

### Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner

Dear Fourth Day Community,

How exciting to see a full man's weekend again and hear the faith-filled witnessing at the closing. From what I hear, the women's weekend should be full as well. There may be many explanations for all of this but what underlies all of this is that the Holy Spirit is at work in our world in spite of what the world has to offer or what the world does not have to offer.

I hope your Lenten season is going well and that whatever sacrifice you decided to make will bring you closer to Christ.

The Gospel for Ash Wednesday supports Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving as special efforts to make. I would like to make a suggestion as to Almsgiving. We have not had to make an extra appeal for funds for the Evansville Cursillo for many years but for anyone on the Secretariat or anyone who attends a Secretariat meeting it is clear that the fee we charge for the weekend and the offering at the closing do not cover all the expenses. For the last couple of years the Evansville Cursillo has been one of my charitable causes. I urge you to do the same as we would not want to discourage attendance at the weekend because of the cost. Please prayerfully consider including the Evansville Cursillo as one of your charitable causes.

*De Colores, Fr. Ray*



### Words From Lay Director Nick Wolf

One of the things I listen very closely to at the Cursillo closings are these nine short words, "Christ is Counting on You, and I on Him". These words were very special to me when I made my weekend, and I wondered what they might have meant to the men of Cursillo #73, and to all of you, especially, the last four words. For some odd reason a verse from 2 Timothy came to mind. "**Surely Goodness and Mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.**" Our God is certainly Goodness and Mercy, but let's take a look at the word "follow" from this verse. A God who follows us? Is that what we mean when we say "and I on Him"? I think at the very least, it is part of our Cursillo commitment. To that end, I would ask all of you to consider these scenes from scripture:

Moses, 40 years in the desert

The rain-soaked apostles on the Sea of Galilee

The Samaritan woman alone at the well

John the Apostle banished to the isle of Patmos

Lazarus, three days dead

Peter, denying Christ, then going back to his fishing



The common thread in these six events is that all of these individuals looked back over their shoulder and saw that God was with them. He had been following them.

Moses saw a burning bush. God had followed him into the wilderness!

With the disciples at sea, Jesus walked toward them. He had followed them into the storm!

The Messiah spoke to the lonely Samaritan woman. He had followed her through her pain!

For John, the skies began to open.

God had followed him into exile!

Lazarus heard a voice and saw Jesus. God had followed him into death!

Peter looked up and saw Jesus cooking breakfast. He had followed him in spite of his failure!



Goodness and Mercy have indeed followed us. All Cursillistas, have put on the Cross of Christ, and said these four words: "And I on Him". We admitted that we need and depend on Christ, and

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### COME CELEBRATE! FR. JIM ENDRESS' 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 2-4PM  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH  
LOWER LEVEL

Fr. Jim Endress has been a wonderful Spiritual leader on 26 Men's Cursillos and 3 Women's Cursillos. In this year in which we are to honor our priests, let us gather to say thank you to Fr. Jim for his gentle leadership, and faithful service.

## The Cursillo Corner: A JOURNEY OF THE HEART

Having enjoyed The Cursillo Corner in the last newsletter, and after more than 21 years as a Cursillista, I would like to share some thoughts. We see all kinds of heart decorations as we get close to St. Valentine's Day. For me the last years have been about hearts — my own and those of the many wonderful people I have known in this movement. In Ezekiel Chapter 36, verse 26, we read, "I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." I know too well a heart that thought it was in charge and could handle everything by its own strength, and the obstacle of pride we learn about in the study (formation) talk. The many hours of grouping, many witness talks at the Ultreyas and closings have helped with my own pride problem. The hours of studying scripture and other great spiritual books have convinced me to do as we are told, "Let go, and let God." God will use the wonderful tools of the Cursillo to do some major cardiac surgery. We have to persevere and sometimes endure the pain of an ongoing conversion, a true metanoia. Thank you, to all of my fellow Cursillistas, who have been important parts of my journey of heart surrender. May we all continue this exciting journey together home and in to our fifth day.



*God Bless. Pat Sauer, Cursillo 28, November 1988*

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that is exactly what makes us Authentic Christians. It is what makes us effective in our Cursillo commitment to bring others to know and love Jesus. When things are going well, and life seems good, we seldom look to see who might be following us; however our Lord, in bad times and good, is with us all the days of our lives. "If God is for us, who can be against us", so don't be surprised if one day you look back over your shoulder and see Jesus following closely behind. Who knows, He might even cook up your breakfast!



God Bless our Fourth Day!

**"Give us, O Lord, the grace to  
work for the things we pray for."  
St. Thomas More**

### **School of Leaders** by Tom Anslinger

*"I command you: be firm and steadfast. Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

What is the School of Leaders? The School of Leaders is a gathering where the work of the Cursillo Movement is planned, shared, and carried out. Come join us on the first and third Tuesday of the month (7:00 PM at St. John Church in Daylight, IN) as we discuss the three elements of the Movement: Pre-Cursillo, the Weekend, and Post-Cursillo. Members come from the 4,000+ Cursillistas (4<sup>th</sup> Day) of the Diocese of Evansville and is open to all who have made a Cursillo weekend anywhere, anytime. This School is not a gathering of leaders; it is a grouping of Cursillistas sincerely concerned about the health and continuity of the Movement. You will hear doctrinal talks and technical talks, pray, group and discuss ways to enhance the Cursillo Movement in our Diocese. Be not afraid. If you have any questions, e-mail [thomasanslinger@insightbb.com](mailto:thomasanslinger@insightbb.com) or call me at 963-6432.

### **Pre Cursillo: "BE NOT AFRAID"**

Do you remember the song the team sang to you after Mass on Sunday? It was the message that Jesus goes before us always and He will be with you and give all you need! We were also told, "He does not choose the equipped, He equips the chosen."

