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Cursillo #352: April 21-24, 2022

Rectora: Beth Shade

Theme: Give Christ Your Pieces, He Will Give You His Peace

Beloved Cursillo Family,

De Colores! What a journey this has been! Cursillo #352 was originally scheduled for July of 2020. While a pandemic postponed the weekend, it could not postpone the fire of the Holy Spirit that is burning brightly in the women on the team of #352. I'm sure every past rector and rectora have felt this way, but I have been truly blessed by the best with this team. Our time of formation has been incredible and I am amazed at how beautifully God worked in bringing this team together.

The theme for Cursillo #352 is "Give Christ your pieces, and He will give you His peace." The theme song for the weekend is "Peace in Christ". Our scripture is John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

It is my honor and privilege to introduce you to the team of Cursillo #352:

Friday Rollos

10:00 am Ideal - Katie Douglas (Rollista) of Quincy
11:15 am Grace - Msgr. Mike Kuse (Asst. Spiritual Director) of Quincy
1:30 pm Laity - Bernice Neisen (Rollista) of Quincy
3:00 pm Holy Spirit/Divine Aid - Dcn. Dennis Holbrook (Asst. Spiritual Director) of Quincy
6:45 pm Piety - Michelle May (Asst. Rectora) of Jacksonville, IL

Saturday Rollos

9:00 am Study - Sharon Cope (Rollista) of Martinsburg, MO
10:00 am Sacraments - Fr. John Stack (Spiritual Director) of Clinton, IA
3:00 pm Action - Danielle Freie (Rollista) of Middletown, MO
4:15 pm Obstacles to a Life of Grace - Sr. Martha Carmody (Asst. Spiritual Director) of Springfield, IL
7:00 pm Leaders - Stacy Beeley (Asst. Rectora) of Jacksonville, IL

Sunday Rollos

9:00 am Environment - Kara Harris (Rollista) of Carlinville, IL
10:15 am Christian Life - Deacon Bob Leake (Asst. Spiritual Director) of Hannibal
11:30 am Christian Community in Action - Sharon Phillips (Asst. Rectora) of Maywood, MO
12:45 pm Group Reunion and Ultreya - Beth Shade (Rectora) of Jacksonville, IL

Auxiliaries: Michelle Beck, Hannibal; Ashley Becker, Laddonia, MO; Nicole Cory, Quincy; Carrie Elsen, Shelbina, MO; Jill Kinion, Middletown, MO; Jennifer Miller, Bowling Green, MO; Kim Wackerly, Godfrey, IL; Amanda Lahey and Mirtie Marshall, both of Jacksonville.

Service Team: Connie Bealor, Mendon, IL; Karen Biggs, Bowling Green, MO; Cheryl Wagner, Davenport, IA; Carrie Bugos-Alexander, Carrollton, IL; Tracy Hayes and Anne Peterson, both of New London, MO.

Food Service: Genny Gramke and Cindy Stephens, both of Quincy; Teresa Hayes, Palmyra; and DeAnne Wickens, New London.

Sacristan: Sue Holbrook, Quincy; **Musician:** Nikki Allison, Hermann, MO; **Board Representative:** Pat Holbrook; **Observing Rectora:** Sharon Brunts, St. Louis.

The Buddy Mass for Cursillo #352 will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 2:30 pm at the Church of Our Saviour in Jacksonville. A carry-in will follow at the KC Hall located at 320 East State. Meat and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

Your palanca is greatly appreciated. To sign up for Palanca or to serve meals, please go to the Quincy Cursillo website - www.quincycursillo.com.

Love and Peace in Christ,
Beth Shade, Rectora

UPCOMING EVENTS

ULTREYAS

Tri-State Area Ultreya
Friday, April 29, 2022
Quincy University Chapel, Quincy
Begins with Mass at 6:30 pm

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

Martinsburg Area Ultreya
Saturday, April 30, 2022
Follows 4 pm Saturday Mass.
Martinsburg Community Room.
Meat and drinks will be provided.
Please bring a dish to share.

