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Cursillo #297: September 26-29, 2013

Rector: Jerry Zerrer

Theme: "Feed My Sheep...Feed My Lambs"

Dear Cursillo Family,

Filled with God's grace I come to thank you on behalf of team #297, for all the prayers and palanca that are being offered up for us and for this weekend. Through your prayers our relationship with God has been strengthened and continues to strengthen each and every day thanks to your prayers. God has critiqued our team and made a few changes along the way and we can feel the blessings each day as we go along with our team meetings. It won't be long and our team meetings will come to an end as we have our weekend.

Our scripture comes from Matthew 25:40-41 The King will reply, "I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it to me. Then he will say to those on his left, Away from me, you that are under God's curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the Devil and his Angels!"

With God's help I am blessed to introduce to the Cursillo Family the team of #297.

Spiritual Director: Father George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, MO (Sacraments, Saturday 10 a.m.) **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Father Mike Kuse, Quincy, IL (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Father Chuck Edwards, Highland, IL (Holy Spirit-Divine Aid Friday 3:30 p.m.); Father Roy Bauer, Quincy, IL (Obstacles to a Life of Grace, Saturday 4:15 p.m.); Father James Wheeler, Quincy, IL (Christian Life, Sunday 10 a.m.)

Assistant Rectors: Steven Carr, Carlinville, IL (Piety, Friday 6:15 p.m.); Kevin Ostermiller, Quincy, IL (Action, Saturday 3 p.m.); Daniel Brink, Quincy, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7 p.m.)

Rollistas: Don Arnold, Barry, IL (Ideals, Friday 10 a.m.); Tom Gregory, Old Monroe, MO (Laity in the Church, Friday 1:30 p.m.); Gary Hoette, Montgomery City, MO (Study, Saturday 9 a.m.); Terry Riffel, Highland, IL (Environment, Sunday 9 a.m.); Tom Eggering, Montgomery City, MO (CCIA, Sunday 11:30 a.m.)

Auxiliaries: George Whaley, Highland, IL; Michael Wickens, New London, MO; Richard Elierman and Thomas Meyer both from Quincy, IL; Matt Heldt and Todd Koch both from Mt. Sterling, IL; Joe McNeill, Monroe City, MO; Clint Reeyes, Palmyra, MO; John Stark, Collinsville, IL.

Service Team: Harley Hiner, New London, MO; Jack Powers, Ft. Madison, IA; David Muniz, Collinsville, IL; Gerald Rolves and Steve Buckman both of Quincy, IL.

Food Service Team: Ron Schieffer, Troy MO (636-528-5456); Rayburn Cook, Hannibal, MO (573-248-1391).

Musician: Tom Becker, Laddonia, MO; BJ Menne, Troy MO. **Sacristan:** Jim Nevins, Jacksonville, IL; **Observing Rector:** Tony Moore, Jacksonville, IL; **Board Rep.:** Jeff Liesen, Quincy IL; **Rector:** Jerry Zerrer, Troy MO (Group Reunion and Ultreya, Sunday 12:25 p.m.); Mary Zerrer (A Woman Speaks Her Mind, Sunday 3 p.m.)

The Cursillo family is invited to join the team of #297 in a Buddy Mass on Sunday, September 22, at 2 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, Seventh and Adams Streets, Quincy, IL. A carry-in dinner will follow in the school's basement. Meat will be provided. Please join the fun and send us some candidates!!

With God's blessing to you all,
Jerry Zerrer, Rector #297

Quincy Cursillo Annual Meeting

Quincy Cursillo is a 501(c3) organization and as such we are required to hold an Annual membership meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2013 in the Main Chapel at the Franciscan Retreat Center prior to the 8 p.m. Mass. The Board will present a brief overview of the past year's activities, financials, building & grounds update and plans for fund-raising. Attendance will be taken. Please plan to arrive early that evening so we can begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

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 #298

Sun. Nov. 3, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Thomas Church, Camp Point, Ill.
Carry-in dinner following Mass

MEN'S CURSILLO #297

September 26 (Thursday)

7:30 pm Registration

8:30 pm Sponsors Hour

September 28 (Saturday)

8:00 pm Liturgy and Apostolic Hour

September 29 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Closing and Liturgy

ULTREYAS

Hannibal Area Ultreya

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013
Holy Family Parish - St. Michael's Hall
Follows 5:30 p.m. Mass

