



Cursillo #258: November 6 - 9, 2008

Rectora: Connie Liechty

Theme: "Open Your Heart to Jesus"

Dear Cursillo Friends

What honor and privilege it is to be the Rectora of team #258. Our Lord has chosen a beautiful group of women filled with the holy spirit and love for Jesus. Each of them brings their gifts and talents to this marvelous team, as we prepare to serve the Lord together. As I told my team in the beginning, there are no such things as strangers, only friends we have not meant yet. We are finding this so true. Many of us did not know each other at the first meeting, but we are quickly becoming friends.

With this said, each one of us is looking forward to sharing our love for Jesus with new friends we have not met yet, the candidates on the weekend of Nov. 6-9. We invite you to send us those special women in your life as a candidate. This Cursillo is also open to the deaf and we encourage them to attend.

The theme is "Open Your Heart To Jesus". The theme song " Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place". The Scripture, Psalms 139:17-18, 23-24. "How precious it is, Lord to realize that you are thinking of me constantly! I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn toward me Lord. And when I awaken in the morning you are still thinking of me. Search me, oh God and know my heart; test my thoughts, point out anything you find in me that makes you sad, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

It's a privilege to introduce the team of Cursillo #258. **Spiritual Director:** Fr. John Stack, Clinton, IA (Sacraments, Sat. 10:00 am). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Sr. Ann Marie Dunn, Mt. Pleasant (Grace, Fri. 11:15 am); Sr. Jane Boos, Springfield (Holy Spirit/ Divine Aid, Fri. 3:30 pm); Sue Bays, Quincy (Obstacles To Grace, Sat. 4:15 pm), Katie Korte, Bowling Green, MO (Christian Life Sun. 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectoras: Cheryl Wagner, Davenport, IA (Action, Sat. 3:00 pm); Judy Harmon, Roodhouse, IL (Leaders, Sat. 7:00 pm); Christine Duvall, Quincy, IL (Piety, Fri. 6:45 pm).

Rollistas: Nancy Harper, Jacksonville (CCIA, Sun. 11:30 am); Ruth Louth, Mt. Pleasant (Study, Sat. 9:00 am); Rose Alaniz, Mt. Pleasant (Laity, Fri. 1:30 pm); Nelva Owens, Bowling Green (Environment, Sat. 9:00 am); Michelle May, Jacksonville (Ideals, Fri. 10:00 am).

Auxiliaries: Lynn Fedler, Nancy Vens, and Sharon Yocum, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Peggy Northcraft, Hannibal; Heidi Morrison, Quincy; Brenda Bland, Palmyra; Melody Clark, Kathy Steinbrecher, and Mary Courty, Quincy.

Service Team: Dorothy Welcher and Theresa Demeter, Mt. Pleasant; Pam Kelch, Bowling Green; Jan Walter, Winfield, IA; and Ann Knuffman, Quincy. **Food Service:** Mary Peterson, Alexander, IL and Linda Reeves, Palmyra.

Interpreter: Christine Lansaw, Greenfield, IL. **Musician:** Judy Williams, Jacksonville. **Sacristan:** Jana Casper, LaGrange. **Observing Rectora:** Lisa Leake, Palmyra. **Board Rep:** Nan Grawe, Quincy. **Rectora:** Connie Liechty, Mt. Pleasant (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm).

On behalf of the team we thank you for your prayers, your palanca, your letters, for all you love and support. Each one of you is truly a part of this team. We also invite each of you to share candlelight with us on Saturday and closing on Sunday. Our weekend would be incomplete without you there.

Please remember the importance of filling the Palanca chart and spending time with the Jesus while lifting up the team and candidates. If you are a sponsor or prayer buddy, please consider spending one hour in the Palanca Chapel. This would be the greatest gift to give to that special person.

To the men we encourage you to serve meals. Just remember, if you have a spouse or candidate on the weekend we ask you to serve at another time.

May God bless each one of you as you go forth with the Lord's work.

To server meals, please call the Food Service Team: Mary Peterson at 217-478-2951 or Linda Reeves at 573-769-2627.

To sign up for the Palanca chart, please call Sue and Mike Hollbrook 217-223-6670.

We the team of #258 are looking forward to seeing you at our Buddy Mass on Nov. 2 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa at 2:00 pm. Mass will be held at St. Alphonsus Church, 607 S. Jackson. Carry in meal will follow. Please join us.

Once again Thank You for all that you do. God Bless!

