

Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner

Dear Fourth Day Community,

What a relief to have a break from the high temperature and humidity. It gives you much more energy to do most anything.

This time of the year seems to be an exciting time as various programs resume. We receive a lot of emails asking us to publicize various efforts to help people in need. The Dubois County Community Meals Program has been a big help here in Jasper.

Religious Programs, Why Catholic and Bible Studies are becoming increasingly popular. Some are interested in Biblical approaches to finances. Father Larry Richards will be coming to St. Joseph at the end of November.

I will be headed to Sicily and Southern Italy in November with a group. A few more would have been welcome, October 1 to 11, 2012. I hope to take a group to the Holy Land. If interested, let me know.

I think the cost of the Cursillo weekend is a bargain and one of my personal missions is to keep it at the current rate as long as we can. Thanks to a generous donor recently and the generosity at the closings, it appears that we will be able to continue this way. If cost is a factor for any candidate, please don't let that stand in the way.

Please continue to pray for the Cursillo movement.

De Colores, Fr. Ray Brenner



Words From Lay Director Nick Wolf

"Courage!" he said. "It is I. Do not be afraid!" Then Peter spoke up. "Lord if it is really you, order me to come out on the water to you". "Come"! answered Jesus. Matt. 14:27-29

Recently the Sunday scripture readings have been asking us to go beyond where we are, and what we are doing in our Faith walk. These scriptures challenge us, and they brought to my mind a wonderful little book I recently read: **"If You Want To Walk On Water, You Have To Get out of The Boat"**, by John Ortberg. The reflections in this book reminded me of what we hear so many times on a Cursillo weekend, "You have to get out of your comfort zone to work for Christ".

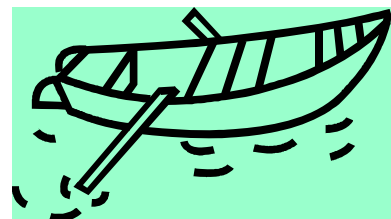
Peter might have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for every one of us. Walking on water means listening, and responding, to the call of God in our lives. It means accepting the Holy Spirit who wants to do something in our lives, something that we could not do on our own. It means the loss of the safety of our secure boat, and often the "reality slap" of a wave in our face, but it also means that Jesus is there, hand outstretched when we start to get that "sinking" feeling.

While we were on our Cursillo weekends, Jesus said "Come", and each of us had to decide if we were going to get our feet wet. As Cursillistas we have been given the opportunity to become "water-walkers". Changing the world for Christ takes trust, effort, and sometimes the courage to risk. Christ and Cursillo need your help.

Cursillo has many areas in which the 4th day can become involved: from attending Ultreyas to candidate support at the Closings, from our Mentoring program to serving a meal on the weekend, or volunteering in a leadership role. And as always, we are in constant need of your prayers and Palanca. We are a strong movement and our biggest task as Cursillistas is to bring the message and the love of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet.

I would ask you to please consider risking your comfort for Jesus and our Cursillo movement. Jesus often reminds us that it is hard work,

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Region IV Fall Encounter Weekend

September 30th thru October
2nd

Invitation and Registration forms are available at www.evansvillecursillo.com

Cursillo Reunion

Saturday, November 13th at 8:00 AM
St. John Daylight

UPCOMING FALL WEEKENDS

Men's #76

October 6-9, 2011

Coordinator: Bob Martin
Assist. Coord.: Dennis Seib



Women's #81

November 3-6, 2011

Coordinator: Allison Kaiser
Assist. Coord.: Brenda Wheatley

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and there will always be storms, but two things will happen if we get out of the boat. First, if we experience reluctance, doubt, or failure, he will reach out to us. Second, Jesus will join us in our failure, and with His grace, every once in a while we will walk on water.

The Cursillo Corner



Fourth Day, share your experiences of Cursillo in the next newsletter. Email your submissions to Nick Wolf at wolfworks3@aol.com

I am very far from practicing what I understand.
St. Therese of Lisieux

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

by Tom Anslinger

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Phillip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." --- *John 1: 47-49*



Nathanael (known as the apostle Bartholomew) had an instant personal encounter with Christ and realized that Jesus knew him, loved him, and was the Son of God. All of us need to encounter Jesus personally and accept Him as Our Lord and Savior. This is one of the topics we discuss as we group...when was I most aware of Christ's presence and why?

As we go about our daily lives we encounter Christ in one form or another. Maybe we attend mass; pray with a prayer group or our Cursillo group. Some of us pray alone in church or in our homes. Many of us see Christ in nature or in the people we meet. But one sure way to encounter Christ is to come to the School of Leaders at 7:00 PM on the first and/or third Tuesday of each month at St John Church in Daylight. We group, hear talks, discuss what we hear and then we pray together. Come join us and accept Jesus for everything that He truly is, in all His glory and splendor.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

--- *Matthew 18:20*

After Cursillo... What Next?



As I sit here typing this article on my computer, my cell phone is close by. I have just talked with several different folks on a variety of topics from work related issues to family concerns. I have had at least three or four email notices pop up letting me know that I have new emails to read. Before I started this article I had already reviewed the emails that had come in earlier today and yesterday - at least six people want to be my friend on Facebook (four of whom I do not know) and other emails much like the junk mail we receive in the mailbox each day. My point with all of this...we are all overloaded with different "tools" to help us make our daily decisions!

But are they the right tools?

