers, Alice Schwartz, Tracey Dodd, Sally Kroner, Jean Maschmidt, Kim Mehrle, Sheila Dove, Roxanne McCallum, Mandi Peters, Ann Marie Stahel, Joan Brown. **Fourth row:** Mary Beth Hawkins, Rosalie Mennemeier, Sally Hodgson, Debbie Rollins, Tammy Fisher, Cathy Tooley, Carla Bohnenstiehl, Rosie Brock, Heather McCallum, Becky Trigg. **Fifth row:** Sue Sculley, Carolyn White, Janet Janes, Terri May, Kathy Schwartz, Katie Douglas, Susie Boudreau, Mitzi Loftus, Paula Crookshanks, Susan Peters.

## From the Lay Director's Notebook

### Random Thoughts

I always feel inadequate in that there are so many things going on that it is difficult to let you know what is happening, so here a few items I feel you should know.

On Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> we had a "work day" to clean, fix and paint up the north side of the retreat center. Some 40 individuals turned out to help and as a result the halls on the two lower levels were completely repainted, which brightened up the area considerably. In addition, all the debris from removing two walls in the future conference room was removed with the help of local basketball players. Though they expended a lot of energy, the volunteers who showed up enjoyed a fantastic lunch prepared by one of the Quincy prayer groups as well as some great camaraderie.

Unfortunately one of the favorite activities, the Golf Outing and Mass, couldn't be worked out. But don't write it off just yet, we are hoping to reschedule it for spring rather than waiting for summer.

If you were on a team recently you know we have had problems acquiring the "Pilgrim's Guide" that we use, and have had to get by with a few prayers printed on small sheets. However for the most recent women's weekend we tried a new approach, we actually put together a small booklet entitled "A Wayfarer's Guide". This was a trial run and if it goes well we shall begin having them printed in quantity for use on future weekends. This new guide contains morning and night prayers, an examination of conscience, prayers before and after meditations, the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Prayers of the Rosary (including all the mysteries), etc, and even De Colores, songs before and after meals, the Arise Song and a few other songs that we use a lot. It even has a place for entering your table name and number and who your tablemates were. If you get a chance to see one let us know what you think of it.

We are hoping to have a weekend in the next 12 months that will have a full table of deaf candidates. To do so we need deaf candidates and interpreters. We are working with the Diocesan Representative for the Deaf and the deaf community on candidates and interpreters. If you know someone who is **fluent** in ASL please talk with them about helping us by being interpreters on such a weekend. The experts tell us that we need three interpreters per weekend and they must be Cursillistas.

The term of Lay-Director is for two years and therefore my term is up at the end of December. The Cursillo Board has developed what I feel is a very good procedure for selecting a Lay-Director that replaces the previous method of the incumbent trying to find someone to take his or her place. Using this procedure, the Board had multiple good candidates and at the executive session on Sept.21<sup>st</sup>, Tom Deters was selected to assume the position in January. I think the Board made a difficult (so many good candidates) but excellent choice, and that Tom will be an outstanding Lay Director.

One last item — palanca—our palanca charts look absolutely sick recently. Without this force behind the weekends very little happens. Take time at the next Buddy Mass or Sponsor's Hour to sign up! If palanca stops so will the weekends.

Thanks for all you do in His name.

Jim Nevins

### Thank You From Cursillo #240

Dear Cursillo Family,

Praise God for His message of perfect love and grace, which He provided and the team and candidates of #240 received in abundance. We have now prepared 17 more sisters in Christ to share Jesus and His message of salvation, in their environments. God's Grace and Love will be spread now in an even greater way.

To all who prayed for this Cursillo, served meals, sent letters, helped with the Buddy Mass and all of the many things done behind the scenes to make this Cursillo such a blessing for all of us - Thank You! The Cursillo community is so incredible - unlike any thing our word normally sees. Our Cursillo family is caring, loving, completely selfless and such awesome prayer warriors. I praise God and give thanks for each of you.

Blessings,

Claudia Davis, Rectora #240

## Cursillo Board Members 2006-2007

Fr. Tom Henseler, Spiritual Director  
Jim Nevins, Lay Director  
Dennis Steinkamp, Assistant Lay Director

Rick Davis	Renaë Jansen
Jane Deters	Vernon Korte
Mary Dodd	Terri May
Rob Edwards	John Peterson
Bill Gilmore	Marcia Steinkamp

Next Board Meeting  
October 19, 2006 at 7 p.m.

### CURSILLO DATES

November 2-5, 2006 - Jim Cramsey  
Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, 2006 - Darlene Boland  
January 4-7, 2007 - Dennis Cobb  
February 1-4, 2007 - Cindy Naber  
March 8-11, 2007 - Ed Holthaus  
April 26-29, 2007 - Jane Grant  
June 7-10, 2007 - Matt Harmon  
July 12-15, 2007 - Connie Vermeire

Applications are available at:  
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### GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #241 November 11-13, 2006  
Lay Directors, Tom and Karen Meehan

TEC #242 January 13-15, 2007

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Applications are available at:  
[www.greatrivertec.org](http://www.greatrivertec.org)

### QUEST

#37 October 20-21, 2006  
#38 February 16-17, 2007

For information call  
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### Thank You From Cursillo #239

Dear Cursillo Family,

What an awesome God. I am so blessed to have had the chance to be Rector of Cursillo #239. The theme for the weekend was "He Chose the Nails" and our theme song was "The Summons".

"God is so Good", He chose to die on the cross for our sins and asked us to follow Him in our theme song, and in our readings—1John 4:10-11, "this is love; not that we loved God, but that He sent His son as an offering for all of our sins.

The super team God chose to be on this weekend really came to "Serve Our Lord and Savior". What gentle men they are; God chose them and they are real followers of His. The candidates that He sent were alert and open to his love and His word. They chose to see God through the hands of men. I am sure that God only sends the best to do His work.

And to all of you wonderful people, for your letters, palanca and prayers for the success of the weekend, Thank You. Thank you for all the things you did to make this "Cursillo" such a success for all the team and candidates and "Thank You Lord".

A Servant for Jesus,  
Harold Hall, Cursillo #239

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### Homes Needed For Overnight Guests

Would you be willing to open your homes to other Cursillistas who are traveling from great distances during Cursillo weekends? If you live in Quincy and would be willing to provide overnight accommodations, please contact Nancy Weede at 217-222-0922 or email: [nweede@adams.net](mailto:nweede@adams.net).

#### CANDIDATE APPLICATIONS

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**Candidate and Team applications are  
available at: [www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com)**

#### OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS

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