



Cursillo #299: January 23–26, 2014

Rector: Tony Moore

Theme: "Here I Am Lord, Send Me"

DeColores,

Wow! What an awesome team God put together for Cursillo 299. God truly brought together a group of talented faith-filled men to serve the candidates of Cursillo 299. The Team would like to say THANK YOU for all the prayers and palanca, and ask that you continue to pray for us and the candidates. We have truly felt the love of God during our team formation.

Our scripture for the weekend is Isaiah 6:8 "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I say, Here I Am Lord, Send Me!" God needs each and every one of us to be able to say to him Here I Am Lord, Send Me, to go out and do Gods work everyday! Our theme song is "Here I Am Lord."

It is with great honor and humbled heart to introduce God's amazing team for Cursillo 299: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. John Doctor, Quincy (Sacraments, Saturday 10 a.m. and Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 p.m.); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Chris Comerford, Granite City, IL (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Highland, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday, 3:30 p.m.); and Deacon Jim Ghiglione, Mt Zion, IL (Christian Life, Sunday 10 a.m.).

Assistant Rectors: Dave Ferrill, Mt Sterling, IL (Laity, Friday 1:30 p.m.); Russ Siebers, Quincy (Action, Saturday 3 p.m.); and Jeff Shade, Jacksonville, IL (Environment, Sunday 9 a.m.)

Rollistas: Brad Scott, Highland, IL (Ideal, Friday, 10 a.m.); Dan Eilerman, Carrollton, IL (Piety, Friday 6:45 p.m.); Richard Mark Biggs, Bowling Green, MO (Study, Saturday 9 a.m.); Joe Camillo, St.Louis, MO (Leaders, Saturday 7 p.m.); and Joe Troesser, Laddonia, MO (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 a.m.).

Auxiliaries: Tom Colclasure, Marty Marr and Randy Scott, all of Jacksonville, IL; Tom Ernst and Pete Keane of Quincy; David Scott Harris, Carlinville, IL; Jim Henrick, Timewell, IL; Darrell Moore, Winchester, IL, and Chris Ornellas, Greenfield, IL.

Service Team: Don Tooley, Camp Point, IL; Tom Becker, Laddonia, MO; Tim Serbin, Palmyra, MO; Randy Goben, Roodhouse, IL; Jeffrey Burditt, New London, MO.

Food Service: Jerry Eberhardt, Quincy; David Nord, Carrollton, IL; Keith Frank, Highland, IL. **Musicians:** Paddy Keller, White Hall, IL and Joe Koch, Chapin, IL; **Sacristan:** Jeff Haley, Jacksonville, IL; **Observing Rector:** Dennis Boudreau, Quincy; **Board Rep:** Dennis Holbrook, Quincy; Dana Moore, Jacksonville, IL (A Woman speaks Her Mind, Sunday, 3 p.m.) and **Rector:** Tony Moore (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 p.m.).

We would like to thank you in advance for all of your prayers and palanca for this special weekend.

Please join us for our Buddy Mass on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at Our Saviour Church, 500 East State Street, Jacksonville, IL. A carry-in dinner will follow at the K of C Hall, 320 East State Street. Please come and share in the love and fellowship of God!

Palanca Chart - Please sign up for an hour or two to dwell in his presence in the Palanca Chapel. Contact Bob Gough at 217-617-7785 or bgough@quincyjournal.com to sign up.

Attention Meal Servers for Cursillo 299: Ladies, it is truly a blessing to have you serve the Lord by helping us serve meals on the weekend. If you are able to serve meals, please sign up at the Buddy Mass or call one of our Food Service Team - Jerry Eberhardt 217-257-1326, David Nord 618-535-6701, or Keith Frank 618-977-5974.

