



Cursillo #276: February 24-27, 2011

Rectora: Nancy Weede

Theme: Come Journey with Jesus in God's Garden

Dear Cursillo Family,

It is with a humble heart that I come before you asking for your prayers and palanca for Cursillo #276. On behalf of the team and candidates, I thank you for your prayers and palanca so far. The Lord has called some beautiful flowers (the team ladies) to grow in His garden in preparation for the blossoming of new flowers (candidates) that He is calling to the garden. Through our theme song "Come and Journey with Me" He is calling for growth in our relationship with Jesus.

In the scripture passage for the weekend Isaiah 58:11 "Yahweh will always guide you, giving you relief in desert places. He will give strength to your bones and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never run dry" we are reminded that the Lord will be with us and give us strength as we grow in our faith.

It is with the Peace, Love and Joy of the Lord that I present to you His team for Cursillo #276: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, MO (Sacraments, Saturday 10 am).

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Rosie Liesen, Quincy, IL (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Fr. Michael Kuse, Quincy, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Susan Bays, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Deacon Terry Ellerman, Quincy, IL (Christian Life, Sunday 10 am).

Assistant Rectoras: Mary Zerrer, Troy, MO (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm); Ann Gage, Quincy, IL (Study, Saturday 9 am); Kathy Kroeger, Hannibal, MO (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 am).

Rollistas: Tina Schmeling, Martinsburg, MO (Ideals, Friday 10 am); Shirley Sangster, Keokuk, IA (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm); Sheli Martin-Kendrick, Quincy, IL (Action, Saturday 3 pm); Becky Esselman, Liberty, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7 pm); Sue Sculley, Quincy, IL (Environment, Sunday 9 am).

Auxiliaries: Jeanne Aschemann, Barb Dietrich, Jane Haas, Tracy McGee, Julie Stromquist of Quincy, IL; Audrey Gough, Shelbina, MO; Jennifer Koch, Mt. Sterling, IL; Linda Reeves, Palmyra, MO; and Misstia Shoop, Mendon, IL.

Service Team: Patty Marshall, Dallas City, IL; Nicole Costigan, Quincy, IL; Cari Graham, Carrolton, IL; Amy Hoerr, Palmyra, MO; Pam Korte, Montgomery City, MO.

Food Service: Connie Liechty, Mt. Pleasant, IA; Sherry Epperson, Clarksville, MO.

Musicians: Renae Jansen and Connie Vermeire of Quincy, IL; **Sacristan:** Heather Friday, Quincy, IL; **Board Rep:** Janet Summy, Fowler, IL; **Observing Rectora:** Sue Holbrook, Quincy, IL; **Rectora:** Nancy Weede, Quincy, IL (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm).

Is God calling you to His Cursillo garden in February? There is room on your journey with Jesus to spend time in the Palanca Chapel, (call Mike or Sue Holbrook, 217-223-6676), to serve meals, (call Connie Liechty, 319-385-8816 or Sherry Epperson, 573-242-3982), to write letters, or offer palanca and prayers.

We invite the Cursillo family to celebrate in the breaking of the bread at the Buddy Mass, Sunday, February 20, 2011 in Quincy, Illinois at Blessed Sacrament Church, 7th and Adams Street. The celebration begins at 2 pm. Bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy food and fellowship after Mass.

Please invite the flowers in your life (women who you know) to come and journey with Jesus in God's garden on February 24 though the 27th. We hope to see beautiful loving flowers at Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing.

Your Sister in Christ,
Nancy Weede
Rectora, #276

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #276
February 20, 2011 at 2:00 pm
Blessed Sacrament Parish
7th & Adams St., Quincy, Ill.
Carry-in dinner at school following Mass

Men's Cursillo #277
Sat. Mar. 19, 2011 at 5:00 pm
All Saints Church, White Hall, Ill.
Carry in dinner at Seton Hall next door

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #276

Feb. 24 (Thursday)
7:30 pm Registration
8:30 pm Sponsors Hour
Feb. 26 (Saturday)
8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour
Feb. 27 (Sunday)
5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Lincoln County Ultreya
Saturday, February 5, 2011 and
Saturday, March 5, 2011
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.
Follows the 5 pm Mass

Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Saturday, March 5, 2011
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya
Saturday, March 5, 2011
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Montgomery County Area Ultreya
Friday, March 11, 2011
Immaculate Conception, Montgomery City
Ultreya follows 7 pm Stations of the Cross

CURSILLO DATES

Mar. 24 - 27, 2011 - Tim Carmody, Rector
Apr. 28 - May 1, 2011 - Sue Holbrook, Rectora
June 22 - 26, 2011 - Don Tooley, Rector
July 14 - 17, 2011 - Judy Oberman, Rectora

WALK TO EMMAUS

Women's Walk #231Q - Feb. 17-20, 2011

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

TEC #271 - Mar 5-7, 2011

Fee Increase & New Application

Effective with the January 2011 Cursillo, the fees increase from \$130 to \$150. In addition to the fee change, other revisions have been made to the candidate application. New applications, dated Nov. 2010, are available on the Quincy Cursillo website: www.quincycursillo.com. Please discard any previous versions of the application.

