

Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner

Dear Fourth Day Community,

As I write this note, most schools have been back in session for anywhere from a few days to a few weeks. For many of us that means we are back to some sort of regular routine with most vacations over and back to work. Hopefully if our prayer life has also taken a vacation, we are back to some regular routine with that as well.

As I write this, though, I am only a few days away from spending a week in Eastern Canada. I will be hitting places such as Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, Rockport, Toronto, Niagara Falls, and Thousand Islands. I am looking forward to the time away.

We need to be in prayer for the Men's and the Women's Teams as they begin or are already in their formations. At the same time, we need to pray for more men and women to sign up to make the weekends. I understand there may even be a table of Latinos who will make the men's weekend.

Plans are underway to have a Christ Renews His Parish Retreat this fall, and they currently are full as far as participants. Hopefully one of these days we will be able to have a Cursillo Weekend in Spanish. Things are happening with our Latino Brothers and Sisters. We need to keep them in prayer that they may hold firm to their Catholic Faith.

Let us continue to pray for the Cursillo Movement in our Diocese and throughout the world.

In Christ, Fr. Ray

From the Lay Director...

Hello 4th Day!

We begin our fall weekends refreshed and renewed in spirit!! What a gift the Holy Spirit brings to these weekends. How can we be thankful enough?

As it tells us in the first book of James, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." We grow in communion with Christ and His Church through each other and the sharing of all our gifts given by God.

NOW is our time to pour out those gifts to others and share Jesus with one another and with our soon-to-be new brothers and sisters in Christ.

Don't forget to share your palanca with the TEAMS in formation. It means so much knowing just how much others are praying and offering for these weekends!!

God bless, *Bob Martin Lay Director*

Fall Evansville Cursillo Reunion

November 21, 2015

9am-12:30pm EST

St Raphael Church (basement)
5564 E St Raphael St, Dubois, IN 47527

MEN'S CURSILLO #89 SCHEDULE (all times CDT)

Sat. Oct. 17 - Men's Talk Support - St. John's Newburgh - 8:00 AM - NOON CDT with Mass @ 7:00 AM

Wed. Oct. 7 - Set-Up at Sarto at 6:30 PM

Thurs. Oct. 8 - Arrival of Candidates between 6:30 - 7:00 PM (Sarto)

Thurs. Oct. 8 - Sponsor's Dedication 7:00 PM (Sarto Chapel)

Sat. Oct. 9 - Mass at 8:00 PM (Celebration Hall) then Proceed to Chapel as a community for Candlelight 9:00 PM

Sun. Oct. 10 - Closing 5:40 PM (Celebration Hall) - arrive by 5:20

WOMEN'S CURSILLO #89 SCHEDULE (all times CST except as noted)

Sat. Oct. 17 - Women's Talk Support - Holy Redeemer School Cafeteria - 8:00 AM - NOON CDT with Mass @ 7:00 AM

Wed. Nov. 4 - Set-Up at Sarto at 6:30 PM

Thurs. Nov. 5 - Arrival of Candidates between 6:30 - 7:00 PM (Sarto)

Thurs. Nov. 5 - Sponsor's Dedication 7:00 PM (Sarto Chapel)

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POST CURSILLO by Alphonso Vidal

"...it is not interested in having many saints on hands for a few days, but in having them at the hour of truth, which will be the day of final judgment." Structure of Ideas (page 85)

On the last newsletter article we talked about the "friendship converted into permanent actual Grace" through the Group Reunions.

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ

As leaders, instructors or sponsors of Cursillistas our "responsibility ... has only just begun in the Clausura", as the authors wrote in Structure of Ideas.

