

Evansville Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

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Go 4th!

**“Be still and know
that I am God”**

April 2019

From the Spiritual Director:

Dear 4th Day Community,

De Colores! I feel blessed and am trying to fill the shoes of a great Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Ray Brenner who was your spiritual advisor for a very long time. I hope to continue the work he has set in motion.

Spring season brings about hope of a new beginning. In this season, we move from darkness to light, cold to warmth. Cursillo weekends have helped many men and women in our diocese to experience a spring season in their spiritual life. As I thank Fr. Ray for being a part of this great spiritual awakening, I encourage all of you to invite others in our diocese to experience this spiritual spring season.

God bless all of you for the work you do for the Church.
De Colores! Fr. Benny

Spanish Cursillo

The Diocese of Evansville Cursillo movement is blessed in many ways. It is blessed by the approval of Bishop Siegel, is blessed by the rich participation of our many priests and deacons, it is blessed by a vibrant and numerous communities of fervent servers that become holy pencils in the hand of our Lord to write the story of every weekend. It is also blessed by a steady 4th day community that applies the method of Cursillo just like Eduardo Bonin and the first Cursillistas did 70+ years ago and also blessed with a growing Spanish Cursillo community that enhances the already beautiful community that we have.

Many of us have found in this movement the pearl of great price that Jesus talks about. We have gone back, sold everything and bought it (Matthew 13: 45-46). The same is happening in the Spanish speaking community where the merchants that are looking for pearls, the souls that are searching for God, have found the pearl and the number is growing. Again... what a blessing!

With everything that is happening around our country and our world, we are making the difference in our holy diocese. People are communicating without words, at least without words in the same language, instead we are communicating with the language of the Holy Spirit, the language of love for Jesus Christ. It is a beautiful site to see the bilingual teams work together to bring new candidates to Christ and show the world that it can be done. We can love each other because we are not Latino nor Anglo, “*Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person*” we are “*all one in Christ Jesus*” (Galatians 3: 28).

However, we must continue to grow and to continue our integration efforts. Soon, Daniel Zuniga and Nancy Londoño, will lead us into the third set of Spanish weekends. We need

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From the Lay Director:

Decolores 4th day,

We welcome our newest 62 men and women who participated in the recent weekends to the 4th day and encourage you to get involved in a friendship group and participate in the many available activities (Ultreya, School of Leaders and the Spring Reunion). Now, more than 6,000 Catholics have participated in a Cursillo weekend in our Diocese since the initial weekends back in 1974.

As you read this, six of us will have just returned from the Region IV Encounter in Tipton Indiana to learn about the “Step by Step” process for the Cursillo weekend written by Eduardo Bonnin. We will share more about what we learned at future School of Leaders meetings. In anticipation of attending this Encounter, we were excited to see what the founder of the movement had written about the weekend process and what we can learn for our Diocese. God the Father, through the Holy Spirit, spoke to the heart and mind of Eduardo who left us a written testimony on Cursillo; now we today are tasked with caring on the Charism that has changed the lives of countless people to live their calling as a disciple of Jesus.

In July, The National Cursillo Encounter will be held in Scranton Pennsylvania. There will be a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the first Cursillo in Mallorca, Spain and there will be talks delivered by folks from Mallorca. Jenny and I will be among the group from our Diocese attending and we look forward to sharing our experience with you. For additional details about the National Encounter go to the national Cursillo website: <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/encounter2019/>. Maybe you would like to join us in Scranton?!!

Lets us all continue to persevere in our role as a disciple of Jesus, using the tools of Piety, Study and Action that are reinforced in our friendship groups and at Ultreya! God bless you and your family's.

Onward, Pete Barry

Palanca

DeColores 4th Day!

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mike Rennie and I am the new Palanca Chair on the Secretariat. I made MEN'S #81. I sat at St John's Table. I worship at Holy Rosary Parish.

