

June 2005

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: **Words From the Spiritual Director** by *Father Ray Brenner*

: Dear Fourth Day Community,

: I have a question for the new Cursillistas that also ap-  
: plies to all of us—"Is the fire still burning?" It is very easy  
: to get fired up on the weekend but unless the fire is fueled,  
: it goes out. Because the family farm sits on a hill there are  
: days I would never build a fire because it could go out of  
: control. But with the light of the Holy Spirit, our flame  
: should always be burning brightly.

: When I hear a witness at the closing say that the Cur-  
: sillo is the best-kept secret in the Church, I wonder if we  
: have been doing our duty. There should be such a waiting  
: list to make a weekend that we should never have to con-  
: sider whether or not there will be enough candidates.

: A big thank you is in order to several of the members  
: who are going off the Secretariat. God bless you for your  
: dedication to the movement and I hope you will continue  
: to be involved in one way or another. Another thank you  
: to those who have stepped up to the plate.

: Have a good and safe summer.

: Father Ray  
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### Mass of Thanksgiving

Father Ralph Schipp has served in our diocese for forty years and will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 12, 2005 beginning at 1:30 PM at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Schnellville, IN. Following the Mass there will be a reception in the Schnellville Community Club from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. He served as Spiritual Director of Cursillo in our diocese from 1986 to 1993. (best guess estimate) All are invited to attend.

### Upcoming Weekends

Men's #64: October 13-16, 2005

Coordinator: Don Kaiser

Asst. Coordinator to be determined

Women's #69: November 3-6, 2005

Coordinator: Donna Schroering

Asst. Coordinator to be determined

### Holy Father's Intention for June 2005

General: Refugees. That our society come, with concrete acts of love, to the aid of millions of refugees who live in extreme need.

Eucharistic piety. That the Sacrament of the Eucharist be more recognized as the beating heart of the Church's life.

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: **Words From the Lay Director** by *Bruce Bonenberger*

: **"Be Not Afraid", Pope John Paul II**

: On October 16, 1978, Karol Wojtyla began his papacy with the  
: words "Be Not Afraid". It was his message to the world. These words  
: are profoundly rooted in Scripture. Christ said "Be Not Afraid" many  
: times to those He met, especially after His Resurrection. Several years  
: ago in the School of Leaders, we discussed "Crossing the Threshold  
: of Hope" written by Pope John Paul II. In that book, he clarified what  
: he meant by "Be Not Afraid". "Of what should we not be afraid? We  
: should not fear the truth about ourselves. Do not be afraid of men!  
: Every time Christ exhorts us to have no fear, He has both God and  
: man in mind. He means: do not be afraid of God, but invoke Him with  
: Me: (by praying the) "Our Father". Do not be afraid to say "Father!"  
: Do not be afraid of God who became a man!  
: Do not be afraid of God's mystery; do not be afraid of His love.  
: Do not be afraid of man's weakness or of his grandeur".

: God works and reveals himself through man and used John Paul II  
: to win the hearts of the world. His life was lived in imitation of Christ.  
: He was not afraid of being a witness to the dignity of every human  
: being from the moment of conception until death. When taking Holy  
: Communion to the elderly, some have complained of their physical  
: inabilities and I always pointed to our Holy Father as a living witness  
: to the elderly life.

We cannot become whom we are called to be if we do not persevere, are timid or live a life of fear. All cursillistas are leaders and we can follow the example of John Paul II who led without thinking about failure or conforming to world opinions. He said that his "ideal was to give my life: this is the only ideal worthy to be lived to the end, whatever the cost. This is also the way to joy." Using his words, we could say that the Ideal talk is the most important talk in the Cursillo. The Group Leader giving that talk encourages the candidates as well as the team members to discover their ideal. It's the first step to conversion. Conversion is not one single act at a given point in time but an ongoing process according to the Cursillo Leaders Manual. The Ideal talk is the catalyst to that conversion process. It's the talk that sets the stage for the Cursillo experience and the journey that follows. A cursillista who frequently asks themselves the question: "What is my ideal?" and answers that question honestly is the best person to give this talk. A cursillista who thinks that this is a boring, uninspiring or unnecessary talk lacks an understanding of the initial phase of the weekend. Maybe that cursillista no longer seeks a continuing conversion.

I have been blessed by the teachings of Pope John Paul II and his witness in living his ideal. As each of us continues our faith journey toward the threshold of eternity we should periodically reexamine our ideal. What is the center of our goals? What are our thoughts and what pleasures do we seek in life? How do we spend our free time and money? Our true ideal is revealed in our honest answers to the above questions.

