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Cursillo #211 – November 6 - 9, 2003

Theme: "God Is Forever Loving You"

Rector: Joe Pacino

Dear Cursillo Family,

What an honor and privilege it is for me to be part of this tremendous evangelization movement known as Cursillo! God has deeply touched all of our lives with this unique and truly awe-inspiring display of love for one another. Our team has been preparing in love and is dedicated towards bringing these candidates to experience God's unconditional love for them. Our meetings have focused on our commitment to provide whatever **each** candidate needs to grow in love and awareness of just how treasured they are by God.

Our theme for the weekend is "**God is forever loving you.**" We are all too familiar with the conditional love of this world, but God's promise of unconditional love is present in both our theme song, "**You Are Mine**" and our scripture verses from Isaiah 43, 1-4 and Isaiah 49, 15-16 "But now says the Lord who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have called you by name: you are mine. Because you are precious in my eyes and glorius and because I love you. Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child in her womb? Even though she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name."

The rollos, witnesses, and shared prayer at the meetings have been heartfelt and very loving. This is a truly remarkable group of men committed to being that conduit between the candidates and God on Cursillo #211. I am humbled and blessed to be part of this weekend.

What a wonderful, gifted, and spirit-filled team I am proud to present to you. They are: **Spiritual Director:** Monsignor Don Schramm, St. Ann, MO (Sacraments, Sat. 10 a.m.), **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Deacon Andy Daus, St. Louis (Obstacles to a Life of Grace, Sat. 4:15 p.m.); Deacon Dave Pacino, Creve Coeur, MO (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Fri. 3:30 p.m.); Deacon Bill Sinak, St. Louis (Grace, Fri. 11:15 a.m.); and Deacon Tony Trautman, O'Fallon, MO (Christian Life, Sun. 10 a.m.).

Assistant Rectors: John Danner, St. Louis (Leaders, Sat. 7 p.m.); Scott Fisher, Gillespie (Piety, Fri. 7 p.m.); Jonathan McClelland, Monroe City (Christian Community in Action, Sun, 11:30 a.m.).

Rollistas: Larry Bork, Jacksonville (Study, Sat. 9 a.m.); Tim Carmody, Hardin

(Environment, Sun. 9 a.m.); Dennis Holbrook, Quincy (Action, Sat. 3 p.m.); Frank Teasley, Silex (Ideals, Fri. 10 a.m.); Mike Wigand, St. Louis (Laity, Fri. 1:30 p.m.); Linda Pacino, St. Louis (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sun. 3:05 p.m.).

Auxiliaries: Chuck Amberg, Jerseyville; Joe Cernich, Fenton; John Einspanier, Steve Williams, and Rich Tampow, St. Louis; Blaise McDonald, Quincy; Chuck McNett, Payson; Bill Middleton, Jacksonville; Thurman Munger, Hannibal.

Sacristan: Jim Nevins, Jacksonville; **Musician:** Bob Carney, Jacksonville; **Service Team:** Bill Casper, LaGrange; Les Kelch and George Tepen, Bowling Green; Art Shirey, Canton; Gene Rosche, St. Louis. **Food Service:** Bill Casagrande, Foley, MO; John Peterson, Alexander, IL.

Observing Rector (#213): Jerry Epperson, Clarksville, MO; **Board Rep.** Bill Gilmore, Roodhouse; **Rector:** Joe Pacino, St. Louis (Group Reunion & Ultreya, Sun. 12:25 p.m.).

Please remember the importance of filling up the palanca chart. Call Mike and Sue Holbrook at 217-223-6676 to sign up and let's fill the chapel throughout the weekend. All are invited to our Buddy Mass on Nov. 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis Church, Quincy, IL. Come meet the wonderful men that comprise Cursillo #211. There will be a carry in dinner after Mass. Also, for those who wish to serve meals on the weekend, please contact John Peterson at 217-478-2951 or Bill Casagrande at 636-662-2505 to sign up.

Thanks again for all of your prayers and palanca, and please keep it coming, not only for our team, but especially for the men God will send us as candidates. Our prayer is that they deepen their relationship with Him. With the Lord's providence, we will bring those candidates to experience His promise of everlasting love. We hope to see all of you at the Buddy Mass and throughout the weekend of #211. Our team is grateful for all your expressions of love. We encourage you to continue that outpouring throughout the weekend and please, remember: "God Is Forever Loving You."

Joe Pacino and the
Men of God's Team #211

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #211

November 2, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Francis Church
17th & College, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner to follow

Women's Cursillo #212

November 30th, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Church, Millwood, MO
(Hwy E. SW of Silex)
Carry in dinner to follow

MEN'S CURSILLO #211

November 6th (Thursday)
7:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 p.m. Sponsors Hour

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

November 9th (Sunday)
5:00 p.m. Closing

ULTREYAS

Saturday, October 25th

SS. Peter & Paul Church
Collinsville, IL
Ultreya following 4:30 p.m. Mass
in Morris Hall

Wednesday, November 5th 7:00 p.m.

