

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

Dear Fourth Day Community,

As Bruce and I were waiting for our flights (all of which were cancelled) to the National Encounter, I complimented him on his article in the last newsletter. In case you do not remember, he was telling of how his whole day was planned and how God kept putting other items on his agenda.

After the cancellation of the third flight from Evansville and our decision to stay at home, Bruce said, "Now I'm supposed to find some good in this." Well, we both did. Bruce got to spend a weekend with his grandson that he had not planned on and I was able to finish a project at the farm. It also gave me the opportunity to visit a parishioner at River Pointe in Evansville just a month before she died.

Sometimes I suppose we shouldn't even try to figure out what God has in mind—just do it. The more we try to figure it out the more we try to be in control.

God calls us to reach out to others and to tell them of His love. We can't force them to love God in return but we sure can show them our own appreciation of God's love.

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Fr. Ray Brenner

**Regional News**

The Cursillo Regional Meeting will be held in Cincinnati October 27-29 at St. Mary's Seminary. It starts with registration at 5:00PM on Friday and the program will begin at 7:00PM. It will end Sunday AM. This is all the information available at the time of the newsletter deadline. Details should be finalized by the time the newsletter is published. Call 812-477-6396 for complete detailed information.

**National News**

Our local Movement has been using the 3-day Manual issued in 1999. This first edition manual was placed in use to generate comments and suggestions for improvements from local Cursillo Leaders. At that time, the hope was to issue a second edition within a few years which would be an improved edition and represent a decisive step toward the authenticity of our Cursillo Movement. All written comments and suggestions were taken under advisement at the National level. In addition, National Leaders went to Spain on a number of occasions to confer with Eduardo Bonnín. Eduardo, along with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is recognized by the Vatican as the true founder of Cursillo. Eduardo has given his blessing to this new edition. It is with great joy and excitement that the long awaited second edition of the Cursillo Manual is now available. A few of the local Cursillo Leaders, along with the head mentors are currently reviewing this second edition. All mentors will receive a copy of the new manual when additional copies are available in the fall. They will then gather together to learn and study the talks or rollos as they will be called. It will take a little time to digest the contents of the manual but we hope to introduce the new manual during the fall 2007 weekends. A significant amount of work will be required for our Cursillo chairperson, Dan Zimmer. The initial responses to the new manual have been very positive.

The August National Newsletter is available on the National Website [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org). It contains a message from our National Spiritual Advisor, highlights of the 16<sup>th</sup> National Encounter and an explanation of why the Christian community talk or rollo will in the future be known as Christian Community in Action.

The National Cursillo Movement gratefully welcomes your donations. Any financial support will help us sustain the Movement. Your contributions are tax deductible. Please mark your check as a donation and send it to the National Cursillo Center, P.O. Box 210226, Dallas, TX 75221. Thank you.

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

**"Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening" 1 Samuel 3:9**

The above Scripture verse was the theme of the National Encounter and could well have been the theme of my Cursillo for I have carried those words within my heart since my weekend. Like most of you, I remember little of the talk contents on the weekend. It is only when we become active in the Movement and work on teams that we really begin to understand how the talks fit together and their importance to living a Christian life. It's a life consisting of living the tripod of piety/holiness, study/formation and action/evangelization. That third leg of the tripod, action, is our primary response to the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Father Ray and I made good efforts to attend the National Encounter at Villanova University. Two Thursday morning flights out of Evansville were cancelled due to thunderstorms. We rebooked on an early Thursday evening flight and it was cancelled due to mechanical problems. Upon checking the flights for Friday, we were told that the earliest we could arrive in Philadelphia was Friday evening. This is truly a sad tale of woe as I have never had 3 flights cancelled in one day. I kept in contact with 2 of the host Cursillistas in Philadelphia and both were very helpful in arranging transportation from the airport to Villanova each time our travel plans changed. In fact, one even volunteered to meet us at the airport in the early morning hours of Friday. That was a great act of Christian love and hospitality offered by a fellow Cursillo leader. Since we would have missed two-thirds of the encounter, we made a prudent decision not to attend. Jesus' servants truly do not travel by themselves. For Jesus said, **"If anyone would serve Me, let him follow Me, where I am, there will My servant be."** **Jn 12:26** Jesus is always walking by observing His servants and saw our difficulties. He saw our non-refundable airline tickets and Encounter registrations and arranged a full refund on both. Another positive note, the cancelled trip did allow me to spend additional time with a visiting grandson.

