



## Cursillo #285 – March 22-25, 2012

**Rector: Stan Schwartz**

**Theme: “Because He First Loved Us”**

Dear Cursillo Family,

The team of #285 will be welcoming the candidates with great excitement! We pray that you share this excitement as you bring a candidate and continue in your generous prayer, *palanca*, and acts of service. They have been felt, from the time of team formation on through our meetings. Thank YOU!

Our Scripture is 1 John 4:19, “We love because He first loved us.” Inspired by St Paul’s exhortations to the early church, we have been working to develop our personal piety, study, and action in order to be AMOG, that is, Awesome Men of God (in love and humility). As Christ first loved us, so we, as team, have been working to prepare. We cannot give the candidates something that we are not ourselves.

Our theme song is “How Can I Keep from Singing,” which both reflects and projects the Lenten season. We will experience the 72-hour journey during the penitential time of Lent. As we reflect upon the sacrifice, crucifixion, and our need for forgiveness, we also anticipate the RESURRECTION! With what He has done for us, through Love and Grace alone, how can we keep from singing?

**Spiritual Director** for the weekend is Msgr. Leo Enlow, Quincy, (Sacraments, Saturday 10:00 am). **Assistant Spiritual Directors** are: Deacon Bill Blankenship, Hannibal, MO (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Fr. Chuck Edwards, Highland, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Fr. John Doctor, Quincy (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); and Fr. Tom Henseler, Mt. Sterling, IL (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 am).

**Assistant Rectors** are Steve Carr, Carlinville, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 pm); Larry Frese, Mendon, IL (Piety, Friday 7:00 pm); and Tim Gilbert, Hannibal, (Environment, Sunday 9:00 am).

**Rollistas** are David Steele of White Hall, IL (Christian Community in Action, Sunday 10:00 am); Rayburn Cook, Hannibal (Study, Saturday 9:00 am); Joe Henning, Quincy, (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm); Lynn Gallagher, Quincy (Action, Saturday 3:00 pm); Gerry Rolves, (Ideals, Friday 10:00 am); and Kathy Schwartz, Quincy (A Woman Speaks her Mind, Sunday, 3:00 pm).

**Auxiliaries** are Michael Bickhaus, Eric Ley, and Brian Fee of Quincy; Greg Bergschneider of Jacksonville, Kevin DeHaan of Taylor, MO, Tom Goetten of Jerseyville, Dan Leonatti of Mexico, MO, Jason Osbourne of Monroe City, and Scott Skillet of Chapin, IL.

**Service Team** consists of Brad Karr of Jacksonville; Todd Platt of Hull, IL; Bob Donnolly of Mt. Pleasant, IA; Paul Morrison and Kevin Phillips, both of Quincy.

**Food Service** members are Chris Lorton of Jerseyville (618-498-5810) and David May of Quincy (217-224-7027). **Musician:** Jared Holbrook, Quincy; **Sacristan:** Dennis Semerad, Quincy.

**Observing Rector:** Dick Mitchell, Jr., Quincy; **Board Representative:** Matt Harmon of Roodhouse, IL and **Rector:** Stan Schwartz, Quincy (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm).

We invite you to celebrate with us at our Buddy Mass, which will be held on March 18th at St. Peter’s, 2600 Maine St., Quincy, with a carry-in dinner following in the gymnasium on the St. Peter’s campus. The team will be providing the meat, and we ask that the rest of you bring other dishes to fill in the menu.

Stan Schwartz, Rector #285

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### BUDDY MASS

##### Men’s Cursillo #285

Sun. March 18, 2012 at 2:00 pm  
St. Peter Church, Quincy, IL  
Carry-in dinner following Mass

##### Women’s Cursillo #286

Sun. April 22, 2012 at 3:00 pm  
Our Saviour Church, Jacksonville, Ill.  
Carry-in dinner at KC Hall

#### MEN’S CURSILLO #285

##### March 22 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

##### March 24 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

##### March 25 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

#### ULTREYAS

##### Tri-State Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2012  
St. Francis Parish School, Quincy, Ill.  
Follows 4:30 pm Mass

##### Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, March 3 & March 31, 2012  
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.  
Following 5 pm Sat. Mass

##### Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2012  
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.  
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

##### Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2012  
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall  
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

##### Montgomery County Ultreya

Saturday, March 10, 2012 Mass at 7 pm  
Church of the Resurrection, Wellsville, Mo

##### Hannibal/Palmyra Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm  
Farachon Hall, Palmyra, Mo.  
(across from church)

#### Upcoming Cursillo Dates

April 26-29, 2012 - Rose Marie Beeley, Rectora  
June 28 - July 1, 2012 - Dick Mitchell, Rector  
July 26-29, 2012 - Therese Long, Rectora  
September 27-30, 2012 - BJ Menne, Rector  
November 1-4, 2012 - Sharon Sitton, Rectora

#### Meal Servers for Cursillo #285

Women - if you would like to help serve meals for the March Men’s Cursillo, please call the Food Service Team to sign up.