It has been an exciting beginning to the year. Men's #91 and Women's #96 have been great. Did you know that there are 67 hours between the time a candidate is dropped off at Sarto until they join the 4th Day in Celebration Hall on Sunday at Closing? Also, there are one or more 4th Day Cursillistas that are praying in a Designated Palanca Chapel in the Diocese for these 67 hours. We have 7 chapels through-

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Welcome New Cursillistas!

John Smith	Amii Ross
Matt Yeley	Janet Dilger
Nick Davis	Jennifer DeVault
Matt Miller	Tracy Niemeier
Brandon Dilger	Denise Hart
Tim Preske	Laurel French
Steve Welp	Marie Cervone
Corey Wilbacher	Jenny Gaul
Michael Boyd	Jennifer Bieker
Ken French	Melony Hurm
Jake Boehman	Emily Hamilton
Tim Creek	Angie Evans
Danny Waninger	Tammy McDowell
Kurt Weinzapfel	Joy York
Tim Johnson	Alison Martin
Chad Martin	Kalena Gries
Michael Blankenberger	Emily Porter
Nicholas Blankenberger	Michelle Davis
Dave Durchholz	Theresa Brandes
Lou York	Verna Luigs
Randy Wheeler	Mary Jo Braun
Brandon Porter	Sarah Adams
John Robertson	Mickie Emmons
Fr Ed Schnur	Becky Rexing
Rodney Lipking	Audrey Denu
Michael Robertson	Lauren Dempsey
Randy Haaff	Traci Welp
Mike Syrone	Christina Mayes
Jon Brandes	Nancy Duncan
Dick Lange	Kali Conkling
	Carol Bone
	Mary Lueken

Post Cursillo

WELCOME MEN'S CURSILLO #91 & WOMEN'S CURSILLO #96!!!!!!!!!!!!

On your mark..... Get set.....Go to gather for fellowship, learning, and serving others!

All are invited to attend the Spring Reunion in Jasper, Indiana at St. Joseph Catholic Church beginning with mass at 7:00a.m. (CST) with program until 11:30a.m., Saturday April 13th. Please don't miss this amazing morning of mass, fellowship, and learning. We hope to see as many of our brothers and sisters attend this event.

Did you know that the Evansville Cursillo Movement has been around for 45 years? Come to our Grand Ultreya on August 10th, at St. Johns Day-light starting with mass at 5:00p.m. After mass we will have dinner with fellowship. Our program for the evening will include a journey down memory lane of the 45 years our Evansville Cursillo movement has been in place. Special guests will share how Cursillo has changed their life and music will inspire and warm the hearts of all. Did we hear you say you would love to help with this event? Well that's awesome!!!! We have jobs for several people. Call Linda at (812) 760-4658 and she will put your gifts and talents to work.

Guess what? We have more!!!! Our Spanish Cursillo #3 weekends for men and women are:

Spanish Cursillo Men's #3: June 27-30, 2019

Spanish Cursillo Women's #3: July 11-14, 2019

You don't want to miss out on the following opportunities with these two amazing weekends:

Start your Palanca now to help the team members prepare for these weekends and for the participants God will send to these weekends

Go to Talk Support for each of these weekends (Locations, time, & date-TBA).

Sign up for Palanca Chapel, serve a meal or kitchen angel times during these weekends-done online at our website

Attend the mass and Candlelight Ceremony on Saturday night and come to the closing on Sunday of each weekend starting at 8:00p.m. at Sarto

What? You say this is just not enough activity and involvement for you. No worries!!!!!! We can find a way for **all** to get involved no matter how new or old you are in the Cursillo movement. Send us an email to Post Cursillo found on our web site and we will contact you so you can serve as much as you would like.

