

Evansville Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

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Go 4th!

“Let all who thirst come to
the water.”

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Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner

Dear Fourth Day Community,

I hope you had a joyous and blessed Christmas. Our family held our usual gathering for food and gift exchange and we got to see the newest addition to our family.

As I write this I am in Indianapolis where I will offer Mass for a Kairos retreat being put on for seniors from Brebeuf High School. For those of you who may not be familiar with the name, it is patterned after the Cursillo.

The following week, January 18-22, I will be in Dubuque, Iowa, working with the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates from St. Meinrad, dealing with mentoring the newly ordained in their transition from seminarian to priest in the parish. Apparently St. Meinrad thinks I have something to say to the newly ordained.

I keep trying to do palanca for the teams and candidates for the coming weekends for the men and women and hope you are doing the same. There always seems to be such excitement and enthusiasm at the closings to share with others what they experienced but sometimes we still have trouble trying to fill the weekends.

The thing to do is pray, pray and pray. Then invite our friend or potential candidate. *De Colores, Fr. Ray*



Words From Lay Director Nick Wolf

“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks
you for a reason for your hope.” 1 Peter 3:15

As Cursillistas, we are each full of hope and joy, and we should always be ready to answer and share with anyone, the reasons for our life in Christ, our Ultimate Joy. To that end, let me share my joy, and something new, that can certainly increase our hope. With this newsletter we are introducing a new feature: “**The Cursillo Corner.**” (see pg. 2) This new feature is designed to make it possible for the entire fourth day to share their personal experiences as Apostles of Christ. Thanks to one of our Cursillo leaders, we are off to a running start with our very first contribution. As each of you are living out your Cursillo commitment, and counting on Christ, we are sure you may have much to share. This new addition will give you the opportunity to give voice to your love for Jesus, and to help each other.

We are encouraging everyone to put their experiences into words, and hopefully increase the effectiveness of our fourth day. If you are interested, in sharing an anecdote, short story, or close moment with Christ, please let us know. Some examples might be: “What Cursillo has meant to you,” “Your attempts to change the world for Christ”, “How has Cursillo changed your life?” “How have you tried to bring your friend to Christ?” “How has God spoken to you through Cursillo?”

These are just suggestions, and we do not need polished articles. What we all need, are words of encouragement as we work for Jesus. It is our Hope that through this venue, you the fourth day, can help increase the hope of the many we reach through the newsletter, and create a feeling in all of us of being more connected to our brothers and sisters, through our movement.

The Cursillo movement belongs to God and we are his laborers. “**Go 4th**” is your newsletter, and we remain His laborers. You the fourth day, are the ones “making a difference”, so if you are living a life of piety, study, and action, then something in your life needs to be shared. Your individual lives in Christ, are the real explanations for our Hope.

If you would like to contribute to the “**The Cursillo Corner**”, please send your info to Judith or Nicholas Wolf at wolfworks3@aol.com, or call 449-9513, you can also send your submission to Irene Evans, newsletter editor, at iaevans@juno.com. If you choose, your contributions can remain anonymous. Thank you for your love of Christ, and for being part of God’s Cursillo community.



Post Cursillo and School of Leaders Notes

We are happy to report that there are three couples/individuals who have expressed an interest in the position of Post Cursillo (now vacant). Please add these folks to your prayer list that the Holy Spirit will guide them in their discernment. If everything works out, we should be back on track with our Cursillo Reunions, and of course, the Grand Ultreya. We would also like to report that the School of Leaders, under the direction of Tom Anslinger, is taking on a program of revitalizing the School. A lot of neat things are beginning to happen, but as always, we need your help. The School is a fourth day forum open to everyone, so please join us, help us and pray for us!

