

Words From the Spiritual Director by *Father Ray Brenner*

A few days ago I was speaking with a young man who told me he really had no reason to go on living. He would not give me specifics as to why he felt that way. I tried to share with him some of the things that I have gone through in my life and how they make me appreciate more each day of life. Even when the events seem to be negative there is often something positive to be found. For example, when I went to the dentist recently for my six month checkup, I learned that I had to have a tooth extracted. I had a root canal done on that tooth in 1987. The dentist said, "Look at it this way. You got 16 ½ years out of a tooth that the dentist at that time was doubtful about." How true it so often is that when one door closes, another opens. How much our life experiences can teach us about our relationship with God.

Sometimes we fail to acknowledge and thank people who step up to the plate and fill in when there is a need. I know I fail to do that a lot with the members of the Secretariat. So I want to thank JoAnn Schlachter and Hank Tenbarge for doing that with the Three-Day position and for the work they have done. All the members are to be commended for their hard work and fidelity to the movement in our diocese.

Just about the time I wonder how important these articles and the newsletter are to the Fourth Day Community, I run into someone who says how much they look forward to receiving it. This happened this week in the corridor at the hospital.

If our relationship with Christ has been enriched by the Cursillo Movement, we need to continue to share that with others.

DeColores,
Father Ray

Church leaders, through prayer and discernment, understand the Movement's role as an arm of the Church. They encouraged Cursillo leaders to remain true to our mission "by putting on the mind of Christ, the mind of the Church." St. Ambrose taught "where the Church is, there is the most solid lodging for your mind". The Formation group leader has the same teaching for the candidates. The National Secretariat reviewed Cursillo's history and charisms. So it was also prudent that the local Movement address the issue. The School of Leaders (SOL) and the Secretariat reviewed our 3-Day policy in keeping with the history, foundational charisms, spirit of Cursillo and its apostolic mission. It was a slow and challenging review and eventually the Secretariat approved the revised document. A portion of the policy was published in the January newsletter. A brief explanation of the rationale behind the revision would be appropriate.

Our Cursillo Movement consists of intellectual concepts that very few, if any, Cursillistas know and understand. The Cursillo Movement can best be discovered and understood by living it and sharing our lived experiences with others. Those Cursillistas who immerse themselves into living the Cursillo method are the best Cursillo leaders to share and teach the candidates on the 3-day weekend. From the start, Cursillo team members in Spain were only selected from the SOL. The current membership in our SOL is not sufficient to staff our teams. Therefore, it is very important to have team members who group weekly and are regular attendees at one or more of the following Cursillo functions: SOL, Workshops, Encounters and/or Ultreyas. We know that those who love God and live close to HIS will, reflect Him and so will those who more fully live the Cursillo method better reflect the Cursillo charisms on a 3-day weekend. A team member cannot reflect or share what that person does not have. We nurture our Cursillo by attendance at the previously mentioned Cursillo functions.

Selection of Team Members by the Coordinator

This policy was approved with the hope that future Cursillo teams will have a greater number of members better formed in the Movement.

The coordinator supplies to the Secretariat a list of 25 names for approval as potential team members and the Secretariat supplies to the coordinator the names of Cursillistas who are members of the SOL, attendees and team members from workshops and attendees at Encounters and Ultreyas. Why were these Cursillo functions chosen? The SOL's Spiritual Director keeps members current on Church matters. This is one way of "putting on the mind of Christ, the mind of the Church." From technique presentations and discussions, members learn the Movement from Cursillo literature. Cursillistas learn the Method, Purpose and Strategy of the Cursillo Movement in workshops and Encounters by listening to presentations and participating in discussions. In the Leaders Manual, we learn that the friendship group provides for the good of the individual and the Ultreya provides for the good of the community.

Words From the Lay Director by *Bruce Bonenberger*

"One who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work" 2 Tim 3:17

From time to time, every business, organization or movement needs to undertake an evaluation of its state of health and to review its history and mission. The questions should be: Are we following our founding principles and how effective are we in carrying out our mission?

