

Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner

Dear Fourth Day Community,

First of all, welcome to the new Cursillistas. What a blessing to have a full group again. May the fire which the Holy Spirit stirred up within you continue to burn so that you may inspire others to sign up to make a weekend. You can now sponsor other candidates. Perhaps you can make that one of your Lenten resolutions.



Speaking of Lent, we are in the midst of that season. Whether the ministers of the ashes said “Memento homo quia pulvis es et in pulverem reverteris” (not likely anyone said that) or “Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return” or “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel,” it called you to take some step in your life to get closer to God. It doesn’t call anyone to sleep on a bed of nails or walk on hot coals, but to be conscious of the needs of others while not neglecting the needs of one’s own life. It is so easy to get caught up into the hectic routine of daily life that prayer and devotion can be put on the back burner. May God bless you in this holy season as we look forward to the great celebration of the Resurrection and our own salvation.

De Colores, Fr. Ray

POST-CURSILLO NOTES

Spring Cursillo Reunion: April 4th at St John’s Daylight.
Registration begins at 7:45 AM, workshop begins at 8:20 AM.

“Christian Community is a group of people who come together to remember the Lord and, by remembering, to make Him present”.

David Knight



Words From the Lay Director...

By Nick Wolf

The last two Sundays while at mass, I heard the wonderful song “Go Make a Difference”. And it crossed my mind that this simple title is what our Cursillo is all about. In Genesis 12:1-3, we hear God tell Abraham, “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house”, and “All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you”. It seems to me that all of what we do in Cursillo from sponsoring candidates, to the weekend, to our living out our 4th day is centered on the word “GO”.

As Cursillistas we are charged with the work of changing the world for Christ, one person at a time. This is a daunting responsibility, but we signed up for it, and Cursillo gives us the means to make those changes. By the time you read this, we will have 32 new Cursillistas whom Jesus has told, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation”. *Mark 16:15*. We have asked these men to go and be lay persons in the church, to go and grow in piety, in study, and in their actions, and to go, make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ. I am sure that each of the new members of the 4th day are fired up, and have every intention of spreading the love of Jesus, but all too often the “Go” of our weekend, turns into “Stay”. This is where we as a loving community come in. Cursillo is not just a spirit filled and wonderful three day experience, Cursillo is a way of life that needs to be lived and shared. I prayerfully encourage all of the 4th day, to not only welcome our new Cursillistas, but to reach out once again to each other. Let us show each other what it means to live for Christ. Let the small communities of Ultreya, and of our friendship groups be the groundwork for our actions, and the means of sustaining them. More than ever, as we look at our world, we realize that we can no longer sit passively by and hope that Christ will be made known. We have to conscientiously make an effort to tell the world about Him. If we trust in our Lord, honor our Cursillo commitment, and use the Cursillo method, we can each make a difference in our relationships and in our communities by becoming more involved in bringing others to know and love our Lord Jesus.

If you will permit me some license; I wonder if our Heavenly Father might have said, “Son, I need you to GO tell the world how much I love them, I need you to GO make a difference. Oh, and by the way, I will need you to GO to Calvary and to the cross. Will you GO Jesus?”

According to Matthew, 28:19-20, Jesus’ last words on this earth were, “Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, and know that I am with you always, until the end of the world”.

Fourth Day... YOU can make a difference!

Palanca - by Al Debes

"Be glad in the Lord and rejoice; you just: exult, all you upright of heart" Psalm 32: 11
As we go through trouble times we need to refocus on the below!!!

P	stands for the privilege and power of Prayer, and for Personal service to the Cursillistas.
A	stands for the anytime, anywhere, by anybody, to anyone, for anything, which expresses the when, where, who and why of Palanca.
L	stands for the "lever" (Palanca) of our knees bent in prayer; for the love of God towards us, and for our love one to another; for the Light of Christ, and for His Light which we bring to the world; and for the letters of love which are evidence of Palanca to the Pilgrims.
A	the second "A" stands for the acts we do (anonymously, if possible) to affirm God's love in our lives, ascribing all adoration and praise to God our Father, rather than pointing to ourselves.
N	stands for nourishment - providing for the Pilgrim's physical needs with food, snacks, and refreshments.
C	stands for the Core of Palanca - the caring community with Christ at the center.
A	the last "A" stands for the abundance of God's gifts to us, and for our need to accept his love.