Jacksonville Area Ultreya
Saturday, April 30, 2022
Our Saviour Parish Admin Bldg.
Follows the 4:30 pm Mass

Lincoln County Ultreya
Saturday, April 30, 2022
Sacred Heart Parish, Troy, MO
Follows 5 pm Mass. Carry-in meal

BUDDY MASS

Women's Cursillo #352
April 10, 2022 at 2:30 pm
Church of Our Saviour, Jacksonville, IL
A carry-in will follow at the KC Hall
located at 320 East State.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #352

Saturday April 23
Mass 8:00 pm
Sunday April 24
Closing and Mass 4:00 pm

Future Cursillo Dates And Rector/as

June 23-26, 2022 - Jim Citro
July 21-24, 2022 - Sharon Brunts
September 15-18, 2022 - Russ Siebers
November 3-6, 2022 - Stacey Eilerman
January 19-22, 2023 - Pat Greenwell
February 16-19, 2023 - Margaret Little
March 23-26, 2023 - Jeff Shade
April 20-23, 2023 - Christine Wiemelt

Lay Director Message

Hello Cursillo friends,

I am aware, after our last Board meeting, that there are many who wonder why, once the Covid risk resolved, we haven't just gone back to doing things the way "we always did". In my letter today, I want to talk about how the Board is approaching reopening and the reasons for any changes that are being made.

The Board began thinking about changes that might need to be made when 1) the January and February teams told us that there were things about the closed weekend that were actually good; 2) We were made aware from Chartwells, our food provider, that we were violating a number of Public Health regulations and 3) We saw that this was actually an opportunity to look at whether the things we do are faithful to and consistent with the mission, philosophy and process of Cursillo. In other words, because of what Father Tom Henseler used to call "creeping traditions", are there ways we have strayed from the path?

I am not an expert on the Cursillo process so as I write, I'm saying a prayer to Father Tom to help me make this make sense. Remember that National Cursillo is a completely closed weekend. Many Cursillo communities continue to operate in this manner, i.e. Jefferson City. Quincy Cursillo split off from National, retaining the philosophy, but believing that the weekend should not be entirely cloistered.

The Leaders Manual, which every team member gets when they are on a team, describes how the weekend is supposed to progress. Each day has a purpose and in order for the weekend to be successful, we have to stay with that purpose. To borrow terms from TEC, because they are easier to understand, Friday is Die Day, Saturday is Rise Day and Sunday is Go Day. The talks for each day are consistent with those themes and build upon each other. Again, history shows that we should not deviate.

Each activity we have added, outside of the rollos that happen in the conference room, need to have a purpose and need to be consistent with the theme of the day and where the candidates are in their Cursillo process. We can't just do them because they feel good. When the Board talks about "distractions", they are looking at whether we are letting the weekend and candidates progress at the correct speed. Are we interfering with the process?

SO . . .

1. The observations of both the January and February teams were that the candidates seemed to bond together, and with team, and be more ready to work if they were allowed to immediately go to the conference room on Thursday evening and if no outsiders interacted with them, except clowns and Stations on Friday. Consequently, the Board has decided to have no reception on Thursday or meal servers in the dining room on Friday. Sponsors will escort their candidate to registration and then go directly to the North Chapel; the team will take the candidates to their rooms.

2. Limitations to the number of meal servers and duty descriptions are explained further in Pat Holbrook's article, also in this Newsletter.

3. Changes to Candlelight are for safety and convenience purposes and should not change the experience.

4. At the next meeting, the Board will be looking at whether there needs to be changes regarding the palanca chapel. Here are a couple of issues we will be thinking about. Do we need to limit the number of people in the room? I'm guessing we have all been in the chapel when people have conversations instead of praying - does a larger number encourage that? After a rollo, people tend to stand around in the chapel and visit - that probably shouldn't happen. Also, remember the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and is our behavior consistent with the respect we should be showing? The only other issue is at night when only one person is in the chapel and they have to leave to let the next person in the door. It just needs to be talked about.

Ed Holthaus and I have talked numerous times about the need on a weekend for a place away from "the weekend" where Cursillistas can gather and visit. We are open to suggestions.

I think you will find that the Board approached reopening thoughtfully and consistent with their obligation as a Board member. Please pray for us as we continue.

In Christ's love,
Diane Lajoski,
Lay Director

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Next Board Meeting
April 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Retreat Center Conference Room

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New Food Service Procedures

We have had a chance to evaluate our food service procedures to improve sanitation and the candidate experience. In a nutshell, I am going to try and explain how serving meals is changing. Please have an open mind and heart.

