

# Evansville Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

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# Go 4th!

“O God Your Spirit  
Is Upon Me”

## April 2016

### Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner



Dear Fourth Day Community,

Within the last Month plus we celebrated Easter and two very special Cursillo Weekends. I was at the men's closing and was a part of the women's weekend and the testimony showed that the Candidates got the message. One indication is the number of women who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we move forward I encourage the new Cursillistas and all of us to continue to encourage others to have the same experience of a Cursillo weekend.

I also want to compliment the Fourth Day members for their contributions at the closing. It is this that helps to keep the cost down.

I'm not sure if I can use this opportunity to promote a trip for Poland and Eastern Europe for September of 2017. We will visit the birthplace of Saint John Paul II and the Chapel of Saint Faustina. We will visit Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Vienna and Prague. If interested let me know so I can send a brochure.  
*In Christ, Fr. Ray*

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### From the Lay Director

St. Catherine of Siena was born in 1347. She is a Doctor of the Church and had many mystical gifts bestowed to her by the Father. One of these gifts, was her personal communication with the Father himself. He would share insights with her, one of which I believe, speaks to the heart of Christianity through Cursillo...



"And though they are all joined in the bond of charity, they know a special kind of sharing with those whom they loved most closely with a special Love in the world, a love through which they grew in grace and virtue. They helped each other proclaim the glory and praise of my name in themselves and in their neighbors. So now in everlasting life they have not lost that love; no, they still love and share with others even more closely and fully, adding their love to the good of all ... when a soul reaches eternal life, all share in her good and she in theirs."

*(The Urgency of the New Evangelization pg. 70) by Dr. Ralph Martin*

*God bless, Bob Martin*

### Time Flies

Yes time flies, especially when you're doing something you love! That's how it has been with my time being the Chairperson for the School of Leaders. It is hard to believe my three year term ends in May. I want to say thanks to all those who have attended the School these past few years, and please don't stop, the School is a vital part of the Cursillo Movement, not just here in our Diocese but all over the world. I have greatly enjoyed my time in the position, but it is time to let someone with vigorous and fresh ideas to keep building the School and the Cursillo Movement here in Evansville. That person will be Jim Mattingly. I hope that you will pray with me for the continued success and growth of our School of Leaders. The School is a vital part of our Cursillo Movement. Without the School of Leaders we would not have a Cursillo Movement.

God Bless Jim and thank you for stepping forward to do Gods work! And God Bless to all who work for Cursillo and Our Loving God and Savior!!

**Blessings to all!**

*Joe Thompson, School of Leaders chair*

### Pre Cursillo

We offer this excerpt from Pope Francis's prayer for this year of mercy to reflect upon and consider your role in Christ's plan: "...you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have taught us that whoever see you see Him... You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy, let the Church be your visible face in the world... Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind." As members of the Fourth Day consider how YOU can be Christ's face to the world by leading others to Him through your works of Mercy.

*In God's Service, Michele and Dan Donovan*

A little bit of mercy makes the whole  
world less cold and more just.

- Pope Francis

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| Edwin Koester       | St Wendel                          |
| Ted Kares Jr        | St Joseph (County)                 |
| Ken Smith           | Good Shepherd                      |
| Dan Tobin           | St Mary's                          |
| Tyler Nichols       | Holy Rosary                        |
| Kyle Henning        | Annunciation                       |
| Eric Folz           | Corpus Christi                     |
| Daniel Zuniga       | St Anthony                         |
| Jim Bengert         | St Theresa                         |
| Larry Mehringer     | St Isidore (St Raphael)            |
| Steve Sander        | St Isidore (St Raphael)            |
| Ron Stolz           | St. James                          |
| Chris Martin        | St Philip                          |
| Gary Postlethweight | St Philip                          |
| Tom Schroeder       | Holy Rosary                        |
| John Shetler        | Church of the Epiphany             |
| Tyler Frounfelter   | Holy Rosary                        |
| Charlie Hirsch      | Sts Peter and Paul                 |
| Jim Goul            | St Peter                           |
| Randy Rolley        | Resurrection                       |
| Fr Anthony Govind   | St John the Baptist                |
| Lance Johnson       | St John the Baptist                |
| Steve Cassidy       | St John the Evangelist - Day-light |
| Roger Johnson       | Holy Cross                         |
| Bill Vogt           | Good Shepherd                      |
| Steve Goebel        | St Philip                          |
| Ronnie Mayer        | St Joseph (County)                 |
| Richard Kempa       | St. Francis of Assisi              |
| Nic Wagner          | St John the Evangelist - Day-light |
| Mike Dunbar         | Good Shepherd                      |

