



## Cursillo # 278: April 28 thru May 1, 2011

**Rectora: Sue Holbrook**

**Theme: Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord**

Dear Cursillo Family,

I am so humbled to be leading such a wonderful team for Cursillo #278. I made Cursillo #38 in May of 1979; I was only 22 at the time. Needless to say, my journey to #278 has been a long one. When I made Cursillo, I came away with a deep feeling of love – love from Jesus and love from the Cursillo family. I want everyone that experiences Cursillo to feel the loving arms of Jesus around them.

Our Scripture is John 15: 9-12. "As the father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

Our theme songs are "Taste and See" and "Only A Shadow". The words in these songs remind me of the love Jesus has for me every time I face a difficult time and question my worthiness.

As I was beginning to call the team for #278, I was at my daughter's school for playground duty. As I walked the halls looking at artwork and special projects, one poster caught my eye - a picture with the words "wait - pray - prepare". The words reminded me of the process we go through to prepare for a Cursillo weekend. We "wait" for the call to be on a team. When we are called to be on a team, it is time to "pray" for the weekend. When the meetings start, it is time to "prepare" for the candidates being sent to us. We have been praying and preparing for the weekend. The meetings have been amazing and we truly feel the power of prayer and palanca of the Cursillo family.

The team of #278 is amazing and I am honored to introduce them to you.

**Spiritual Director:** Fr. Don Knuffman, Blessed Sacrament, Quincy (Sacraments, Saturday 10:00 a.m.); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Chuck Edwards, St. Paul, Highland, IL (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Katie Korte, Bowling Green, MO (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 p.m.); Fr. James Wheeler, St. Francis, Quincy (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 p.m.); Deacon Bill Neuser, St. Anthony, Quincy (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 a.m.)

**Assistant Rectoras:** Karen Crabtree, Roodhouse, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 p.m.); Beth Shade, Jacksonville, IL (Environment, Sunday 9:00 a.m.) and Carolyn White, Jacksonville, IL (Laity, Friday 1:30 p.m.).

**Rollistas:** Laurie Assell, Clayton, IL (Study, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.); Charlotte Buckman, Quincy (Ideal, Friday 9:00 a.m.); Deb Druffel, Quincy (Action, Saturday 3:00 p.m.); Vicky Mitchell, Quincy (Piety, Friday 6:45 p.m.); and Patti Nord, Carrollton, IL (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 a.m.)

**Auxiliaries:** Sarah Cors, Jacksonville, IL; Jessica Huber; Plainville, IL; Marcie Kramer, Payson, IL; Christine Lansaw, Greenfield, IL; Kelly Doellman, Laura Keane, and Debbie Standley, all of Quincy; Pam Lauber, Collinsville, IL; and Paula Rehkemper, Highland, IL.

**Service Team:** Pat Holbrook, Quincy; Karen Meehan, Roodhouse, IL; Shelly Nacke, Bowling Green, MO; Cindy Sievers, Brussels, IL; and Karen Splaingard, Collinsville, IL; and the **Food Service Team:** Donna Andrews, Quincy and Mary Dodd, Liberty, IL.

**Musician:** Judy Meats, Versailles, IL; **Sacristan:** Rose Marie Beeley, Jacksonville, IL; **Observing Rectora:** Judy Oberman, Bowling Green, MO; **Board Rep:** Billie Huebotter, Lewistown, MO; and **Rectora:** Sue Holbrook, Quincy (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 p.m.)

Please call Mike or me to sign up for the Palanca Chapel at 217-223-6676 or send an email to holbrook6@gmail.com. If you have never spent an hour in the Chapel, I encourage you to do so; the time spent in the chapel is very rewarding. To sign up to serve meals, please contact Donna Andrews at 217-228-7403 or Mary Dodd at 217-656-3738. We would love to see you at meal time!

Our Buddy Mass will be held at St. Francis Church in Quincy, Saturday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. with a carry in dinner to follow at St. Francis School. Please share an evening of prayer and fellowship with the team of #278. We want the opportunity to thank you for all your love, support, prayers, and palanca! We look forward to celebrating with you during the weekend at the Candlelight Mass and at the Closing.

