



Cursillo #275: January 27 – 30, 2011

Rector: Ron Schieffer

Theme: Let Peace Begin with Me

Dear Cursillo Family,

The team of #275 would like to say "Thank you" to the prayer buddies and all who have been lifting us up in prayer and palanca. We hope you'll continue, for they sure help and we can see the prayer working each week as our team is formed into a strong and loving community of God's servants, ready to minister to the candidates He sends to us.

Our theme—Let Peace Begin with Me—has been strongly emphasized throughout our meetings. Our goal is to become aware of the Peace of Christ present in ourselves to the extent the candidates will recognize it in us and strive for it themselves. Our scripture, Proverbs 16:7, says, "When the Lord is pleased with man's ways, He makes even his enemies be at peace with him." We have been praying that you will help find the candidates who could use some more of the Lord's peace and love, along with learning more about Jesus, and bring them to our weekend—I know there are many candidates out there.

The Team of #275 have given much of themselves in preparation to serve Our Lord on this weekend, and I am proud to introduce them to you.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger, St. Joseph Church, Martinsburg, MO and Church of the Resurrection, Wellsville, MO (Sacraments, Saturday, 10:00 a.m.).

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Sr. Jane Wand (Grace, Friday, 11:15 a.m.) and Deacon Terry Ellerman (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday, 3:30 p.m.) from Quincy, IL; Deacon Bob Leake, Palmyra, MO (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday, 4:15 p.m.); Deacon Tony Trautman, O'Fallon, MO (Christian Life, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.).

Assistant Rectors: David Tramel, Canton, MO (Piety, Friday, 6:45 p.m.); David Hummel, Quincy, IL (Action, Saturday, 3:00 p.m.); Doug Hoerr, Palmyra, MO (Leaders, Saturday, 7:00 p.m.).

Rollistas: Pat Greenwell (Ideals, Friday, 10:00 a.m.) and Scott Gough (Laity, Friday, 1:30 p.m.) both of Shelbina, MO; Delbert Hayes, Hannibal, MO (Study, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.); Neil Oberman, Bowling Green, MO (Environment, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.); Robin Cogeshall, Camp Point, IL (CCIA, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.).

Auxiliaries: Dennis Allen, Tom Eggering and Gary Hoette of Montgomery City, MO; Robert Haas and Kevin Phillips of Quincy, IL; Jeff Burditt, New London, MO; Alan (Buzzy) McLaughlin, Liberty, IL; Derek Burns, Camdenton, MO; Kevin Crookshanks, Palmyra, MO.

Service Team: Harley Hirner, Hannibal, MO; Brent Frericks, Quincy, IL; David Dodd, Liberty, IL; Jerry Zerrer and Stan Pollman, Troy, MO. **Food Service:** James Veit and Wayne Myers of Palmyra, MO.

Musicians: B. J. Menne, Troy, MO and Adam Blaue, Wellsville, MO; **Sacristan:** Leo Lenk, Silex, MO. **Board Rep:** Ed Holthaus, Quincy, IL. **Observing Rector:** Tim Carmody, Hardin, IL. Janet Schieffer (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sunday, 3:00 p.m.), and **Rector:** Ron Schieffer, Troy, MO (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday, 12:25 p.m.).

Again, the Team of #275 thanks you for your many prayers and palanca, and asks that you continue to lift us up throughout our weekend; we have been working very hard to be ready to present this weekend to the candidates in the way God has planned.

Please help us to fill the chart for prayer in the Palanca Chapel before the weekend starts (call Mike and Sue Holbrook at 217-223-6676 to sign up for prayer time). If you are able to serve meals, please call James Veit (573-769-3603) or Wayne Myers (573-769-2170).

Please join us for our Buddy Mass on Sunday, January 23, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Martinsburg, MO. Our Spiritual Director, Fr. Greg, and fellow Cursillistas from the Martinsburg and Wellsville, MO area have graciously offered to host the Buddy Mass and carry-in dinner for #275, and are ready to welcome all of you as their guests. Please come, pray, and share in the fellowship (and send candidates for our weekend).