**Precursillo** by Skip and Jackie Dent

Day of Discipleship 2005 was held at the Center in Evansville, Indiana on April 9, 2005. The day was filled with many Catholic Christian workshops on building ministries toward living the life of Christ.

The Cursillo movement in our diocese is an ongoing way to live our Christian commitment to following Christ. Therefore, our reason for participating in this Day of Discipleship was to enlighten the Catholic community that the Cursillo movement offers a program of spiritual renewal within the person, in their environments and their life's situations. Many people are searching for an inner spiritual renewal. Our presence and the Cursillo literature we distributed were for the purpose of teaching that Cursillo offers a continual support system that follows after a person makes a Cursillo. In the Laity talk, we hear that Christ has no hands but ours. We are trying to be His hands by being proactive in our outreach program to make Cursillo better known in the Catholic community.

We seemed to generate a good bit of interest, which was good---one drawback was that many of those who stopped by were already involved in the movement. We passed out a lot of literature and applications and had a number of interested people. We made sure they had all the information we had to give them.

As of this newsletter we have 14 applications for the October men's weekend and 34 applications for the women's November weekend. We want to encourage you to send in your applications if you want to have your candidates make the fall weekends. As you know, there are only 32 places for each weekend.

**Postcursillo** by Nicholas and Judith Wolf

Each of us entered our 4<sup>th</sup> day by making a three day weekend, therefore it is important that in living out our Baptismal Promises and our Cursillo Commitment that we should remember, "Cursillo is a tool for 'equipping the saints in the work of ministry': that is, taking active Christian men and women who DESIRE to serve the Lord in a more intentional and effective way and showing them HOW". And that HOW includes all the wonderful and varied activities of the 4<sup>th</sup> day community. A great example of this was our recent CEW. We had super attendance and all of the participants learned just a little more about their environments and about how we can bring Christ into our corners of the world. Speaking of the CEW, we would like to acknowledge the great team that provided our workshop. Sam Eversman-coordinator; Vic Ippoliti-moderator; Gary Mehringer, Sue Gries, Ron Balbach, Lisa Bittner (talk presenters) and Fr. Jason B. Gries who led the spiritual meditation. Vic will be the coordinator for the fall CEW. These individuals worked and prayed very hard in order to present us with a wonderful morning of information, sharing, witnessing and being in the presence of Jesus. The Cursillo Evangelization Workshop, as well as all of our 4<sup>th</sup> day activities and the Cursillo weekend, itself, are of God and they belong to God, so please take a second or two right now and thank our Lord for the efforts of these dedicated Cursillistas in furthering His kingdom.

Just a reminder---in a few short months it will be time for our yearly, diocesan-wide Grand Ultreya. The date is August 6<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Daylight. This is an opportunity for individuals, reunion groups and Ultreya communities to come together to be lifted up, inspired and to share with others in the 4<sup>th</sup> day how God is working in your life. Look for more info on the website, at your Ultreyas and church bulletins.

"The Fourth Day is Cursillo shorthand for active Christian witness. It is the engagement of Christians---individually and in small groups---in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to others", so please pray and do palanca for our Grand Ultreya and all of our 4<sup>th</sup> day community and activities.

*Onward in Christ!*

**School of Leaders**

After several years of service as chairperson for the School of Leaders, Bob Weikert has resigned this position. Caring for his wife has become a 24/7 job. Please keep Bob and Connie in your prayers.

We are now looking for someone to fill this position. Please offer your Palanca that Jesus will select and inspire that person or couple to come forward and say, "Yes, I/we will serve". Perhaps you are the one He is calling. The Chairperson of the School is a member of the Secretariat and presides at the School and will prepare and direct all activities relating to the School. The only requirement for this job is the desire to become more deeply involved in the Movement. This is yet another unique opportunity to serve the Lord and His Church. Come and visit the School for yourself. We meet at St. John Catholic Church in Daylight at 7:00 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Thanks, Bruce

**Post-Cursillo Notes**

**Grand Ultreya**

Saturday, August 6, 2005

St. John's Daylight

Mass with St. John's community at 5:00 PM  
Grand Ultreya Reunion follows in activity hall.  
Witness talk and fiesta of food and fellowship.

**Fall CEW**

Saturday, November 19, 2005

St. John's Daylight

Registration at 7:45 AM

Workshop begins at 8:20 and concludes at 12:00 noon

**Watch this column for more 4<sup>th</sup> day info,  
workshops, and updates.**

**“We, Though Many, Are One Body In Christ”  
Evansville Women’s Cursillo #68**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Words cannot adequately express what a grace filled experience it has been to be part of Women’s Cursillo #68.

We were gifted with 32 ladies who answered our loving Father’s call to spend this special time to better know His precious Son, Jesus. The Holy Spirit was evident and felt by all in the love, prayers and joy we shared with each other. God is so good!