The *Cursillo School of Leaders* provides spiritual and technical nourishment for those who wish to learn more about the movement (Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, Post-Cursillo) and to grow on their spiritual journey. It provides an excellent opportunity to grow as Church leaders, to refine our skills as apostles, and to learn how to effectively live out the purpose, strategy, and method of the Cursillo Movement within the Church. The effectiveness, vibrancy, and success of our movement in the Diocese of Evansville depends on committed, enthusiastic, spiritually formed and knowledgeable leaders. The only way you will know if it is for you is to experience what is being offered...so come share your gifts. You don't have to be a leader to attend. Leadership is a trait that you can learn and the School of Leaders is one place where you can learn Cursillo leadership. Meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of each month at St John Church in Daylight at 7 PM.

Pre Cursillo

Ezekiel 37:1-10

A long time ago God gave Ezekiel a vision about a field of bones and in that field he was to proclaim the word of God to the bones so that they could come to life. He did and the bones came together but they were lifeless. God gave Ezekiel a second message and ask him to call on the Spirit of God to enter them. This time the bones came to life and Ezekiel had a vast army. We can also form a vast army for the Lord if we will continue to ask God for his assistance in bringing his word to others. Remember on your weekend. "make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ. If we all do this we will form a vast army for the Lord and we will be able to take his word to the whole world. Our mission for Christ is to bring others to him. A lot of you have been working very hard for the Lord. Evidence of this can be seen in our men's weekend. As of this writing we have a waiting list and applications are still coming in. We have not had this many men wanting to make a weekend in a long time. So keep up the good work. If we all will continue working for the Lord we will have more full weekends and in doing so we will all make a difference in these very troubled times. *God Bless!*



Joe & Ruth Thompson, Pre-Cursillo Chairpersons

Cursillo 3-Day

"Living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body's growth and strength." *Ephesians 4:15-16*

How is your team doing this season? We are not referring to play offs or rival matches, coaches or scores! Again, how is your team doing this season? As Christians we are members of the ultimate team, **the body of Christ**. Being a team player on this team will us to play our designated position as best as we can. If we strive to do the Lord's will how can we be anything but winners?

Our three day team can always use new players: Positions include Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Song Leaders. If you or your group would be interested in helping with the set up and tear down of the Men and Women's weekends, please contact us at jayoung@roadrunner.com or lloydyoung@a-d-distributors.com. Our home phone is 518-4158. No penalties or fouls in this game! Everyone wins!

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" *Romans 8:31*
Peace and Joy in Our Lord, Lloyd and Julie Young

Schedule for Evansville Women's Cursillo #76

Talk Support Day	Sat., March 7	8:00 AM
Set-up	Wed., Mar.18	7:00 PM
Sponsor's Dedication	Thurs., Mar. 19	7:00 PM
Mass & Candlelight	Sat., Mar. 21	8:00 PM
Closing	Sun., Mar. 22	5:40 PM

St. Joe Jasper - Mass at 8, followed by talks

Sarto

Sarto Chapel

Celebration Hall: Mass, then as a community proceed to Chapel

Celebration Hall

Please arrive by 5:20 PM — please remember to park in designated parking spaces only. **NO PARKING** along the sides of the parking lot. The front doors will be open as well as the back and side doors. Thank you for your cooperation.

Men's Cursillo #71

February 19-22, 2009

Whom Shall I Send? Here I Am Lord, Send Me

Dear Fourth Day Community,

"God is Good... all the Time" God blessed us with many men on this past weekend who heard the call "Whom Shall I Send" and we all answered in our own way by actions and words "Here I am Lord, send me".

What a powerful weekend this has been. From the start on Thursday night, you could feel the Holy Spirit starting to work. The men arrived with open hearts and minds and made new friends and renewed their friendship with Jesus. What a friend to have on your side who will always be there for You, no ifs, ands, or buts'.

This weekend could not have happened if it wasn't for the prayers and Palanca being offered by the 4th day community. I personally witnessed the power of prayer in pulling together Gods team who answered, yes, so humbly to serve our Lord. I was only able to accomplish this through the many prayers of the 4th day community and the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We were all overwhelmed by your powerful support, and we truly appreciate all the behind-the-scenes people who donated their time, talents and goodies.

Please continue to attend group reunion, Ultreyas and other 4th day events that are provided to help keep you on that mountain top. Let's all continue to do Palanca for our newest Cursillistas, here and world wide, as they continue on their journey with Christ.

New Cursillistas, if you haven't started grouping yet?? Why not?? Remember Just Do It!!