Palanca -- *Al Debes*

Through this faith you may have life in his name. John 20:31
The Rev R.F. Everding wrote on the subject of **LIFE**. When we think of a full life, what do we think of? Where does our faith in Jesus fit into any ideas we have of what full life might be? When we take time to remember that God is the goal of all life, that our destiny is to be one with God and with all creation, We realize that all that we have here is passing. In that light, real life must be involved in working toward that unity. We wonder why we don’t think of this more often. Is it that it’s so much easier just to fit into this world’s idea of a full life? Step out of your comfort zone with a visit to the Palanca chapel, and check in on **LIFE !!**

Men’s Cursillo #73 February 18-21, 2010
Women’s Cursillo # 78 March 18-21, 2010

The Cursillo Corner: KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE *by Jennifer Vangampl*

Do you remember the feelings that you had when you made your Cursillo? I remember listening to the women who were witnessing and feeling nudged to go out and change the world. . .at least my corner of it. It was inspiring to hear what these women had been doing in their environments and they made me realize that even I could make a difference. So I left my weekend, began grouping 2 days later and set off to change the world.

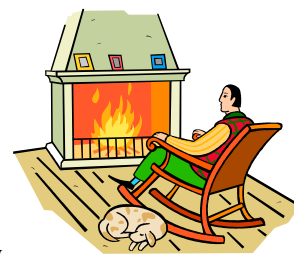
If you're like me, you were on fire for the Holy Spirit for several days, perhaps even weeks, until one day things didn't go right. Old feelings surfaced again. Where was that Spirit that had you flying high as a kite? Would it ever come back?

I've found ways to keep the Spirit alive. The first, of course, is grouping. The ladies in my groups share my ups and downs. They inspire me to do more than just be a bench warmer in a Catholic Church. When they share with me what they are doing each week I am challenged to try harder to bring Christ to others.

The second way is to attend Ultreya. For those of you who have never experienced an Ultreya, I urge you to try. At each Ultreya there is a witness speaker. For myself, I've felt the fire lit in me again as I listened to men and women testify their love for Christ and share with us what they have been doing in their lives to evangelize themselves and others. I leave Ultreyas with a feeling similar to that of coming off my weekend. It's such a spiritual boost that I try to attend 2 Ultreyas a month.

A third, and surefire way, to be overcome with the Holy Spirit is to attend closings. Hearing the witnesses of our newest Cursillistas brings back the spirit and drive that I felt when I made my weekend. The presence of the Lord envelopes me at the closings and urges me to do more in my world. Also I would note here that the presence of the 4th day at my closing was such an overwhelming show of support to me. In 1997, when I entered that room, it was filled. I don't remember there being many, if any, empty chairs. Wow! What a feeling to know that people would take time out of their busy lives to show support for the newest "babe chicks!" By the way, they support the men too—not just the "babe chicks." That's why I want to help fill the room for our newest Cursillistas.

A fourth way to keep the Spirit alive is to attend School of Leaders. Sounds like an ominous title, huh? Actually I was scared of the title myself. It sounded too much like taking classes and doing homework. Besides, I figured only the important people in the Cursillo movement were privy to what went on there. I was right! It IS for the important people in Cursillo---EVERYONE! EVERY CURSILLISTA IS INVITED! At School of Leaders, Cursillistas come together to pray, listen to spiritual talks given by priests, nuns, or deacons, and discuss ways to improve our own Cursillo movement in the Evansville Diocese. Oh, and good news . . .NO HOMEWORK!



Evansville Women's Cursillo # 77

June Beverly <i>St. Joseph/Vand. Co.</i>	<i>Vincennes</i>
Charlotte Reisinger-Klueg <i>Resurrection</i>	Bridgette Martin <i>St. Mary</i>
Dana Harrison <i>Resurrection</i>	Julie Marchino <i>Sacred Heart/Vincennes</i>
Jennifer Hollander <i>Resurrection</i>	Cathy Boice <i>St. Celestine</i>
Donett May <i>St. Matthew</i>	Patty Englert <i>St. Raphael</i>
Sherri Rapp <i>St. Matthew</i>	Karen Pund <i>St. Peter-Celestine</i>
Clare Hassler <i>St. Philip</i>	Jane Tretter <i>St. Raphael</i>
Holly Watzlavik <i>St. Matthew</i>	Kim Sermersheim <i>St. Mary-Huntingburg</i>
Nicky Newfelder <i>St. Anthony</i>	Jana Traylor <i>St. Peter</i>
Christy Williams <i>Christ the King</i>	Joan Schroering <i>Holy Family</i>
Mary Greenwell <i>Christ the King</i>	Hannah Sitzman <i>St. Ferdinand</i>
Amy Hughes <i>Christ the King</i>	Lisa Butler <i>Holy Redeemer</i>
Angela Barr <i>St. Wendel</i>	Ann Byrom <i>St. Matthew</i>
Debbie Singer <i>Corpus Christi</i>	Laura Sommerfield <i>St. Matthew</i>
Angie Wulff <i>Corpus Christi</i>	Sally Mulzer <i>St. John/Newburgh</i>
Barbara Raben <i>St. Wendel</i>	
Mary Rose Ambrose <i>Sts. Peter&Paul</i>	
Phyllis Haag <i>Sacred Heart/</i>	