DeColores, Sue Holbrook, Rectora #278

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### BUDDY MASS

##### Women's Cursillo #278

Sat. April 16, 2011 at 6:30 pm  
St. Francis Parish, Quincy, Ill.

Carry-in dinner at school following Mass

##### Men's Cursillo #279

Sun. June 12, 2011 at 2:00 pm  
St. Thomas Parish, Camp Point, Ill.

Carry in dinner following Mass

#### WOMEN'S CURSILLO #278

##### April 28 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

##### April 30 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

##### May 1 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

#### ULTREYAS

##### Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, April 2, 2011

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.

Follows the 5 pm Mass

##### Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.

Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

##### Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall

Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

#### CURSILLO DATES

June 23 - 26, 2011 - Don Tooley, Rector  
July 14 -17, 2011 - Judy Oberman, Rectora  
Sept. 22-25, 2011 - Steve Hembrough, Rector  
Nov. 3-6, 2011 - Cheryl Wagner, Rectora  
Jan. 26-29, 2012 - Mike Fessler, Rector  
Feb. 23-26, 2012 - Shelly Nacke, Rectora  
March 22-25, 2012 - Stan Schwartz, Rector  
April 26-29, 2012 - Rose Marie Beeley, Rectora  
June 28 - July 1, 2012 - Dick Mitchell, Rector  
July 26-29, 2012 - Therese Long, Rectora

#### TEC DATES

#272 - April 9-11, 2011

#273 - June 11-13, 2011

For details, see TEC website:

[www.greatrivertec.org](http://www.greatrivertec.org)

## Area Reps and Why They Are Important to You

Area Representatives recently met at the Retreat Center in Quincy to learn more about their roles and what they can do to facilitate better communication and involvement within their local Cursillo communities. Each parish or town is eligible to have one representative and one assistant that is chosen by the local Ultreya and submitted to the Lay Director and Board for approval.

Your Area Representative acts as a liaison between your parish or area and the Board. They are encouraged to attend all Board meetings to represent you and, in turn, bring information back to share with their community. They should share information with their pastors and keep an active list of who has made Cursillo and who is in Group Reunions.

It is also the responsibility of the Area Representative to be available to sponsors when they have candidates to help answer any questions, to handle post-Cursillo activities, ultreya's and assist in getting Cursillistas in Group Reunions.

The Quincy Cursillo website has a listing of the Area Reps under the "Board Information" tab. There have been several recent changes so please refer to the new listing to find the Area Rep that covers your area. Please contact them to let them know your contact information so they can keep you updated on Cursillo activities. Many areas have their own newsletter with local information. Help them help you stay informed. They are your resource if you have questions.

If your parish or area is not represented, choose someone from your local area and nominate them to the Board to fill this position.

## Reflections From Nancy Weede, Rectora #276

Dear Cursillo Family,

It is with humble hearts that the team and candidates of Cursillo #276 say thank you to the family of Cursillo for all the prayers, palanca, sacrifices, serving of meals, writing of letters, setting up and tearing down the gardens, chapel hours, clowns, Holy Fools, Stations of the Cross presenters, the priests for reconciliation and those people who helped us laugh. Jesus blessed us abundantly this weekend. The gardens at the retreat center gave the candidates and team a beautiful place to journey with Jesus to have hearts healed and loved. We give Jesus all the praise and glory for all the blessings we received from Him.

I thank the Cursillo Board of Directors for being the Lord's instrument in calling me to be Rectora of Cursillo #276. Words can not describe the awesome experience of being the servant of Jesus to help 30 candidates grow closer to Him. Jesus called an awesome team and I was blessed to grow with each of them.

God's garden is truly magnificent.

Peace, Love and Joy,

Nancy Weede, Rectora #276

## Thank You From Melvin Nilges Family

Margaret Nilges and her family of Wellsville, Mo. would like to thank the Cursillo family for all your prayers and expressions of sympathy upon Melvin's death. Melvin truly loved his Cursillo family and your kind words of love and support were very comforting. (Melvin was Rector of #187 in 2001.)