In the Lenten meditations it was said that Jesus chose Peter to establish the Church here on earth. He didn't choose an expert, a scholar, but a simple fisherman, an ordinary man that could speak about Jesus in ways everyday people might understand. Peter was the perfect choice! Guess what, we can do the same. All we have to do is put our trust in God, and let him lead us in what we say and do. We just have to believe and trust in Him.

Our spring weekends look like they may be full houses but it is not without you, the 4<sup>th</sup> day, trusting in Jesus. Now is the time to begin working on the fall weekends! We will need lots of help getting candidates for those weekends. People are ready to hear the Good News, so ask Jesus to send you. He will equip you and give you the words he wants you to say. *Joe and Ruth Thompson, Pre Cursillo Chairpersons*

### **PALANCA**

**"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you"  
Phil. 1: 3**

As I reflect over the past six short years that I have been palanca chairperson, I think how it has given me the pleasure of being your servant. The first chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians comes to mind. I would like to paraphrase my feelings for each of you.

I thank my God whenever I think of you and every time I pray for you. I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped me. It is only natural that I should feel like this toward you all, since we are partners in grace together. You have a permanent place in my heart. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more. Also never stop improving your knowledge, so that you can always recognize Christ in each other.

May you give my successor the support and prayer that I have been blessed with! *God's peace and mine, Al Debes*

**“Let all who thirst Come to the Water”**

**Evansville Men’s Cursillo #73**

**February 18<sup>TH</sup>--21<sup>ST</sup>, 2010**



*Dear Fourth Day Community,:*

Thanks ever so much for the wonderful palanca you did for Evansville Men’s Cursillo #73. We definitely could feel the power of your prayers and sacrifices by the working of the Holy Spirit on all of us. Please do not stop praying for these 32 men. They need your prayers now more than ever if they are to persevere in Grouping and attending Ultreya regularly. These 32 men are eager to go into the vineyard and work for Christ but they need your support. The weekend was a true encounter with the Trinity. The Father’s forgiveness, the Son’s sacrifice and the fire of the Holy Spirit was everywhere on the weekend. They were in the Upper Room (conference room), they were in the chapel they were in the dining room, and yes late at night they were in our private rooms speaking to us and ever showing us the way to a new Ideal — a Christian Ideal, to truth and to inner peace. These 32 men could not help but feel the love of God coming from everywhere. I know I speak for Team #73 when I say what a pleasure it was to serve God on this weekend and how thankful we were for the opportunity to serve. Our God is truly a Great God because whatever we give to others he gives back **to us** as it says in **Luke’s Gospel Chapter 6 verse 38: “Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”** That verse sums up the weekend for all of us God’s overflowing Grace being poured into our laps. Once again thank you for all your support now and in the future God bless you all.

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

**Evansville Men’s Cursillo # 73**

Douglas Aders	Kenny Mesker
Tim Friedman	Chris Sartore
Scott McDurmon	Todd Bitter
Tom Quick	Dave Hennig
Clay Allison	John Mooney
Tim Fulton	Wayne Seitz
Jim Merkley	Dan Deer
Pat Reisinger	Adam Hughes
Vince Bernardin Jr.	Wayne Murphy
Jerry Greenwell	Steve Swartwood

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John Pfister  
Mike Thompson  
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Roger Pritchett  
Dennis Titzer  
Paul Freeman  
David Martin  
Maurice Pund  
Carl Walker

**Women's Cursillo #78 Team**

Fr. Ray Brenner	Head Spiritual Director
Fr. Paul Ferguson	Spiritual Director
Sister Jenny Miller	Spiritual Director
Delores Folz	Coordinator
Jackie Dent	Asst. Coordinator
Sue Gries	Head Stewardess
Ann Masnado-Smith	Asst. Stewardess
Delores Schroeder	Asst. Stewardess
Debbie Collins	Head Song Leader
Annalee Wilson	Asst. Song Leader
Martha Baehl	Head Kitchen
Diane Bassemeier	Kitchen Staff
Patty Woehler	Kitchen Staff
Ann Hopkins	Kitchen Staff
Lori Koester	Kitchen Staff
Carol Fechtmeister	Ideals
Karla Dehner	Layperson in the Church
Pat Krack	Piety
Kathy WeinZapfel	Study
Alana Goepfrich	Action
Donna Dilger	Leaders
Jennifer Verkampller	Study of the Environment
May Kae Lehman	Christianity in Action

**"We are Called to Serve One Another"**

**Evansville Women's Cursillo #78**

**March 18th-21st, 2010**

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*Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,* God has given us twenty-three Men and Women to form Team #78. Together we hope to bring the candidates God will send us closer to him, but we need your prayers and palanca to help us. Please pray that God will send the Holy Spirit to guide us. Pray that the candidates will come to the week-end very thirsty for God's Love. Talk Support Day is March 6 at 8:00 A.M. at St. Joe School in the County. There will be a Mass at 7:30 A.M. 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 week-end please contact Norma Folz at 812-925-7159. If anyone would like to donate snacks or desserts for the week-end please contact Martha Baehl at 963-5921. Team Palanca letters may be sent to me Delores Folz at 8219 Reis Lane, Evansville, Ind. 47720 or e-mail me at [tgfolz@insightbb.com](mailto:tgfolz@insightbb.com). I would like to thank the entire 4th day community for bringing us closer to the Lord and helping us to Serve One Another as God has called us to do.

*Your Sister in Christ,*

*Delores Folz Coordinator Evansville Women's Cursillo #78*

### *Schedule for Women's Cursillo #78*

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

<b>Secretariat Members</b>	
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

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>

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