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Cursillo #331: January 18-21, 2018

Rector: Larry Frese

Theme: "When we put our problems in God's hands, He puts His peace in our hearts."

Dear Cursillo Family:

It has been such a wonderful journey and a true pleasure to see the Holy Spirit working through and with the team of #331. I can't wait to have the team share their Peace in knowing Jesus with the candidates. I feel very blessed to be part of this group of men! Please continue to pray and offer Palanca as we embark on our weekend.

Since my original Cursillo gave me such a sense of peace, our scripture verse John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" seemed appropriate. Our theme song is "You Are Mine."

I am blessed to introduce His team for Cursillo #331.

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Doctor, Quincy (Sacraments, Saturday 10 a.m.). **Assistant Spiritual Directors:** Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, Quincy (Grace, Friday 11:15 a.m.); Fr. James Wheeler, Quincy (Holy Spirit/Divine Aid, Friday 3:30 p.m.); Deacon Terry Ellerman, Quincy (Obstacles to Grace, Saturday 4:15 p.m.); Deacon Troy Egbert, Hannibal, Mo. (Christian Life, Sunday 10 a.m.).

Assistant Rectors: Gerry Rolves, Quincy (Piety, Friday 6:45 p.m.); Robin Coggeshall, Camp Point, IL (Action, Saturday 3 p.m.); Dwight Seeley, Quincy (CCIA, Sunday 11 a.m.).

Rollistas: Tim Bealor, Mendon, IL (Ideal, Friday 10 a.m.); Brian Fee, Quincy (Laity, Friday 1:30 p.m.); Todd Platt, Hull, IL (Study, Saturday 9 a.m.); Keith Koch, Highland, IL (Leaders, Saturday 7 p.m.); Brad Vacca, Kampsville, IL (Environment, Sunday 9:00 a.m.).

Auxiliaries: Mike Boll, Anand Sangoi, David Stammeyer, and David Young, all from Quincy; Bob Catalpa, Hannibal, Mo; Gary Crawford and R J Dodson, both from Mt. Pleasant, IA; Joe Fessler, Payson, IL; Rob Stull, Fowler, IL.

Service Team: Jim Cramsey, Stan Schwartz, and Greg Wittland, all from Quincy; Ross Dames, Palmyra, Mo; Jerry Rehkemper, Highland, IL.

Food Service: Dan Brink and Damian McDonald, both from Quincy; Tim Carmody, Hardin, IL.

Sacristan: Dennis Holbrook, Quincy; **Musician:** Jared Holbrook, Quincy; **Observing Rector:** Tom Becker, Laddonia, Mo; **Board Rep:** BJ Menne, Troy, Mo; **Rector:** Larry Frese, Mendon, IL (Group Reunion/Ultreya, Sunday, 12:00 p.m.) and Rita Frese, Mendon, IL (A Woman's Perspective, Sunday 1 p.m.).

Please join us on January 14, 2018 in Quincy for our Buddy Mass, which will begin at 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis Solanus Church. A carry-in dinner will immediately follow in the parish center. Meat, drinks, silverware, and paper products will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to complete the meal.

Consider honoring us and serving the Lord by helping to serve meals during the weekend. You will be a wonderful blessing to the candidates. Please sign up at the Buddy Mass or call Dan Brink (217-430-0084), Tim Carmody (618-576-2662), or Damian McDonald (217-224-3665).

We are so grateful for the prayer and Palanca you have offered so far, and we know this generous effort will continue! Please help us to fill the Palanca chart prior to the weekend by signing up for your hour at the Buddy Mass, online at www.quincycursillo.com, or by contacting Bob Gough at email bobgough1966@yahoo.com or 217-577-8044. If you have the time and are able, we also would appreciate your attendance at Mass & Apostolic Hour on Saturday or the Closing Mass on Sunday.

May God bless each of you,

Larry Frese,

Rector, Cursillo #331

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUDDY MASS

Men's Cursillo #331

Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 2 pm
St. Francis Church, Quincy, Ill.
Carry-in dinner following Mass

Women's Cursillo #332

February 18, 2018 at 3 pm
Holy Rosary Church, Monroe City, Mo.
Carry in dinner following Mass

ULTREYAS

Lincoln County Ultreya

Saturday, January 27, 2018
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, MO
Follows 5 pm Mass

Tri-State Area Ultreya

Friday, March 2, 2018
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Mass at 6:30 pm

Collinsville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2018
Sts Peter and Paul Parish Morris Hall
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2018
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Shelby County Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 6 pm
Fr. Buhman Center, Shelbyna, Mo.

Martinsburg Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 10, 2018
St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, Mo.
Follows 5:30 pm Mass

Fairfield, Iowa Ultreya

Sunday, March 18, 2018
St. Mary Parish Hall
Potluck and Program after 10 a.m. Mass

FOURTH DAY RENEWAL

March 9-10, 2018

Register online at: quincycursillo.com

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

February 22-25, 2018 - Laurie Assell
March 22-25, 2018 - Tom Becker
April 19-22, 2018 - Laurie Brink
June 21-24, 2018 - Andy Veile
July 12-15, 2018 - Connie Hoyt
September 20-23, 2018 - Paddy Keller
November 1-4, 2018 - Karen Biggs

Palanca Chapel Online Sign-up

We are now providing the option for online sign-up for the Palanca Chapel. A link is provided on the home page of the Cursillo website: quincycursillo.com

Sign-up is very easy. All you have to do is check the box for the hours that you want, enter your name and email address. A confirmation email will be sent to you as well as the palanca chapel sign-up committee.

The regular sign-up chart will still be available for those that do not have access to the Internet. Or you can call Bob Gough to have your name added.

"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.

Lay Director Message

To my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, greetings.

