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Rector: Dave Ferrill

Theme: "Love As I Have Loved You"

Cursillo Family,

We are finally back on with Cursillo weekends! WAHOO! Two years seems like such an interminable amount of time, and yet in other ways I found it passed quite swiftly.

I hope and pray the pandemic has left you healthy and even more grateful. I found I appreciated many things much more than pre-COVID: the Eucharist & Mass, seeing parish family, family, neighbors, friends & coworkers...and much more. I learned to bake bread and quicker learned I needed to stop eating it! The pounds later, I still appreciated the lessons learned (baking and eating!) and was grateful for them. Let's keep that appreciation and gratefulness in the fore part of our minds as we emerge from these past two years and work to further His kingdom. Perhaps we can pay it forward, for we can never afford to pay it back!

I am humbled, yet proud to present Team #351 and the Rollo schedule. He has blessed us so with these faith-filled, willing, committed and talented men:

Friday Rollos

10:00 am Ideal - Mike Welbourne (Rollista) of Pittsfield, IL

11:15 am Grace - Dcn. Ron Diemeke (Asst. Spiritual Director) of Martinsburg, MO

1:30 pm Laity in the Church - Brad Vacca (Asst. Rector) of Kampsville, IL

3:00 pm Holy Spirit/Divine Aid - Dcn. Dennis Holbrook (Asst. Spiritual Director) Quincy

6:45 pm Piety - Caleb Briscoe (Rollista) of Roodhouse, IL

Saturday Rollos

9:00 am Study - Jim Henrick (Rollista) of Mt. Sterling, IL

10:00 am Sacraments - Fr. John Doctor (Spiritual Director) of Quincy

3:00 pm Action - Jim Deters (Asst. Rector) of Quincy, IL

4:15 pm Obstacle to Grace - Dcn. Troy Egbert (Asst. Spiritual Director) of Hannibal

7:00 pm Leaders - Tom Goetten (Rollista) of Jerseyville, IL

Sunday Rollos

9:00 am Environment - Tyler May (Rollista) of Callao, MO

10:15 am Christian Life - Dcn. Bob Leake (Asst. Spiritual Director) of Hannibal, MO

11:30 am Christian Community In Action - Dan Kramer (Asst. Rector) of Liberty, IL

12:45 pm Group Reunion and Ultreya - Dave Ferrill (Rector) of Buckhorn, IL

1:00 pm A Woman's Perspective - Cindy Paul of Quincy, IL

Auxiliaries: Jon Boylen & Barry Wear both of Mt. Sterling, IL; Matt Maerz, Keokuk, IA; Jake Tadeo & Dale Holt both of Quincy, IL; Aron Lee & Evan Hurst both of Hannibal, MO; Derek Labbee, Middletown, MO and Brad Jun, Jerseyville, IL.

Service Team: Kenny Blentlinger & Glen Koch both of Mt. Sterling, IL; Tim Carmody, Hardin, IL; Bruce Dietrich, Jacksonville, IL; Dave Waterkotte & Mike Wittland both of Quincy, IL.

Food Service: Jeff Shade & Tony Moore both of Jacksonville, IL; Jim Aschemann & Ed Holthaus both of Quincy, IL.

Musician: Jared Holbrook of Quincy, IL; **Sacristan:** Chuck Amburg of Jerseyville, IL; **Board Rep:** Mike Grant of Quincy, IL; **Observing Rector:** Jim Citro of Quincy, IL.

The scripture verses given us are from John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" and John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Our theme song is "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Christ is counting on you and so is Team #351! We require and covet your prayers and palanca! This is the fuel for the weekend! The team especially requests prayers for health for ourselves and our candidates. The Palanca Chapel hours were completely covered for both #349 & #350; thank you so much! We ask that that same love be shown to #351. "Love one another as I have loved you."

The team thanks you in advance for the full night's sleep each night of the weekend; pandemic protocols have substantially increased the workload for our service and food service teams and they will need that restful slumber.

Peace and all things good!

