

# Evansville Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

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# Go 4th!

“Draw Near to the  
Love and Grace of Our  
Lord”

## Nov 2015

### Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner

*Dear Fourth Day Community,*

It was another good experience being at the closing of the Women's weekend and to see the excitement and enthusiasm of the new Cursillistas. May that fire continue to burn within you so that you may spread the Good News to all you meet



I have a suggestion to all those who have to withdraw from your IRA. Why not give a portion of it to the Cursillo Movement. That is what I did this year and I hope I will be able to do that same thing in the future.

St. Joseph in Jasper is again hosting the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus for the production of Handel's Messiah on December 19th at 7:00 in the evening. Tickets are available at the St. Joseph Parish Center office. I am excited that they are returning as it was an excellent experience for the Orchestra and Chorus and those who attended. All are welcome!

*In Christ, Fr. Ray*

### From the Lay Director...

*Hello 4th Day!*

You can't out-give  
God!

So many blessings will come to all of you that choose to be Jesus by serving others through Cursillo. Whether you serve as a leader of a Palanca Chapel, Ultreya, Weekend scheduling, music, editor and on and on, you have a place to serve here.



Another way to serve is to help this movement financially. To make Cursillo a part of your tithe, donation or legacy, you can send these gifts to:

Cursillo in Christianity  
5625 Pearl Dr., Suite F  
Box 201  
Evansville, IN. 47712

*God bless, Bob Martin*  
Lay Director, Diocese of Evansville

### Mark Your Calendars!



**School of Leaders—November 10, 2015**  
7pm CST at Holy Spirit, Evansville

**Spring Men's Weekend—February 19-22, 2016**  
*Coordinator: Jerry Durcholz*

**Spring Women's Weekend—March 19-22, 2016**  
*Coordinator: Pat Krack*

### Fall Evansville Cursillo Reunion

**November 21, 2015**

**9am-12:30pm EST**

**St Raphael Church**  
**(basement)**



**5564 E St Raphael St,**  
**Dubois, IN 47527**

## POST CURSILLO

*“The Christian evangelizes because the mere fact that they ‘are’ Christian ... It is not about ‘doing’ Christian things, nor to do apostolate every now and then ... it is about living our entire life as an apostolate.”*

*Leaders Manual, Catholic Cursillo Movement in the US*

Make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ is essential to our Cursillo movement. But these three steps cannot sustain themselves together without the glue that bonds the method together ... BE A FRIEND.

Our Christian journey is like an expedition where you will need water, food, a map and a group to help you in the way. In our spiritual lives we have prayer, the Eucharist, the bible, the church and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Imagine walking alone in the most remote and inhospitable place on earth ... how would that make you feel? Think about missing Cursillistas and reflect on this:

*“Two are better than one ... If the one falls, the other will help the fallen one. But woe to the solitary person! If that one should fall, there is no other to help.” Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10*

We would like to invite 4<sup>th</sup> day members to remember all the missing Cursillistas and pray for them. Also pray to our patroness, the Virgen of Guadalupe, to intercede for all of us so we can have non-judging courage and humbleness to be a friend, be ready to help and ask a simple question ... **Are you grouping?**

During our upcoming Cursillo Reunion, we will have a list of all open and available groups that Cursillistas can join.

Please remember that Jesus wants us **together** around His table in *“humble adoration”* and don't let the *“solitary”* Cursillista feel that *“there is no other to help”*

*Alfonso and Daniela Vidal*

## **We Are Called**

We are all leaders in our environments, home, work, where ever we are gathered with others. I invite all our all new cursillistas to join all other cursillistas, and attend Leaders School. This will help you learn more about our journey to build the Kingdom of God and about the Cursillo movement here in Evansville.

So please join us at 7:00 P.M. on the second Tuesday of each month at Holy Spirit Church. There is a mass at 6 for those who wish to come.

God Bless,  
*Joe Thompson, Leaders School Chairperson*

## Pre-Cursillo

What a glorious season where we can celebrate the abounding blessings of Christ in our lives. We are especially thankful the harvest of new Cursillistas from the recent men and women weekends. It is now the time when Christ is counting on you to plant the seeds in the hearts of those you would want to invite for a more intimate journey to Christ during an upcoming weekend.

The upcoming weekends for 2016 are men February 25-28 and October 6-9 and women March 31- April 3 and November 3-6. We are available by talk or text at 812-431-6945 (Michele) or 812-457-6855 (Dan) and you can always send an email to do-novanclan4@sbcglobal.net.

*In Service to Christ, Michele and Dan Donovan*

## Cursillo 3-Day

Well, God has successfully guided us through another great Cursillo weekend as we finished with the closing of Women's #89 and what a great closing it was. When we made our own Cursillo, we heard a quote from Eduardo Bonnin, who said “We do not have group reunions so there will be people to work Cursillo teams but rather we have Cursillo weekends so there will be people to attend group reunions.” The most important part of Cursillo is our fourth day. It is our ongoing journey towards God. But let's not forget that the first step of our fourth day is the three day weekend.

So I encourage you to support all the upcoming weekends. Come to candlelight and closing, sign up to serve a meal or work as a kitchen Angel, and most important, do and write Palanca letters. Not just for the Candidates but for the team as well. We need to support one another every chance we get. While we are doing Palanca, let's not forget our Spiritual Directors. We here in the Evansville Diocese are blessed with several Men and Women who in spite of their busy schedules, still support our movement. Let's take the time to let them know how much we appreciate what they do for us. We have all heard that practice makes perfect, well what a great way to practice our faith by involving yourself in a Cursillo weekend. Yes it takes time and effort, but the return on investment is out of this world.