We are grateful for the Fourth Day, who lovingly lifted us up with their prayers and palanca. Our thanks to all those who give of their time behind the scenes to make things run smoothly.

Please continue to pray for our new Cursillistas. “Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard in Me. The God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:9)

Please remember to pray and do palanca for the teams and candidates for the upcoming weekends this fall.

May our Lord continue to bless all our efforts as we strive to serve Him.

Your sister in Christ,  
Julie Young

**Welcome New Cursillistas**

Anna Mae Seib	Brenda Anslinger	Diana Dippel
Kathy Martin	Penny Fortwendel	Cassie Quinn
Kay Helfen	Trish Samila	Mary Ellen Ziliak
Julie Bassler	Sylvia Groves	Cathy Ruppel
Jackie Johnston	Janet Hirsch	Susan Wilson
Sally Moore	Anne MacGregor	Carol Hammond
Rita Gallagher	Sheri Barron	Judy Peters
Linda Naas	Yvette Turnbaugh	Chris Schulte
Laura Niemeier	Sarah Quirk	Charlotte Miller
Susie Head	Amelia Mouzin	Rhonda Hoover
Karen R. Blankenberger	Amy Schlachter	

**Website**

Did you know that you can register your group on the website? Make that small effort to register your group by logging on to [www.evansvillecursillo.com](http://www.evansvillecursillo.com) and follow the instructions. It will be a valuable resource for someone looking to find a group. Also check the site for past newsletter articles, who is serving on the upcoming team and candidates coming to the weekend. There is a lot of info about the Cursillo Movement in the Evansville Diocese. Check it out.

**Leo Waninger, our historian, is looking for the following items. If you have one of the items, he would like to borrow it for copying purposes. It will be returned to you. Contact him at 812-963-9482 or email him at [leobw@insightbb.com](mailto:leobw@insightbb.com).**

**Men’s Weekends:**

- #15, March 11-14, 1982—Need photo
- #20, Feb. 23-26, 1984—Need photo & directory
- #21, March 7-10, 1985—Need photo
- #22, October 10-13, 1985—Need photo
- #25, March 5-8, 1987—Need photo
- #26, October 9-11, 1987—Need photo

**Women’s Weekends:**

- #5, Spring, 1976, best guess—Need photo
- #6, Fall, 1976, best guess—Need photo
- #20, Nov. 8-11, 1984—Need photo
- #24, Nov. 13-16, 1986—Need photo
- #26, Nov. 12-15, 1987—Need photo
- #63, Nov. 14-17, 2002—Need photo
- #64, March 27-30, 2003—Need photo

**15<sup>th</sup> National Encounter**

Benedictine College, Atchison, KS  
July 29-31, 2005

Check the website [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org)  
Or call Bruce Bonenberger at 812-477-6396  
Some Secretariat members are carpooling  
Come join us!

**Region IV Encounter**

Dubose Conference Ctr., Mont Eagle, TN  
October 28-30, 2005  
Hosted by Knoxville, TN Diocese  
3 areas of focus: Commitment;  
Personal Contact; Candidate Preparation  
Check the website [www.knoxvillecursillo.org](http://www.knoxvillecursillo.org)

**National Website**

Check out the National Cursillo Website ([www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org)) for the April Newsletter authored by the National Executive Director and English, Spanish and Vietnamese-speaking Coordinators. There is a good article on the Ideal Talk.

<u>Secretariat Members</u>	
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
Lay Director	Bruce Bonenberger
Secretary	Pat Krack
Treasurer	Joe Thompson
Pre-Cursillo	Skip & Jackie Dent
3-Day	Dan Zimmer
Post-Cursillo	Nick & Judy Wolf
Palanca	Al Debes
Procurement	Tom & Delores Folz
School of Leaders	

Ultreya	Where	Day	Time
Holy Rosary	Evansville	1st Monday	6:00 p.m
St. Joseph	Jasper	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.
Holy Cross	Ft. Branch	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
St. Simon's	Washington	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.
St. John's	Newburgh	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd	Evansville	4th Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Resurrection	Evansville	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m.
St. Paul's	Tell City	1st Saturday	7:00 p.m.

**School of Leaders**  
**When: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month**  
**Where: St. John's, Daylight**  
**Time: 7:00 PM CST/CDT**

**DEAR FOURTH DAY,**  
**Please remember to notify us if your email address or mailing address has changed. Please send your updated address to [dkegen@sigecon.net](mailto:dkegen@sigecon.net) or mail to return address on this newsletter. Some email addresses have changed or are inactive and some mailing addresses were returned as undeliverable. Thank-you.**