In the Formation talk, the group leader tells us that God reveals Himself to us through Church teachings. In 1998, Pope John Paul II asked the leaders of the Church to gather in Rome along with the Pontifical Council for the Laity. Cursillo leaders participated along with many other groups. The purpose of the meeting was to teach each ecclesiastical group and religious order that when founded, they were blessed by the Holy Spirit with supernatural gifts called foundational charisms. Each group was founded for a specific mission and has a particular set of charisms that sets it apart from other groups. Therefore, each group provides a unique contribution to the Catholic Church. A group needs to understand and remain true to its foundational charisms and history.

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Precursillo by Skip and Jackie Dent

As the men's weekend has just ended, and the women candidates are saying "Yes" to attending a Cursillo weekend, we are reminded of what Jesus said to His disciples in Matt 4:19-20, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men. At once they left their nets and followed Him." Hopefully our Cursillo teams will be able to apply the words of Jesus as they share their faith journeys with the new Cursillistas. May the candidates' response be motivated by Jesus' invitation.

A lot going on these days! **Men's Weekend:** As we all know the number of candidates is not as important as having candidates with the "right stuff" as selected by the Holy Spirit. However, it is nice to have a room full of candidates open to the love of the Lord—and that is just what we had. **Women's Weekend:** 38 invitations have been mailed with several more that can be mailed, depending on the initial response to the invitations sent. **Communion and Dedication Service:** Thursday, March 25 (start of the women's weekend) at 7:00 to 7:45 PM in the Sarto Chapel. It is important for the sponsors for those weekends to attend if at all possible. **Sponsor's Workshop:** Saturday, March 27 (Saturday of the women's weekend) from 6:00 to 7:50 PM in Celebration Hall.

Cursillo Sponsors Workshop

When: Saturday, March 27, 2004 (Women's Cursillo # 66)
Where: 6:00 PM to 7:50 PM (Just prior to Mass at 8:00 PM)
Where: Celebration Hall
All Cursillistas invited,
especially those interested in sponsoring.

Postcursillo by Roger and Connie Gray

To all those who worked so hard to make our recent Grand Ultreya a success, we say Thank You. It was obvious you gave your best. There were over 50 Cursillistas in attendance from all over the diocese. The mass, group reunion, witness talk, and the food and fellowship were wonderfully inspiring. We missed those of you who were unable to attend and want you to know that we are praying for you and hoping we will see you at other upcoming 4th Day events.

It takes all of us to truly carry the cross of evangelization in our Evansville diocese. We need to see your warm faces and feel the strength and love that you, and only you, can add. Please consider attending and bringing someone else to any of our 9 different Ultreyas being held throughout our diocese. For a listing of dates and times you can go to the back of this newsletter, to our website www.evansvillecursillo.org, or call us at (812)254-3070.

Blessings to you and yours.

Cursillo Evangelization Workshop (CEW)

When: Saturday, April 24, 2004
Where: St. John's, Daylight
When: 7:45-Noon
Coffee & doughnuts, welcome, morning prayer,
meditation and talks.
Please join us

Leaders School by Bob Weikert

Wow! What a turnout Tuesday, Feb. 3 with 24 great Cursillistas seeking the gift of God at School of Leaders. Father Loehrlein gave the Doctrinal talk on the Most Holy Rosary and Blessed Eucharist. Father Loehrlein gave a very inspirational talk and everyone there was most impressed. Every first Tuesday of the month, Father Schroering or Father Loehrlein will present an educational and inspiring talk. You don't want to miss it!

On the 3rd Tuesday of every month, we form ourselves through study from the Leaders Manual. Presently, we are studying Chapter 4—Pastoral Application. Briefly, recapping Chapters 1, 2, and 3: Chapter 1 tells the evolution of the Cursillo Movement, started in the 1940's by Eduardo Bonnin. Chapter 2 explains the Purpose of the Movement and the Cursillo Method. The purpose or goal of the movement is to make Christian community possible in families, neighborhoods, work situations and other places where people live the greater part of their lives. It attempts to make it possible for anyone in the world to live a Christian life in a natural way. Chapter 3 is the Strategy of the Movement, which includes the steps to structure a Christian life:

- 1) Find persons who can be the primary vertebrae in their environments and who can encourage others who will assist in making up the backbone for the Body of Christ.
- 2) Help those who can be the vertebrae to develop a truly Christian ideal. Each person must desire that all people come to know Christ and realize that Christ is the only solution to human problems
- 3) Help those who are the vertebrae and who have found their Christian ideal to find their place in the Body of Christ, to find the work Christ has for them. As people reflect on and grow in their lives as Christians, we begin to see how God wants them to work, where they should invest most of their time, and where their greatest concern should be.
- 4) Link the vertebrae together in such a way that they can function effectively as an apostolic community.

