



Fourth Day Renewal: December 2-3, 2016

Director: Rosemary Gilmore

We have begun our team meetings in preparation for the 4th Day Renewal, which will be Friday and Saturday, December 2-3 at the Retreat Center in Quincy.

The following people have generously agreed to share their time and talent to this weekend. Fr. James Wheeler, Mary Dodd, Sharlyn Rice all from Quincy; Vernon and Katie Korte, Karen and Mark Biggs all from Bowling Green, Mo.; Tim Serbin, Palmyra, Mo.; Tony and Diane Kattelman, and Sarah LaFarth all from Cedar Hill, Mo.; Cele Gilbert, Shelbina, Mo.; Jenny Erickson, Hannibal, Mo.; and Steve and Katie Hembrough, Jacksonville Ill.

We are looking forward to this time together and hope very much you will join us. Please remember to do palanca and pray for us. Hope to see many of you on December 2nd and 3rd.

God Bless!!!

Rosemary Gilmore, Director

Here are the details:

Fourth Day Renewal is a 24-hour experience of personal growth for those who have previously attended a Cursillo weekend. This relaxed, co-ed experience is open to both singles and couples. It picks up right where Sunday evening of a Cursillo weekend left off.

When: December 2-3 from 7 pm Friday to 7 pm Saturday

Where: Retreat Center, Quincy

Cost: \$45 per person

Register online at www.quincycursillo.com found under the Applications tab. A printable registration form is also available on the website if you prefer to submit through regular mail.

Lay Director's Message

As we finish the calendar year of 2016, as a Cursillo family we have so much for which to be thankful. God has blessed us again with eight fantastic weekends. To all of the Rectors and Rectoras, Spiritual Directors, Assistant Spiritual Directors, team members I am sure God is saying "Well done my good and faith-filled servants". And we say, "Thank you God, for calling us and blessing us".

Area Reps, I would like to hear from you. What would you like to see the Board do for you this next year? You can e-mail me or write me. My address is 1292 Lakeview Ct., Fowler, IL 62338. Just let me or any Board member know your suggestion.

I want to thank Alice and Bill Bender for their service as Name Tag committee. They want to give up their position so we are in need of someone to take their place. This involves being at Cursillo on Saturday evenings when there is a weekend, taking orders for new name tags, giving out the ones that have been ordered previously, collecting the money, getting the new orders to the company that makes them for us and picking them up when they are finished. It also involves mailing some when directed to do so by the sponsors. If God is calling you to get more involved in Cursillo, perhaps this is something that you would like to do. Or perhaps, your Group Reunion would like to take on this important ministry. We do need to fill this position as soon as possible so if God is calling you, please call me. My phone number is listed in this newsletter. Thank you in advance for saying "Yes" to God. He will bless you.

My prayer for you is that you have a blessed Thanksgiving and a holy Christmas season. One of my PSR students said it makes her so angry when someone writes "Xmas" instead of Christmas. She said to her they are X-ing Christ out of Christmas and that is wrong, Christ is Christmas! I think that is very wise for a fourth grader.

To each of you, have a Blessed Christmas with Christ as the center of your Celebration!

God bless you. Christ is counting on you.

Billie Huebotter, Lay Director

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

ULTREYAS

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, Nov. 11, 2016
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm

Calhoun/Greene/Jersey County Ultreya

Friday, Nov. 11, 2016; Mass at 6 pm
St. Francis Xavier Church, Jerseyville, Ill.
Followed by a pot-luck dinner in gym

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Martinsburg/Montgomery Co. Ultreya

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016
St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, Mo.
Follows 5:30 pm Mass

Hannibal Area Ultreya

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016
Lower level of Holy Family Church
Follows 5:30 pm Mass

Lincoln County Area Ultreya

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, Mo.
Follows 5 pm Mass

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Upcoming Cursillo Dates

Jan. 19-22, 2017 - Eric Schultz, Rector
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

Fried Chicken Benefit for Nolan and Amanda Becker Keller

A benefit will be held on Sunday November 27, 2016 at the Knights of Columbus Hall and American Legion Hall in Martinsburg, Mo. for the Nolan and Amanda Becker Keller family. Both Nolan and Amanda, along with Amanda's parents, Tom and Delana Becker are Cursillistas.