HELP!!!! We need all to let us know where, what day, and what time your group meets. There are many new and old who are looking for groups and we want to help all to find their friendship group. Remember, grouping is a life line to our spiritual growth and provides human-to-human support to daily walking with our Lord, plus it is an amazing, awesome, joy and faith filled, part of one's week. Don't miss out on the opportunity to build friendships in Christ. If you need a group call Mike or Linda Ketzner. Please register today on our website!!! Mike (812-204-6380) & Linda Ketzner(812-760-4658)-4thDay/Post Cursillo Leaders

Mike & Linda Ketzner, Post Cursillo Chairs

School of Leaders:

DE COLORES! I am pleased to welcome Liz Hirsch as the next School of Leaders Lay Director. Liz brings an undeniable passion to everything she does. And, when you couple that passion with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it's a good bet that Liz will lead the School of Leaders in a manner that will be pleasing to God. If you haven't experienced the School of Leaders, plan to make a meeting in the near future. Attendance has been increasing at each meeting, and we're confident that you will find quality spiritual nourishment each month at the School of Leaders.

Our next meeting on May 14th will be a special look at the early history of the Cursillo Movement in our diocese. JoAnn Schlacter and Frank & Peggy Liberti will bring a combined 12 years of experience as Cursillo Lay Directors to a panel discussion on the first 20 years of Cursillo in the Evansville diocese. If you're an older Cursillista, please come to share your stories. If you're a new Cursillista, come to learn the legacy that you joined when you said "YES" to Cursillo and entered the 4th Day. The Evansville School meets the 2nd Tuesday of each Month at Holy Spirit, beginning at 7pm. There is also a Jasper School of Leaders meeting every other month at St Joseph parish. If you'd like more information on these meetings, contact Liz at school-of-leaders@evansvillecursillo.com.

It's been my great pleasure to serve the movement. May God richly bless you and your families!

Your Brother in Christ, Jim Mattingly

Women's Cursillo #96 "Be Still and Know That I AM God"

You are the lever needed for a successful weekend and what a success it was! Thank you all for your palanca throughout our formations and Cursillo weekend. I felt lifted up during the preparation time and especially during the weekend. The team also strongly felt your prayers. It is the Holy Spirit working through all the 4th day Cursillistas that keeps this movement so strong in our diocese. I believe Our Lady of Guadalupe along with St. Paul took your intentions to Jesus and protected us and our families and lifted us to a higher level of faith!

Moments of the weekend: Thursday night's silent retreat started reverently and obediently. I don't think I heard a peep from the candidates that night. From Friday's introductions of the candidates, we could see they were willing and ready to engage in the studies ahead of them. One table leader was told by her table that she could go home since she wasn't needed anymore! They were already so engaged in the Holy Spirit. During Chapel on Saturday, it felt as if the roof lifted up as we were praying the rosary! The ladies voices were so strong. St. Louis de Montfort taught us the power of praying the rosary in public. Sunday's closing was moving and powerful as evident with the women's witnesses. Their hearts are open and ready to move forward for Christ.

This team was amazing! The energy everyone brought with them to formations helped mold us into a powerful, prayerful, strong and fun team. I didn't think a team could be any better than team #95 when I served as assistant coordinator, but I wasn't thinking about what the Holy Spirit could do. I learned to be still and trust in God. Each team member of #96 was as dedicated and important as the next and together with Christ as our focus we accomplished our goal of bringing more women closer to Him. Thank you team for saying "Yes" to Jesus!

Women's Cursillo #97 is going to have a dynamite coordinator with Imogene Baehl's heart and soul in it. Please start praying for all the next coordinators including Scott Burgess Men's Cursillo #92, Daniel Zuniga Men's Spanish Cursillo #3 and Nancy Londono Women's Spanish Cursillo #3.

There is a huge amount of work that is done behind the scene by the Secretariat and School of Leaders. These outstanding dedicated people help hold this movement together. Please pray for them! It has been a great blessing to serve on this team!

Linda Blankenberger, Women's Team #96 Coordinator

Men's Cursillo #91 "Jesus, The Way, the Truth, and the Light"

What a blessing it was to serve the candidates of Cursillo 91. The Holy Spirit assembled a great group of servant leaders to walk with 30 men and bring them closer to Christ. They all gave of themselves so freely in everything from formations, talk support and on the weekend. I was so humbled to be a part of it. The talks were inspiring and the messages were exactly what the candidates needed to hear in their own situations. God knew exactly what he was doing when he put this team together.