School of Leaders by Tom Anslinger

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name He may give you. This I command you: love one another. (John 15:16-17)

Have you considered lately how much God loves you? God chose us and made us His own in our baptism and we are marked with the cross of Christ forever. Come, Holy Spirit, kindle (or rekindle) in us the fire of your love! We can show our love for one another by participating in the Fourth Day activities as much as time allows. And one of those activities is attending the School of Leaders to pray, group and join in the efforts to plan, discuss and develop the means to be the leaven for our Evansville Diocese Cursillo Movement. Come and hear doctrinal talks by priests, deacons or religious and technical talks by lay members who address Cursillo issues. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays each month at St. John Church in Daylight at 7:00 PM. We'll save a seat for you and the person you bring with you. If you have any questions, call Tom Anslinger at 963-6432.

For a list of times and places of Ultreyas, check out our website
www.evansvillecursillo.com

“I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME”

Evansville Women’s Cursillo # 77

Dear 4th Day Community,

“God is good all the time. All the time God is good.” What an awesome weekend experience it was to be the Coordinator for this wonderful weekend—the desire to do His will in team selections and formations and to be God’s helper of His work for the candidates. It was pleasing to serve God in this manner. God has certainly blessed this Cursillo movement with His presence within the 4th day community. With the combined help of God’s intervention, the 4th day prayers, along with the efforts of 23 dedicated team members, and 32 awesome spirit filled candidates, Cursillo #77 became a reality. To the 32 new Cursillistas, you were God’s gift to this team. You taught us humility and love for each other. You reached our hearts with your laughter and tears. You willingly cooperated and participated in the exercises. In the process, we observed your growth in Holiness, Formation and the desire to serve our God. Keep that Cursillo flame burning ever so bright in your heart by grouping and living a life of Holiness and Formation. My palanca continues to pray for you as you start your 4th day walk with the Lord as your Savior.

To Team #77, I have been blessed by your presence in so many ways. What an awesome display of faith, trust, love and humility to serve the Lord. Your commitment to team formation and the weekend was a devotion to the Lord I will continue to pray for you and I ask that you pray for the Cursillo movement.

Thank you for all the prayers, palanca, food, team and service you have shared to make this weekend so very special. As hard as we all worked for the success of the weekend, I ask you to continue to pray for the new Cursillistas, that they may have the strength and courage to enter their own 4th Day with the fire they left Sarto with on Sunday night. Also continue to pray and evangelize others to attend a Cursillo weekend. It’s part of our responsibility as Christians to bring others to Him. Why not share the love and excitement you felt on your weekend? WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS US. You just have to take that first step.

May God bless each and every one of you! Norma Folz, Coordinator Evansville Women’s Cursillo #77

“Let all who thirst Come to the Water”

Evansville Men’s Cursillo #73

February 18TH--21ST, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Twenty three men have now come together to form Team # 73. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we hope to bring the candidates that God will send to us, to the well of life giving waters, “Jesus Christ.” We 23 men cannot possibly do this alone. We are in desperate need of primarily one thing, your prayers and sacrifices. Please pray that Team #73 may refreshed by that same eternal water in order to carry out our apostolic mission. Pray that the candidates will come with an open hearts and thirsty souls. So that they may know that Jesus Christ is the only thing that will ever truly satisfy them.

Talk Support Day will be held on February 6th at 8:00 am at St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Newburgh IN. There will be mass said at 7:00 am in the Church. Please come and worship with us at mass and support us by attending Talk Support Day.

If anyone is interested in serving a meal on the Weekend please contact Gary and Norma Folz at 812- 925- 7159. If anyone wants to donate special treats, snacks or desserts for the Weekend please contact Pete Hillenbrand at 812-457-1023. Team Palanca letters may be sent to me Tony Scheller at 2822 Terri Lane Newburgh IN 47630 or emailed to me at synot@wowway.com.

