



Cursillo #323: January 19-22, 2017

Rector: Eric Schultz

Theme: "The Truth Will Set You Free"

Dear Cursillo Family,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your prayers and palanca. I am both humbled and honored to be selected as the leader for Cursillo #323. Our scripture theme comes from John 8:31-32: "Jesus said to the Jews, who had befriended him, 'If you abide in my words, you are truly my disciple and you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.'" The Truth found in Christian Spirituality is "Infinite or Ultimate Truth." This "Infinite Truth" is far more than facts, proven theories, principles or laws of nature. "Ultimate Truth" is not some thing, but rather some one. That someone is Christ Jesus. He walked among us and gave His life to show us "Infinite Truth." The team has been very open, focused and diligent in their preparations.

With God's oversight, I present to you the Cursillo Team for #323:

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Doctor, Quincy (Sacraments, Saturday 10 am);

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Springfield, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Fr. Duc Pham, Quincy (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); and Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, Quincy (Christian Life, Sunday 10 am).

Assistant Rectors: Dwight Seeley, Quincy (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm); Jim Vogel, Quincy (Study, Saturday 9 am); Derek Burns, Highland, IL (CCIA, Sunday 11 am).

Rollistas: Dave Lockhart, Quincy (Ideal, Friday 10 am); Brent Obert, Camp Point, IL (Piety, Friday 6:45 pm); Mark Biggs, Bowling Green, MO (Action, Saturday 3 pm); Chris Menne, Wentzville, MO (Leaders, Saturday 7 pm); Joe Ritterbusch, Quincy (Environment, Sunday 9 am).

Auxiliaries: Caleb Briscoe, Roodhouse, IL; Tom Phillips, Maywood, MO; Art Brown, Richard Ellerman, Tom Gott, Chris Keller, Marvin Meservey and Jack Mackenzie all of Quincy.

Service Team: Jim Aschemann, Norb Dixon, Joe Haubrich, Dennis Hoyt, Dick Newman all of Quincy; Bill Casper, LaGrange, MO.

Food Service: Jim Cramsey, Quincy; Larry Frese, Mendon, IL; Wayne Myers, Palmyra, MO. **Sacristan:** Dennis Steinkamp, Quincy; **Musician:** Ray Wheeler, Quincy.

Observing Rector: Ron Clark, Chatham, IL; **Board Rep:** Pat Beckman, Quincy; **Rector:** Eric Schultz, Quincy (Group Reunion & Ultreya, Sunday 12 pm) and Diane Schultz, Quincy (A Woman's Perspective, Sunday 1 pm).

Our Buddy Mass will be January 15, 2017 at 2:00 pm at St. Francis Solanus Church in Quincy. A carry-in dinner will follow in the parish center. Meat, drinks, paper plates, plasticware and napkins will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to complete the meal.

We truly appreciate all of your prayers, support and palanca and look forward to seeing you at the Buddy Mass.

To sign up to serve meals on the weekend, please contact Jim Cramsey 217-440-7783 or Wayne Myers 573-769-2170.

With love through Christ

Eric Schultz & the Team of #323

Preliminary Candidate List

A preliminary list of candidates for each upcoming weekend is sent by email to the Area Representatives about 5-7 days before the weekend starts. If you would like to receive this list of candidates, please contact your Area Representative to let them know your email address.

A list of Area Representatives can be found on the Quincy Cursillo website under the Board Information tab or go to: quincycursillo.com/board/areareps.html

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #323

Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 2 pm
St. Francis Church, Quincy, Ill.
Carry-in dinner following Mass

Women's Cursillo #324

Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 2 pm
All Saints Catholic Church, White Hall Ill.
Carry in dinner following Mass

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

March 10-11, 2017
Cindy Stephens, Director

Register online at:
www.quincycursillo.com/apps/fourthday-registration.html

ULTREYAS

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, March 3, 2017
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm

Shelby County Ultreya

Saturday, March 4, 2017
Fr. Buhman Center, Shelbina, Mo.
Follows 5 pm Mass

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 4, 2017
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 4, 2017
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

Feb. 23-26, 2017 - Karen Crabtree, Rectora
Mar. 30-Apr. 2, 2017 - Ron Clark, Rector
Apr. 20-23, 2017 - Donna Campbell, Rectora
June 22-25, 2017 - George Schultz, Rector
July 13-16, 2017 - Maria Carmody, Rectora
Sept. 21-24, 2017 - Mark Wiewel, Rector
Nov. 2-5, 2017 - Mary Zerrer, Rectora

Walk to Emmaus Dates

Men's Walk #13 is January 26-29, 2017

Women's Walk #14 is February 15-19, 2017

Great River Walk to Emmaus program is the Protestant version of Cursillo. Cursillistas are welcome to participate in the Walk and Walk Pilgrims are welcome to participate in Cursillo.