Hannibal/Palmyra/Quincy Area
St. Stephen's Parish,
Indian Creek, MO
(South of Monroe City)

Saturday, November 15th

Pike & Lincoln County Ultreya
St. Alphonsus Church, Millwood, MO
Ultreya follows 6 p.m. Sat. Services
Call Stan Pollman 636-462-5550 for info

SERVE MEALS

To volunteer to serve meals for
Cursillo #211 please call
John Peterson 217-478-2951
or Bill Casagrande 636-662-2505

Hosts Needed for Overnight Accommodations

We are getting many requests for overnight accommodations in Quincy. There is a need for volunteers in the Quincy area to open their homes for out of town guests to stay on Cursillo weekends. Many Cursillistas drive for many hours so that they can take part in weekend activities at the Retreat Center. It's a long drive to return home each night and costs from a hotel stay may not be affordable.

If you have a spare bed and would like the opportunity to get to know Cursillistas that you may otherwise not meet, please contact Leanne Schell at 217-222-6690.

There are many ways to offer up palanca for a weekend. Opening your home is just one more opportunity for palanca.

TEC Needs YARN

The TEC Family is sending out a request for Yarn for their upcoming weekends. Please contact Jerry Eberhardt at 217-222-5333 if you would like to make a donation of yarn or if you would like to make a monetary donation.

Thank You From Cursillo 209

De Colores Cursillo Family

I Thank each and every one of you for everything that you did for team and candidates of Cursillo 209.

If it was not for your prayers and Palanca the Lord's work could not have been done. The Lord picked a great team, relentless prayer warriors and loving caring men to show the candidates of 209 GOD'S love, healing and miracles to their hearts.. The Lord brought us 33 new candidates that heard and felt the Lord's love.

The weekend was great, words cannot express the feelings and the excitement that comes with being Rector. I am so humbled to have been Rector of 209, what a great feeling it brings to me to know that GOD allowed you to be part of bringing Christ into someone's life, WOW!

Love and Prayers are with you all and on behalf of the team and candidates of Cursillo 209!!!!!! THANK YOU!!!!!!

May God Bless you and hold you in the Palm of his hands, Speak Lord for your servant IS Listening! Here I am Lord.

Rob Edwards
Rector Cursillo 209

CURSILLO #210



Front row, left to right: Donna Vogel, Tammy Wolfmeyer, Anita Witt, Fr. David Cox, Billie Huebotter, Darlene Boland, Barbara Peasel, Jan Faler, Marcia Steinkamp, Cindy Naber. **Second row:** Joan Bierly, Vida Greening, Mary Anne Wittenauer, Kathy Bridges, Carole Hermann, Celeste Gauthier, Sharon Cain, Pamela Williams, Angela Peters, Dorothy Gill, Ann Walker, Joan Albright, Wendy Steinkamp, Donna Campbell, Rosemary Gilmore. **Third row:** Patti Runge, Amy Hoerr, Jo Williams, Brenda Sprague, Bobbi Waters, Donna Andrews, Jolinn Huebotter, Sue Holbrook, Deb Druffel, Lori Warden, Donna Pratt, Teresa Robinson, Angel Peters, Debbie Petty. **Fourth row:** Henrietta Hughes, Nell Edinger, Kristie Haubrich, Linda Geist, Kathleen Stuart, Danielle Schroeder, Angie Mitchell, Emaly Lee, Linda Hoehne, Heather Friday, Joan Arth, Lori Bergman, Cindy Unmisig, Angela Auer. **Fifth row:** Kara Putman, Terri May, Kathy Grenaud, Jennifer Petrowsky, Alice Happekotte, Mickie Stull, Evelyn Uppinghouse, Mary Lavery, Linda Bush, Vallerie Droe, Katie Hembrough, Holly Gallagher, Peggy Bibb, Sandy Bordenkircher, Sherry Ritterbusch.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Cursillo Family -

Hope you are all enjoying this beautiful fall weather. It's another wonderful season God sends to us to appreciate and enjoy. Another time in our life to spread our love for Him to others. Let's not waste this opportunity.

Good things continue to happen at the Retreat Center. There are long overdue new light fixtures in the service team room; the new beds are scheduled to be installed SOON; the air-conditioning in the cafeteria is installed; shelves, towel racks and mirrors will be installed in the dorm rooms; and don't forget to notice the new signs in front of the Retreat Center. We have made so much progress over these past few months - our retreat "home" just keeps getting better and better for all of us. It's amazing what can happen when we all get together and work for a purpose that includes Jesus as the reason.

I have received some comments from Cursillistas who have asked that I remind members of our family that children/babies are not allowed at the candlelights and closings. I know it must be hard for those of you with small children to be away from them, but try to keep in mind that there are many times when small children crying can cause a tremendous disruption to others. I ask for your cooperation in this regard.