To the entire 4th day community, I want to thank each and every one of you for all your support in building up the Body of Christ. As it says in Scripture “May the Lord bless you and keep you! May the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Num 6:24-26)

Your Brother in Christ, Tony Scheller, Coordinator Evansville Men’s Cursillo # 73

We do not go into the desert to escape people but to learn how to find them. — Thomas Merton

Love One Another 

Evansville Men's Cursillo #73 Team

Fr. Tony Ernst	Head Spiritual Director
Fr. Chris Forler	Spiritual Director
Deacon Tom Lehman	Spiritual Director
Tony Scheller	Coordinator
Bill Kaiser	Asst. Coordinator
Pete Hillenbrand	Head Kitchen
Gary Folz	Kitchen Staff
Steve Kincaid	Kitchen Staff
Sam Tieken	Kitchen Staff
Rick Kuhn	Kitchen Staff
Paul Breeze	Head Song Leader
Ron Balbach	Asst. Song Leader
Tony Fehrenbacher	Head steward
Ken Smith	Asst. Steward
Joe Weber	Asst. Steward
Phil Durcholz	Ideal
Chuck Dehner	Layperson in the Church
Dennis Seib	Piety
Bill Groves	Study
Randy Bauer	Action
Jerry Woehler	Leaders
Jim Werner	Study of the Environment
Tom Folz	Christianity in Action

Schedule for Men's Cursillo #73

Day	Date	Time (CST)	Event	Location
Sat	Feb 6	8:00 am	Talk Support	St. John the Baptist Catholic School (Newburgh)
Wed	Feb 17	7:00 pm	Set-up	Sarto
Thurs	Feb 18	6:30-7:00 pm	Candidates arrive	Sarto
Thurs	Feb 18	7:00 pm	Sponsors' dedication	Sarto chapel
Sat	Feb 20	8:00 pm	Mass & Candlelight	Celebration Hall -Proceed to chapel at 9 pm
Sun	Feb 21	5:40 PM	Closing	Celebration Hall - Arrive by 5:20 pm

3 DAY: *“So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of faith.” (Gal 6:10)*

How often do we miss opportunities to do good deeds? Christ's love is found in our day to day acts of kindness. How sweet the words “I love you”, “let me help you”, “I am praying for you”. Let us remember to be a blessing to each other. With happy hearts we wish to welcome Ray and Mary Lou Bradley as part of the 3 Day Team! They have stepped forward to help with the Saturday and Sunday set up of Celebration Hall and the tear down of the Sarto Conference Room at the end of the Men and Women's Cursillo Weekends. Ray and Mary Lou have two daughters and four grandchildren. Ray made Cursillo #64 in the Fall of 2005, and Mary Lou made Cursillo #66 in the Spring of 2004. Dear friends, thank you for your willingness to serve Christ in the Cursillo Movement. We continue to look for others who are interested in being a part of the weekend process.

Please, let us know who you are! We always need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Song Leaders for Saturday evening Mass. An extra pair of hands for the set up and/or tear down is also welcomed. Please contact us at jayoung@roadrunner.com or lloydyoung@a-d-distributors.com. Our home phone is 518-4158.

May the Lord richly bless you, Lloyd and Julie Young

Pre Cursillo: *“IN GOD WE TRUST”*

In a recent survey on MSNBC 89% of the people that took the survey, voted that they wanted to keep the words “IN GOD WE TRUST” on the American currency, it is easy to click a button and say that is what we want and believe, but do we have the courage to actually stand up for Christ and do the work he is calling us to do? When we made our Cursillo weekend we heard talks that told us that we were to go out and evangelize our fellow men. We need to re-commit ourselves to Christ and doing the work that He is asking of us. Is it really that hard to share our love of Jesus with others? From a personal standpoint, to me it is like having a really good recipe and wanting to share it with my friends and wanting them to like it as much as I do. Let's apply the same concept about our faith, sharing the love we have for Jesus with those we come in contact with. When we do this we will truly be able to say “IN GOD WE TRUST.”

Joe and Ruth Thompson, Pre Cursillo Chairpersons