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, Nov. 15, 2013
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Special Mass at 6:30 pm
Continues in Room 204 near the Chapel

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

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

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Front row, left to right: Ray Wheeler, Joe Haubrich, Steve Hembrough, Paddy Keller, Dennis Hoyt, Jerry Zerrer, Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, Dennis Steinkamp, Eric Schultz. **Second row:** George Schultz, Norb Dixon, Larry Frese, Gabriel VanderBol, Fr. John Doctor, OFM, David Waterkotte, Raymond Sievers, Matt Harmon, Fr. James Wheeler, OFM. **Third row:** Michael Carnahan, Sam Schwarztrauber, Donald Johannes, Renato Rivera, Keith Koch, Paul Ray Capelle, Jimmy Hoef, Andy Nelson, Bob Schwarz, Fr. Greg Schmidt, Dat Hoang, OFM, Tim Vance, Fr. Chuck Edwards. **Fourth row:** Chad Wernle, Daniel Klaus, Michael Klein, Larry Heffington, Dan Merriam, Chuck Mellon, Gaye Michael, David Michael, Eric Lay, Dan Duchon, Bob Peterson, Brian Pelletier, Scott Ketcham, Marty Karhoff, Derek Burns. **Fifth row:** Dale Gervais, Dale Durbin, Nels Sutherland, Douglas Baker, Dave Schlipman, Jeremy Hilling, Matt Flanagan, Howard Held, Chris Gill, Mike Feathers, Derek Kloss, Ken Sparrow, Sr., John Murphy, James Obert, Elliot Waterkotte. **Sixth row:** Brad Ahlgren, Jay Czar, Russ Hinkamper, Ron Hinkamper, Neil Oberman, Chip Marshall, Mike Welbourne, Mark Bichsel, Jack Mackenzie, Ken Sparrow, Jr., Phil Guibor, Christopher Janssen, Andrew Patton, Thomas Kannall, Ryan Beckmann, Brian Hendrian, Rick Gengenbacher.

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Front row, left to right: Joan Haubrich, Marcia Becker-VanCleave, Pam Eftink, Diane Powers, Christine Duvall, Fr. John Doctor, OFM, Bonnie Brod-Nytes, Cathleen Koch, Terri Many. **Second row:** Mary Peterson, Mary Bastean, Cindy Gervais, Peggy Newman, Dana Huelsmann, Margie Capelle, Leatha Apken, Pam Whitney, Barb Leaf, Jenny Erickson, Nicole Costigan. **Third row:** Kathy Xamis, Rose Marie Beeley, Sharon Zehnle, Doris Karhoff, Mary Jakel, Judith Carnahan, Denise Capelle, Susan York, Jan Fuhler, Lita Murphy, Melanie Steiner, Deacon Wayne Zimmerman. **Fourth row:** Maggie Abendroth, Beth Eller, Julie Long, Cathy Gill, Cindy Viviano, Mary Thole, Amy Meehan, Angie Smart, Charlotte Buckman, Theresa Alford, Sue Schrecke, Jean Folwarczny. **Fifth row:** Diane Zimmerman, Christine Bennett, Ashley, Duvall, Natalie Zimmerman, Joleen Patton, Jenni Obert, Charlotte Feathers, Lin Held, Karen Whaley, Anne Meyer, Nancy Vens, Mary Courty, Linda Hinkamper, Lori Nelson, Marilyn Franken. Not pictured: Barb Mitchell

Board Member Election Results

New board members elected to serve a three-year term are Sue Holbrook, Judy Oberman, Don Beeley and Dick Mitchell, Jr. These new board members took their seats at the August Board meeting. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey of serving you by serving on the Board. Bios and photos will be published in upcoming newsletters.

Thanks also to all of the candidates who said "yes" to submitting their names for board member.

A big thank you to those board members going off the board - Kathy Rucker, Jim Erickson and Janet Summy. Also to Mike Baker who served as interim board member these last several months. It takes a great deal of time to serve on the Cursillo Board and we all owe them our gratitude for serving these past three years.

Lay Director's Message

De Colores Dear Friends!

"Oh and incidentally." What is this incidentally? I thought it was an afterthought, something that was a small "by the way". Incidentally, how can a large mass on a major organ be incidental? My husband's doctors "incidentally" found a large mass on his right kidney while doing a CT scan of his clot-filled lungs.