We also invite you to join us for Masses on Saturday evening, January 29, at 8 p.m., and at the Closing on Sunday, January 30, at 5 p.m.

God be with you,

Ron Schieffer, Rector #275

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #275

January 23, 2011 at 2:00 pm
St. Joseph Parish
408 East Kellett St., Martinsburg, Mo.
Carry-in dinner at KC Hall following 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 #275

Jan. 27 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

Jan. 29 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

Jan. 30 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, February 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

CURSILLO DATES

Feb. 24-27, 2011 - Nancy Weede, Rectora
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

Men's Walk #230Q - January 20-23, 2011
Women's Walk #231Q - Feb. 17-20, 2011

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

TEC #270 - Jan. 15-17, 2011

Cursillo Valentine's Dinner Dance Gala

Come join us for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing at the first ever, Quincy Cursillo Valentine's Dinner Dance Gala.

Where: Ambiance Banquet Center, 5225 Kochs Lane, Quincy

When: February 12th, 2011

Time: Mass at 5:00 to be held on site

Social at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Dancing from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Entertainment and music provided by the "Cheeseburgers".

Cost: \$35 each; tickets must be purchased by Feb. 4th

Tickets are available from local area reps, from Event Chair Mike Holbrook (217-653-5555, email: holbrook6@gmail.com) or Matt Lorton (618-576-9352, email: lortonmatt@yahoo.com). Or mail checks to Quincy Cursillo, P.O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305 and tickets will be waiting at the door.

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

There will be a raffle and a drawing for a trip to Branson Mo. Other raffle items are still needed; group reunions are encouraged to work together to provide some items. If you know of a business person who is involved in TEC, Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus, ask them if they would like to sponsor a table for \$100.

For anyone wanting to stay overnight in Quincy, a block of rooms are reserved at Super 8 Hotel. Nancy Weede will also have a list of people that will provide a room in their home. Her number is: 217-222-0922

All proceeds benefit Quincy Cursillo and its partnership with Quincy University's Spirituality Retreat Center.

Fee Increase & New Application

Effective with the January 2011 Cursillo, the fees will 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.

Updating Your Team Application

If you have had a change in your telephone number since the last time you were on a team, please contact Dennis and Connie Hoyt, our Team Application Coordinators, and let them know your new contact information. They can be reached at 217-224-2322 or email them at choyt@comcast.net. If you no longer wish to be called for a team, also please contact them to ask that your application be removed.

It is quite a challenge to keep our application database up-to-date so if you want to be called to be on a team, you need to keep us informed of how to reach you.

Our 2010-2011 Board of Directors



Front row, left to right: Jim Erickson, John Runge, Ed Holthaus, Matt Harmon, David Dodd. Back row: Kathy Rucker, Janet Summy, Kathy Cramsey, Mary Peterson (front) Jim Cramsey (back), Mike Holbrook, Donna Vogel, Marcia Steinkamp, Billie Huebotter, Fr. Tom Henseler.

Thank You From Carol Pieper, #274

Dear Cursillo family,

On behalf of the team and candidates of Cursillo #274, thank you for all of your prayers and palanca. The results of all of the sacrifices made were awesome to behold.

We were so blessed through the whole experience with whatever was needed and more. I have been so honored and humbled to have been able to be a part of Quincy Cursillo as rectora and to see the blessings that are poured out upon this Cursillo family.

We had an absolutely perfect team and I, personally, thank God for them and their response to His call. I would especially like to thank those selfless men and women who work and pray behind the scenes, those who are in the palanca chapel in the early morning hours, those who provide whatever supplies are needed, the clowns, the Holy Fools, the men who served meals, the priests who were there for Reconciliation each night, and the board members who give so much of their time.

God has given the Quincy Cursillo family a special treasure of grace, healing, beauty and love to share with the world. My prayer is that the vision and focus of Cursillo will grow and prosper in the future, as it has in the past, because of the faithfulness of so many people over the years. Thank you for the heritage we have been given to pass on to, hopefully, generations to come.