There will be a limit to the number of outside folks coming in to serve and provide support to the Food Service Team. A sign up chart, like the one we are using for the Palanca chart now, will be located on the Cursillo website. This will begin for the women's weekend in April and moving forward.

What is needed from you as support:

1. Please only sign up for a maximum of two meals to allow for others to also serve.

2. Please do not just show up! We want to be covered, but not have folks signing up and then have very little to do. It is not fair to those who have taken that extra step to sign up. We appreciate your eagerness to serve but just cannot manage at this time all the extra people in the kitchen.

3. Understand the expectations: Recognize that this is designed to improve sanitation, enable team and candidates to bond and give a helping hand to the Food Service team. You will be support as support role only, which means limited involvement with the candidates. You are there to "serve." Please take directions from the Food Service Team.

You may be washing dishes, setting up food/drinks, dishwashing up food, serving food, clearing tables when all the candidates are gone. You will not be carrying trays, extra mingling with candidates, hanging out in the dining room, taking extra

food to the tables or providing any entertainment. Once you are done with your job, for example when all the candidates and team are through the line, please go to kitchen to help with whatever is needed at that time until the candidates are gone and tables can be cleared.

The sign up chart will have 2 slots each meal for kitchen/dishwasher help only. Kitchen/dishwasher help can be either men or women because you will NOT be going into the dining room, which means men can help wash dishes on a men's weekend, for example.

On Friday, there will not be any outside help in the dining room - kitchen/dishwasher help only .

On all Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast, three slots will be available for dining room support, in addition to two dishwasher slots, as directed by the Food Service Team.

The lunch meal on Sunday will have slots for two dishwashers/clean up, plus six slots (with preference to the spouses of the current weekend's TEAM) to dish up, serve and clean up so that the Food Service Team can quickly move to the cross ceremony.

I know you may have questions/concerns. Please be open to these new procedures. We do not make these changes lightly. The feedback from the two closed weekends supports these changes especially to Friday, which is "Die Day" (to use a TEC term) and should have limited distractions.

I am open to any questions. Thank you for all you do and all you sacrifice in the name of the Cursillo movement.

Pat Holbrook 217-257-2570

Board Member/Sanitation Committee

Cursillo #351



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Word of the Say..... Awakening

by Julie Long Catlett

Awakening... defined as a recognition, realization, or coming into awareness of something.

How appropriate for the upcoming Easter when the earth is re-awakening all the glorious colors of the season and Christians are recognizing the risen Christ.

I love springtime! The earth begins to wake up from its dormant sleep of winter. The grass begins to gain color of fresh green. The flowers perk up their heads and raise their faces to the warming sun. The birds come out of hiding and begin to chatter back and forth and sing about the new warmth of the days.

Easter is our time to re awaken. Rather it be from a long, winter sleep or coming into the light for the first time. We raise our faces to the light of God and begin to make a joyful noise of hope, love and new life. Oh how glorious these beautiful days of spring are with the hope of brighter days, the beauty of the colorful flowers and songs of praise being offered up.

How are you awakening? Do you get so busy you fail to notice the birds singing? Do you just stop and look at the beauty of the blooming flowers? Do you notice the bright yellow of the first daffodils raising their brave faces as the first flowers to bloom. Do you stop and inhale the glorious smell of the fragrant lilacs? Do you breathe in the first grass cutting of the season or stop and watch the farmers working their fields and smell the earth? All awakening, all with hope and anticipation.

I challenge you to take the time to awaken as the earth awakes this spring. Look at the beauty. See the anticipation. Smell the perfumes in the air. Look in your heart for the awakening of the hope, love and excitement of His love.

Stop and take time to just be. Be with God in the awakening of his earth. Be with nature as the animals bring forth their new generation. Be open to the things God is placing in your life to awaken your senses, your hopes, your passion. Be aware of God's gifts and blessings as we awaken to His glory and His love for us.

Palanca Sign Up and Letters

To let the team and candidates know you are praying and offering palanca, please sign up through the **Online Sign-up**. 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. 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

Name Tag Committee - this committee is available at each Saturday evening 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, contact Diane Lagoski at 217-257-9827.