I have also received many complaints over our lack of reverence at Mass and in the Palanca Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed and we need to show more respect for Jesus in both chapels. The "kiss of peace" has gotten out of hand and the Palanca Chapel has become a social gathering place. Let's show our love for Jesus with the reverence He deserves.

Continue to send candidates. Sign up for an hour in the Palanca Chapel or to serve meals and prayer as if there is no tomorrow. Thanks for all that you do!!! Don't ever forget for a single minute how much you are loved and as you continue on your journey, let me encourage you by saying....."God never said that the journey would be easy, but he did say that the arrival would be worthwhile."

DeColores and WAHOO!
Jay Grawe

CURSILLO BENEFIT CONCERT

The Cursillo Family is starting a Scholarship Fund to assist candidates who cannot afford the fee to attend a Cursillo weekend. A Christian Music Concert is going to be held as the Kick-Off Event for the Cursillo Scholarship Fund.

Ralph Fairchild, singer/guitarist and Quincy Cursillista, will be presenting an evening of sharing the word of God through music. Ralph will share his witness about Cursillo and present the gospel through his music. He is asking for a free-will offering with 20% of the collection going towards the Cursillo Scholarship Fund.

When: Sunday, November 23rd
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: St. Francis Church, Quincy, IL

Your Whispering Thoughts

Give God your whispering thoughts. Through the centuries Christians have learned the value of brief sentence prayers, prayers that can be whispered anywhere, in any setting. Imagine, considering every moment as a potential time of communion with God. By the time your life is over, you will have spent six months at stoplights, eight months opening junk mail, a year and half looking for lost stuff, and a whopping five years standing in various lines. Why don't you give these moments to God? By giving God your whispering thoughts, the common becomes uncommon.

From Max Lucado's *Just like Jesus*

CURSILLO DATES

- #212 December 4-7, 2003
Barb Peasel
- #213 January 8-11, 2004
Jerry Epperson
- #214 February 5-8, 2004
Cathleen Koch
- #215 March 11-14, 2004
Vernon Korte
- #216 April 15-18, 2004
Jane Deters
- #217 June 3-6, 2004
Matt Entrup
- #218 July 8-11, 2004
Giny Baker

Applications are available at:
www.quincycursillo.com

GREAT RIVER TEC

TEC #220 November 1-3, 2003
Tom and Karen Meehan, Directors

TEC #221 January 17-19, 2004
Bonnie Nytes, Director

TEC #222 March 6-8, 2004
Jerry and Anita Eberhardt

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

Applications are available at:
www.greatrivertec.org

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#25 October 24-25, 2003
Jill Mason, Director

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ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

with Fr. Bill Burton

Dates: Oct. 22; Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 3, 17
Time: Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Quincy University's North Campus in the auditorium.

DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

I was getting ready to head outside this summer morning to rake up the branches the latest wind storm had dumped on our yard yesterday but stopped by the computer room to check my e-mail first. There I read messages from friends and family and prayer requests. It kind of put my day in perspective – showed me the blessing of people in my life and the need we have to support each other.

Glancing over at a shelf I saw my little pile of quotes and notes I gather like a squirrel gathers nuts for the winter. Here's one I really like from Sharon Ewell Foster from her book "Ain't No River." ".....but I don't think our purpose or our gifts are just suppose to be to make us happy or famous or rich or whatever. I think we are given them to serve other people. We're not supposed to find our blessing; we get blessed by finding out and doing what we're supposed to do to serve and bless other people."

Recently my son, Jason, was a Wheatie (a service team member) on T.E.C (Teens Encounter Christ). He said this T.E.C. was even better than his first T.E.C. when he was a candidate. He didn't say it but I believe he found what the character in Sharon Foster's book found, that giving and sharing your gifts and serving others is what Jesus calls us to do, that we are blessed when we bless others.

Another note is scribbled on the front of a song sheet. I wrote it down at the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago where my husband and some friends of ours went to Mass a few weeks ago. These are words to a song we sang there. "I received the Holy Spirit and my heart is full of joy. He has said, 'I am the Bread kneaded long to give your life. He who partakes of me will never fear to die.'" I am sure the music accompaniment made it even more beautiful but the words do say it all. His Spirit puts that joy in our hearts, gives us the courage to share ourselves with others. Jesus' gift of himself to us has given us life and we are asked to pass that blessing on to those in our day.

Now I am going to "cheerfully" rake the back yard and count the blessings the Lord has put in my life, as numerous as the sticks will be, and the many ways and opportunities I can choose to serve and bless others.

Raking in your joy with love,
Terri May

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Please send your address changes to Lisa McDonald. The 4th Day Newsletter is not forwarded so if you know you are going to be moving, please contact her at 217-223-1787, or e-mail: newsletter@quincycursillo.com.

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in Quincy on Cursillo weekends
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