



Cursillo #296: July 11–14, 2013

Rectora: Christine Duvall

Theme: "Find peace, love, and joy with Jesus!"

Dear Cursillo Family,

It is with great joy that I thank you, on behalf of God's team #296, for all the prayers and palanca that are being offered up for us and for this weekend. We have felt them in abundance and continue to ask for more until our weekend is completed. It is so humbling to be surrounded by so many faith filled and gracious women.... God is good!! We have laughed and cried and laughed some more and can't wait to see who He will bring to us to share all of our peace, love, and joy with. We are so excited!!

Our journey of love begins with our scriptures from Philippians 4: 6-7, 13 "Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me." It is much easier to experience true peace, love, and joy when you have Jesus in your heart and life.

Now... I'm the lucky one to get to introduce to you the most awesome team that God has chosen for this weekend.

They are: **Spiritual Director:** Fr. John Doctor, Quincy (Sacraments, Saturday 10 a.m.) **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, Quincy (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 p.m.); Fr. Duc Pham, Quincy (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday, 4:15 p.m.); and Sr. Concepta Joerger, Springfield, IL (Christian Life, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.).

Assistant Rectoras: Marcia Becker-VanCleave, Laddonia, MO (Piety, Friday 6:45 p.m.); Pam Eftink, Quincy (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 p.m.); and Diane Powers, Ft. Madison, IA (Environment, Sunday 9:00 a.m.).

Rollistas: Charlotte Buckman, Quincy (Laity, Friday 1:30 p.m.); Mary Courty, Quincy (Study, Saturday 9:00 a.m.); Barb Leaf, Springfield, IL (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 a.m.); Nancy Vens, Mt. Pleasant, IA (Ideals, Friday 10:00 a.m.); and Sharon Zehnle, Quincy, IL (Action, Saturday 3:00 p.m.).

Auxiliaries: Jennifer Erickson, Hannibal, MO; Amy Meehan, Jacksonville, IL; Mary Basteau, Julie Long, Anne Meyer, Peggy Newman, Joleen Patton, Susan Schrecke, and Diane Zimmerman, all from Quincy, IL.

Service Team: Rose Marie Beeley, Jacksonville, IL; Cindy Gervais, Palmyra, MO; Nicole Costigan, Terri Many, and Kathy Xamis, all from Quincy, IL.

Food Service: Joan Haubrich, Quincy and Mary Peterson, Alexandria, IL. **Musician:** Bonnie Nytes, Quincy, IL; **Sacristan:** Barb Mitchell, Quincy, IL; **Observing Rectora:** Jenni Obert, Camp Point, IL; **Board Rep.:** Cathleen Koch, Mt. Sterling, IL; and **Rectora:** Christine Duvall, Quincy (Group Reunion & Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 p.m.).

We, the team of Cursillo #296, would like to invite you to our Buddy Mass on Sunday, July 7, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus Catholic Church, 17th and College, Quincy, IL. A carry-in dinner will follow in the school's Tuesday Club Room, across the street from the church. Meat will be provided. Please join the fun!!

It would be really great if you could honor us with your presence by serving meals during the weekend. You would be quite a blessing to all of us, especially the candidates! Please call Joan Haubrich (217-222-7769) or Mary Peterson (217-478-2951) or sign up at the Buddy Mass to serve. Thanks in advance for all you can do.

With great peace, love, and joy,
Christine Duvall,
Rectora #296

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #296
Sun. July 7, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.
St. Francis Church, Quincy, Ill.
Carry-in dinner at school

Men's Cursillo #297
Sun. September 22, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament Church, Quincy, Ill.
Carry-in dinner at school

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #296

July 11 (Thursday)
7:30 pm Registration
8:30 pm Sponsors Hour
July 13 (Saturday)
8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour
July 14 (Sunday)
5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Tri-State Area Ultreya
Friday, July 19, 2013
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm
Continues in Room 204 near the Chapel

Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Saturday, July 20, 2013
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya
Saturday, July 20, 2013
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

September 26-29, 2013 - Jerry Zerrer, Rector
November 7-10, 2013 - Jenni Obert, Rectora
January 23-26, 2014 - Tony Moore, Rector
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

Fourth Day Renewal

December 6-7, 2013
Jack and Dianne Powers, Directors

“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 Book of Remembrance

We have 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 call 217-223-6676. 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 entrance doors on the south side of the building are unlocked for easy access.