## Cursillo #277



**Front row, left to right:** Dennis Ippensen, Dave Lockhart, Matt Harmon, Don Tooley, Tim Carmody, Deacon Mike Hagen, John Todd, Dennis Holbrook, Chris Lorton. **Second row:** Tom Meehan, Mike Kuhl, Mike O'Neill, Larry Bork, Kevin Elliott, David Eager, Mike Creech, Dave Rakers, Fr. Chuck Edwards, Deacon John Esselman, Larry Frese, George Schultz, Matt Lorton. **Third row:** Charlie Fraley, Tom Hill, Neil Rossi, Dennis Beyers, Bryan Brown, Terry Foley, Jim Kiel, Ely Hadowsky, Dave Armour, Bill Kuebrich, Chuck Amburg, Tom Benz, Ron Deimeke. **Fourth row:** Dennis Brown, Marty Bertels, Jeff Rash, Blake Holterfield, Alan Shofner, Brian Ley, Tim Kusmierczak, Richard Dubbert, David Alexander, Mike Welbourne, Sam Dancer, David Forsys, Chad Beeley, Gary Hodgson, Dan Mainer, Art Timmermann. **Fifth row:** Shawn McCallister, Heath Richmond, Martin Klostermann, Sam Ormond, Tom Balsler, Drew Eilerman, Phil McLaughlin, Jerry Rehkemper, Ethan Cox, Bro. Ed Arambasich, Alex Moulton, Greg Hilton, David Schutz, John Eberwine, Joe Curless. **Sixth row:** Charlie Helton, Bill Gerson, Bruce Capelle, Brad Vacca, Frank Teasley, Todd Burrus, Michael Eling, Ben Gilmore, Will Gilmore, Chuck McNett, Dan Eilerman, Donald Lohman, Michael Brewer, Raymond Sievers.

## Lay Directors Message

An important part of the Cursillo experience as we walk our Fourth Day is communication. We all have different perspectives of life. Our view has something to offer another so they can have a clearer understanding or a confirming of what they do see. I again ask for goals for our Cursillo movement. What are we to be doing in 5-10 years that is different from the present. You may think that everything is going ok so leave it alone, however, we are constantly changing. If we were not changing, this community would not be so vibrant. We would be stagnant and the weekends would not be happening. From my perspective the Spirit has been set free many times over from when I made my first weekend. It is truly overwhelming.

Communication - there is a need to be in contact with your area rep and to share your perspective. They need to know what the people in their community need, and they need your support to help keep Jesus in the hearts and minds of God's people. The board is trying to bring to the forefront the importance of these individuals and the need of the board to help and encourage them. We have some areas very alive and some areas struggling and other areas where I am seeking individuals to be area reps. Please open your hearts to share what you have been given. Be looking for information, specifically about the "Cursillo Blitz" happening in August.

We in our humanness, it is easy to lose sight of our value and effect on other people's lives. It is natural to focus on our failings. There is an old story of a man in a village who would carry water in a cracked pot. Day after day he would walk through the village leaving a trail of water. The people would stop and watch and laugh and criticize. They would question: why does he carry all this water and only have half a jar full when he reaches home? In the days and weeks and years green began to show up along his route. Wheat and grass and flowers and trees began to grow.

Through these cracks we find so shameful in our lives, flows living water and if we go back along that route we will find lives growing because of that water. We learned through the Cursillo experience, the sound of the whisper from the Spirit and we came to know the feel of Jesus' knock on our heart. We learned to rise above our failure and continue to share the gift we have been given and that is only through Jesus' redeeming love.

Celebrate this Easter season! May the Lord continue to bless you with His love, joy and peace and may you feel the warmth of His embrace.

DeColores!