Call David May 217-224-7027 or Chris Lorton 618-498-5810

Please remember that sponsors, spouses, siblings, parents, and children of candidates and team are asked NOT to serve. We all want participants to process the weekend without being reminded of “outside” concerns.

## Bishop Paprocki Video and Comments

Bishop Paprocki of the Springfield, Illinois diocese attended the January Cursillo weekend as a candidate. He shared comments, as well as a video, talking about his experience. Links to the comments and video are available on the front page of the Quincy Cursillo website: [www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jae12@comcast.net)

***"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."***

*John 13:34-35  
Scripture for #284*

## Thank You from Cursillo 283

Dear Cursillo Family,

Thank you from the Men of Cursillo 283 for all the prayer and Palanca. We were so blessed to have a great team and also to have so many new Cursillistas. The Spirit was with us from the beginning to the end. What an amazing weekend!

A big thank you to Bishop Thomas John Paprocki for the article in the *Catholic Times* regarding the Quincy Cursillo movement. Please check out his video on this subject on the Quincy Cursillo website.

I have been truly blessed by this weekend. Again thank you to everyone for your support by your prayers and Palanca. May God bless you all.

Mike Fessler, Rector Cursillo #283

## "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 call the application committee, Sheldon & Teresa Robinson, at 217-228-2201. A team member 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 #284



**Front row, left to right:** Lisa Leake, Katie Korte, Linda Holthaus, Therese Long, Diane Powers, Sue Ostermiller, Cris Brannan. **Second row:** Shirley Davis, Millie Foedener, Maggie Reis, Susan Heaton, Rose Marie Beeley, Shelley Nacke, George J. Kramer, Ginny Andrews, Connie Hoyt, Jane Deters, Ginny Gramke, Darlene Boland, Donna Vogel. **Third row:** Carol Robben, Mary Przada, Betsy Alexander, Sharon Mays, Pat Klaus, Lynn Zielinski, Janet Nicholson, Colleen Geismann, Kristin Liesen, DeAnne Wickens, Anne Schrecke, Jane Haus. **Fourth row:** Michelle May, Carrie Alexander, Kayla Obert, Priscilla Eggering, Tina Konieczny, Robin Fessler, Christie Joehl, Carleen Caesar, Sue Bowe, Amy Wilkey, Dianne Deters, Angie Brown, Angela Buckman, Renae Jansen. **Fifth row:** Tracy Johnston, Diana Compton, Debbie Vance, Deb Meservey, Maranda Meyer, Carolyn Turner, Lori Catalpa, Andrea Markway, Debbie Mueller, Linda Schrecke, Nancy Little, Carol Willingham, Patty Gramke, Jennie McDermott, Renea Henning. Not pictured: Fr. Bill Peckman, Fr. Lou Dorn, and Deacon Terry Ellerman.

## Lay Director's Message

I had a dream last night. It was dusk, dark and dismal and there was a man in a wheel chair. A stranger came up to me and begged me to take this man to his destination. There was a handicap-equipped van ready for me to use and I was somewhat familiar with the area where the man needed to go. I look around and even though there were many people nearby no one was even talking, or nodding or even noticing this man. I felt pity for him and agreed to drive him where he needed to go.

Figuring out that van was a challenge. There were all kinds of gadgets and equipment to make it an easy trip for him. I had never driven such a large vehicle. We started out on our journey, and I tried to make sure he was riding comfortably. I had a bottle of water and when I took a drink I realized that my passenger was probably thirsty too. I asked and he didn't have anything to drink with him. After thinking of the germs he might have and the possibility that he might goober my water, I did offer him a drink. He accepted and took only a sip. When he handed the bottle back I wanted to wipe off the rim and to check for goobers, but instead I immediately took another sip.

We rode through areas I vaguely recognized but mostly I saw homeless people wandering, homes that could no longer be even considered shelter, rusted out vehicles and everywhere despair. Our destination turned out to be a sandy area, an area where it's very difficult to push wheelchairs. There was no one there waiting for my passenger and so I took him in his wheel chair to a group of people hoping this was where he was to be.