These 4 steps of structuring Christian life are all parts of a whole process. These are the things the Cursillo founders felt had to be done in order to have real Christian leaders who could have an effect on the world in which they live.

A special thanks to Men's coordinator, Jim Hayden, and Women's coordinator, Linda Feulner, for bringing so many of their team to the School of Leaders on Feb. 3!

Cursillo Leaders Workshop

When: Saturday, March 6, 2004
Where: Blessed Sacrament Parish
Oakland City

When: 7:30 AM Registration

*It is best to spend the whole day, but you may spend a partial day. No advance registration required.
A free will offering will be taken for lunch and snacks.*

Website Addresses

Local: www.evansvillecursillo.com

National: www.cursillo.org

**“Come to the Water”
Evansville Men’s Cursillo # 61**

Dear Fellow Cursillistas,

We received so many blessings this weekend as we served our Lord. We also felt the awesome power of the Holy Spirit through all the prayers and palanca from the 4th Day. My prayer for the 25 new Cursillistas, is that they find a group right away, so that they will continue to feel the peace and joy in their hearts that they felt this weekend. May God bless each one of you for your love and support that we all felt this weekend.

Also, Debbie and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers during our son’s surgery. Ryan’s surgery went just as God planned it. He is recovering and hopes to be home real soon. He also thanks everyone for all their prayers and asks to continue during his recovery.

Your friend in Christ,
Jim Hayden, #32

Welcome New Cursillistas #61		
Jeremy Jackson	Adam Cox	Melvin Ziliak
Thom Ross	Tim (TJ) Jarboe	Michael Smith
Mike Keen	Fred Martin III	John Silva
Craig Fehrenbacher	Frank Brenner	Donald Mayer
Rob Evans	Joseph Cochran	Tod Wilson
Mark Spindler	Chris Tucker	Ted Boarman
Gary Odom	Allen Schmitt	Bill Hamilton
Ben Klipsch	Joseph Raley	Don Drake
Matt Shafer		

Upcoming Weekends

Women’s #66: March 25-28, 2004
Coordinator: Linda Feulner
Asst. Coordinator: Mimi Scheessele

Men’s #62: October 7-10, 2004
Coordinator: Butch Feulner
Asst. Coordinator to be determined

Women’s #67: November 4-7, 2004
Coordinator: Mimi Scheessele
Asst. Coordinator to be determined

Schedule for Evansville Women’s Cursillo #66

Talk Support Day	Sat, Mar. 13	8:00 AM-12:00	St. Joseph School 6130 W ST Joe Rd
			<i>Communion Service at 7:30 preceding the talks</i>
Set-up	Wed., Mar. 24	7:00 PM	Sarto
Sponsor’s Dedication	Thurs, Mar. 25	7:00 PM	Sarto Chapel
Sponsor’s Workshop	Sat, Mar. 27	6:00 PM	Celebration Hall
Mass & Candlelight	Sat, Mar. 27	8:00 PM Mass	Celebration Hall Mass, then as a community Proceed to Chapel
Closing	Sun, Mar. 28	5:20 PM	Celebration hall
		Please arrive by 5:00 PM	

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.

**“I Have Called You: You Are Mine”
Evansville Women’s Cursillo #66
March 25-28, 2004**

Dear 4th Day Community,

Our God truly works in wondrous ways as He leads us through these week-ends! As team #66 has been called and asked to serve, Isaiah 43: 1-10 has come alive. In verse 10 the Lord says, “You are my witnesses, my servants whom I have chosen to know and believe in me and understand that it is I.” We are currently in formations and we ask for your prayers and palanca that will help us to grow into the loving Christian community that the Lord has called us to be. We pray especially for the presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us as we prepare, and also on the weekend of March 25-28th.

We ask for your support in many other ways as well. If you would like to provide snacks or desserts for the weekend, please call Delores Folz (Head-Kitchen Staff) at 963-5034. If you would like to serve a meal, please contact Gary and Norma Folz at 925-7159. If you are able to send a team palanca during formations, it may be sent to me at 4300 Bromm Road, Evansville, IN 47720 or emailed to lindafeul@aol.com.