Please note that there is a separate link on the website for Sponsor Responsibilities, which includes the form that sponsor's are to complete and send in with the candidate application. The Board encourages everyone to review the revised sponsor responsibilities and use the new sponsor form.

"Gift of Cursillo" Scholarship Increased

The "Gift of Cursillo" is a scholarship fund that assists candidates and team to offset the fees of a Cursillo weekend. Since the fees for the weekend have increased, the "gift" amount has been increased to \$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.

Cursillo Book of Remembrance

We have created a Book of Remembrance for those in our Cursillo family who have passed from this life to be with Christ. This book of names will be presented at the weekend masses of Cursillo in order that our deceased family members may benefit from our prayers of intercession. May we never forget those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith".

To have your loved one's name placed in our Book of Remembrance, we need three pieces of information:

1. Name of the deceased; 2. Cursillo number (if known); 3. Date of death

You may e-mail Mike Holbrook at: holbrook6@gmail.com or there will be a table set up for this purpose before the weekend masses. If your deceased family member was also involved with TEC, please provide their name to Jerry Eberhardt by calling 217-222-5333 or email: jae12@comcast.net

Parking at the Retreat Center

Just a reminder that when the parking lot on the North side is full, there is plenty of parking on the street and lot on the south and west side of the building. On Saturday evenings, the South Chapel entrance door is unlocked for easy access.

University Security is careful to keep the fire lanes open in the north side lot and they will issue tickets. Fire lanes are by the garages, the handicapped parking area and all along the area by the posts out to the street.

"When the Lord is pleased with man's ways, He makes even his enemies be at peace with him."

Proverbs 16:7 (Scripture from Cursillo #275)

Cursillo #275



Front row, left to right: Tim Carmody, Leo Lenk, David Tramel, Dave Hummel, Doug Hoerr, Ron Schieffer, Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger, Jerry Zerrer, Brent Frericks, Stan Pollman. **Second row:** David Dodd, Deacon Bob Leake, Buzzy McLaughlin, Delbert Hayes, Mark Kennedy, Gregg Sims, Rex Weatherford, Ed Illy, Ed Holthaus, Wayne Myers, Jim Veit, Harley Hirner, Tony Trautman. **Third row:** Adam Blane, Scott Gough, Blake Kohlbecher, Stan Obert, Chris Heintz, Dan Grandame, Tom Eggering, Robert Haas, Rick Robnett, Richard Schafer, Paul Dunker, Tim Reichert, Kevin Crookshanks, Phil Leatherman, Pat Greenwell, Derek Burns. **Fourth row:** Mark Shepard, Kevin Phillips, Steve Hill, Larry Lewis, Vic Pambianco, Luke Eggering, Brian Schrecke, Robin Coggeshall, Joseph Wetmore, Dennis Higgins, Jim Wehmeier, Jeff Burditt, Mike Menne, Dennis Allen, Fred Schudel, B.J.Menne. **Fifth row:** John Branson, Gary Hoette, Jeff Nevins, Jeff Furkin, Chris Henson, John Smith, Tim Parker, Scott Walker, Ron Arens, Josh Horsman, Duane Beyers, Charles Holthaus, Chris Hamm, Neil Oberman, Paul Maerz.

Message From Our Lay Director

January is gone along with the holidays. What has happened in the last year to help you find joy and hope for the future? What is there within the white blankets of snow and the no degree days that you find a desire to look for signs of new life?

When I was a junior in high school, a priest had an insight to me and for a penance after reconciliation, he said to go home and consciously breathe in the fresh air. Take the time to feel the cold air as you breathe in, he said. It was a very crisp January day out at the farm when he placed this suggestion upon me. These actions placed more far reaching effects upon me than to have said several formal prayers in the chapel at school. What would this have meant to you? For me, the cold piercing air numbed my body just as failure had numbed my soul. The coldness was that of being alone, a choice to be cold in sin, a choice to separate myself from community.

Hopefully you can look back on the past year and see the times you gave away the "I", when you saw the need in others. Our joy lies in community and our community seeks for oneness in the Lord. So when we fail to share our gifts, the gifts we are only shepherds of, we begin to experience that severing point of "I". We experience that numbing cold when it's difficult to change and "be" who we are called to be. It is at this point that we need contact from others, the warmth from others to experience the joy and hope for the future.