We paused at the edge of this group and there were people talking about themselves, sharing special moments with each other. The group was interesting but not where we were supposed to be. We paused at several different groups and at some point my passenger stayed but I didn't even notice. I continued pausing at different groups, not joining but listening. Until I came up behind a man, obviously struggling and in pain. The man on his left took his hand and from behind I took his right hand in mine. When I took his hand all the tragedies, losses, pain and mistakes I had for carried for 60 years fell off of me. The pain and exhaustion I had willingly carried were gone.

And I awakened. Cursillo is a solemn mystery. There is no one way to interpret or explain our experience. It is a journey, the route and the vehicle may vary but we take it together. It does not end with our arrival at our planned destination. It is everlasting.

With Love & Prayers,  
Cindy Stephens

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## Area Reps and Why They Are Important to You

Your Area Representative acts as a liaison between your parish or area and the Board. They are encouraged to attend all Board meetings to represent you and, in turn, bring information back to share with their community. Area Reps also receive the Cursillo board minutes to keep them up date on issues that come before the board. They should share information with their pastors and keep an active list of who has made Cursillo and who is in Group Reunions.

It is also the responsibility of the Area Representative to be available to sponsors when they have candidates to help answer any questions, to handle post-Cursillo activities, ultreya's and assist in getting Cursillistas in Group Reunions.

The Quincy Cursillo website has a listing of the Area Reps under the "Board Information" tab. Please contact them to let them know your contact information so they can keep you updated on Cursillo activities.

Area Reps receive, by email, an advance listing of the candidates for the upcoming weekend. Again, let them know your email address so they can let you know who the candidates are from your area.

Many areas have their own newsletter with local information. Help them help you stay informed. They are your resource if you have questions.

Each parish or town is eligible to have one representative and one assistant that is chosen by the local Ultreya and submitted to the Lay Director and Board for approval. If your parish or area is not represented, choose someone from your local area and nominate them to the Board to fill this position.

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and "Like Us" on Facebook.

### Notes for Sponsors

*This is the second in a series of articles we will be including in this newsletter to review the responsibilities of sponsors.*

Once your candidate is accepted, if your candidate is unable to attend the weekend for which he or she has been accepted, you must notify the Applications Committee. This should be done as soon as possible so that another candidate can be notified to fill that space.

Plan the palanca you will do both before and during the Cursillo weekend for your candidate. Begin doing your palanca as soon as your candidate decides to attend a weekend. You can sign up for an hour in the Palanca Chapel either at the Buddy Mass or on the Thursday night of your candidate's weekend, or prior to that by calling the Palanca Chapel committee.

Some palanca suggestions include: attending an extra Mass each week; visits to the Blessed Sacrament; special prayers or meditation time; palanca in the chapel, avoidance of sweets, beer, coffee, smoking, television, movies; fasting; reaching out to and help others or volunteering for committees.

Bring the candidate to the Retreat Center yourself or at the very least, arrange for someone else to bring him or her. Help your candidate get off to a good start by carrying the candidate's bags; assist the candidate at the check-in table; offer to unpack the candidate's bags; point out where the restrooms and showers are located; take the candidate to the social in the cafeteria, offer to get him or her something to drink, stay close by introducing him or her to your friends.

Alert the team to any medical or dietary needs of your candidate. This should be done as a follow up to what was provided on the application so as to remind everyone of these health issues. *To be continued next month.....*

### 2012/2013 Weekend Dates and Rectors & Rectoras Announced

- #289 September 27-30, 2012 - BJ Menne, Rector
- #290 November 1-4, 2012 - Sharon Sitton, Rectora
- #291 January 24-27, 2013 - John Little, Rector
- #292 February 21-24, 2013 - Jill Mason, Rectora
- #293 March 21-24, 2013 - Joe Grote, Rector
- #294 April 25-28, 2013 - Tammy Foster, Rectora
- #295 June 27-30, 2013 - Dennis Hoyt, Rector
- #296 July 11-14, 2013 - Christine Duvall, Rectora

### Team Applications

If you have submitted your team application and you haven't been called to be on team, be aware that we have a long list of applicants. Do not give up hope 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.

The Change of Information form is available on the Quincy Cursillo website - [www.quincycursillo.com](http://www.quincycursillo.com). Your information will be updated in both the team application database and the newsletter database. If you want to check to see if the information on your application is up-to-date, contact the application committee, Dennis & Connie Hoyt, at 217-224-2322. You may send in an updated application as well.