Ultreya’s - Have You Attended One Lately?

We have numerous opportunities for Ultreya’s around our various areas, but yet we are not seeing a large number taking advantage of these opportunities for spiritual growth. Possibly we need to explain a bit more about what an Ultreya is.

The Ultreya is important for creating a larger environment for the benefit of the Christian Community. Here the Group Reunions can come together to share their commitment and growth and encourage each other in the evangelization of Jesus’ love in their world. This can also foster the opportunity for the new Cursillista to find a Group Reunion to join by meeting and making new friends.

An Ultreya includes prayer, a short witness, sharing that witness in small groups, brief comments by a representative from each group, time for socializing with light snacks and drinks, whenever convenient in the program, and ending with prayer.

As quoted from Our Fourth Day – “A witness is delivered as a living experience of what the cursillista is or believes. When a person speaks of what he or she is living, it is almost always motivating.” It can be as simple as using the questions, “What does Cursillo mean to me? And what am I doing about it?” as a format for a witness.

Other things incorporated into the Ultreya would be introductions depending on the size of the group, and music with musicians or a song leader. This is also a good place to provide any Cursillo information such as team members and candidates on the upcoming Cursillo.

Ultreya’s have been held after a Mass or prayer or communion service but that is not required due to time constraints or finding a priest. They can be held anywhere there is room to accommodate the numbers expected.

As the Group Reunion aids the individual in their faith, so the Ultreya encourages the growth of Piety, Study, and Action and fosters unity with our brother and sister Christians to be Church in the World.

What you need to know about being on a Cursillo team

The call to be on a team implies the need for a good deal of dedication and commitment -- commitment to the rector or rectora, to the team, to the candidates, to the Cursillo Movement and most of all to Christ. Those commitments require us to attend the team meetings, possibly prepare a talk, pray for a fellow team member, critique the rollistas with love, to help the rector/rectora and the assistants, and to be open to the candidates and their needs on the weekend.

When you say “yes” to being an auxiliary, you are also saying “yes” to the possibility that you would be willing to be a rollista, an assistant rector or rectora and even a rector or rectora in the future. These are the natural steps that one can expect when asked to be on a team. In order for Cursillo and us to continue to grow we need to be open to these steps and be aware that our “yes” to team membership implies that we are committing to our future roles in the Cursillo Movement whatever they may be.

You can submit a team application upon completion of your initial Cursillo weekend but be aware that you will need to wait one year before your name will become available. This one year wait period is to give you ample time to grow in your spirituality after your initial Cursillo experience. Once you have been on a team, you will again need to wait one year before being called again. This is so others have the opportunity to serve.

If you have submitted your team application and it has been awhile, be aware that we have a long list of applicants. Do not give up hopes of being called. You will be called in God’s time. If you have changed phone numbers since sending in your application or if you are using only a cell phone now, complete a Change of Information form so that the information can be updated in our database. We frequently have difficulty reaching people because of inaccurate phone numbers.

Note

Due to the close proximity of the June men’s and July women’s Cursillo weekends, this newsletter went to print before the men’s weekend photo was available. The photo will be included in the September issue.

Correction

In the June issue, the article listing table sponsors for the Valentine’s Dinner Dance Gala should have listed Jerry and Cathleen Koch of Mt. Sterling, Ill. We regret the error.

Comments from Cursillo #294

Dear Cursillo Family,

"God is love." Cursillo #294 truly felt God's love through the prayers, palanca & sacrifices. Thank you to those who helped to serve meals and all who gave to us in any way. We greatly appreciate your servant hearts!

God brought 21 beautiful women to the weekend to experience His love. I believe they felt His presence and love through countless individuals and settings in such a way that they will never forget.