Most importantly, we ask that you do individual palanca and prayers for the candidates and the success of this weekend. Please sign up for Palanca Chapel prayer hours at your local Ultreya. Each of us always needs to remember, **“Christ is Counting on You.”**

May God continue to bless you for your continued support and prayers.

Your Sister in Christ,
Linda Feulner

Women’s Cursillo Team #66

Spiritual Director	Fr. Francis Schroering	Kitchen Staff	Melinda Johnson
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner	Kitchen Staff	Kristi Ketzner
Spiritual Director	Sr. Jennifer Miller	Kitchen Staff	Ann Martin
Coordinator	Linda Feulner	Ideals	Lisa Bittner
Asst. Coordinator	Mimi Scheessele	Laity	Janet Debes
			Mary Ann Zenthoef
Song Leader	Michele Preiser	Holiness	
Asst. Song Leader	Martha Baehl	Formation	Cathy Crowds
Head Stewardess	Julie Young	Evangelization	Annalee Wilson
Asst. Stewardess	Liz Hirsch	Leaders	Marianne Webster
Asst. Stewardess	Roberta Waninger	Environments	Kathy Weber
Head Kitchen Staff	Delores Folz	Christian Community	Jalane Weber
Kitchen Staff	Norma Folz		

Preliminary List of Candidates

Lynn Carie	St. John the Baptist	Wheatland
Raquel Hamm	St. Mary	Washington
Linda Wessel	St. Joseph	Jasper
Stephanie Kaho	St. John the Baptist	Newburgh
Betty Mayer	St. Matthew	Mt. Vernon
Nancy Ringerman	St. Nicholas	Santa Claus
Sharon Wagner	St. Raphael	Dubois
Sr. Jane McClure	St. Joseph	Evansville
Pam Steckler	Christ the King	Evansville
Brenda Smith	St. Bernard	Ft. Branch
Karri Hillenbrand	Holy Spirit	Evansville
Barbara Barnett	St. Mary	Newburgh
Mary Ellen Hall	St. John the Baptist	Vincennes
Yvonne Lueken	St. Mary	Huntingburg
Mary Lou Helming	St. Ferdinand	Ferdinand
Cheryl Shafer	Good Shepherd	Evansville
Janet Poedlein	Holy Rosary	Evansville
Barbara Martin	Corpus Christi	Evansville
Sonya Drake	Good Shepherd	Evansville
Vicki Spindler	Sts. Peter & Paul	Owensville
Lee Ann Liesel	Sts. Peter & Paul	Ft. Branch

Check www.evansvillecursillo.com and your local Ultreya for complete list of Candidates for Cursillo #66

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Both are essential in terms of the Method and are important for the realization of the direction of our whole life in the light of the Gospel and the opportunity to share that life with others. A new Cursillista should be taken to their local Ultreya and a team member who is a regular attendee at the Ultreya is most likely to invite and take the new Cursillista to his or her first Ultreya. The Ultreya witness speaker, a vital part of the Ultreya, gives a personal witness to either their growing union with Christ, growing in knowledge of Christ or their action in bringing others to Christ. The witness should provide encouragement and joy to the attendees. Out of love for God, a witness speaker is able to give a verbal and courageous profession of their faith in Jesus Christ. They are more likely to witness in a very powerful way to a candidate on the 3-day weekend.

In conclusion, it stands to reason that team members who attend the SOL, workshops, Ultreyas and Encounters are better formed in the Movement and would make better teachers and witnesses to the candidates on the 3-day weekends. A more formed Cursillo team is a more perfect Cursillo team and therefore, a Cursillo team is only as strong as the member who is the least formed in the Movement.

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	Every Thursday	7:30 p.m.
St. John's	Newburgh	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
St. Ferdinand	Ferdinand	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: Blessed Sacrament, Oakland City

Time: 7:00 PM CST/CDT

DEAR FOURTH DAY,

Please remember to notify us if your email address or mailing address has changed. Please send your updated address to dkegen@sigecom.net or mail to return address on this newsletter.

Some email addresses have changed or are inactive and some mailing addresses were returned as undeliverable. Thank-you.