In August, Amanda was diagnosed with Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO), an autoimmune disease of the central nervous system. In total, Amanda spent 71 days in the hospital or rehab. She was released on October 17 and continues therapy three days per week. Amanda's unwavering faith in God, her strength, and constant smile these past few months have been an inspiration to many.

The proceeds of this benefit will help cover some of the family's out of pocket expenses and will be used to help purchase items that make the transition to home easier for Amanda.

The benefit will feature Martinsburg's Famous Kettle Fried Chicken, real mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw and dessert. Serving time is 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. A raffle will also be held with some great items.

This event is sponsored by Laddonia & Martinsburg friends of the Becker & Keller Families. If you need further information, contact Jan at 573-492-6448 or email Eva at: eeikel@cr6.net

Lost and Found

Items often get left behind during a Cursillo weekend. We have a lost and found in our Letter Writing Room, just off the front lobby. We are accumulating a lot of items. Please check there if you are missing something or want to drop off something you have found.

Area Representatives and Their Role in the Cursillo Community

Your area representative acts as a liaison between your parish or area and the Board. Each parish or town is eligible to have one representative and one assistant that is chosen by the local Ultreya group and submitted to the Lay Director and Board for approval. Our goal is to have area representatives that cover all areas of our tri-state area.

Area Reps are encouraged to attend all Board meetings when possible. In their local communities, they should be in contact with their pastors and keep an active list of who has made Cursillo and who is in Group Reunions. They also received a preliminary listing of candidates for each upcoming Cursillo. If you would like to receive this listing, please provide them with your email address.

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

Area Representatives are listed on the Quincy Cursillo website: www.quincycursillo.com under the Board Information tab. Please contact your Representative and let them know your contact information so they can keep you updated on Cursillo activities. Many areas have their own newsletter with local information. Help them help you stay informed. They are your resource if you have questions.

If your parish or area is not represented, choose someone from your local Ultreya area and nominate them to the Board to fill this position.

Cursillo #322



Front row, left to right: Sarah Bordenkircher Cors, Sharon Sitton, Carolyn White, Deacon Jim Ghiglione, Marcie Kramer, Kelly Koeters. **Second row:** Rhonda Cors, Mary Peterson, Nancy Weede, Sr. Concepta Joerger, Monica Huffman, Vicky Mitchell, Karen Crabtree, Michelle May, Barb Leaf, Cindy Johnson. **Third row:** Joyce Dufelmeier, Katie Forrester, Deanna Turnbaugh, Nancy Goetten, Mary Koch, Loretta Wheeler, Melody Clark, Laura Brown, Cheri Horstmann, Kelly Knackstedt, Kay Kalberer, Charlene Willis, Jackie Manning, Linda Manley. **Fourth row:** Marilyn Raleigh, Jenny Sheely, Jill Washausen, Deborah Greeves, Rhonda Phetsadasack, Karen Splaingard, Becky Ribbing, Regina Hayes, Melonie Purcell, Danielle Delaney-Davis, Holly VanderBol, Susan Shafer, Monica Toennies, Connie Werner. **Fifth row:** Jane Drechsler, Devin Huner, Bobbi Jo Wurth-Wernle, Jane Adam, Susan Hiatt, Ruth Holzinger, Joan Ryan, Audrey Bender, Angela Antonacci, Emily Van Cleave, Rebecca Boyce, Lynn Goetten, Emily Alexander, Patty Kallal, Lindsay Compton, Pat Kimbro, Betty Gibson, Phyllis Feld. **Sixth row:** Mary Gierer, Debbie Platt, Angie Goode, Kari Fraley, Anne Byrnes, Clarissa Maag, Kelly Keeven, Jessica Alward, Marjorie Shade, Tina Hagan, Colleen Flinn, Jan Smith, Karen Whaley, Debbie Tidball, Nora Bishop, Jennie McDermott, Angela Reid.