"And as he sowed, ... Other seed fell on rocky ground... And when the sun rose, it was scorched and it withered for lack of roots... And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit." (Mark 4:4-7)

Cursillo weekends give God a fertile ground where the seeds of Cursillistas can produce fruits. But a weak Group Reunion environment will make the seeds fall "on rocky grounds". On the other hand, an authentic Group Reunion makes the roots grow strong and lasting.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary to intercede for missing Cursillistas and humbly request Jesus, to present the right opportunity to offer our friendship as the fertilizer that would grow strong roots that will not wither in the "hour of truth".

Also, Post-Cursillo will have available a list of "open" Groups that are accepting new friends in Christ. Let's think about those missing Cursillistas and connect them with "open" groups, let's make a fertile ground for God's seeds!

Contact Daniela or Alfonso for more information at evvpostcursillo@gmail.com.

Please consider Cursillo in your will or if you would like to make Cursillo part of your monthly or annual charitable donations please send to:

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

Pre-Cursillo

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15).

Dan and I have joyfully accepted this role of Pre-Cursillo with a zest to do just that within our Cursillo family. Like Joshua, we are willing to stand by our faith to serve God and we suspect (like Joshua) our efforts will not be flawless, but hope we can lead as an example while we "Make a friend, Be a friend, and Bring that Friend Closer to Christ". Taking the lead to help guide others on their faith journey does not come with a promise of success and at times may test your own faith. But, if one chooses to accept the challenge and perseveres, they and those they guide will ultimately reap the rewards in a joyful life in Christ!

Please consider inviting others to attend an upcoming weekend. 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 donovanclan4@sbcglobal.net.

In Service to Our Lord, *Michele and Dan Donovan*

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Leaders Must Be Servants

In Marks Gospel 10:35-45, James and John wanted to sit in Glory with God one on the right and one on the left but Jesus said was not his to give, for anyone who wants to be great must first be a servant. Jesus did not come into this world to be served, he came to serve us. We all need to get out and serve others so one day we may be able to sit with Jesus in Heaven

We all need to do for others. That can be as simple as praying. As Mother Theresa said "Do small things with great love. When was the last time you prayed with your kids or grandkids? When my grandkids were small I used to read them bedtime stories. Maybe I need to think about reading the Bible with them now. There are so many ways to be Christ to others. Think about it. I am sure you can find many different ways to put on the mind of Jesus and Be Christ to all we meet.

We all have the opportunity to be servants (LEADERS) for God. Some of those ways would be to attend Cursillo functions that are there to help in our endeavor to become the Servant Leaders God wants us to be. There are Ultreya's all over our Diocese. Then there are the Cursillo Reunion's after the spring and fall weekends. There is our Leaders School. This gathering gives all an opportunity to learn more about our Cursillo Movement and share ideas on how to better be Leaders for building Gods Kingdom. All these functions are open to all Cursillistas. Please join us for any of these functions that you can. We are all blessed by trying to better ourselves in growing closer to our Lord and Savior. **TO BE HIS SERVANT!!!** So join us at Holy Spirit Church on the 2nd. Tues. of each month at 7:00 P.M. God Bless! Your Brother in Christ,

Joe Thompson, Leaders School Chairperson

Region IV Fall Encounter Oct 9, 10, & 11th, 2015 in Louisville, Kentucky



Contact Mary Ann Wrenn of Louisville Cursillo at wrennavon@yahoo.com for information and registration forms.

Palanca: Letters of Encouragement

"If you have faith as a mustard seed you will say to this mountain 'move from here to there' and it will move and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind of faith does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Matthew 17:20-21

As we have all experienced, reading palanca following a Cursillo weekend is a wonderful, moving experience. The letters are **merely a vehicle in which we share the actual Palanca being done**, whether it be intentional Prayer, Sacrifice, or Works of Mercy—all selfless acts of love.

Please say YES; please take the time to reach out to someone who is on this leg of their personal journey with God that is scary at times! Right at this moment, you are being called to help someone. Your letter, a small sacrifice, will offer life changing encouragement.

Your letter will show the recipient that God loves him/her so much and that amidst the busyness of the day, so do YOU!

