

Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner

*Dear Fourth Day Community,*



I got tied up with preparations for the 40th anniversary celebration of my ordination to the priesthood, and I forgot to get my article in for the newsletter. You could see my desk for the first time since we moved into the renovated parish center in December 2005. Of course it stayed that way for about 4 days!

The celebration was a humbling experience. I get used to staying on the move to serve the needs of others while guarding only a little time for myself. Other than helping with the planning of the Mass, I stopped and let others do the rest without even prying for what was going to happen for the rest of the day. So many members of the parish showed up with many members of the family, friends and former parishioners. The opening of my envelopes was interrupted by the drowning death of a 17 year old student who would have graduated on Friday night and celebrated his 18th birthday on Saturday. Instead we were having his funeral on Thursday morning.

This really shows how important it is to maintain a good relationship with Jesus Christ as we don't know the day nor the hour. I think I saw the look of confusion and question on the faces of so many students who attended the funeral.

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, may we keep our hearts open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

*De Colores,  
Fr. Ray*

**Having a place to go is Home - Having someone to love is  
Family - Having both is a Blessing**

“The best way to bring focus into your life is never place a question mark, where God has placed a period.”

Anonymous



Words From the Lay Director...

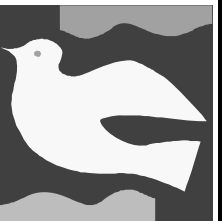
By Nick Wolf

*No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.  
1 Corinthians 12:3*

As you read this, Pentecost will have come and gone, and I have to wonder if many of us thought about what this great feast of the Church meant to us as Cursillistas? Can you imagine what wonderful things occurred behind the locked doors of the upper room? Our resurrected Lord appeared to the disciples, wounds and all. A baptism in the Holy Spirit took place, and the Spirit's activity and power became apparent, and critical to the disciples. Those gathered were lavished with many gifts through the Spirit of Christ, it was after all, the birthday of the missionary church. They, the disciples, could now understand and see more clearly, and their hearts were changed forever.

Does any of this seem familiar? Think for a moment about your Cursillo weekend. Behind closed doors, we encountered our savior Jesus Christ. We experienced the Spirit of our God as we became aware that we were being called to action, to do something more. And we came to see ourselves as part of the evangelizing church. We are Disciples of Christ. For many of us, our weekend was “Our Pentecost”, a changing of our hearts and our minds, a “Metanoia”!

What happened after Pentecost was monumental! The apostles, and disciples, went into the world with the Good News of Jesus. They went to change the world, and their environments for Him, and they did exactly that. So now, what of our own Pentecost? Have we gone out to change the world for Christ? Are we bringing the Good News of Jesus to others? I humbly urge each of you to live your “Pentecost”, your change of heart through the love of our Lord Jesus. Even though it is summer, the fall weekends are fast approaching. Please continue to reach out to your friend, or your enemy, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, and your witness to an authentic Christian life, bring them to meet Jesus. With your friend, try to see Jesus' face in



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their face. And with your enemy, if you don't see Jesus' face, then look to their hands, you just might see His wounds.

In living out our Catholic faith and our Cursillo commitment, each of us become apostles of the "upper room." We are sent out not only to foreign missions, but just as importantly, to the highways and hedges around our own homes and work-places. More than likely, Jesus never wrote down a word, nor did He tell the apostles to write anything down, He said "Go Teach", tell them how much I love them. The Cursillo prayerfully asks that we all look seriously at our evangelizing and teaching mission. Right now is a good time to become a Cursillista of action. Join a friendship group, attend attend Ultreya, sponsor your friend to a weekend or step into a Cursillo leadership role. Just maybe we can all do a little more for Christ. He is counting on us!

## Pre Cursillo

In the Evansville cursillo we have a procedure that we follow for inviting candidates to the weekend. In this article we would like to describe that procedure. First we ask that if you are a cursillista that has made a weekend less than a year ago and want to sponsor a candidate that you seek the help of a cursillista that made a weekend more than a year ago, and that you can witness to the requirements on the sponsors part of the application.

When we receive applications for potential candidates we list them in the order of the date received. So the earlier we receive the application the better the chances of making the next weekend, but not guaranteed. In cursillo it has always been asked that when sponsoring that you attempt to sponsor the husband and wife together, but we realize that this is not always possible. There are times when the spouse may wait till a later date to make a weekend.



When we start sending out invitations approximately 6 weeks before the weekend we invite the first 32 applications we have listed (by the date received). When we receive a no response, the application is put back into the system until they have been invited 3 times and then they will have to re-submit a new application. After the initial 32 have been invited and we have no's, then we invite the spouses of the candidates who have already made a weekend. If we get more no's then we take the applications in the order that we have received them until we get 32 candidates or we run out of applications. With this procedure we ensure that the spouses make a weekend as close as possible to the weekend their spouse made.

As you can see the earlier you get your candidates application in the better. If you wait till just a few weeks before the weekend you decrease the chances of getting your candidate on an upcoming weekend.

In closing we would like to thank all our fellow cursillistas for your hard work in building the Kingdom of God. For the first time in a long time we had 2 full weekends this spring.

If you have any questions about this procedure of candidate selection please feel free to call or drop us an e-mail and we will help the best we can.

**Joe & Ruth Thompson, Pre-Cursillo Chairpersons**



## Cursillo 3-Day

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11

As we complete our first year serving as Cursillo Chairpersons, we are continuously blessed by the many gifts shared by our good stewards in the 4<sup>th</sup> Day. Tom Anslinger with the help of David Wathen, have given hours of their time to update the history of our Cursillistas. This information is vital to assist the Coordinators in the discernment process of the team God chooses for the weekends.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank another one of our "gifts" of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day. Julie Forcum has been one of those individuals who has quietly worked behind the scenes for over the last 6 years. She was our typist who was responsible for taking care of the Cursillo Weekend Directories. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him in other ways.