Learn more at www.greatriveremmaus.org

Cursillo Policy Reminders

1. **Cursillo is for "Adults Only." Children are not to attend any of the Cursillo weekend functions. They are, however, welcome at the Buddy Mass.**
2. **No pictures or video are allowed at any time during a Cursillo weekend or at team meetings.**
3. Wear your crosses and/or name tags when coming to events during Cursillo weekends. With other people using the Retreat Center it helps to know the right people are in the right places.
4. Serving meals - contact the Food Service Team prior to the weekend to sign up for serving meals. Spouses, sponsors and immediate family of anyone on the weekend may not serve that weekend. Avoid mingling with the team and candidates as this is time for them to have fellowship with each other. Any entertainment at meals is to be done by the team only. Meal times are listed on the website.
5. Palanca chapel - Sponsors and prayer buddies should spend an hour in the palanca chapel. Please sign the palanca chart and write palanca letters to let your candidate or team member know you are supporting them in prayer.

Cursillo Name Tags

We have a new name tag committee chaired by Sharolyn Rice. She is taking over this role from Bill and Alice Bender. We want to thank the Bender's for thier service

When ordering name tags, please keep these points in mind:

- Name tags should **not** be ordered until the candidate actually makes the weekend.
- Name tags must be paid for when ordered.
- The name tag committee is available on Saturday night only; table is set up in the lobby.

We have numerous name tags that were ordered and paid for and have not yet been picked up. Please stop by the table and review these and help us deliver them to anyone you might know. You may contact the Name Tag Committee - Sharolyn Rice - at 217-885-3238 or email: 2710south@gmail.com

Overnight Accomodations Available in Quincy

There are Cursillistas in the Quincy area that open their homes to travelers from a distance to stay overnight during Cursillo weekends so that you don't have to spend money on a hotel.

For reservations, call Committee Chair Nancy Weede at 217-223-9610 or email: sjkt13579@yahoo.com

Quincy Cursillo Board of Directors 2016-17



Board of Directors 2016-17, front row, left to right: Mike Holbrook, Treasurer; Nancy Weede, Billie Huebotter, Lay Director; Connie Vermeire, Chris Duvall, Fr. John Doctor, Spiritual Director. Back row, left to right: Mike Grant, Mike Baker, Asst. Lay Director; Pat Beckman, Tammy Foster, Kathy Cramsey, Secretary; Cheryl Wagner, John Little, Mike Fessler, BJ Menne.

Message From Lay Director

2017----Where oh where did 2016 go? Was it Forrest Gump that said "life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer you get to the end the faster it goes"? It is working that way for me!

2017 will be a time for new beginnings for the candidates God invites to Cursillo. Perhaps it has been a while since you have been on a team or maybe you have never been on team. 2017 may be the year God calls you to a team. 2017 may be the year that God asks you to step out of your comfort zone and be a Rollistas or even a Rector or Rectora for 2018. What a graced time these opportunities will be! When you are called, don't miss the blessing.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you that responded to the call to share your treasure for the air conditioner fund. There is still time if you would like to give. Just write a check to Quincy Cursillo and mark it for the air conditioners. You can give it to any Board Member, Ed Holthaus, Chairman of Building and Grounds or mail it to Quincy Cursillo, P. O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305. Your gift will be appreciated. I know God will bless you because we cannot out give our God. We want to get the air conditioners purchased and installed by April. It will be way too hot in the bedrooms without air conditioning in June and July, and you never know about the weather in April, we may need them then also.

A new change for 2017 that you will see is a change in the Sponsors Hour. Since the team will have already had their Buddy Mass and anointing service, the Board has decided that only the Rector or Rectora cross will be hung at Sponsors Hour. At the hanging of this cross it will also reflect the team and the other team names but team crosses will not be hung. By changing this it will eliminate quite a bit of time so those having to travel a long distance will be able to leave sooner and it will also free up the main chapel earlier for the candidates and team.

For anyone wanting to pray for a specific team member, the Palanca Chapel is always available. The Palanca chart is almost never filled by Sponsor Hour. There are ALWAYS opportunities to pray in the Palanca Chapel. Remember, more than one person can be signed up to pray. It is such a special place. It truly is Holy Ground.