Your Brother In Christ Jesus,
Tony Moore, Rector, Cursillo #299

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #299

Sun. January 19, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.
Our Saviour Parish, Jacksonville, IL
Carry-in dinner at KC Hall following Mass

Women's Cursillo #300

Sun. February 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Parish
110 Maryknoll Rd., Old Monroe, MO
Carry-in dinner at KC Hall following Mass

MEN'S CURSILLO #299

January 23 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

January 25 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

January 26 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2014

Jim Citro, Director

ULTREYAS

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, Feb. 28, 2014

Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm
Continues in Room 204 near the Chapel

Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.
Following 5 pm Mass

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Montgomery Co./Martinsburg Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Immaculate Conception Parish
Montgomery City, Mo.
Follows the 5 pm Mass

4th Day Renewal

When: Feb. 28 - Mar. 1, 2014 from 7 pm Fri. to 7 pm Sat.
Where: Franciscan Retreat Center-Quincy
Cost: \$45 (includes \$10 deposit sent with application)
Director: Jim Citro

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.

Register online at: 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.

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.

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

February 20-23, 2014 - Joan Brown, Rectora
Mar. 27-30, 2014 - Dennis Boudreau, Rector
April 24-27, 2014 - Marie Korte, Rectora
June 26-29, 2014 - Randy Lovell, Rector
July 17-20, 2014 - Pat Holbrook, Rectora
Sept. 25-28, 2014 - Jim Reid, Rector
Nov. 6-9, 2014 - Linda Holthaus, Rectora

Thank You From Cursillo #298

Dearest Cursillo Family,

As we enlarged our Cursillo family on the weekend of #298, we could feel our family circling us in prayer. Thanks to all of you for your service, palanca, prayers, and support on another fruitful weekend. We were blessed with divine intervention as we dwelled in God's graces and your love.

I would personally like to thank the board, the team, and especially my husband Brent for all the guidance and support. It is not until you are in the position of Rectora that you truly realize just how many people it takes to enlarge this circle.

God bless all of you for praising the savior with us.

Gratefully and God Bless,

Jenni Obert, Rectora

"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 quincycursillonfp@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.

Cursillo Board of Directors 2013-14



Front row, left to right: Patty Marshall, Judy Oberman, Cindy Stephens-Lay Director 2011-13, Dennis Steinkamp-Lay Director 2014-16, Cathleen Koch, Kathy Schwartz. Second row: Joe Henning-Secretary, Don Beeley, Dennis Holbrook, Ed Holthaus, Fr. John Docter-Spiritual Director, Dick Mitchell, Jr., Jeff Liesen, Greg Wittland-Treasurer. Absent: Sue Holbrook.

Farewell Message from Cindy Stephens

De Colores Dear Friends!

In God's time, not ours. In the book "Heaven is for Real" a little boy gives us a glimpse of how quickly God's time passes. For me, this was a new insight into my own life.

I remember being 4 or 5 and the last 3 days before Christmas went on forever. In marriage our everyday and not so everyday life with Chuck has sped by. From birth, to kindergarten to college went by in just a minute or two with each of my children. As a grandmother, the time with my grandchildren goes even faster. So obviously time goes by more quickly when we get older.

Cursillo has been the greatest gift and the 26+ years since Cursillo 89 have also gone by so very quickly. Joan Grote recently told me recently that when I was on her team she would never have thought I would some day be Lay Director. My response was "Neither did I". Two years has gone by so quickly and has shown me new insight into my own life and given me gifts I never expected. Thank you.

My hope for myself and each of you is that you live everyday "In God's time, not my or your time." Thank you for all the trust and love you have given me in the past 2 years.

With love and prayers,

Cindy Stephens

P.S. Dennis Steinkamp will be a wonderful Lay Director!

Introducing our New Lay Director

Dear Cursillo Family,

Hi! My name is Dennis Steinkamp and I have been asked by the Quincy Cursillo Board to assume the duties of Lay Director, and it is with great humility and honor that I have accepted this position. I wish to thank Cindy Stephens for her leadership the past two years, and for her help and guidance to me during this transition period.

I live in Quincy and Marcia and I have been married for 39 years. We have 4 wonderful children and 8 beautiful grandchildren. Nick and his wife Jill, and their children Allison, Jamie, Paul, Isaac, and Nathan, live in Quincy. Krista Clipper and husband Don, and their children Logan, Caleb, and Addison, live in St. Louis. Andy and wife Teresa live in St. Louis. And Katie Bommarito and husband Patrick (Paddy) live in St. Louis. As you can see we make a few trips to St. Louis!

