



Cursillo #290: November 1-4, 2012

Rectora: Sharon Sitton

Theme: "Come and Rest In Me"

Dear Cursillo Family,

It has been an amazing journey to watch team #290 come into being! What a blessing these faith-filled women and men are to this special team. I humbly thank you for all the prayers and palanca you have offered on our behalf. Please continue!!

As women, we are called to many different walks of life - mother, daughter, wife, friend, aunt just to name a few of our titles. From all our demands, God calls our name to "Come and rest in me." Our scripture is Matthew 11:28-30. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart: and you will find rest for yourselves." Our theme song for the weekend will be "You are Mine."

It is with a heart overflowing with gratitude that I would like to present the team of Cursillo #290.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Chuck Edwards, Highland, IL (Sacraments, Saturday 10 am); **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Msgr. Mike Kuse, Quincy (Grace, Friday 11:15 am); Sr. Jane Boos, Springfield, IL (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 pm); Deacon Charles Theivagt, Greenfield, IL (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 pm); Sr. Concepta Joerger, Springfield, IL (Christian Life, Sunday 10:00 am).

Assistant Rectoras: Linda Keller, White Hall, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7:00 pm); Kathy Kroeger, Hannibal, MO (Environment, Sunday 9:00 am) Doris Reid, Greenfield, IL (Action, Saturday 3:00 pm).

Rollistas: Kelly Koettters (Ideals, Friday 10:00 am) and Deb Druffel (Study, Saturday 9:00 am) both of Quincy; Nancy Goetten, Jerseyville, IL (Piety, Friday 7:00 pm); Monica Huffman, Jacksonville, IL (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 am); Mary Jo Seiz, Springfield, IL (Laity, Friday 1:30 pm).

Auxiliaries: Elaine Bugos and Beth Burrus both of Roodhouse, IL; Karrie Cramsey, Quincy; Gina Edwards, Murrayville, IL; Katie Forrester, Jerseyville, IL; Leisha Kent, Bowling Green, MO; Kathy Lohman and Sheila Weber both of Highland, IL; Denise Nord of Carrollton, IL.

Service Team: Carol Blentlinger, Mt. Sterling, IL; Mary Dodd and Becky Esselman both of Liberty, IL; Lisa Lorton of Jerseyville, IL and Kellie Steele of White Hall, IL.

Sacristan: Rosemary Gilmore of Roodhouse, IL; **Food Service:** Pat Nevins and Carolyn White both of Jacksonville, IL.

Musicians: Nancy Moulton of Roodhouse, IL and Tammy Wolfmeyer of Palmyra, MO; **Observing Rectora:** Jill Mason, Quincy; **Board Rep.:** Kathy Rucker, Eolia, MO and **Rectora:** Sharon Sitton, Roodhouse, IL (Group Reunion & Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 pm).

Please join us as we celebrate our Buddy Mass Saturday, Oct. 27th at 6:00 pm at All Saints Catholic Church in White Hall, IL with a carry-in dinner to follow at Seton Hall (next to church). Meat for the meal will be provided. Please bring side dishes to complete the menu.

To serve meals on this weekend - please call Pat Nevins at 217-243-4318 or Carolyn White at 217-673-3911.

Thank You, again,
God's peace and love,

Sharon Sitton, Rectora, Cursillo #290

Retreat Center Renovations

During renovations to the South Wing and the Main Chapel at the Retreat Center, the Saturday Evening Community Mass will be held at St. Francis Church, 17th & College in Quincy, through the February weekend. If this should change, we will notify everyone. While at the Retreat Center for other activities, please watch for direction signs as this may change from weekend to weekend until renovations are completed in February.

There will be some additional renovations on the North wing and the Board is inviting feedback for ideas. Contact Ed Holthaus: elholthaus@adams.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #290

Sat. October 27 at 6:00 pm
All Saints Church, White Hall, Ill.
Carry-in dinner following Mass

Men's Cursillo #291

Sun. January 20, 2013 at 2:00 pm
Our Saviour Parish, Jacksonville, Ill.
Carry-in dinner at KC Hall

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #290

November 1 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

November 3 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

November 4 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, November 9, 2012
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy, IL
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30
Continues in Room 204 near the Chapel

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, November 10, 2012
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, November 10, 2012
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Montgomery County Area Ultreya

Friday, November 16, 2012
Immaculate Conception Parish
Montgomery City, MO
Mass at 7 pm followed by Ultreya in
school cafeteria

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

January 24-27, 2013 - John Little, Rector
February 21-24, 2013 - Jill Mason, Rectora
March 21-24, 2013 - Joe Grote, Rector
April 25-28, 2013 - Tammy Foster, Rectora
June 27-30, 2013 - Dennis Hoyt, Rector
July 11-14, 2013 - Christine Duvall, Rectora

Fourth Day Renewal

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 2012
Joe & Connie Vermeire, Lay Directors

Meet Our New Board Members

Kathy Schwartz



Greetings, everyone. My name is Kathy Schwartz. I have been married to Stan for 37 years and we have three children. Todd and his wife live in Utah, Megan and her husband live in Guatemala, and Brad lives in Chicago. We have 3 beautiful granddaughters and 1 handsome grandson. We are grateful for Skype and the technology to see them often that way!