Dave Ferrill, Rector #351

UPCOMING EVENTS

ULTREYAS

Hannibal Area Ultreya

Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm
St. Michael's Hall (church basement)
Hannibal, MO

Fairfield, Iowa Ultreya

Saturday, February 26, 2022
at St. Mary Church - Fairfield
Begins with 5:30 Mass
Please bring a dish to share
Meat and drinks will be provided

Jacksonville Area Ultreya

Saturday, March 12, 2022
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Upcoming Cursillo Dates And Rector/as

March 24-27, 2022 - Dave Ferrill

April 21-24, 2022 - Beth Shade

June 23-26, 2022 - Jim Citro

July 21-24, 2022 - Sharon Brunts

September 15-18, 2022 - Russ Siebers

November 3-6, 2022 - Stacey Eilerman

Private Facebook Group

We have set up a new PRIVATE Facebook Group where we can share information. Search for Quincy Cursillo - Private Group. A security question will be asked in order to join.

We continue to have the Quincy Cursillo - Public page, as well as the "Cursillo Family Prayers and Praise" Private Group. Anyone can post prayer requests or praise reports in this group.

Only those that are members can see the posts in a private group so it provides a level of privacy.

Coffee & Conversation

The Retreat Center dining room is open every Tuesday morning at 7:30 am for anyone to come out for coffee and conversation. Come in the kitchen entrance.

Palanca Sign Up and Letters

To let the team and candidates know you are praying and offering palanca, please sign up through the **Online Signup**. Find the link on the Cursillo website: quincycursillo.com. This signup listing will be shared with the candidates and team on Friday afternoon so please sign up by 2 pm that day so they can see that all the hours are filled. For the women's weekend, there were 171 time slots filled with individuals and groups. Keep up the good work! It means so much to the team and candidates to see all of those names listed.

Palanca letters can be 1) dropped off to the box located in the front entryway of the Retreat Center; 2) send letters with team or sponsors on Thursday or 3) email letters to: palancaletters@quincycursillo.com. Any letters dropped off or emailed should be delivered by 5 pm Saturday.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to head up two committees.

- Supply Room Committee - this committee maintains the Service Team supply room. Supplies need to be monitored after each weekend to see what items need to be replenished before the next weekend. This committee would be responsible for picking up these supplies with reimbursement by Cursillo.
- Name Tag Committee - this committee is available at each Saturday evening Cursillo Mass to take orders for name tags, place the order and distribute the name tags at the following Cursillo weekend Mass.

If you are interested in either of these committees, contact Diane Lagoski at 217-257-9827.

Updates from the Lay Director

At the February Cursillo Board meeting, we made some changes you need to know about.

- Sponsors hour will be held in the South Chapel of the Retreat Center. Sponsors should go there after dropping off their candidates and can visit until everyone arrives to begin sponsors hour.
- Closing is now open to the public and will proceed as it always has. Remember that closing starts at 4:00. We do ask that everyone stay in their pew for the sign of peace. Over the past few years, I have noticed that the attendance at closing has dwindled significantly. Ask yourself when was the last time you went to closing if you didn't have a candidate or weren't on the team. I don't mean to sound like a mother laying a guilt trip on you. However, I am going to ask you to seriously consider showing your support for the team and candidates by coming to closing at 4 pm on Sunday.
- The board voted to reinstitute the Buddy Mass but it will be two weeks before the weekend. I am not certain which weekend will start that because the next two weekends have their meeting schedules already set. I will let you know as soon as I know.

The Board and I thank you for your patience as we find our way through these difficult times. I know this feels like a slow process but baby steps are good and we need to celebrate any move forward.

In Christ's love,
Diane Lagoski

Cursillo #350



Left to right - Row 1: Shelly Heideman, Teresa Bennett, Christie Joehl, Fr. Chuck Edwards. **Row 2:** Jill Kelly, Angela Lepper, Barb Leaf, Delana Becker, Laurie Brink, Amanda Hill, Charlotte Koch. **Row 3:** Beth Shade, Katie Gordan, Teresa Downing, Meg Lorton, Sr. Marilyn Jean Runkel, Cari Graham, Antonia Alfano, Sarah Brockouse, Ann Gage, Arlene Korcher. **Row 4:** Nancy Blaue, Linda Manley, Ginger Meador, Mary Edwards, Stephanie Donaldson, Laura Smith, Emily Tadeo, Kristin Kohlrus, Margaret Little. **Row 5:** Sara Reichert, Laurie Frank, Olivia Farmer, Kristan Greving, Joan Wood, Becky Winking, Denise Sanders, Delores Ringenberg, Sue Maerz, Corinne Briscoe, Katie Ippensen. Not Pictured: Linda Dennis

Comments From Rector of Cursillo #349

De Colores!