Are you looking for ways to serve in the Cursillo movement? We are still in search of those interested in helping with the set up and/or tear down of the Men and Women's weekends. Please contact us at [lloydyoung@a-d-distributors.com](mailto:lloydyoung@a-d-distributors.com) or [jayoung@roadrunner.com](mailto:jayoung@roadrunner.com). Our home phone is 518-4158.

*May the peace of Jesus Christ be with all of you,*  
**Lloyd and Julie Young**

## Post Cursillo Notes

### GRAND ULTREYA

Join us for the "Grand Ultreya": Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, at St John's Daylight. The Grand Ultreya will begin at approx. 6:30. We will be sharing in prayer, a group reunion, listening to a witness speaker, and end with food and fellowship. Come early and join the St John's community for Mass at 5 PM.

### "BEHIND THE SCENES"

The real backbone of Cursillo and its many parts are the 4<sup>th</sup> day volunteers who freely give of their time and talents to make our movement run smoothly. These are individuals who work behind the scenes and often go unrecognized for their contributions. Many of these jobs are true Palanca. A special thank you to all of the 4<sup>th</sup> day, that contribute to the success of our Cursillo movement.

We now have several areas in which the 4<sup>th</sup> day can contribute to the movement.

1. "Weekend Set-Up"
2. "Weekend Roster"
3. "Talk Mentoring"
4. "Post Cursillo"

If you are interested in serving the Lord and the Cursillo either behind the scenes or in a leadership role, please contact Nicholas Wolf, [wolfworks3@aol.com](mailto:wolfworks3@aol.com) or any Secretariat member.

## "Open Our Eyes, Lord, We Want to See Jesus"

### Evansville Women's Cursillo #76 March 19-22, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Cursillo #76 was truly a gift from God, not only for the candidates, but for the team as well. Through the many prayers and palanca of the 4<sup>th</sup> day community, God was there to lead us all...to "open our eyes" to see just a small part of His love for each of us.

A very special thanks goes to Fr. John Boeglin, Fr. Tony Ernst, and Deacon Dennis Hilderbrand. You were a blessing to all of us.

Please continue to pray for the new Cursillistas and help them in any way you can. Encourage and help them to join a Friendship Group and when possible, invite them to the Ultreya.

Cursillo gave us all a new beginning. Continue to seek Him in all that you do and "open your eyes" to the beauty of our Catholic Faith. May the love of Jesus be with you all.

Your sister in Christ,  
Dianne Klein

## Upcoming Weekends

### Men's # 72

October 8-11, 2009

Coordinator: Joe Wellman

### Women's # 77

November 5-8, 2009

Coordinator: Norma Folz

## Women's #76

Donna Ader	Rita Elpers	Kimberly Kasenow	Kim Stinebaugh
Vicky Allen	Carol Gaesser	Shari Kempf	Mary Titzer
Lori Arnold	Paula Galloway	Wanda Klueh	Elaine Wade
Jenna Beckman	Nancy Gumbel	Bettye Kuhn	Summer Wade
Cherie Berendes	Krista Haas	Angela Mullenix	Rose Weidner
Maria Bright	Nancy Hedinger	Brenda Neuhoff	LaVerne Weisman
Nancy Consley	Saundra Humm	Gerilyn Schmitt	Linda Wickman
Jean Dollison	Maria Janney	Shannon Seifert	

"You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

John Wooden

<http://www.evansvillecursillo.com>

## 4th Day—We Need Your Help!

If you have changed their mailing address or phone number, please contact Tom Anslinger at 963-6432 or [thomasanslinger@insightbb.com](mailto:thomasanslinger@insightbb.com) so that the 4th Day Directory can be updated.

## School of Leaders

"My teaching and message were not delivered with skillful words...but with convincing proof of the power of God's Spirit." 1 Corinthians 2:4



The School of Leaders is a gathering of Cursillistas who pray and study together to build a Christian community of service for the Cursillo Movement. It nurtures the Movement as well as the individuals serving it. God never imposes a duty without giving time and strength to perform it. Come and join us at the School of Leaders on the first and third Tuesday of each month at St. John Church in Daylight, IN at 7:00 PM. All Cursillistas are welcome, regardless of how recently or how long ago you made your weekend. Be a part of the convincing proof of the power of God's Spirit. If you would like more information, call Tom Anslinger at 963-6432.

<b>Secretariat Members</b>	
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
Lay Director	Nick Wolf
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Treasurer	Dennis Seib
Pre-Cursillo	Joe & Ruth Thompson
3-Day	Lloyd & Julie Young
Post-Cursillo	<i>Vacant</i>
Palanca	Al Debes
Procurement	Tom & Delores Folz
School of Leaders	Thomas Anslinger

Ultreya	Where	Day	Time
<b>Our Lady of Hope</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>1st Monday</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>Jasper</b>	<b>2nd Monday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>Haubstadt</b>	<b>4th Monday</b>	<b>After 6:30 Mass</b>
<b>St. John's</b>	<b>Newburgh</b>	<b>2nd Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Resurrection</b>	<b>Evansville</b>	<b>Last Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>St. Paul's</b>	<b>Tell City</b>	<b>2nd Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

The position of Post Cursillo Chair is still unfilled. If anyone is interested in doing some work for the Lord and for the Cursillo movement please contact Nicholas or Judy Wolf at [wolfworks3@aol.com](mailto:wolfworks3@aol.com). In the mean time please pray that this important position in our Cursillo will soon have someone to step forward.

**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.