A special thanks to Father John Doctor and Deacons Bill Blankenship, Bob Leake and Bill Sinak. It was such a blessing to have a strong team of spiritual and assistant spiritual directors. I would also like to thank the Cursillo board for trusting me to be Rector for Cursillo #294 - what an awesome journey it has been! Over the years I have grown and been changed; I will be forever grateful.

In God's Love,

Tammy Foster, Rectora Cursillo #294

Discovering And Celebrating

by Terri May

We have not had a pet in 10 years. I am not counting the two ferrets and one chinchilla my daughter brought to our house for a very short time. And, yes, ferrets do have an odor. Over 30 years we have cared for and loved 3 dogs, 1 cat (my husband did not love the cat), goldfish, a hamster and a few tadpoles and turtles until we decided to go "pet less" when we retired and started to travel more. I visit the neighbor's dogs and cat when I need an animal fix. Otherwise, we are quite content.

Now I am going to diverge from the story for a bit. Last week as I was waiting for my appointment for therapy on my shoulder - I noticed a poster on the wall. It read: "The High Road to Service is traveled with Integrity, compassion and understanding - People don't care how much we know until they know how much we care." Good point, I thought. Then my brain started to chew on that awhile. After Cursillo I began to realize how important service was. I also learned that service comes in so many forms and places but it all starts with a "yes", making ourselves open and available to serve someone else, to help, to comfort to be there, to care.

A few months ago we said "yes" to our son who is coming home from the Navy the end of June. He needed to send his 3 yr. old boxer home before it was too warm to ship her because of her short snout and trouble breathing in warm places. Guess who were to be the lucky recipients?? Jade is a real sweetie but she is 65 pounds of energy and strength! We met her when we visited our son last spring. She was driven from Sicily to Rome, flew to Germany and then on to O'Hare airport in Chicago. We drove from Quincy to Chicago to visit family for a week before finding ourselves in the Cargo area of the airport. The crate and dog had only an inch to spare when we loaded her into the back of our car for the five hour trip back to Quincy. This trip added a new dimension to the rest stops we usually made on our way home!

Jade has adjusted well, taking us on vigorous morning walks, getting us up to feed her with her tail thumping the side of her crate, making us laugh with her romping chases after her bone and her sad, doggy expressions, standing calmly to be brushed and giving us sloppy licks when she smells something good on our hands. My son and his wife will be with us for a little bit while he gets his bearing so the dog will be here for a few more months.

Do you think we will want to get our own dog after she leaves - probably not but it has gone better than we anticipated so we are grateful for that. And it has made me realize that service and a "yes" can open a door to new experiences, new challenges that can come in many different forms and places, can show we care, and are family to each other. It could be the few extra moments taken to listen to one of the people I deliver library books to, going to lunch with a friend and sharing some moments at the park, sending a card to a friend of a friend who needs some support, giving my husband a back rub after a busy day, walking a doggy in the early hours of the morning - all acts of service, caring like Jesus, showing His love.

Happy day and love,

Terri May

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2013 CURSILLO BOARD ELECTION BALLOT

The Cursillo Family is asked to cast a vote for TWO of the following MEN and TWO of the following WOMEN candidates who will serve for three years beginning in August 2013. Cast only one ballot per Cursillista.

**Please give prayerful consideration to the qualifications of candidates.
Brief bio's are available in the June issue of this newsletter**

MEN		WOMEN		MEN		WOMEN	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don Beeley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jana Casper	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don Beeley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jana Casper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Holbrook	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Holbrook
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Fessler	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judy Oberman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Fessler	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judy Oberman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dick Mitchell, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Weede	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dick Mitchell, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Weede

INSTRUCTIONS

Cast only one ballot per Cursillista.

Mail your ballot to:

Cindy Stephens, 2130 Brookmead Dr, Quincy, IL 62301

Ballots will also be available during the June and July Cursillo weekend activities.

YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 13, 2013

Ballots received after this date will not be counted.