



Message from John Runge, Lay Director

The weather has been rather unusual this year with dryness and now with the warm weather bringing in the month of November. I like having dry weather for the construction work I do but I don't like seeing the grass turn brown, trees dying, and dust blowing. Just six months ago I didn't like all the rain and the dirt washing away, and the wind blowing over trees because of the over saturated soil. I guess I am hard to please or maybe I like being in that bubble of environmentally perfect. I am already thinking in fear of freezing rain and snow and having to be out in it all day. I tried to get many things done this summer and fall with all the dry weather but I feel as though I went one step ahead and two backward. The 24 hour days needed to be 48 hour days. Even if that could have happened, I most likely wouldn't have accomplished all I needed to do. Life happens a day at a time so one can start over each day to refocus, assess priorities, and to accomplish realistic goals. Sometimes, I guess, one needs to just stop and smell the roses.

I have come to an end of a 3 year commitment to lead the Cursillo family as lay director. I started challenging the family to look at goals. Where should we be in 5-10 years, I asked. I was saddened to find far less than a few responses. Maybe we all like living in that bubble of "perfection". Maybe we all believe the weather will remain perfect at the place all the Cursillo family calls home. Home, a place that never seems to change; no matter how many years pass before we return. All homes need maintenance and commitment to remain in good condition. I don't want to move you along to thoughts of money so I interject that I am referring to your Spiritual support, the spiritual commitment of your time.

If I was asked what would be the number one goal I would like to see reached by the Cursillo family, it would be having the palanca chapel chart filled every weekend by the Buddy Mass and everyone fulling that commitment. It is the work engine for the weekend. It is a sign of grace filled support. We all find ourselves over committed and so we pull out the scales of balance. It is a tough call with work, family, children, grandchildren, and many others. As much as this home may appear to remain unchanged by those who come back infrequently, it is not stagnate. The growth of the Spirit moving more freely through each weekend is ongoing and building upon each and every weekend. If we expect to come back 5 years in the future to share this experience with a friend and did not give away the gift we received then how can we expect to come back to find what we received. Home is a house filled and decorated with love. How deep is your love? Christ died giving away all the love He had been given and He returned to receive our love. Christ is counting on you to make a commitment. What is the depth of your love?

I have been asked numerous times how I feel about letting go. I have been truly blessed by the support of so many people. I did not feel overburdened by negativity. I may have seen some gray areas but usually it was merely a communication problem. There have been really good board members with very important talents. And there have been some who just needed to be awakened to the gifts they have to share. There is very strong support and dedication from all the committee people and there are many committees. To all of these people, THANK YOU!! These are the people who made me look good. They are the glue that keep all the pieces together. For the most part, these people are unnoticed.

Thank you to all the family! The time has gone quickly and I could have used those 48 hour days because I continue to feel as though I have not done enough but maybe it is time to just sit and smell the roses. May the Lord continue to grace you with His love peace and joy. And may you experience the warmth of His embrace.

John Runge

SAVE THE DATE

Cursillo Valentine's Dinner Dance Gala

Come join us for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing at the 2nd annual, Quincy Cursillo Valentine's Dinner Dance Gala.

Where: Ambiance Banquet Center, 5225 Kochs Lane, Quincy

When: February 11, 2012

Time: Mass at 5:00 to be held on site

Social at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm; Dancing to follow

WATCH FOR DETAILS

UPCOMING EVENTS

ULTREYAS

Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.
Following 5 pm Sat. Mass

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 5:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Montgomery County Ultreya

Friday, Nov. 18, 2011 at 7 pm
Immaculate Conception Parish
Montgomery City, MO

Hannibal/Palmyra Area Ultreya

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011
Holy Family Church,
1111 Broadway Hannibal, MO
Following 5:30 pm Sat. Mass

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #283

Sun. January 22, 2012 at 2:00 pm
St. Francis Church, Quincy, IL
Carry-in dinner following in school

Women's Cursillo #284

Sun. February 19, 2012
St. Clement Church,
Bowling Green, MO
Carry-in dinner 7 pm KC Hall

MEN'S CURSILLO #283

Jan. 26 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration
8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

Jan. 28 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

Jan. 29 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

Jan. 26-29, 2012 - Mike Fessler, Rector
Feb. 23-26, 2012 - Shelley Nacke, Rectora
March 22-25, 2012 - Stan Schwartz, Rector
April 26-29, 2012 - Rose Marie Beeley, Rectora
June 28 - July 1, 2012 - Dick Mitchell, Rector
July 26-29, 2012 - Therese Long, Rectora

Letter From Great River TEC Board

Our Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Community has been vibrant and enduring in the Quincy area for over forty years. To keep the TEC program going and growing into the future, your help is needed. The Great River TEC program is in serious financial need. We hope that you will open your mind and heart, as well as financial resources, and consider giving monetary support.

The money we are asking for will help offset the difference between the actual cost of a TEC weekend and the registration fee. We are trying to keep the registration fee per person to attend a weekend at a reasonable rate. The current cost for a TEC weekend for adults and youth is not covered by the current registration fee.

We are making a suggestion in honor of the 40th anniversary of Great River TEC: \$1 per year, a \$40 donation, tax-deductible, to ensure the continuation of an affordable TEC experience. While we encourage you to consider this amount, we will be most grateful for any amount, greater or smaller, that you can give.

By supporting the TEC program, we seek to advance the Good News. We can break new ground with youth and keep our TEC Community alive and growing with your financial support.