I am a retired special education teacher and am thankful for the time now to spend time with my mom and with volunteer work.

We have been members of the Church of St. Peter here in Quincy for 33 years. There I serve as Eucharistic Minister, deliver Communion to the homebound, serve on the Welcoming and Faith Formation Committees.

My first Cursillo was #97 in 1989 and I was blessed to be Rectora of Cursillo #266. I am honored to serve on the Cursillo Board. I pray for God's guidance and direction in this position, not only for me, but for our entire board and the entire movement. Cursillo has meant so much to me and has influenced my own spiritual growth. Through serving on this board, I hope that I can help the Cursillo movement play a positive role in other's lives as well. Thank you for this opportunity.

(Note: Jeff Liesen and Dennis Steinkamp are the other two newly elected board members and their photo and bio was published in the September newsletter.)

Fr. John Doctor, O.F.M.



Father John Doctor, O.F.M., was born and raised near Joliet, Illinois, in a small farming community. At the age of thirteen he entered the Franciscan High School Seminary with the desire to become a missionary in Brazil.

In the fall of 1969 he entered the Franciscan Order of the Sacred Heart Province and in the spring of 1976 he was ordained a Franciscan priest at St. Augustine Church in Chicago. For seventeen years he was asked to form young men for the Franciscan way of life.

In 1983 to 1986 he was on the Formation Staff at Our Lady of the Angels Seminary (now North Campus of Quincy University) and also served as pastor of St. Joseph Parish. In the summer of 1993 he was elected by the Friars of the Sacred Heart Province to serve as Provincial Vicar for six years. At the 1998 Provincial Chapter he was elected the Provincial Minister. After fifteen years of Provincial Administration, he was granted a sabbatical. As his sabbatical was coming to closure in June of 2009, he was asked to assume the position of Vice President for Mission and Ministry at Quincy University. One of his responsibilities is being the liaison between the University and the Franciscan Retreat Center.

During the summer Bishop Thomas John Paprocki approved his appointment as Spiritual Director of Quincy Cursillo. Father John replaces Father Tom Henseler on the Board.

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"These are not cleverly devised myths that we have made known to you. We have been eyewitnesses to His majesty."

2 Peter 2:16-17

Scripture theme for #289



Front row, left to right: Marvin Meservey, Jon Davis, Scott Gough, Jeff Mayfield, Fr. John Stack, BJ Menne, John Little, Dennis Holbrook, Jim Aschemann. **Second row:** Deacon Tony Trautman, Tom Deters, Bob Hoff, Vernon Rakers, Ray Hereford, Andy Deters, Danny Petrilli, Patrick Newman, Thomas Mangogna, Fr. Stephen Thompson, Terry Riffel, Deacon Bill Blankenship. **Third row:** Brent Frericks, Rob Casagrande, Stan Pollman, Jeffrey Smart, Randy Aschoff, Ron Welschmeyer, Joe Vogel, Robin Coggeshall, Ben Mowen, Adam Blaue, Kenny Gosnell, Jay Grawe. **Fourth row:** Nathan Koettters, Fred Witte, Jerry Cato, Luke Zobrist, Carl Broyles, Ramon Hernandez, Lyn Miller, Rod Barnhill, Bob Cope, Denny Schumacher, Sean Taylor, Garris Brown. **Fifth row:** Tom Hoffmann, Warren Mocaby, Ron Schieffer, Herb Schnitker, Darin Huntley, Lance Konieczny, Rod Konieczny, Cole Broyles, Larry McMasters, Daris Paris, Tom Becker.

Thank You From Cursillo #285 - Stan Schwartz, Rector

With much LOVE, the team and candidates of Cursillo #285 extend their thanks to you, the Cursillo community. The heartfelt prayers, letters, and palanca of many types, colors, tastes, and textures were answered. From the beginning of team formation through closing, you were there. I wish each of you could witness what I saw Sunday night at closing; the faces of 37 new Awesome Men of God, ready to go into their Fourth Day. Let's continue to pray for them as they develop piety, study, and action, and learn to incorporate their faith into their environments!

Special thanks to those who handled the Buddy Mass preparations, those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes during the weekend, and my wife, Kathy, who did both while supporting me in this process.

On behalf of the community, I extend a special WELCOME to Msgr. Leo Enlow of St Peter's Parish in Quincy. Thank you for stepping out in faith as Spiritual Director in uncharted waters. You have no idea of the impact you had on this weekend!