In the eyes of the world, the day was unproductive but we are servants and did not know the Master's plan. We cannot comprehend God's activity within the world and I wonder how many times my plans as a servant can at times be very much about me and my desires. Are we effective listeners for divine words? I know that we can't say, "Here I am Lord, I will serve and here is my plan and the limits of my service". For if you serve with limits, you place limits on the miracles God can do with your actions. Humble servants can experience true freedom by doing what they are supposed to do and focusing on ways of serving without counting the costs. We give freely of our time, talent and treasure and leave the results to God.

Even though we did not accomplish our mission of going to the Encounter, I have to believe Jesus was pleased because He sees our intentions. The work of the Cursillo Movement would not suffer because Jesus Himself is the Lord and Master of each servant's actions. "For the Christian, to reign is to serve Him...the people of God fulfill its royal dignity by a life in keeping with its vocation to serve with Christ." (CCC 786)

### Pre-Cursillo by Joe and Ruth Thompson

The fall weekends are approaching quickly. Formation for the men's weekend (Oct. 12-15) has begun and formation for the women's weekend (Nov. 2-5) is just around the corner! At the present time we have 22 men's and 42 women's applications. It is crunch time again and it never seems to fail that in the final few weeks before the weekends, the Movement is in need of men and women to fill these most glorious and joyous weekends.

Being a sponsor can be a very long but fruitful journey and we all know that it is in God's time, so all we can do is keep doing God's work. Sponsoring another Catholic Christian for Cursillo is a deep act of friendship, a wonderful form of evangelization and a great commitment.

A Sponsor's Workshop will be held on Sat., Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM followed by Mass and all are invited to attend the candlelight service for the women's weekend following Mass. We encourage all Cursillistas, new and old, to attend this very informative workshop to learn how to sponsor more effectively. "Making a friend, being a friend, and bringing your friend to Christ" takes a great deal of time, prayer, palanca and work. This process should help build a deep friendship.

We invite all, especially sponsors, to join us at 7:00 PM in the chapel for dedication of the crosses to be held on Thursday night of both weekends. We give thanks to Almighty God for all the 4<sup>th</sup> Day community who support the work of Christ through prayer, palanca and evangelization.

### Palanca by Al Debes

**"So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9**

Just as our families outgrow clothes and as families expand with children and outgrow space within a house, this is the position **Christ the King** is in. As a large Christian family they need to expand their place of worship. Therefore, the Cursillo family will no longer be using Christ the King for Palanca Chapel on the weekends. **Good Shepherd Church** has graciously opened their arms to the Cursillo family and the use of their chapel. The times will remain the same: Saturday from 1:00PM through Sunday 2:00 AM. The contact persons are Jessica and Tony Fehrenbacher or Al Debes. Let us give thanks to God and Christ the King for the many years of service to our Cursillo family and remember them in prayer as they undergo a building project. Remember that sign-up sheets will be available at talk support days and local Ultreyas. Be persistent in praying for the Cursillo needs, your needs and the needs of others.

### Post-Cursillo by Nicholas and Judith Wolf

**"Thanks be to God for His gift that is too wonderful for words." 2 Cor. 9:15**

Paul's words ring so true as Judy and I look back on the recent Grand Ultreya. Surely this Ultreya was a gift from God. On Sat., Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, 77 of our fellow Cursillistas gathered at St. John's, Daylight to celebrate the Eucharist and share our efforts to 'further the kingdom' through group reunion. We prayed and we sang and we listened to a witness of God's unconditional love. Finally we continued our community gathering with food and fellowship. Cursillistas attended the Grand Ultreya from 17 different parishes and the Lord provided for each one of us in our individual journeys.