What to write: Tell him/her that you are happy that he/she has made a Cursillo, and how wonderful it is that he/she is seeking God's love. Tell him/her that you will pray for him/her, or dedicate your attendance at next Sunday's Mass to him/her, or that you gave up something over that weekend, or that you said a Rosary for them in particular and the success of the weekend. Lastly, pray first, certain that the Holy Spirit will give you the words to write! *God Bless and DeColores! Lynn and Clare Hassler*

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Sunday, Aug.23,2015, the team for Men's #84 will begin formations and start preparing for the mission that Christ has given us. We are asking for your prayers to help guide us in this endeavor. We are asking for your support. If you have anyone on your heart that you would like to sponsor, please get them an application soon and get it returned. We also ask for your presence at Palanca Chapel, Candlelight and closing. This will be a powerful witness to the candidates to the new 4th day community that await them.

If you or your group would like to provide a snack or dessert for the weekend, please call our Head Kitchen Staff, Dan Barnes at (812) 204-3653. Also, if you have an interest in serving a meal or working as a Kitchen Angel, -contact Phil (812-457-6202) or Dawn (812-457-7899) Durcholz or email pddurcholz@att.net

Team palanca may be sent to Damien Scheessele, 606 St. Catherine Ct. Newburgh, In. 47630 or email damienmm@att.net.

Thank you for your loving support and may God Bless You,
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,

As formations begin, the Holy Spirit always blesses us with an amazing team. We invite you to send letters of Palanca for this team as we form ourselves into what the candidates will need. "God equips the chosen". We are continually blessed by your generosity and that means so very much to us!

We would like to thank you in advance for all your palanca: prayers, sacrifices, chapel visits, letters, 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 Ruth Thompson @ 812-499-5380. If you would like to serve a meal or be a kitchen angel, please contact Dawn or Phil Durcholz @ 812-457-7899 or 812-457-6202. Team Palanca can be sent to me at 11600 German Pines Dr., Evansville, IN 47725 or emailed to wilson.annalee@gmail.com. If you have a friend that needs an application you can go to www.evansvillecursillo.com and print one. Also, you're invited to come to Talk Support Day on Saturday, October 17th from 8:00 AM to NOON (CST) @ Holy Redeemer School Cafeteria at 918 W. Mill Rd., Evansville, IN 47710. Mass will be @ 7:00 AM.

Thanks again for your support and may God bless you, your family, and the Cursillo Movement.
Your Sister in Christ, Annalee Wilson

Evansville Cursillo Teams
Men's #84 and Women's #89

Head Spiritual Director	Fr. Jim Sauer	Fr. Claude Burns
Spiritual Director	Fr. Henry Kuykendall	Fr. Christopher Droste
Spiritual Director	Deacon Dave Rice	Deacon Mike Seibert
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Assistant Coordinator	Jerry Durcholz	Patricia Crack
Head Steward	Jeff Happe	Anne Martin
Assistant Steward	Dave Loehrlein	Kelley Obert
Assistant Steward	Jim Egan	Patty Woehler
Head Song Leader	Jim Werner	Debbie Collins
Song Leader	Pete Hillenbrand	Chris Kelly
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Kitchen Staff	Dave Sutton	Carol Niehaus
Kitchen Staff	Jim Francis	Terri Ziliak
Ideals	Andy Kremp	Kim Greenlee
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Piety	Jim Wilsbacher	Mary Seibert
Study	Bernie Mayer	Karen Blankenberger
Action	Alfonso Vidal	Daniela Vidal
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Christianity In Action	Sam Tenbarge	Jennifer Vangampller

Secretariat Members	
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
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Pre-Cursillo	Dan & Michele Donovan
3-Day	Bob & Cindy Smith
Post-Cursillo	Alfonso Vidal
Palanca	Lynn & Claire Hassler
Procurement	Mary Lou Bradley & Lois Schenk
School of Leaders	Joe Thompson

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. Peter Celestine	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

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