



## Cursillo #291 – January 24-27, 2013

**Rector: John Little**

**Theme: “Listen to Him”**

Dear Cursillo family,

The team of Cursillo #291 wants to thank you all for the prayers and palanca you all have done so far and will do for us. We feel them already! Our preparation for the weekend has been guided by the Holy Spirit and we continue to grow as a team. We are truly blessed by His presence. Our scripture reading is from Isaiah 32:3 “and then everyone who has eyes will be able to see the truth, and everyone who has ears will be able to hear it.” We seldom stop in our busy lives to truly listen to Him. God speaks to us in many ways; we only need to discern the ways. We hope and pray that the candidates come to “Listen to Him” and see the love He has for each and every one of us.

This awesome team will be a true blessing to the candidates and it is my distinct honor to introduce to you the team of Cursillo #291.

**Spiritual Director** is Father Chris Comerford, Granite City, Ill. (Sacraments, Saturday 10:00 a.m.). Assistant Spiritual Directors are: Msgr. Mike Kuse, Quincy, Ill. (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Deacon Jim Hill, Collinsville, Ill. (Holy Spirit-Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 p.m.); Father John Stack, Clinton, Ia. (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 p.m.); and Sister Loyola Miller, Springfield, Ill. (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 a.m.).

**Assistant Rectors** are Tom Becker, Laddonia, Mo. (Study, Saturday 9:00 a.m.); Dave Ferrill, Mt. Sterling, Ill. (Piety, Friday 6:45 p.m.); and Mike May, Jacksonville, Ill. (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 a.m.).

**Rollistas** are William M. Gilmore III, Carrollton, Ill. (Action, Saturday 3:00 p.m.); Thomas Meehan IV (Ideal, Friday 10:00 a.m.) and Jeff Shade (Laity, Friday 1:30 p.m.) both of Jacksonville, Ill.; Mark Gough, Shelbina, Mo. (Environment, Sunday 9:00 a.m.); and Brad Scott, Highland, Ill. (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 p.m.).

**Auxiliaries** are Steve Bland, Palmyra, Mo.; Daryl Cobb, Montgomery City, Mo.; Keith Frank, Don Lohman and Stan Wessel, all of Highland, Ill.; Michael Gramel-spacher, Greenfield, Ill.; Jim Henrick, Timewell, Ill.; Robert Haas, Quincy; and Paul Kallal, Jerseyville, Ill.

**Service Team:** Mike Baker, Quincy; Joe Buttita, Roodhouse, Ill.; Jeff Haley and Tony Moore, both of Jacksonville, Ill.; and Phil Thompson, Monroe City, Mo.

**Food Service:** John Peterson, Alexander, Ill. (217-478-2951) and Bill Casper, La Grange, Mo. (573-494-3228). **Musicians:** Joe Koch, Jacksonville, Ill. and Paddy Keller, White Hall, Ill. and **Sacristan:** Don Beeley, Jacksonville, Ill.

**Observing Rector:** Joe Grote, Curryville, Mo.; **Board Rep.:** Ed Holthaus, Quincy; Margaret Little (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sunday 3:00 p.m.); and **Rector:** John Little, both of Jacksonville, Ill. (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 p.m.)

We would like to invite you to attend our Buddy Mass to be held on January 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Jacksonville, Ill. at Our Saviour Church, 500 East State Street. A carry-in will follow at the K. of C. Hall, 320 East State Street. Please come to share in the joy and love of God.

### Attention meal servers for Cursillo 291

Ladies! What a blessing it is to have you serve the Lord by helping us serve meals on the weekend. To serve meals please sign up at our Buddy Mass or call our Food Service Team John Peterson (217-478-2951) or Bill Casper (573-494-3228).

Your brother in Christ,

John Little, Rector, Cursillo #291

### Retreat Center Renovations

During renovations to the South Wing and the Main Chapel at the Retreat Center, the Saturday Evening Community Mass will be held at St. Francis Church, 17th & College in Quincy. If this should change, we will notify everyone. While at the Retreat Center for other activities, please watch for direction signs as this may change from weekend to weekend until renovations are completed in February.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### BUDDY MASS

##### Men’s Cursillo #291

Sun. January 20, 2013 at 2:00 pm  
Our Saviour Parish, Jacksonville, Ill.  
Carry-in dinner at KC Hall

##### Women’s Cursillo #292

Sun. February 17, 2013 at 2:00 pm  
Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy  
Carry-in dinner following Mass