This past year the board has tried to strengthen this Cursillo community of faith. The board has helped new rector and rectoras to step out in faith, to develop communities that would change many lives. It is an ongoing issue to deal with questions to the bylaws and board policies. Circumstances continue to change along with technology and so many things outdate quickly. The board continues to review where we are and where are we headed.

We are now a nonprofit corporation, Quincy Cursillo NFP. We have a 501C3 status with the government and are tax exempt. We can now give out donation statements for those donors needing documentation for their tax filings. We have online donation availability through our web site. Our web site is excellently maintained by Marie Korte and there is a wealth of information that can be accessed. Our calendar of events, candidate and team forms, board information, and Facebook, to name only a few, are available at the tips of your fingers.

The board has been developing income sources, such as with Valentine Dinner Dance Gala, to help improve the facilities. I guess we all like nice things but atmosphere is important on a Cursillo weekend. Quincy University has let us give input to redevelop the facility we use as a retreat center. They wanted to see our wish list and we gave them one. As a given, the infrastructure would have to be redone; this includes plumbing, HVAC, electrical, but also exterior parking, lighting, along with all the interior finishings and furnishings. This is all in planning process and with the support we presently have with QU, there will be some positive change. We have been very fortunate for many years with the facility we have used. With these improvements in mind, we know we will have to help fund this upgrade both with money and sweat equity. This change will be good for all of the renewal programs and we will have a section of the campus dedicated totally for these programs.

It is truly impressive to see the involvement and dedication of so many and yet the focus is still on an individual to change a life so they are not left in the cold of life. Thank you for your continued support and also for questioning where we are and where we are going. Please contact your board members. Let them know your view of Cursillo and continue to keep your personal contact info updated so we can contact you.

John Runge, Quincy Cursillo Lay Director

"Our Fourth Day" Booklet available for purchase

Would you like to know more about the Cursillo movement, recapping the weekend, living your Fourth Day, the purpose and history? A 70-page booklet "Our Fourth Day", published by the National Ultreya Publications, is available for purchase through our local Cursillo Board. The cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.75 for postage if mailed totaling \$6.75. Please send a check along with a note of request to:

Ron & Melody Clark, 1804 Rim Road, Quincy, IL 62305

The booklet will also be available for purchase at the name tag table during a Cursillo weekend. Or if you would like to make arrangements to pick up the booklet from Ron and Melody, contact them at 217-653-0177 or 217-257-0135.

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Discovering and Celebrating

The other day I sat down at the old, white table in our sunroom. It faces a southern window overlooking the backyard flower garden with its metal windmill, trellis, and birdfeeder. This time of year, of course, the bushes and flowers are blanketed in snow but the feeder offers a lot of entertainment. I had intended to do my Bible Study lesson on 1 Corinthians but before I knew it, I had the bird book out and was identifying all the varieties of birds from Red-bellied Woodpeckers to little Chickadees. The birds would flit back and forth from tree to feeder with some pecking at the spillover on the ground below. Except for the Cardinal, most would wait for the Woodpecker to leave before taking their turn at the feeder. I even witnessed a whole flock of European Starlings descend on the Ornamental Cherry tree and feast on the red berries. I can't believe they ate the whole darn thing! After awhile of marveling at the wildlife outside my window, I was ready to open my Bible and ponder the life held within these holy words.

This Sunday our new pastor, Fr. Leo, mentioned how churches today have division just as the church of Corinth did in the Sunday reading of 1 Cor. 10. Paul asked the early Christians to put away their differences and be united under Jesus Christ. Fr. Leo asked that we at St. Peter answer the call to work "together" to be a church community under Christ also. It reminded me of my birdfeeder with all the different variety of birds flocking together, gathering to survive the winter, and taking their turn at the feeder. We gather as they do with God supplying the grace and Spirit we need to survive as a faith community, His flock, fed by His unconditional love and care scattered throughout our day. I guess that little bird watching interlude had another purpose for my heart to grasp.

By the way, the old, white table was given to us when we first came to Quincy 35 years ago. We rented an upstairs apartment on Vermont St. The landlord was also a realtor who sold us our first house and gave us the kitchen table out of that apartment for our new home. It has hosted meals, games with the children, homework assignments, jigsaw puzzles, and now my Bible Study lessons, all good things. I can imagine that Jesus, the carpenter, builder of wood and our Church can appreciate that.

With love, your bird watching friend, Terri May

Meal Servers for Cursillo #276

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

Call Connie Liechty: 319-385-8816 or
Sherry Epperson: 573-242-3982

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.

Looking for Missing Rollo Books

If anyone that has given a rollo still has their book, please return them to the Retreat Center or to a board member. We only have a limited supply of these books available.

For updates on Cursillo news, download applications, view the calendar and general information, check the Quincy Cursillo website at:

**www.quincycursillo.com
and follow us on Facebook.**