This is my first letter as your Lay Director of the Quincy Cursillo. My first duty is to thank our outgoing Lay Director Billie Huebotter for guidance and leadership these past two years. Hopefully I have gained some insight as her Assistant Lay Director.

Now to formally introduce myself. My name is Mike Baker. Married to my wife Giny for 47 years. I made my first Cursillo in Kansas City in Sept. of 1971. They did not have women's Cursillo's then so my wife did not make hers until we moved to Monroe City in 1980. She made #54 in 1981. Her Rectora was the late Ann Knuffman. I was Rector of #108 and Giny was Rectora of #218. (I know even numbers - there was an extra women's in between.)

The next subject is building news. To recount the upgrades that have taken place this past year, we have replaced most of the air conditioners save for a few that still work. We have a few new ones left to replace the older ones still working. All the rooms have new venetian blinds, and we replaced all the old mattresses and box springs. The roof above the entry way was just replaced. We are working with Quincy University to get a new door at the bottom of the steps to go with the new door at the top. Once that is done we will work on the interior to complete the updating of the entryway.

With all the above said now to the personal and spiritual. We all have a theme for our weekends. It is that little idea that we focus on to guide us through the weekend itself. I am choosing to have a theme for my tenure as Lay Director and it will be "Trust the Fathers Care." I ask each of you humbly, my fellow Cursillistas, to pray for me and the future of our Cursillo as we move into a new year.

With Love in Christ,
Mike Baker, Lay Director



Cursillo Board 2017-18



Front row left to right: BJ Menne, Bille Huebotter, Lay Director 2016-17; Mike Baker, Lay Director 2018-2019; Tim Gilbert, Mike Holbrook, Treasurer; John Little. Back row left to right: Pat Beckman, Marie Korte, Diane Lagoski, Fr. John Doctor, Spiritual Director; Cheryl Wagner, Kathy Cramsey, Secretary; Chris Duvall. Absent: Connie Vermiere & Mike Fessler.

Discovering and Celebrating

by Terri May

Grayson, my 6 year old grandson, walked into the kitchen with a wooly caterpillar on his finger. So we found a jar, had grandpa poke a hole in the lid, added some leaves, sticks and a bit of water. A couple days later I noticed that some of its hair was off - whoops, it was a goner. But wait, what was that funny looking brown thing next to it? I was wrong; it had morphed into a pupa and now is lying in the bottom of the jar. How cool is that? Since then I have been reading all about Wooly Bear Caterpillars that turn into Isabella Tiger Moths.

I took the jar to St. Peter School to show the Bible Study class to illustrate the point of finding God in our everyday lives, our own parables, like in the Bible. I am anxiously awaiting the moth's emergence from the pupa - a wonderful sign of hope and new life.

It seems a fitting time with a new year upon us to speak of new beginning, new life. I seem to find inspiration in songs lately. My latest find is a song by Neal Diamond that appears in his album Melody Road (2014). It is titled "The Art of Love." I have found that a lot of love songs can be used to express our love for God and His love for us.

"I know I'm on a journey I won't forget.
I know I had it in me to give and yet I never could
before I had to, if I wanted to be yours."

It has been quite a journey for me. I had to take a chance; to slough off that old fuzzy caterpillar skin, to become a new person in Christ, to be His.

"You showed the kind of lesson I can't erase.
You showed a way to get from that lonely place
to where love comes alive
and you'd be waiting there when I arrived."

"He gave His only begotten sonshall not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) What a declaration of love that was to me when I realized that no matter how lonely or inadequate I might feel there was someone who was, is and always will be in my corner with a greater love than I can ever imagine. And I also learned it was okay to make mistakes if I got back up.

"I learned that I could stumble and maybe fall.
I learned in being humble I'd have it all
a brand new way to live
that love's not what you have but what you give
and the art of love is who you share it with."

One of the students asked which story in the Bible was our favorite. The teacher told us that a friend of ours had said, "The birth of our Lord, of course!" And I have to agree; it is the best Love story in the world. If I don't share that love, however, I'll forever stay a caterpillar or remain trapped in my cocoon. But I have hope and a song in my heart, Dear People. So continue to give, love, and share and fly high with Him by your side!

Much love, Terri May

Cursillo Name Tags

When ordering name tags, please keep these points in mind:

- Name tags should **not** be ordered until the candidate actually makes the weekend.
- Name tags must be paid for when ordered.
- The name tag committee is available on Saturday night only; table is set up in the lobby outside the main chapel.

We have numerous name tags that were ordered and paid for and have not yet been picked up. Please stop by the table and review these and help us deliver them to anyone you might know. You may contact the Name Tag Committee - Sharolyn Rice - at 217-653-3834 or email: 2710south@gmail.com

Canceled your Landline or Moved?

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

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Next Board Meeting
January 11, 2018 at 7 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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Fourth Day Renewal

When: March 9-10, 2018
Time: 7 pm Fri. to 7 pm Sat.
Where: Retreat Center-Quincy
Cost: \$45
Director: TBA

Fourth Day Renewal is a 24-hour experience of personal growth for those who have previously made a Cursillo weekend and are wanting to renew and develop their spirituality. It's also a way to meet new friends in our Cursillo community

This relaxed, co-ed environment is ideal for both singles and couples.

Download an application to mail or register online at www.quincycursillo.com/

If you have questions about the Fourth Day Renewal, call Steering Committee Katie Korte 573-324-3611.

Walk to Emmaus Dates

Men's Walk #17: January 25-28, 2018

Women's Walk #18: February 15-18, 2018

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

Notes for 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, online at www.quincycursillo.com, or by contacting Bob Gough at email: bobgough1966@yahoo.com or 217-577-8044.

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 candidates' 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.