#### MEN’S CURSILLO #291

##### January 24 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

##### January 26 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

##### January 27 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

#### ULTREYAS

##### Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, March 1, 2013  
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy, IL  
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30  
Continues in Room 204 near the Chapel

##### Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 2, 2013  
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.  
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

##### Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 2, 2013  
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall  
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

#### Upcoming Cursillo Dates

January 24-27, 2013 - John Little, Rector  
February 21-24, 2013 - Jill Mason, Rectora  
March 21-24, 2013 - Joe Grote, Rector  
April 25-28, 2013 - Tammy Foster, Rectora  
June 27-30, 2013 - Dennis Hoyt, Rector  
July 11-14, 2013 - Christine Duvall, Rectora

#### Fourth Day Renewal

March 1-2, 2013  
Scott & Paula Gough, Lay Directors

#### Upcoming Walk to Emmaus Dates

Walk 244Q Men’s Jan. 31 - Feb. 3, 2013  
Walk 245Q Women’s Feb. 14 -17, 2013

## Cursillo Valentine's Dinner Dance Gala

Come join us for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing at the 3rd annual, Quincy Cursillo Valentine's Dinner Dance Gala.

Where: Ambiance Banquet Center, 5225 Kochs Lane, Quincy  
When: February 9, 2013  
Time: Mass at 5:00 to be held on site  
Social at 6:00 pm  
Dinner at 6:30 pm; Dancing to follow; music by Sound Machine  
Cost: \$45 per person (need to be purchased in advance of event)

Everyone who purchases a ticket has a chance at winning \$250.00 in gift cards. We are in need of raffle items and table sponsors. For a donation of \$100.00, a business or private donor will have their name printed on table tents as well as the large sponsorship sign displayed at the event.

**NEW TO THIS YEAR'S EVENT:** We are inviting anyone who cannot join us for the Mass and dinner, to come to the music and dance portion of the event beginning at 7:30 p.m. All we are asking is a \$10.00 per person or free-will donation at the door that night.

Snacks will be provided by DOT Foods.

All proceeds will benefit Quincy Cursillo and the Quincy University Retreat Center. To donate raffle items, if you want to be a table sponsor, purchase tickets (individual or reserve table), contact Mike and Sue Holbrook at 217-653-5555 or email: holbrook6@gmail.com Tickets will also be available for purchase at the January Cursillo activities.

**Don't miss out on a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship and help Quincy Cursillo at the same time.**

## "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 email the application committee at quincursillonfp@gmail.com. A team member requesting the scholarship 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.

## Ireland Trip with Fr. Stack

Father John Stack is planning a trip to Ireland in August 2013, to celebrate his Silver Jubilee Anniversary. He invites all Cursillistas to join him. He can be reached at 563-242-7730 or stackj@diodav.org

## Quincy Cursillo Board of Directors 2012-2013



Front row, left to right: Kathy Rucker, Cathleen Koch, Cindy Stephens-Lay Director, Fr. John Doctor-Spiritual Director, Patty Marshall, Janet Summy. Second row: Greg Wittland- Treasurer, Jim Erickson, Dennis Holbrook, Jeff Liesen, Kathy Schwartz, Kathy Cramsey-Secretary, Dennis Steinkamp, Ed Holthaus. Absent: David Dodd-Assistant Lay Director.

## Lay Director's Message

De Colores Dear Friends,

This month completes my first year of service as Lay Director and what a year it has been! Changes, challenges, surprises, disappointments, and more to come! 2012 has been a big year to "let go and let God" and for me that has not necessarily been easy, so please keep me in your prayers in 2013 too.

The remodeling on the south side will be done shortly and next up are projects on the north side of the Franciscan Retreat Center. Quincy University has included the needs of Cursillo, TEC and Walk to Emmaus in their Master Plans going out 40 years from now. Listen for announcements at the events of upcoming Cursillo Week-ends.

This is very difficult for me but I must advise you of some policies of Cursillo that are not being followed:

1. Meal Service: Please contact the Meal Service Team to sign up for serving meals. Spouses, sponsors and immediate family (mother, father, sister, brother, and in-laws) may not serve. Please avoid mingling with the team and candidates during the meals as this is time for them to have fellowship with each other. No outside skits or entertainment are allowed; any entertainment at meals is to be done by the team.

2. Palanca Chapel: Sponsors and Prayer Buddies should spend an hour in the Palanca Chapel as palanca for their candidate or team. The Palanca Chapel is the rock of Cursillo, our strength, and a treasured time to spend time quietly with our Lord. There are many who have faithfully served the same hours each Cursillo Weekend for more than 20 years, in the middle of the night, during blizzards, anniversaries, birthdays, because they are committed to serving Jesus Christ. An hour is not too much to ask. Please help fill the Palanca Chart. Let your candidate or team member know you are supporting them in prayer.