A special thank you to the sponsors, for the beautiful ladies you brought us. Thank you, ladies, for taking a risk and saying yes to Cursillo. Every one of you blessed our weekend, but, as you know your work has just begun. You have been called, you have been chosen. So get out there and do what God has called you to do, get in a group, sponsor someone, study and pray

We are all called to be God's messengers to our corner of the world, wherever that may be. Remember. **THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH.**

God bless each and every one of you with peace, joy, and love.

Your sister in Christ Jesus, Carol Pieper, Rectory #274

Discovering and Celebrating

Tonight I typed and e-mailed some recipes to my son who is in the Navy in Sicily. He asked especially for my Lasagna recipe. It is hard to imagine how he could have grown up so fast. It seemed like only yesterday that he was learning to ride his bike and playing in the tree house with friends. This Christmas we looked at the ornaments on the tree that brought back memories of our early years together, our children growing up, and the arrival of our grandchildren - time moving by but not without collecting precious tokens of love and caring.

Now we are in a new year with our minds and hearts looking forward with hope to more memory making moments, our calendar with some dates penciled in but with many more gifts yet to be opened. Our 3year old grandson, Connor, helps us look at our days with fresh eyes. He sees wonder, "Wow", in the small things that we take for granted and has enthusiasm, "Ta-da!" that is infectious. Soon he and his older sister, Madeline, (who also blesses us through the years) will be joined by a new baby brother this spring and we will again be awed by the miracle of birth, a new little person to get to know, who will bring more joy into our lives.

This last month in church there was a little girl in the pew next to me that was singing with much gusto along with her Mom. It made me smile all through the Mass. At another Mass I saw a child go with her mother to communion and get a blessing. Later I saw her come down the aisle again with her Dad who was an usher and get another blessing! Children help us connect with that part of us that sometimes lays dormant inside and needs to be reawakened, that needs to be present to the moment.

As adults we have responsibilities and people to care for but I feel that when Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Mark 10:15, He was saying that we need to keep that innocence and awe alive. He is a God of Now. He wants us to see and feel and touch and smell and taste and hear and savor the goodness He has put in our moments, our day, our new year, to be a child at heart, heaven bound.

Much love and "Ta-da" Happy New Year!, Terri May

Remember the "Gift of Cursillo"

The "Gift of Cursillo" is a scholarship fund that assists candidates to offset the fees of a Cursillo weekend. A candidate or sponsor can request this "gift" of \$50 by writing on the application that they need financial assistance or call the application committee, Sheldon & Teresa Robinson, at 217-228-2201.

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.

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Donations Welcome

A 501c3 was established for Quincy Cursillo in 2010, which means that all of your contributions are tax-deductible. If you are not able to attend Cursillo activities and miss the opportunity to contribute, donations can now be accepted online through PayPal. It is not necessary to register with PayPal to donate. Go to the Quincy Cursillo website: www.quincycursillo.com and follow the link "Learn How To Donate".

Donations can also be mailed to: Quincy Cursillo, P.O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305-3153.

We rely on the generosity of the Quincy Cursillo Community to help finance needed repairs, pay for updates to the Quincy University North Campus facility and generally enhance the Cursillo experience for the candidates. We partner with Quincy University to help meet the challenge of providing the best possible atmosphere for future candidates and teams. The proceeds from the Valentine's Dinner Dance Gala will all go toward these efforts. Read more about this event on page 2 of this newsletter.

The fees collected from the team and candidates for each weekend goes toward room/board, meals and miscellaneous supplies. Any other expenses that Quincy Cursillo incurs has to be paid for through donations.

We are grateful for the support received from you, the Quincy Cursillo Community, as you continue to live out the words printed on the back of your Cursillo cross: "Christ is Counting on You!"

Volunteer Needed

We are in need of a volunteer that would be willing to receive palanca letters that have been sent via email from an address posted on the Quincy Cursillo website. What is involved is the email address on the website would be forwarded to an email of your choice. Directions on the website direct anyone sending an electronic palanca letter to send them by noon on Friday of a Cursillo weekend. A volunteer would print these letters and deliver them to the Retreat Center. If you are interested, please contact Lay Director John Runge at 319-524-1009 or email: jreushus@msn.com.

We would like to thank Renae Jansen for handling this for the last couple of years. She did a great job. Thanks Renae!

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