Just a reminder, when you are in the Palanca Chapel SILENCE PLEASE. If you want to visit, please go to the hall. It is very annoying to someone praying silently when other are visiting. The Palanca Chapel is a place of silence.

Again, thank you for ALL that you do for the Quincy Cursillo. We appreciate everything that is done.

May God, Bless You Abundantly in 2017.

Billie Huebotter, Lay Director

Thank You From Carolyn White & Cursillo #322

With the song "Amazing Grace" playing on my CD player this morning, I'm in wonderful awe of not only God's Amazing Grace but His Amazing Love! I don't know how anyone could have left this weekend without at least knowing the power of God's love and grace. I give all glory to God for His guidance and His love and His power that has been present always, as He promises.

Many kudos to the wonderful, powerful and energetic team of Mighty Women of God that He called to serve as the team of Cursillo #322! I did not know many of them when I made those phone calls but WOW, He sure did! Thank you for showing me more love than I knew was humanly possible! You have burned so many memories into my heart...I am forever grateful to you!

And now many many thanks to our beautiful, loving and wonderful Cursillo family for the many acts of palanca, hours of prayer, the cards, letters and phone calls, texts and other messages of encouragement and blessings. That is the fuel that keeps our hearts burning within us. Your beautiful faces sitting in the Palanca Chapel every time I walked in with a Rollista warmed my heart. Thank you!

And to the 47 new Cursillistas....thank you for the courage to take that first step walking into the Retreat Center on Thursday night and the courage to stay the entire weekend! You are also Mighty Women of God! Such beautiful souls I see when I look at you! You now know how much God loves you and how much we love you! Now go forth and share that love.

God's love and blessings to all,

Carolyn White, Rectora Cursillo #322

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Next Board Meeting
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Discovering and Celebrating

by Terri May

I opened the email "Praise the Lord Anyway" Morning Meditation by Mary Jane Davis with the quote from Psalms 67:3 "May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you." And my husband commented, "There's your Praising again!" I guess I really should start at the beginning of my "spiritual soup" story.

Have you ever heard of a friendship soup where each friend brings a different ingredient to put in the pot like carrots, onions, celery etc? Well, God made me a "spiritual soup" this week with God as the broth that gave the soup flavor and surrounded and permeated all the ingredients. It really began in October when Jeff Cavins, a Christian writer and Bible Study presenter, gave a talk at St. Francis Church. He surprised us when he said that he has "a special power" that enables him to identify his wife from 300 other women in the room, while blind folded, when he heard her voice. How did he do this? He explained that he knew her voice because he had spent so much time talking with her throughout their marriage. His point was that how would we know the voice of God if we didn't spend time with him in conversation (prayer) and did not get to know who he was. That had to simmer for a couple months in my mind.

Then at my early morning prayer group I was offered another yummy tidbit to add to the pot. We read a chapter in a book by Jeff Cavins, Praise Him and Thank Him, which led us to ask ourselves-how do we praise God, can we praise Him if we don't know anything about Him and how do we get to know him? I took those questions home to my husband. We had a lively discussion when the reading in the devotional "Our Daily Bread" added more goodness to the mix. It asked, "What has God given us that causes our joy to overflow into praise?" And it ended with a prayer - "We

praise You, O Lord - with words, with song and with our lives." We decided that you would have to read the Word of God or hear the Word to know about God but you could also learn about him from His people, in His love reflected in their actions, or in the beauty of the world He had created, showing His might.

So now my pot was brimming with good ingredients but He was not finished yet. As I got into the car to head to Yoga I pushed the CD in that I had picked out the night before from my stash in the car. I hadn't listened to Kathy Troccoli in a long time and had no idea what song was first. This was the God moment he provided as the last ingredient to His spiritual soup. The first stanza of the song "Parade" goes like this:

I want to celebrate,
Lift up Your holy name,
Hear my praise,
Jesus, You're Lord over heaven,
And light of the world,
Great are You, Lord,
You are worthy of,
honor and majesty,
I'll sing Your praises,
Oh, Jesus, as long as I live.

I drove down the road with a smile on my face, with happy tears running down my cheeks as I sang along in wonder at this God of mystery and Grace.

This morning as I left the house I told my husband that I wanted to start a praise journal to God. I think He has provided me with enough to fill a few pages, twice over. Sometimes I can be pretty dense but I think I got the message this time, Lord! Soups on! Anyone want to join me?

Full of Praise for my God of Joyful Surprises and Love, Terri May