Discovering and Celebrating

by Terri May

"On May 31st, 1976, about 200 well-muscled animals lined up in Frankfort, New York, ready for the race of a lifetime. Bred to perfection, there were Arabian stallions, arch-necked and strong-boned and favored to win by almost all observers and Icelandic horses, famous for their smooth gait and Viking pedigree.... And then there was Lord Fauntleroy the mule. Lord Fauntleroy – "Leroy" for short – was the choice steed of Viril Norton, a steeplejack from San Jose, California. Along with their many rivals, Norton, Leroy, and his backup mule, Lady Eloise, were set to travel 3,500 miles through 13 states for the "Great American Horse Race." They would challenge history, expectations, and a whole lot of fancy horses." Atlas Obscura

I first heard this on the radio show, *It's Just a Game*, on my way to the St. Peter Parish 24-hour Adoration Chapel one Saturday morning and had to verify it on the Internet. I have always been partial to mules since the kids and I would sit at the bus stop at the end of Curved Creek and watch the horses and mules across the street. I don't know if they were donkeys or mules but I liked their common look amongst the fancy horses. And the fact that Jesus chose to ride one into Jerusalem gave them a higher status for me.

On the radio show it told how every day of the race the times were tallied up with credits taken off if a horse were injured and had to be taken out of the race for awhile. At the end of the race, the time spent in the saddle was counted up and low and behold who do you think won the race? I do not joke when I tell you it was Norton and Lord Fauntleroy who took home the \$25,000 prize.

Now what does a mule and a 3,500 mile race have to do with a spiritual meditation? Well, it niggled on my mind a bit and it kind of reminded me of the hare and the turtle story - how slow and sure won the race. It also had me thinking of Paul, the apostle, and his analogy of keeping your eye on the prize as you run a race with heaven being our goal as Christian athletes. Now in the last couple years I have come to appreciate the term "slow and steady" because it has become a challenge for me as it does for anyone with Parkinsons.

On the other hand it has also become a blessing because I now think more about what my goal for the day is, how to accomplish it, what is not necessary and most importantly to enjoy the goodness I find along the way. I stop more to smell the roses, to visit with a friend, to enjoy my morning walk, to play Frisbee with the grandsons and even to take a nap at times. The race to heaven can be a fast race, or slow and sure but hopefully time for stops along the way for Joy and Grace and laughter. I will not sugar coat it because there is also pain, grief and sorrow in this life but it is in those dark times that we recognize that we have gifts to share and love to receive that helps to bring His light into our world.

Well, the story of Lord Fauntleroy and his master's quest for the prize was an inspiration to me - perseverance, just to keep on keeping on through all kinds of terrain and weather, not giving up or comparing himself to the "fancy horses", using his talents and gumption to inspire others, and keeping the end in mind when he began the race. That is one of my husband's favorite phrases - "keep the end in mind" whenever you attempt a project, or have a goal because it forms the process or the path you take in accomplishing it. And also I need to look at my companions and to stop and help others along the way and ask them to join me - it is a wonderful journey we are on!

Happy trails and love,

Terri May

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us

During this month of November as we remember those who have passed from this life to be with Christ, we want to remind you of Quincy Cursillo's "Book of Remembrance". This book includes the names of our deceased Cursillistas and is presented at each Cursillo weekend Mass so that they may benefit from our prayers of intercession.

If you would like to have a 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.

Please e-mail this information to Mike Holbrook at: holbrook6@gmail.com or call Mike at 217-653-5555.

If your deceased family member was also involved with TEC, please provide their name to Jerry Eberhardt by e-mailing: jae12@comcast.net or call 217-222-5333.

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Cursillo Board Nominations for 2017

The Cursillo Community is invited to submit names of qualified past Rectors & Rectoras for nomination as candidates for the Cursillo Board in the 2017 election. A letter of nomination signed by both the Nominator and the Nominee should be sent to the Cursillo Lay Director (Billie Huebotter, 1292 Lakeview Ct., Fowler, IL 62338) by November 17, 2016.

The following characteristics should be considered when nominating:

Qualifications as per the Quincy Cursillo By-Laws:

A candidate for Board Member must be...

1. a practicing Catholic
2. a past Rector / Rectora
3. active in a group reunion
4. a non-Board Member (unless serving a partial term).
5. willing to uphold the by-laws.

For a full listing of the characteristics for "Ideal" Board Member candidates refer to our website: www.quincycursillo.com/board/nomination.html

"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.

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.

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