However, the real gift was Jesus' presence among those in attendance. St. Benedict of Nursia said, "Every guest shall be received as if they were Christ Himself." We couldn't help but think that Christ was smiling as He wandered through this Cursillo community, His children giving of their selves and providing a 'Christlike' reception for each one of our brothers and sisters gathered there in His name. Thank you 4<sup>th</sup> Day for honoring your Cursillo commitment and for helping each other do the work that Jesus has called us to do. Judy and I encourage each of you to become more involved, to attend 4<sup>th</sup> day activities and to remain always in prayer that God's will may be done through you.

We would also like to acknowledge all of the Ultreyas and individuals that worked so hard and made our job so easy: St. John's, Newburgh, for securing our witness speaker, Joe Hardesty; the Jasper Ultreya for their support and help; and Resurrection Ultreya, without whose help our simple efforts would have surely suffered. Lastly, we would like to thank each one of you for loving Jesus enough to give of your time to spread His good news.

To all of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day, please keep our Cursillo movement in your prayers, stay faithful to your grouping and Ultreyas and continue your palanca to keep God's grace alive within us.

**"Continue praying, keeping alert, and always thanking God." Col 4:12**

### Schedule for Evansville Men's Cursillo #66

<u>Talk Support Day</u>	Sat., Sept. 30	8:00 AM	St. John's Newburgh
<u>Set-up</u>	Wed., Oct. 11	7:00 PM	Sarto
<u>Sponsor's Dedication</u>	Thurs, Oct. 12	7:00 PM	Sarto Chapel
<u>Mass &amp; Candlelight</u>	Sat, Oct. 14	8:00 PM	Mass Celebration Hall Proceed to Chapel
<u>Closing</u>	Sun, Oct. 15	5:20 PM Please arrive by 5:00 PM	Celebration hall

*To serve a meal, please call Gary and Norma Folz at 925-7159.*

**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.**

### Post Cursillo Notes

#### **Men's Cursillo #66 Talk Support**

Sat., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM to 12 Noon

St. John's, Newburgh

Everyone is welcome—this is a great opportunity to listen to the talks and support the team.

#### **Fall CEW (Cursillo Evangelization Workshop)**

Sat., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

St. John's, Daylight

**Friendship Groups: weekly Ultreyas: monthly**

**“Jesus, I Trust In You, Your Love Lasts Forever”**

**Evansville Men’s Cursillo #66**

**October 12-15, 2006**

Dear Fellow Cursillistas,

Now is the time when Jesus again illustrates that He is in control, He handpicks the team and guides us in our formation. And of course, Jesus knows who the candidates will be and we are to welcome them to Sarto on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> for the men’s weekend. In John 16:15 it says: **“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you.”** Wow, what a wonderful experience it is to be touched by the Holy Spirit and to have a ‘closer walk with Thee’ and all He asks is for us to serve Him. Having attended Cursillo, all of us remember the peace and the love of Christ that we felt on the weekend. The men of Cursillo #66 are now in the process of formation to do our part as Christ’s instruments to bring the candidates on the next weekend closer to Him. What a blessing it is for us to serve the Lord with happiness and kindness. We ask that you join with us in this holy work. Please pray and offer palanca that our team will become the loving Christian community that the Lord has called us to be.

If you are able, we also invite your support in other ways. If you would like to provide snacks or desserts for the weekend, please call our head kitchen staff, Bob Martin at 985-7826. If you would like to serve a meal, please contact Gary and Norma Folz at 925-7159. If you are able to send us a team palanca, you can mail it to me at 3717 Grinell Dr., Evansville, IN 47711 or email it to me at [bobweikert@sigecon.net](mailto:bobweikert@sigecon.net). We really hope you will attend candlelight and closing and provide palanca for the team and candidates. Most importantly, please pray for the success of the weekend. In addition to your individual prayers and palanca, please consider signing up for Palanca Chapel at your local Ultreya.

Thanks for all you do to make the Cursillo movement so strong and especially what you do to make Christ present to our brothers and sisters. The theme for the weekend is “Jesus, I Trust In You, Your Love Lasts Forever.”