3. Cursillo is for "Adults Only." Children are not to attend any of the Cursillo events or functions.

4. Candlelight Mass: Saturday's service is to be one of the most sacred and spiritual events for both candidates and Cursillistas. If there is any hugging or touching of any sort, this is to be initiated by the candidate. This is not a time to visit but to hold our candles, quietly sing and let the Spirit shine in our eyes. Please put yourself in the place of the candidate that may not have many there to pray for him/her. Please remember that some candidates are intimidated by all the action and noise when we loudly and physically greet them or someone nearby. Again, this service is sacred and spiritual. Words, hugs, and group greetings do not have a place in our Candlelight Service.

I pray that you see the light of Christ daily and know that YOU are loved,

Cindy Stephens

Quincy Cursillo Lay Director

## Comments from Sharon Sitton, Rectora Cursillo #290

Dear Cursillo Family,

Wow!!! The power of prayer!! We were lifted up beyond anything our human minds could imagine!!! How very blest we were and are!

Thank you all for the unending palanca and sacrifices you have offered for Cursillo #290. God was and is so very present every moment of this amazing journey!! He blessed us with a wonderful team of faith filled men and women. Then topped off this experience with 35 beautiful women with hearts on fire!! What more can one say? Our God is an awesome God!!!!

My continued prayer is for each of you to feel his warm embrace & may your heart always skip a beat when you hear him call your name and whisper "you are mine and I love you!" Remember He is always waiting for you to "come and rest with me."

Peace,

Sharon Sitton, Rectora #290

## REC Volunteers Needed

Western Illinois Correctional Center in Mt. Sterling, Illinois is in need of volunteers to be part of their Residents Encounter Christ (REC) community. If interested, call Marvin or Deb Meservey at 217-773-3294.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Next Board Meeting  
January 17, 2013 at 7 p.m.  
Retreat Center Conference Room

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[www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com)  
and "Like Us" on Facebook.

### Volunteers Needed

**Cursillo Board Secretary:** Kathy Cramsey will be retiring as Secretary of Quincy Cursillo in August. The Secretary takes the minutes for both the Monthly Board Meeting and Executive Session and any other meetings that may be held. Some experience in Microsoft Word and Excel needed. Attendance at Cursillo Meetings is required.

**Candidate Application Coordinators:** In the past a husband & wife team has done this but 2 or 3 committed Cursillistas will also work. Some experience in Microsoft Excel is required. Application Coordinators process Candidate Applications and answer any correspondence, assign rooms, make name tags, collect deposits and payments for the Weekend. Attendance at Cursillo check-in on Thursday, generally from 7 pm until 9 pm, is required.

Please contact Cindy Stephens at 217-224-7760 if interested in serving in either of these positions.

### Candidate Application Procedures

Candidate applications along with accompanying sponsor forms (available on the website) need to be mailed to the Quincy Cursillo: P.O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305-3153.

All inquiries regarding candidate applications are to be handled by email using: [quincycursillonfp@gmail.com](mailto:quincycursillonfp@gmail.com).

A confirmation email will be sent to the sponsor when the application is received. If a sponsor needs to notify the committee that a candidate cannot attend a scheduled weekend or if there are other questions, use the email mentioned above.

### 4th Day Renewal

When: March 1-2, 2013 from 7 pm Fri. to 7 pm Sat.  
Where: Retreat Center-Quincy  
Cost: \$45 (includes \$10 deposit sent with application)  
Directors: Scott & Paula Gough

4th Day Renewal is a 24-hour experience of personal growth designed for those who have previously made a Cursillo weekend and are wanting to renew and develop their spirituality. This relaxed, co-ed environment is ideal for singles and for couples that would like to experience a little bit of Cursillo as a couple. Couples will be roomed together but will not be at the same tables.

NEW!! Register online at: [www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com) found under the Applications tab. A printable registration form is also available on the website or watch for the application in next month's newsletter.

Mail the completed application to:

Dave & Terri May, Reservation Coordinators  
3922 Harbor Lane, Quincy, IL

If you have questions about the 4th Day Renewal, call either Dave & Terri May at 217-224-7027 or Vernon & Katie Korte at 573-324-3611.

*"Jesus, I want to start this year by seeing your hand at work in my life. Come, Lord, and help me to hear your voice today."*