I made Cursillo #57 in March 1982 and Marcia was on #58 in April. We have been pretty involved with Cursillo over the years, Marcia was Rectora on 192 and I was Rector on 207. It has been through Cursillo and especially our Group Reunion we have found wonderful Christian friends and a great deal of joy and comfort in our lives. We are active members of St. Francis Solanus Church.

My thoughts and focus as your Lay Director will be evangelization. Pope Francis is opening doors to be a welcoming church. Cursillo gives us the tools to experience who Jesus is in our life and how to fulfill the mission that "Christ is Counting on You". I ask each Cursillistas to invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend a Cursillo weekend.

The purpose of the Cursillo movement is to develop Christian leaders in our churches and parishes. It is in our parishes we live out the tripod of Piety, Study, and Action. Look around and see how many Cursillistas are genuine leaders. Pay it forward.

Also, how many of you reading this have only a memory of your Cursillo? Group reunion is an important part of continuing growth and challenge to each other to continue to reach out in apostolic action. Find a group, start a group, and attend Ultreyas. Let Area Reps or the board know how we can help.

We are all in this together. The Board and I cannot do everything ourselves. We need all of us working together in a spirit of Christian love. Our family has grown and there are many committees and duties that are needed to make weekends go well. When help is requested, prayerfully consider what you may be able to do and respond accordingly!

Please remember the Board and me in your prayers as we work for the good of the entire Cursillo community.

Pax et Bonum Peace and Every Thing Good!

Dennis Steinkamp

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Next Board Meeting
January 16, 2014 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Discovering and Celebrating

by Terri May

I have this joke for you. I can't help it - it makes me laugh. I am one of those people that laugh at my own jokes but at least you are spared that since I am writing this.

Anyway, there is this Farmer Bob who bought a donkey from Farmer Tom for \$100. The day arrived for Bob to pick up the donkey with his truck. Farmer Tom met him with a sad look on his face and proceeded to tell him that he had bad news - the donkey had died. Well, Farmer Bob said, "Okay, just give me my money back then." But Farmer Tom informed Bob he couldn't because he had already spent the \$100. Thinking for a moment Farmer Bob said to just put the dead donkey in his truck since he had paid for it.

A month later the farmer Tom who had sold the donkey ran into Farmer Bob and, being curious, asked him what he had done with the dead donkey.

Farmer Bob said, "I auctioned him off." I sold 500 tickets for \$2 a piece and made \$900."

"Well, how could you auction off a dead donkey? Didn't the people get upset about that?" asked Farmer Tom

"Only the person who won," said Farmer Bob, "and I gave him back his \$2!"

Believe it or not, I think this is a story of patience and joy and this is why.

A few years ago a lady at my Bible Study lent me a book written by Henri Nouwen entitled Can You Drink the Cup? It was inspired by the Bible verses Math 20:20-23 in which the mother of Zebedee's sons asked Jesus for her sons to be seated at his side in his kingdom and Jesus in turn asked them if they could drink the cup that he was going to drink.

In his book Henri compares the cup to the "cup of life" and holding, lifting and drinking the cup as "the full celebration of being human." He writes: "We often compare our lives with those of others, trying to decide whether we are better or worse off, but such comparisons do not help us much. We have to live our life, not someone else's. We have to hold our own cup. We have to dare to say, "This is my life, the life that is given to me, and it is this life that I have to live, as well as I can.... Many people can help me to live my life, but after all is said and done; I have to make my own choices about how to live." He goes on to say that the cup of life is the cup of joy and of sorrow, and we have "to hold the cup in our hands and look carefully to see the joys hidden in our sorrows."

On our last trip to Chicago to visit our daughter and family we found a church around the corner of our hotel to attend on Sunday. The priest in his homily talked of patience. He said that "patience is not waiting for something you want; patience is discovering what you already have." In the grocery line, the traffic jam, during a recovery from a surgery, going through a tough spot in your life - discovering the blessings in that moment, the gifts you have to share, finding the strength you didn't know you possessed, seeing the beauty that surrounds you in the people and places you encounter and silly as it sounds, using ingenuity to make a profit on a dead donkey! Patience is rewarded with joy - joy for our life as it is, for who we are and have become, for what God has blessed us with, and for seeing the silver lining in the dark cloud.

Many blessings in this New Year, for joy and love and patience, Terri May