Your sister in Christ,
Connie Liechty, Rectora #258

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #258
November 2, 2008 at 2:00 pm
St. Alphonsus Church, Mt. Pleasant, IA
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

Men's Cursillo #259
January 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Church, Mt. Pleasant, IA
Carry-in dinner to follow Mass

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #258

November 6th (Thursday)
7:30 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 and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Friday, November 14, 2008
Libery, Fowler, Mendon Ultreya
St. Brigid Parish Hall, Liberty, IL
Starts at 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 15, 2008
Collinsville Area Ultreya
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Saturday, November 15, 2008
Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

Saturday, November 15, 2008
Lincoln County Ultreya
Immaculate Conception Parish
Old Monroe, MO
Ultreya follows 5 p.m. Mass

CURSILLO DATES

Nov. 6-9, 2008 - Connie Liechty, Rectora
Jan. 22-25, 2009 - John Danner, Rector
Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2009-Lisa Leake, Rectora
Mar. 26-29, 2009 - Jonathan McClelland, Rector
April 23-26, 2009 - Janet Summy, Rectora
June 25-28, 2009 - Pat Beckman, Rector
July 23-26, 2009 - Amy Koch, Rectora

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

December 5-6, 2008
Matt and Lisa Lorton, Directors

Spiritual Direction

At least three times during the Cursillo weekend, there is reference made to finding a spiritual director who will journey with us in the spiritual life. A director is one who listens to how God is leading us, offers suggestions, prays with and for us.

Everyone is called to holiness. The sessions help us to bring God into focus in our daily living as we strive to live out that call. Spiritual direction is NOT counseling. It is focusing on our life in God and God's life in us and allowing another person to support us on the journey.

A spiritual director is one who has been trained to listen in this special way. Generally, sessions are once a month for about an hour. There are several directors in the Quincy area.

Contact Sister Jane Wand (217-224-0841) for information.

Quincy Cursillo Foundation Established

After many months of research, discussion and deliberation, your Cursillo Board is pleased to announce that we will be incorporating as a non-profit organization and establishing the Quincy Cursillo Foundation. This step will protect the future of the Quincy Cursillo movement and facilitate fund raising.

Details were presented at the September Cursillo Board meeting. If you would like more information about the Foundation, contact a Board member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note that the November Women's Cursillo will be especially available for the hearing impaired. Interpreters will be present on the weekend.
- Please be reminded that Cursillo lists are not to be used for purposes of sales or solicitation.
- Cursillo Singles meet Saturday 5:30 at Sprout's on Cursillo Weekends –pass the word!
- Cursillo/TEC Cruise January 2009–Call Mike & Giny Baker (217-223-2324) or John & Margaret Little (217-243-4938)
- Father Bill Burton's Study Weekend will be back in January 2009. Watch for more details.!

Thank You From Cursillo #257

Awesome and selfless are just two of the adjectives I could use in describing Cursillo 257. From the initial phone calls to cleaning up after the close, this team of individuals and everyone associated with them put the good of Cursillo 257 ahead of the good of the individual. Under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit the individuals became a team unified in spirit and purpose.

Thank you to the team, prayer buddies, food servers, palanca chapel prayer warriors, Friday night musicians, Saturday night entertainers, confessors and anyone else I have failed to mention. You know what you did to assist Cursillo 257.

And all of God's people shouted, "AMEN!"

Mike Sheehan, Rector #257

CURSILLO #257



Front row, left to right: Jim Nevins, Kipp Proefrock, Rob Edwards, John Danner, Fr. John Stack, Mike Sheehan, Matt Lorton, Gerald Smith. **Second row:** Paddy Keller, John Runge, Alan Shofner, John Peterson, Joe Koch, Tony Moore, Jim Newton, Don Beeley. **Third row:** Daniel Dodd, David Muniz, Mark Shade, Tim Pranger, Craig Kurk, Adam Martin, Mike Wand, Rod Davis, David Nord, Matt Mettenburg, Jeff Haley. **Fourth row:** Jim Kiesow, Brian Weir, Bro. Ed McKenzie, OFM., Clay Ringhausen, Raymond Sievers, Ron Portwood, Steve Carr, Robert J. Barfield, Richard Vojas, Jr. **Fifth row:** Scott Splaingard, Shannon Bain, Mark Standley, Ken Sparrow, Don Lohman, Rick Gengenbacher, Dick Beard, Dennis Buckley, Trevor Huffman, Bill Tyrrell.

Three Questions to Ponder

Consider with me the following questions that are prompted by words from Scripture...

If something bad happens to someone, how would you feel if it happened to you?

How can I better practice kindness and compassion? Of course, the best person to minister is the one who has previously walked down the same path. Since we don't all walk in each others shoes, the ability to "imagine" how someone else is feeling is a prerequisite for genuine empathy that I need to cultivate.