Stan Schwartz, Rector #285

Change of Information Form

To help us keep our electronic database of team applications up-to-date, a "change of information" form is available on the Quincy Cursillo website - www.quincycursillo.com. Use this form to let us know when you change phone numbers, mailing address, etc. When a "change of information" form is submitted, the information will be updated in the team application database, as well as in the newsletter database.

If you want to be called to serve on a team or to continue receiving the newsletter, you need to keep your information up-to-date. If you want to check to see if your information is correct, contact the application committee, Dennis & Connie Hoyt, at 217-224-2322 or email: choyt@comcast.net.

Discovering and Celebrating

By Terri May

He had lost his wife of 65 years not too long ago and even though I did not know him well, as we talked about his loss, I felt the need to give him a hug, so I did. More and more I am learning to follow that inner tug or sometimes it is a push, to do, or say, or be open to the opportunities His Spirit makes me aware of, to act from my heart.

A friend introduced us to an insightful book, "The Holy Longing" by Ronald Rolheiser. The author tells the story of a child who wakes up frightened that there are monsters in her room. When she wakes up her Mom, her Mom calms her and takes her back to her room telling her that she should not be afraid because God is in the room with her. The child replies that she knows that God is there but she needs someone who has "skin on" in the room with her too.

Rolheiser then goes on to state, "In the incarnation, God became physical because we are creatures of the senses who, at one point need a God with some skin. The incarnation began with Jesus and it has never stopped. ... it is true to say that, at the ascension, the physical body of Jesus left this earth, but the body of Christ did not. Scripture uses the expression the "Body of Christ" to mean three things: Jesus, the historical person who walked this earth for thirty-three years; the Eucharist, which is also the physical presence of God among us; and the body of believers, which is also the real presence. To say the word "Christ" is to refer, at one and the same time, to Jesus, the Eucharist and the community of faith. We are the Body of Christ."

This is really at the center of our Christian spirituality. The Christian song writer Al Denson says it well in his song, "Be" - "Be here in my eyes so others may see the beauty and presence of Your love in one who was blind but now believes. Be here in my hands. Give me Your touch. Use me to comfort and to build shelter for those who need Your love. Breathe words to my lips so I may speak, echo Your truth and living words. Lord, make me all that I can be." As Teresa of Avila put it - we are God's hands, feet, mouthpiece and heart in this world. How much more succinct can you get?

As the Body of Christ I am called to be his presence in the world when I give a hug, drop an encouraging card in the mail, call a friend, lend a hand, or a listening ear and not only pray for others but tell them I am praying for their well being, physical, emotional or spiritual. Each day I should ask myself in what way does God call me, to touch another person with His love, to make a difference, no matter how large or small, to be Jesus with skin on. That about says it all. Happy Day!

With much love, Terri May

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Retreat Center Conference Room

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4th Day Renewal

When: Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2012 from 7 pm Fri. to 7 pm Sat.
Where: Retreat Center-Quincy
Cost: \$45 (includes \$10 deposit sent with application)
Director: Joe & Connie Vermeire

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 watch for the application in next month's newsletter.

Mail the completed application and \$10 deposit to:
Dave & Terri May, Reservation Coordinators
3922 Harbor Lane, Quincy, IL

If you have questions about the 4th Day Renewal, call either Dave & Terri May at 217-224-7027 or Vernon & Katie Korte at 573-324-3611.

Overnight Accommodations Available in Quincy

There are Cursillistas in Quincy that open their homes to travelers from a distance to stay overnight during Cursillo weekends. For reservations, call Nancy Weede at 217-222-0922 or email: nancyweede@sbcglobal.net

Benefit for Rob Edwards - Spaghetti Dinner

Friends of Rob Edwards of Quincy are hosting a benefit to help offset medical costs. Rob is on kidney dialysis, is a diabetic and has heart problems and is no longer able to work. Rob was Rector of Cursillo #209 and served as Cursillo board member.

The benefit is scheduled for the Saturday of the November Cursillo weekend in hopes that the Cursillo community can come by for dinner before Mass.

- When: Saturday, November 3, 2012
- Serving: Spaghetti from 4:30 - 7:00 pm
- Location: St. Rose of Lima Hall, 8th & Chestnut, Quincy
- Theme basket Raffle
- Free will offering

Donations can be made at First Banker's Trust
1201 Broadway, Quincy IL 62301
or any First Bankers' location in Rob's name

Changes in Candidate Application Procedures

Candidate applications along with accompanying sponsor forms need to now be mailed to the Quincy Cursillo general post office box: P.O. Box 3153, Quincy, IL 62305-3153.

All inquiries regarding candidate applications are to be handled by email using: quincycursillonfp@gmail.com.

All of this information is on the revised Sponsor Form dated 6-22-12 available on the Quincy Cursillo website: www.quincycursillo.com.

When the application is received, a confirmation email will be sent to the sponsor so be sure and include a sponsor email address on the sponsor form where indicated. If a sponsor needs to notify the committee that a candidate cannot attend a scheduled weekend or if there are other questions, use the email mentioned above.