John Runge

Quincy Cursillo Lay Director

## "Gift of Cursillo" Scholarship

The "Gift of Cursillo" is a scholarship fund that assists candidates and team to offset the fees of a Cursillo weekend. The "gift" amount is \$75 and is available to both candidates and team. A candidate or sponsor can request this "gift" by writing on the application that they need financial assistance or call the application committee, Sheldon & Teresa Robinson, at 217-228-2201. A team member should speak with the Board Rep for that weekend.

If you would like to contribute to the Gift of Cursillo fund, please send a check made payable to Quincy Cursillo to P.O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305-3153. Indicate on a note or on the check that you want to contribute to the Gift of Cursillo fund.

## Group Reunions

"Where two or three gather together in my name, there am I in their midst."

It has been said that the reason one makes a Cursillo is to form Group Reunions. This "reunion of friends" who have made Cursillo meet regularly to give one another spiritual support and apostolic encouragement. It is only when a relationship is developed in which people feel free to share their lives with each other that the full impact of group reunion will take place.

Group reunions are extremely important to continue the spirit of fellowship found on the Cursillo weekend. If you are not in a group reunion, take the initiative to ask at least one other person if they would like to meet. It only takes two to start and then add to your group. Invite new Cursillistas to join as they come home from their weekend. Start with the Group Reunion Service Sheet but more importantly, find a format that works for your group.

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### DISCOVERING AND CELEBRATING

My oldest daughter when she was a child would try to figure out what she was getting for Christmas. She'd inspect all the packages under the tree and shake them and wonder what they were. To throw her off one year, her Dad wrapped up some heavy bricks and put her name on the package. She was intrigued by that package till Christmas but I don't think she's forgiven him that trick! The kids would also pick names amongst themselves to buy a gift for. Once Maureen asked her little sister, Julie, to give her an idea what her gift was. Four year old Julie stopped to think and very seriously said, "It is pink and fluffy and you wear it on your feet!" That has become a standing joke for our family when it comes to asking for hints.

Well, it is past the surprises of Christmas gifts. We've had our BIG surprise of a snowstorm, have traveled through the winter doldrums and now anticipate all that Spring has to offer. Last week we were watching the movie "The Polar Express" with our grandson for the nth time (who never tires of it) when I caught another gem. The conductor said to one of children on the train, "Seeing is believing but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things you can't see."

Mmmmm - that tickled my brain. What don't I see that I believe in?? I first thought of LOVE but love is an action and can be seen or felt in actions of care and concern, in hugs, and smiles and tears. Would they be related to "the best things in life are free"? But doesn't everything have a price? Love requires time, commitment and sacrifices, big and small. Then I thought, ah, ha - FAITH! But unless you are a hermit and live in cave, you can't have faith without sharing it in some way, showing it to others - visible to others. I can't see God ...or wait, aren't I

suppose to see Him in others and myself, in the goodness and blessings in this world. Well, what about GRACE, and HOPE? The results are so evident on the faces of the people who encounter these wonderful gifts, it is there for all to witness.

GIFTS is the word I'm looking for. These "best things in life", these "most real things in the world" are gifts, paid for by His sacrifice, a sacrifice we share in when we pass them on to others, made visible with our actions, our caring, our commitment. We don't have to ask for hints; He pretty well tells us all about them in His Word but He does like to surprise us sometimes with where and when He is going to gift us. So I guess I am wrong that it is past Christmas gift surprises: His gifts are for all year long - through the winter drifts and doldrums, the spring bursts of bulbs, the summer sizzle and the fall foliage. They might not be "pink and fluffy" but they are warm and you can hold them close to your heart till they fill you up to overflowing and pour out to others.

Sometimes confused but always mindful of His love,  
Terri May

#### Meal Servers for Cursillo #278

Men - if you would like to help serve meals for the April Women's Cursillo, please call the Food Service Team to sign up.

Call Donna Andrews at 217-228-7403 or

Mary Dodd at 217-656-3738

Please remember that sponsors, spouses, siblings, parents, and children of candidates and team are asked NOT to serve. We all want participants to process the weekend without being reminded of "outside" concerns.