Our body is a miraculous machine. Man has found ways to substitute or heal the mechanisms of different body parts: transplants, artificial limbs, chemotherapy. Man may think this is done outside of our Creator's workshop, but I believe that God gave man the intelligence, the insight, and the pure luck, to develop the cures and replacements for so many illnesses and injuries. The miraculous hands that made each of us can miraculously cure each of us.

How many times have incidental miracles healed your body, heart and mind? How many times have prayers been the only explanation for the cure?

I know that the incidentally as well as the obvious has a place in our lives and if we only accept God's love, talk to Him, and praise Him, He will carry us through life's incidentals.

Praying and Praising God for the Gift of Each of You,
Cindy Stephens
Lay Director, Quincy Cursillo

Thank You from Cursillo # 295

On behalf of Cursillo # 295, I would like to thank the Quincy Cursillo community for all their efforts to help make our weekend a success. This weekend brought 45 new members into the Cursillo family and we all know that the success of each weekend is made possible by the countless hours of prayers, Palanca, and time given to help serve meals, spend time in the Palanca Chapel, and traveling back and forth from Quincy.

Thank you to all of you who took Action by being a Christian Leader and sponsoring someone to experience this special gift of Cursillo.

A special thanks to the Cursillo Board for giving me this opportunity, to Father James Wheeler for being such a wonderful Spiritual Leader for the weekend, and to my wife Connie who blesses me each day and was with me this entire journey!

Dennis Hoyt, Rector #295

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. Serving meals - please 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.

3. 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.

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Next Board Meeting
September 18, 2013 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Discovering And Celebrating

I stand on the deck, elbows on the railing, watching two butterflies dance together in the air, one yellow and one blue, graceful loops and swirls of color in the warm summer afternoon sunshine, my dusting and cleaning momentarily forgotten. Butterflies have special meaning to many people. They were the symbol of hope for the Cursillo I directed in 2005, hope for healing of ourselves and those around us. This year my daughter, Maureen, organized a butterfly release for Blessing Hospice where over 500 butterflies were released in memory of lost loved ones. I sent an article she wrote about it to my brother in California who shared it with someone he was tutoring in reading. This person had lost a mother who had been in hospice and he was touched just reading about the people who had gathered there to recognize the lives of people they loved and to replace some of the pain with the healing joy of a butterfly moment.

Butterflies have been plentiful this summer, flitting about my gardens, just like the blessings and grace God has showered down on us this year. A few weeks ago relatives from the four corners of our country came to Quincy to celebrate the marriages of our son, Jason, and Babylen who were married in Sicily and our daughter, Rebecca, and Max who were married in Colorado. Family and friends gathered to lend their support and encouragement and hope for many years of happiness for the young couple. Love intermingled and circled around them like the butterflies I witnessed off the deck, soft and gentle but enduring and beautiful, giving us time to appreciate the moment together as family.

As summer marches into autumn the butterflies will gather strength for their migration to warmer climates to hibernate till it is time to return. Love, grace, and hope do not leave us though - we are blessed daily with these, through the winters in our life and the sunlit summers. My 5 year old grandson, Connor, was making a tower of blocks the other day and he said, "Grandma, don't I amaze you?" He does and so does my God with all that he gives me in my day. How can I not stop and watch the dance of the butterfly and feel my spirit soar with them, or take the time to build a tower with my grandson and laugh at his comments.

I am challenged every day to find the butterfly moments, to be eternally grateful to my God for all the blessings he gives me, to share them and to pass them on to others. It is not always easy but it gives light to my day and a happy heart.

Happy Day to you also and much love, Terri May

Thank You From Cursillo #296

Dear Cursillo family,

THANK YOU does not sound like big enough words that Cursillo #296 has for all of you! Your countless hours of prayer and palanca were certainly felt by all of us. We will never know what all was done for us but God does and He will bless you abundantly.

He also entrusted to us 29 new, beautiful Cursillista hearts. What an honor it was to watch those hearts feel His peace, love, and joy. I will be forever grateful to have been a part of that.

Thank you also to our Spiritual Director, Fr. John Doctor, OFM, and our Asst. Spiritual Directors for all of their spiritual guidance, humor and love on this weekend. You showed us all not to be too hard on ourselves; for God loves us just the way we are.

And finally, to the Cursillo board, thank you for entrusting to me Cursillo #296. Your countless ways of support will always be remembered by me! It is my sincere wish that we all feel God's peace and love and continue to experience the joy He has for us!! :)

Peace, love and joy,

Christine Duvall, Rectora, Cusillo #296