What would happen if you turned off your email tomorrow and didn't look at it for several days or weeks? What if you didn't go to the mailbox and remove all of the "junk mail" from it? What would happen if you didn't answer your cell phone when it rang - instead of answering it immediately? I am guessing that you would still be alive and functioning, maybe not as well as before but still moving forward. People may not get in touch with you as quickly and you may not have all the gossip as soon as others, but you would have more peace and more quiet time for reflection.

At the end of each Cursillo weekend the spiritual director says to us: "Christ is counting on you" and we reply: "And I on him." My question is: If Christ is counting on us, what are we doing to help Him? Are we using the right tools to help make decisions that will bring His kingdom to more people?

A few examples of these tools include our weekly friendship groups, Ultreyas that occur in six different locations throughout the diocese each month, the Grand Ultreyas and the Cursillo Reunions which are both held twice a year, signing up to spend an hour with Christ in the Palanca chapels during the Men's and Women's weekends and so much more.

These tools can help you expand on what you experienced on your weekend. Please use them to not only help yourself but to help bring others to a more fulfilling relationship with Christ.

At the Grand Ultreya in August Hanna Sitzman spoke about how she uses these tools to execute God's plan. Because it is God's plan...not ours. We want to thank Hanna for a very powerful witness talk and giving all the Cursillistas at the Grand Ultreya something to keep in mind throughout their journey with Christ.

The next Cursillo Reunion will be **Saturday, November 13th at 8:00 AM at St. John Daylight**. Please plan to attend and walk away with a renewed fire.

We have created a new tool to help us help you. In the "forms" section of the Evansville Cursillo website (www.evansvillecursillo.com) you will find the "Information Sheet". This form asks you to update your contact information and friendship group details, as well as provides you the opportunity to let us know what additional information you need to utilize all of the tools available. Please take a moment to print the form, fill it out and mail it to the address on the sheet. This information is used STRICTLY within the Evansville Cursillo movement to keep your record up-to-date so we can keep you up-to-date.

"...rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith."

Colossians 2:7

Jim Werner and Diane Schweizer, Post-Cursillo Chairpersons

**“Blest Be The Lord”
Evansville Men's Cursillo #76
October 6-9, 2011**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, August 14th, team #76 dropped to its knees and began formation. The Holy Spirit has blessed us with just the right people for the job as is always the case. We invite you to continue sending palanca for this team as we form ourselves into what the candidates will need. “God equips the chosen”. We have been blessed by your generosity and spirit and can't tell you how much your palanca means to us...don't stop...please!

Thank you ahead of time for all your prayers, palanca, chapel visits, and your participation in Candlelight and Closing. You are such an important part of the weekend. If you or your group would like to provide snacks or desserts on the weekend, please call Head Kitchen Joe Thompson @ 303-6432. If you would like to serve a meal or be a kitchen angel, please contact Norma or Gary Folz @ 925-7159. Team palanca can be sent to me at 3200 Conservation Dr., Evansville, IN, 47712 or emailed to bmartinfsh@sbcglobal.net. If you have a friend that needs an application you can go to www.evansvillecursillo.com and print one out. Also, you're invited to come to **Talk Support Day** on Saturday, September 24th from 8:00 AM to noon (CST) @ **St. Philip Catholic School** in Posey County, 3420 S. St. Philips Rd. in St. Philip's. Mass will be @ 7:00 AM.

Thanks again for your support and may God bless you, your family and the Cursillo Movement.

Your Brother in Christ, *Bob Martin, Coordinator*

Team for Men's Cursillo #74

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Cursillo Sponsors

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are getting very close to our fall weekends, and as in the past we and “Christ” are in need of men and women to make the Cursillo weekend.

We would like to share with you some thoughts about sponsoring. I wish we could take credit for these words, but they are actually the thoughts of a fellow Cursillistas in another location.

1. The best salesman for Christ is one who is living their life in Christ—not telling as much as doing—being a full-time Christian.
2. Cursillo is a wonderful tool we can use to give Christian example and is a practical application of our faith.
3. Sponsoring a candidate to a Cursillo weekend is a way to fulfill our Baptismal and Confirmation promises of spreading the good news.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created.

And you shall renew the face of the earth!

Joe & Ruth Thompson - Pre-Cursillo Chairpersons

Palanca Chapels

Please sign up to spend an hour in one of the Palanca chapels praying for the success of the Men's weekends. Palanca chapels & times are listed on our website at www.evansvillecursillo.com/plcinfo.htm.

Jerry Brenner, Palanca Chairperson

MEN'S CURSILLO #76 SCHEDULE *(all times CST)*

Sat Sept. 24	Men's Talk Support—St. Philip Catholic School (Posey County) 8:00 am to 12 noon with Mass at 7 am.
Wed Oct. 5	Set-Up at Sarto at 7:00 pm
Thurs Oct. 6	Arrival of Candidates between 6:30 – 7:00 pm (Sarto)
Thurs Oct. 6	Sponsor's Dedication 7:00 pm (Sarto Chapel)
Sat Oct. 8	Mass at 8:00 PM (Celebration Hall) then Proceed to Chapel as a community for Candlelight 9:00 PM
Sun Oct. 9	Closing 5:40 PM (Celebration Hall) - arrive by 5:20

Secretariat Members	
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Post-Cursillo	Jim Werner & Diane Schweizer
Palanca	Jerry Brenner
Procurement	Mary Lou Bradley & Lois Schenk
School of Leaders	Thomas Anslinger

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

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