The candidates started to open up on Friday morning, and by Sunday the sound levels in the conference room and dining room rose to a mild roar. The spiritual directors were awesome as they lead us through the talks and meditations. Deacon Charlie gave some powerful personal witnesses and taught us to thank Jesus for everything in our lives. Fr. Dusty Burns taught us to fight evil and the battles in life "One step, one punch, one round at a time". And when Fr. Gordon Mann "Face-timed" in on the weekend from his hospital bed and told us that he was praying for us, he taught us what it truly means to offer up suffering as Palanca. We were blessed to have him as part of the team and he will be missed.

Thank you to the 4th day for all you did to help put on the weekend. Your help to serve meals, prayers and Palanca, attendance at Candlelight, and presence at the closing all helped to welcome the new Cursillistas into the fold. Your efforts all weekend were so much appreciated. A special thank you to the Assistant Coordinator, Scott Burgess for all his efforts to help manage the formations and the weekend. He always had the small details covered and will make a fine Coordinator for Cursillo #92. I offer my prayers to him as he starts to prepare for the fall weekend.

God Bless, Allen Koester, Men's #91 Coordinator

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servers, sponsors, financial aid for those least fortunate, and very importantly, we need people during our Spanish candlelight and closings. Come to enjoy the vibrant songs, dances and graces that are poured by God for all of us. See you soon!
Alfonso & Daniela Vidal

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out the Diocese. Precious Blood-Jasper, Celestine, Dubois. St. Phillip-Mt. Vernon. Our Lady of Hope-Washington. Resurrection-Evansville. St. John the Baptist-Newburgh. Good Shepherd-Evansville. Sts. Peter and Paul-Haubstadt. Sponsors and all 4th Day are encouraged and invited to sign up online on our website, evansvillecursillo.com using Sign Up Genius.

Evansville Cursillo emails a Palanca Letter of encouragement every week to about 25 Cursillos that are occurring each week. These are just the ones we know about that are connected through the National Cursillo site. There are many others that also need our Palanca (Prayers, Sacrifices & works of Service) every week.

Our Diocese of Evansville Cursillo Secretariat and the School of Leaders and all the members of these meetings begin with a Palanca Rosary for the current Teams in formation and all Cursillistas.

Palanca is what we can offer up for anyone. It is an offering of prayer, sacrifice, service, aches, pains, illness, frustrations, etc.. that is offered for the success and sustaining of this Cursillo movement. Please join us if you can.

I would like to give you an example of Palanca. Fr. Gordon Mann, who was a member of Team #91, who suffered through his illness during the formations and the actual weekend, offered his, pain, suffering and his illness for the success of Team # 91 and the candidates participating in the weekend.

NOW THAT IS TRUE PALANCA. We are very grateful to all for the continued support of the movement. You, the 4th Day are the reason we succeed in this apostolate.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. St. Paul, patron of Cursillo, Pray for Us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the America's, Pray for us. *Your Brother in Christ, Mike Rennie*

Secretariat Members	
Spiritual Director	Fr. Benny Chacko
Lay Director	Pete Barry
Secretary	Steve Obert
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Pre-Cursillo	Dan & Michele Donovan
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Post-Cursillo	Mike & Linda Ketzner
Palanca	Mike Rennie
Procurement	Elaine Morris
School of Leaders	Liz Hirsch
Spanish Cursillo	Alfonso & Daniela Vidal

Ultreya	Where	Day	Time (Local times)
Our Lady of Hope	Washington	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
St. Joseph	Jasper	2nd Monday	7:00 pm
Sts. Peter & Paul	Haubstadt	4th Monday	7:00 pm
St. Isadore (St. Celestine Campus)	Celestine	Last Tuesday	7:00 pm
St. John's	Newburgh	2nd Thursday	7:00 pm
Christ the King	Evansville	3rd Thursday	7:00 pm
St. Ferdinand	Ferdinand	3rd Thursday	7:30 pm
Resurrection	Evansville	Last Thursday	7:00 pm
St. John's	Daylight	1st Saturday	9:00 am

ADDRESS CHANGES

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