The big question is, "How did the weekend go considering all the restrictions?" Well, I'm here to tell you it was the most Spirit filled weekend I've ever been on. Yes, there were some changes, and yes, some were for the better. But it was evident in the number of Palanca letters and the turnout at the candlelight walk that the Cursillo community was offering up lots and lots of prayer and sacrifice.

Even though you couldn't be in the Palanca Chapel, serving meals or at the closing we still felt your presence through His Presence. No prayer of yours was wasted as the Spirit moved in both the team and candidates. We have 18 new faith filled Cursillistas as a result.

Our theme was, "We are Commanded to Love." Let's show our love to God and one another by supporting the upcoming Cursillos just as you did for Cursillo 349.

I could easily fill this newsletter with all the sorrows, healing and joys that came to pass over the weekend. But I will have to end with our most sincere thanks. God bless all of you for all you did for us.

Your Brother in Christ,

Damian McDonald, Rector Cursillo 349

Did You Know?

St. Paul is the Patron Saint of the Cursillo Movement.

We know that as "Saul" was traveling to Damascus, he was struck by a bright light and fell to his knees. This was our Lord's way of calling Saul (soon to become Paul) to discipleship. He was led to Damascus, where he remained blind for three days (3 days of being in a cloistered environment). While Saul was in Damascus, God sent Ananias to Saul with these instructions: "You must go! This man is the instrument I have chosen to bring my message to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel." (Acts 9:15)

Each person (through their baptism with Christ) is an instrument for God's plan of salvation. When we come to the Cursillo weekend, each one comes as a Saul and each team member has the responsibility of being Ananias to each candidate.

One aspect of the 3 Days is to provide an opportunity for each candidate to experience a conversion process. Saul underwent a conversion process. If Saul had done nothing else, following that conversion process, then that conversion would still have been successful (just ask those Christians who were no longer persecuted by Saul). If our candidates do nothing else, following their Cursillo, then the conversion process should still be considered successful. However, the reason Paul became a saint is not because of what he did not do - it was because of the things he did do. While a conversion process is one aspect of the Cursillo, our primary purpose is to instill in each candidate the willingness and the ability to go back to their world (their environments) and transform those environments for Christ.

It is up to each team member and sponsor to accept their role as Ananias in order to provide each candidate with the information needed to fulfill their baptismal responsibilities.

Being Unconditional Witnesses

Meditation by Henry Nouwen

Good news becomes bad news when it is announced without peace and joy. Anyone who proclaims the forgiving and healing love of Jesus with a bitter heart is a false witness. Jesus is the savior of the world. We are not. We are called to witness, always with our lives and sometimes with our words, to the great things God has done for us. But this witness must come from a heart that is willing to give without getting anything in return.

The more we trust in God's unconditional love for us, the more able we will be to proclaim the love of Jesus without any inner or outer conditions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Next Board Meeting
March 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Retreat Center Dining Room

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and "Like Us" on Facebook.

Musicians Encouraged to Apply

We have a need for more musicians that can be part of the team to lead our Cursillo weekends in song. If you have musical talent that you can share with the Cursillo family, we encourage you to complete a Musician application, which can be found on the Cursillo website: quincycursillo.com under the Applications - Team tab.

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.
- Name tags can be mailed if postage is paid when ordering
- The name tag committee is available on Saturday night only; table is set up in the lobby outside the main chapel; or you may contact the Name Tag Committee, Billie Huebotter at 217-430-4406 or email: mhuebotter22@hotmail.com.

Candidate Applications

Candidate applications are available on the Cursillo website: quincycursillo.com - along with Sponsor Responsibilities and Sponsor Form. The sponsor form needs to be submitted along with the candidate application. Applications need to be submitted by Sunday prior to the start of the weekend.

Team Application Updates

If you've changed your phone number or cancelled your landline since you were last on a Cursillo weekend, please remember to update your team application.

Our team application coordinators are: Phil and Brenda Leatherman. They can be contacted by phone at: 573-588-2523 or email: littleaz78@yahoo.com.

Book of Remembrance

As a way to 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, provide their name to Jerry Eberhardt by e-mailing: jae12@comcast.net or call 217-222-5333.