*Bob and Cindy Smith, Cursillo 3-day chair persons*

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**Men's Cursillo # 84**  
**I WILL CHOOSE CHRIST**  
**OCTOBER 8-11, 2015**

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

It was such a great honor to serve as Coordinator of Weekend # 84. It was overwhelming in the beginning to think that I had to come up with 22 men to serve on the team. After setting down and praying about it I realized that I did not have to pick these men. Jesus did the picking all I had to do was call them. What a great job Jesus did. We had a diverse group. We had oldies and newbies. I think that our discussions on the reading of the day were so powerful. One of the men, I think it was Jim ( we only had 6 Jims on the team)w ho said he learned more about each of us just by listening to each of our thoughts.

The weekend started with a Spirit filled Thursday and got better with every talk. The candidates started getting the weekend from the start. The men's Heart Prayers were so inspiring. I really believe they had practiced before they got to the weekend.

When I say we were diverse, we had some men who spoke Spanish. At one of our meals we had a prayer in French. We had 2 Priests from India making the Weekend. We were never at a loss for things to talk about.

I want to thank all the 4th day for coming out to serve, bringing food, being kitchen angles, coming out for Candle Light and for coming to Closing. If it were not for all of you, Cursillo would not be such a meaningful event.

On October 29, 2015, God called one of our Team Members (Tim Friedman) home to be with Him. We were very fortunate to have Our Brother Tim on our team. He made everyone feel so welcome. He gave such a great Leaders Talk. He truly was a role model for all of us. Tim could not be at our team dinner, so he sent us a letter to be read at the dinner. His last line was **IF I NEVER SERVE ON ANOTHER TEAM I WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MEMORY OF BEING ON TEAM #84.** Tim may you rest in Peace with Jesus. Please pray for his wife Kelly, and his family.

God Bless all the 4th day!

*Your Brother in Christ, Damien Scheessele*

**Draw Near to the Love and Grace of Our Lord**  
**Evansville Women's Cursillo #89**  
**November 5-8, 2015**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

It was such a privilege to discern, with the Holy Spirit , the team for Women's Cursillo #89. It was so evident that Divine Providence was setting all in motion for a tremendous outpouring of Christ's love both for this team and for the candidates on the weekend. Our formations were filled with such joy and genuine Christ-like love for each other. The team members served the candidates on the weekend with that same joy and love. We were provided a glimpse into the intentions of the Holy Spirit when we heard the witness of each of the candidates at the closing ceremony. Their remarks spoke volumes of how God had used this team as a vessel for the outpouring of that joy and love.

There is no doubt that each member of the team and each candidate drew nearer to the love and grace of our Lord through this experience. **Words cannot express my gratitude** for all the palanca prayers, sacrifices and support that gave such a lever to the flow of God's grace. We are **so blessed** by a powerful 4<sup>th</sup> day community in the Evansville diocese! My prayer is that our new candidates will begin group reunions and tap into our 4<sup>th</sup> day community as we all continue to draw nearer to the love and grace of our Lord.

May God richly bless each and every one of you!  
*Your Sister in Christ, Annalee Wilson*

**Christ is counting on you!**

**Welcome New Cursillistas!**

**Women's #89**

**Men's #84**

Cindy Adler	Kelly Sherman	Deacon Richard Leibundguth	Dewight Rounder
Sara Sexton	Karen Sherman	Andy Morris	Mike Oberst
Donna Catanese	Judy Seger	Paul Legeay, III	Frank Bockting
Sister Helen Maurer	Patti Green	Rodney Baehl	Keith Scheessele
Michelle Herrmann	Jessica Goebel	Aaron Scott	Joe Popham
Beth Wilson	Linda Schmitt	Homero Rodriguez	Scott Alpers
Jennifer Ziemer	Laura Keele	Fr. Sudhakar Bahastati	Brendan McKenzie
Paula Baehl	Lisa Popham	Matt McDaniel	Bud Erler
Jessica Schultheis	Christa McDaniel	Mike Foster	Fr. Benny Alikansayil Chacko
Jennifer Vaughn	Jennifer Rogge	Josh Pack	Mark Keller
Kathryn Sullivan	Jeannie Utley	Andre's Chaparro	Dan Barfield
Rhonda Weissmann	Sandra Chapparo	Kenneth Glisson	
Joan Martin	Casey Hamilton	Ed Mullis	
Theresa Davies	Andi Allford	Pio Burton	
Chrysanne Rogers	Brianne Knies	Robert Dale	

<b>Secretariat Members</b>	
<b>Spiritual Director</b>	Fr. Ray Brenner
<b>Lay Director</b>	Bob Martin
<b>Secretary</b>	Pete Barry
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike Dugan
<b>Pre-Cursillo</b>	Dan & Michele Donovan
<b>3-Day</b>	Bob & Cindy Smith
<b>Post-Cursillo</b>	Alfonso Vidal
<b>Palanca</b>	Lynn & Claire Hassler
<b>Procurement</b>	Mary Lou Bradley & Lois Schenk
<b>School of Leaders</b>	Joe Thompson

<b>Ultreya</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time (Local times)</b>
<b>Our Lady of Hope</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>1st Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 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>7:00 pm</b>
<b>St. Peter Celestine</b>	<b>Celestine</b>	<b>Last Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>St. John's</b>	<b>Newburgh</b>	<b>2nd Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>Evansville</b>	<b>3rd Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>St. Ferdinand</b>	<b>Ferdinand</b>	<b>3rd Thursday</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Resurrection</b>	<b>Evansville</b>	<b>Last Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

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