Your brother in Christ,  
Bob Weikert

Men’s Cursillo Team # 66			
Spiritual Director	Fr. Jim Endress	Kitchen Staff	Bernie Mayer
Spiritual Director	Fr. John Silva	Kitchen Staff	Dennis Seib
Spiritual Director	Deacon Dave Rice	Kitchen Staff	Bill Groves
Coordinator	Bob Weikert	Ideals	Tony Scheller
Asst. Coordinator	Nicholas Wolf	Laity	Jeff Kropfl
Head Steward	Dave Trout	Holiness	Tom Anslinger
Asst. Steward	Tom Folz	Formation	Leo Waninger
Asst. Steward	Larry Hayden	Evangelization	Joe Thompson
Song Leader	David Wells	Leaders	Bruce Bonenberger
Asst. Song Leader	Mark Messmer	Environments	Joe Dickinson
Head Kitchen Staff	Bob Martin	Christian Community	Brian Ketzner
Kitchen Staff	Sam Tieken		

Check [www.evansvillecursillo.com](http://www.evansvillecursillo.com) and your local Ultreya for complete list of Candidates for Cursillo #66.

**JMJ**

**“Seek Him....The Lord Is His Name”**

**Evansville Women’s Cursillo #71**

**November 2-5, 2006**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Lord has picked His team for Women’s Cursillo #71. Our formations begin September 17 and we are eagerly awaiting what the Holy Spirit has in store for us as He forms His team. We ask all of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day to keep us in your prayers, as we will hold you in ours. Our palanca will include random acts of kindness and mercy, in addition to sacrifices, and we ask that you consider doing the same. We ask that you support us in the following ways:

- Call Norma or Gary Folz at 925-7159 to serve a meal.
  - Mail team palanca to me at 343 Hope Ct., Evansville, IN 47712 or email to [grandmamlr@insightbb.com](mailto:grandmamlr@insightbb.com).
  - The cooks very much appreciate donations of desserts, cookies, tea breads or any other goodies and snacks for the weekend.
  - Deliver palanca letters to kitchen area (sorted alphabetically) or bring to Mass, Sat. at 8:00 PM and deposit in box prior to candlelight at 9:00 PM.
  - Set-up time is 7:00 PM on Wed., Nov. 1.
- Sponsors prayer service in Chapel at Sarto at 7:00PM Nov. 2 for blessing of crosses.

Please attend **talk support on Oct. 21 at St. Joseph Church in Vand Co.** at 8:00 AM to noon. We will hold a Communion Service at 7:30 for those interested. Let’s let those giving talks know you appreciate their efforts to evangelize our world. Also plan to attend candlelight and closing as the candidates witness how they were chosen to **“Seek Him...The Lord Is His Name.”** (Amos 5:6-9) Thank you for all you are and all you do.

Your sisters in Christ,  
Team #71 and Linda Rheinlander

Women’s Cursillo Team # 71			
Spiritual Director	Fr. Jim Blessinger	Kitchen Staff	Sarah Zoglman
Spiritual Director	Fr. Bill Dietsch	Kitchen Staff	Linda Blankenberger
Spiritual Director	Sr. Jackie Kissel	Kitchen Staff	Dee Ann Bell
Coordinator	Linda Rheinlander	Ideals	Sue Gries
Asst. Coordinator	Mary Ann Wilsbacher	Laity	Linda Wessel
Head Stewardess	Imogene Baehl	Holiness	Martha Reitz
Asst. Stewardess	Clara Cassidy	Formation	Sharon Sutton
Asst. Stewardess	Jackie Dent	Evangelization	Karen Hamilton
Song Leader	Jenny Berry	Leaders	Marilyn Stephenson
Asst. Song Leader	Paula Ringwald	Environments	Karen Bennett
Head Kitchen Staff	Jalane Weber	Christian Community	Kristen Girten
Kitchen Staff	Kami Wilson		

**Secretariat Members**

Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
Lay Director	Bruce Bonenberger
Secretary	Pat Krack
Treasurer	Dennis Seib
Pre-Cursillo	Joe & Ruth Thompson
3-Day	Dan Zimmer
Post-Cursillo	Nick & Judy Wolf
Palanca	Al Debes
Procurement	Tom & Delores Folz
School of Leaders	Bob Weikert

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,***

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