"All the Time... God is Good"

Your brother in Christ, Al Debes

Welcome New Cursillistas! Men's Cursillo # 71

Josh Hodge	Sacred Heart	Evansville
Rev. Chris Forler	Holy Redeemer	Evansville
Ben Steckler	St. Mary's	St. Henry
Jon Raben	St. Wendel	Evansville
Clint Mullenix	Resurrection	Evansville
Maurice Berendes	Resurrection	Evansville
Michael Uhl	St. John The Baptist	Newburgh
James Helmer	St. Joe County	Evansville
Andrew Haas	St. John The Baptist	Newburgh
Gerald Hauke	St. Philip	Evansville
John Siebert	St. Joseph	Jasper
Kenneth Scheessele	St. John The Baptist	Newburgh
Donald Walton	Sts. Peter and Paul	Haubstadt
Kevin Dollison	Good Shepherd	Evansville
Rodney Maurer	Sts. Peter and Paul	Haubstadt
Terrence Englert	St. Raphaels	Dubois
Paul Kasenow	St. John The Baptist	Newburgh
Jason Mitchell	St. John The Baptist	Newburgh
Gerald Smith	Holy Redeemer	Evansville
Todd Niemeier	Resurrection	Evansville
Robert Titzer	St. John The Baptist	Newburgh
Stuart Janney	St. John The Baptist	Newburgh
Clemens Baehl	Sts. Peter and Paul	Haubstadt
Brian Singer	Corpus Christi	Evansville
Richard Gallant	Sts. Peter and Paul	Haubstadt
James Attebury	St. Philips	Evansville
Gregory Blank	St. John The Baptist	Newburgh
Troy Schreiber	St. John The Baptist	Newburgh
Reggie Wulff	Corpus Christi	Evansville
Mark Sitzman	Holy Redeemer	Evansville
Bart Mulzer	St. John The Baptist	Newburgh
Mel Wildeman	St. Philip	Evansville

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

Evansville Women's Cursillo #76

March 19-22, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Open our eyes, Lord, that we may be truly transformed to make Cursillo #76 a team for Jesus and about Jesus. Help us to see Jesus with eyes fully opened!

This wonderful team of 23 has answered God's call to not only serve Him on this weekend but for the rest of our lives. As this team begins the Formation process, we ask all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ for your prayers and palanca as we form ourselves into a Christian Community and assume our roles in bringing the candidates closer to Christ. Your presence at palanca chapel, candlelight, and closing will serve as a powerful witness to the candidates.

If you or your friendship group, would like to provide snacks or desserts for the weekend, please call the head of our staff, Brenda Wheatley, at 812-634-6230. If you would like to serve a meal or be a kitchen angel, contact Gary or Norma Folz at 925-7159. Please send team Palanca to me at 1139 Eisenhower Avenue, Jasper, IN 47546, or email me at klein1139@hotmail.com.

To support the Team, we invite you to attend Talk Support Day at St. Joseph's Parish Center, Jasper, IN on March 7th, after the 8:00 AM Mass. Thank you for all your prayers and palanca and may God bless each and everyone of you. *Your Sister in Christ, Dianne Klein*

Preliminary List of Women's Candidates Cursillo #76

Lori Arnold	St. Anthony	Evansville
Kim Stinebaugh	St. Philip Neri	Bicknell
Kimberly Kasenow	St. John The Baptist	Newburgh
Nancy Gumbel	St. Joe County	Evansville
Wanda Klueh	St. James	Haubstadt
Shari Kempf	St. Joe County	Evansville
Shannon Seifert	St. Joseph	Jasper
Nancy Consley	St. John's	Loogootee
Donna Ader	St. John's	Loogootee
Nancy Hedinger	St. Joseph	Jasper
Linda Wickman	St. John's	Loogootee
Elaine Wade	St. John's	Loogootee
Summer Wade	St. John's	Loogootee
Rita Elpers	St. James	Haubstadt

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra." *Zig Ziglar*

Secretariat Members	
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
Lay Director	Nick Wolf
Secretary	Pat Krack
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

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 or mail to return address on this newsletter.

Ultreya	Where	Day	Time
Our Lady of Hope	Washington	1st Monday	6:30 pm
St. Joseph	Jasper	2nd Monday	7:00 pm
Sts. Peter & Paul	Haubstadt	3rd Monday	After 6:30 Mass
St. John's	Newburgh	2nd Thursday	7:00 pm
Good Shepherd	Evansville	4th Thursday	7:00 pm
Resurrection	Evansville	Last Thursday	7:00 pm
St. Paul's	Tell City	2nd Thursday	7:00 pm

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. In the mean time please pray that this important position in our Cursillo will soon have someone to step forward.

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