Donations can be sent to: Great River TEC, 611 S. 22nd St., Quincy, IL 62301

Thank you in advance for your generosity, and may the blessings of the Lord be upon you!

“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.

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. Your information will be updated in both the team application database and the newsletter database. If you want to check to see if your information is up-to-date, contact the application committee at 217-224-2322.

Cursillo #282



Front row, left to right: Judy Cobb, Katie Neuser, Shelley Nacke, Judy Williams, Fr. John Stack, Cheryl Wagner, Kathy Rucker, Pam Eftink, Heather Davis, Patti Runge. **Second row:** Sr. M. Cecilianne Duello, OP, Liz Alonzo, Tammy Wolfmeyer, Deb Winters, Ann Knuffman, Teresa Bennett, Kathy Crawford, Mary Anne Pieper, Linda Rull, Velma Hanson, Jane Korte, Kathy Camillo, Debbie Bauer. **Third row:** Claudia Davis, Wendy McDonald, Teresa Downing, Laura Davies, Melissa Seals, Lisa McDonald, Lisa Wagner, Debbi Scott, Shirley Massey, Christine Gall, Rose Clarkin, Eleanor Novotnak, Tony Trautman. **Fourth row:** Pam Broch Wall, Amy Ley, Bryn Peters, Tammy Papreck, Bethany Dixon, Bonnie Hill, Cathy Flanagan, Tosha Paris, Judy Wagner, Mary Jane Landmann, Val Scharnhorst, Ashlee Lay, Nancy Vens. **Fifth row:** Patty Kallal, Gail Austin, Krista Davis, Celeste Korte, Jane Hurshman, Carol Favre, Donna Eager, Judy Jones, Sandy Bordenkircher, Kelly Roberts, Barb Richmond, Dede Splaingard. **Sixth Row:** Brenda McNay, Monica Huffman, Paula Haley, Laurie Stegeman, Maureen Gochanour, Amy Beckman, Amanda Veile, Tara Wiskirchen, Londa Swoboda, Pam Frericks, Ellen Gough, Misty Bliven.

4th Day Renewal

When: December 2-3, 2011 from 7 pm Fri. to 7 pm Sat.
Where: Retreat Center-Quincy
Cost: \$45 (includes \$10 deposit sent with application)
Directors: Bob and Kathy Rucker

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.

For an application refer to: www.quincycursillo.com or use the application on the back page of this newsletter.

Mail the completed application and \$10 deposit to:
Dennis & Pat Holbrook, Reservation Coordinators
4025 Holiday, Quincy, IL

If you have questions about the 4th Day Renewal, call either Dennis or Pat Holbrook at 217-224-3898 or Vernon & Katie Korte at 573-324-3611.

Thank You From Cursillo #281

Fellow Cursillista's,

From all the candidates and team of Cursillo #281, a much deserving thank you is in order to you, our Cursillo family. We are so blessed to have had your support, the prayers and the palanca. Your offerings and sacrifice was felt on the weekend. Many of us, if not all, were touched by Jesus and have now gone on to our Fourth Day to share the love. Our theme was, "You Are Who You Surround Yourself With." I want you all to know that we, the team and candidates of Cursillo #281, are better today because we have been surrounded by you. Our prayer for you is that you "Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ."

"Remember, We Have Not Done Enough.....Not Nearly Enough!"

Steve Hembrough

Rector, Cursillo #281

REC Volunteers Needed

"HERE I AM LORD". What a beautiful song we have sung many times! Have you taken those words seriously as you've sung it? Here I am Lord, is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

Western Illinois Correctional Center (WICC) is an Illinois Department of Corrections facility located in Mount Sterling, IL. The Residents Encounter Christ (REC) community needs your help. We are in desperate need of new volunteers to be part of our REC community. We are allowed to have the third Saturday each month from 12:30 - 2:30 pm for a fellowship meeting for offenders who have attended a REC weekend. There are three, 3-day weekends per year at Western (also held on the third weekend, in the months of March, June, and October. The Facility allows us to have an "inside team" (offenders) of 20 men and 20 new candidates on each REC weekend. In addition to the "insiders", a team of "outsiders" also serves each weekend.

There are over 2000 inmates at WICC. Is God calling you to be part of this special ministry? The blessings you receive are truly phenomenal. Has anyone ever asked you to be in REC? We are asking you now! Have you ever had that thought or urging, that gentle nudge? We need your help!

Volunteer applications must be submitted to each Illinois prison in which you wish to minister. These applications are available from Billie Huebottor (217-430-4406), Tony and Sharon Cain, or Marvin Meservey (217-773-3294). We realize that prison ministry is not for everyone, but it is for many. Please pray about joining this special mission. Ponder this opportunity to be Jesus and bring others to him. If you feel that nudge, say "Yes, Lord! Here I am! Send me, send me. I will do your will."

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**Fourth Day Renewal Weekend
Request for Reservation**

Application Date _____ Date of Fourth Day Renewal _____

Name _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day: _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Separated _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____ No. of Children _____

Church: _____ Denomonation: _____

Are you on a special diet? _____ If so, what? _____

Please check: Deaf _____ Hearing Impaired _____

Do you have a health problem or physical disability that might affect your attendance at the Fourth Day Renewal weekend? _____ If so, please specify: _____

Cursillo number made: _____ Are you in a Group Reunion? _____ Do you attend Ultreya's? _____

Are you willing to make a Fourth Day Renewal weekend on short notice due to a cancellation? _____

If yes, how much time would you need? _____

State briefly why you wish to make a Fourth Day Renewal weekend and what you expect to gain from it.