"Thus has the LORD of hosts said, 'Dispense true justice and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother'..." - Zechariah 7:9

If God let you make decisions for a day, what change would you make in the world?

I'm sure that we can all think of many... but here's one that comes to my mind. Although I did not grow up in a deprived family, Mom & Dad instilled in me an appreciation for doing without. They provided what I needed but made me earn what I wanted. "Love of things" seems to be dangerously creeping into our lives. Consider belonging to AAA club I want to work at giving my kids and grandkids the "triple A's" ... Attention, Appreciation and Affection.

"Jesus said, 'If you wish to be complete, go sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.'" - Matthew 19:21

What are some of the "awe-inspiring" moments in your life?

At our twin granddaughters' birth, Madison and Taylor caused us to pray earnestly for their lives. They were 8 weeks premature and, at 1 pound 2 ounces, Madison was especially worrisome. We will see the girls this weekend and each moment that we are with them, it is truly "awe-inspiring" to see how God has answered our prayers.

"Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place..." - Acts 2:43

We thank you Lord!
De Colores and God Bless,
Tom Deters
Lay Director, Quincy Cursillo

Team Applications

Have you been wondering why you haven't gotten a call to be on a Cursillo team? Have you had a change in your telephone number since the last time you were on a team? Dennis and Connie Hoyt are our Team Application Coordinators. Contact them at 217-224-2322 or choyt@comcast.net to find out if your application is on file or to provide them with your new contact information.

Hands "Morning Medication"

by Mary Jane Davis

Psalms 90:17 "Prosper the work of our hands for us!"

In the true sense of their mission, hands reflect the heart of God's love. Yesterday two little hands reached up to me for a hug from a child I'd been wooing since school started. She is shy and it's hard for her to meet my eyes but when she does, she can not help but smile. Yesterday, I knew we'd become friends.

Ecclesiastes says that there is nothing new under the sun. For all time, people have been "handy"; weaving, writing, playing instruments, holding babies, holding other hands, planting, weeding, harvesting, building, tearing down, helping others. I don't like to think about hands raised in anger or war but there too, nothing is new.

A friend shared with me a painful problem, asking for prayer. I can do that. I said that I'd offer up my work day, which I often do. It is a small sacrifice of Agape love, to offer up the work of your hands to God for another, a simple act each one of us can do.

I will leave you with this thought from Sister Joyce Rupp, "As we go about our activities today, may the quality with which we do them reflect the love resting in the heart of God."

Help us today Lord, to reflect your love through the work of our hands. And Lord, may we prosper?

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October 16, 2008 at 7 p.m.
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Meet the New Cursillo Board Members



My name is Mary Peterson and my first Cursillo was January 1991-Cursillo #111--"Joy in the Journey". I served as rectora for Cursillo #224 in February 2005.

My husband John and I are members of Our Saviour Catholic Church in Jacksonville, Illinois. We are the parents of 8 children and 10 grandchildren now and are await-

ing the birth of a granddaughter this November and another grandbaby in February 2009.

Thus my journey continues as I serve on "the board". Thank you for electing me and I would ask that you keep me and the rest of the board members in you prayers. May God guide us in HIS way.

Anyone needing to reach me can call my home phone at 217-478-2951.



My name is Mike Holbrook, I made Cursillo #36 in Quincy IL in 1978 and served as Rector of Cursillo #137 in September, 1995.

I live in Quincy IL where my wife Susie and daughter Brianna are members of St Francis Catholic Church. I am active in the Holy Name Society and RCIA. I also have three sons and one grandson.

I work at FedEx as a dispatcher and customer service agent. Susie and I are responsible for the palanca chart for the Cursillo weekends.

I thank the Cursillo community for their confidence in me to serve on the Cursillo Board.

Note: New Board Member Billie Huebotter was featured in the September newsletter.

Fourth Day Renewal Scheduled December 5-6, 2008

Mark your calendar for the Fourth Day Renewal to be held Dec. 5-6th. The Directors will be Lisa and Matt Lorton.

These 24-hour renewal weekends are only scheduled twice a year so start thinking now about refreshing and renewing your spiritual life.

Applications are available online at www.quincycursillo.com. The application will also be provided in the November Fourth Day newsletter.

Cursillo Family's Social Singles

Our attendance continues to grow! We will get together again on Nov. 8, 2008 at 5:30 pm at the Sprouts Inn Restaurant, North 12th Street in Quincy. We order off the menu and have plenty of time to visit prior to the Cursillo Mass at 8 pm.

Call Cindy Naber at 309-221-1107 to make your reservation. We have all age groups represented so please come and meet other Cursillo Singles for fun and socializing!