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| Michelle Krack     | St. Boniface            |
| Melissa Osterman   | Precious Blood          |
| Andrea Goffinet    | Holy Rosary             |
| Mary Jo Steele     | St. Anthony             |
| Jenny Hardison     | St John the Baptist     |
| Candace Tobin      | St Mary's               |
| Tammy Haug         | St Ferdinand            |
| Cynthia Barfield   | St John the Baptist     |
| Bonnie Rounder     | St John the Baptist     |
| Shirley Gale       | St Paul                 |
| Jennifer Folz      | Corpus Christi          |
| Jessica Reckelhoff | St Joseph (County)      |
| Theresa Mullis     | St John the Baptist     |
| Jenny Keller       | St John the Baptist     |
| Amberly Massey     | St Isidore (St Raphael) |
| Paula Mayfield     | Holy Redeemer           |
| Maren Smith        | Good Shepherd           |
| Barbara Friedman   | St Isidore (St Raphael) |
| Melissa deWolfe    | St John the Baptist     |
| Karen Bengert      | St Theresa              |
| Judy McKinney      | Holy Rosary             |
| Sharon Goul        | St Peter                |
| April Alpers       | Good Shepherd           |
| Chris Patterson    | Holy Redeemer           |
| Peggy Vogt         | Good Shepherd           |
| Connie Pierce      | St John the Baptist     |
| Patty Titzer       | St James                |
| Janet Rydberg      | Precious Blood          |
| Carole Danford     | St Isidore (St Raphael) |
| Libby Scheessele   | St. John the Baptist    |
| Ginny Smith        | St. Theresa             |
| Michelle Schmitz   | Good Shepherd           |

## Cursillo Reunion



**Saturday, April 23  
At Good Shepherd**

**8 am to noon  
Rosary at 6 am and Mass at 7 am**

### Editor's note:

In the February, 2016 newsletter, we misspelled the following names: Jerry Durchholz, Jim Durchholz and Fr. Jack Durchholz. We regret the error.

## Post-Cursillo

*"His soul draws near to the pit, his life to the place of the dead. If then there be a divine messenger, a mediator, one out of a thousand, to show him what is right" Job 33: 22-23*

As you know, one of the most critical times for a Cursillista is right after the weekend when the Holy Spirit fills our hearts with love. During the weekends the Holy Spirit allows each of us to experience something wonderful, something supernatural where Christ himself touched our hearts to give us unwavering faith. On Sunday, we are peacefully floating down the waters of faith enjoying our newfound love for our creator.

But then on Monday morning we go back to our mundane routines, the world attacks viciously; the culture tries to gain back what it has lost. The routine, the world and the culture are not happy about losing one of their assets and they will fight back with all they have.

Those first weeks after our Cursillo weekend are critical for our movement to maintain the souls that God has just gained. This is the time where a safety net is needed, a net that will bring all the souls safely and permanently to the Lord's boat.

We all know that team members, table leaders, sponsors and all of us in general do a great job in reaching out to new Cursillistas. However, we need an organized effort that will get new Cursillistas involved as soon as possible with our movement, with grouping, with Ultreyas and with any other 4<sup>th</sup> day activities that we might have.

A few of us are working on a parish ambassador program and communications team that will strengthen the safety net. Please stay tuned and on the watch for more details to come, stay open for changes and more importantly pray for our movement so the Virgin Mary can guide our decisions and actions.

*Alfonso and Daniela Vidal, Post-Cursillo chairs*

## O God Your Spirit is Upon Me

**Evansville Women's Cursillo #90**

**March 31– April 3, 2016**

*My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

It was a privilege to discern, with the Holy Spirit, the team for Cursillo #90. Every one of them was so important to the success of the weekend. The kitchen staff worked their culinary magic and prayed us through the weekend with great joy, enduring the fatigue of long days and short nights. The stewardesses took great care of all of us in so many ways, including those that went unseen or unnoticed. A special thank you to our Spiritual Directors, Fr. John, Fr. Ray and Sr. Jolinda, who gave of themselves humbly in many special ways that enriched us all. Praise God for them! Our musicians helped us to "pray twice" by singing God's praises. The table leaders listened to the Spirit; it was His words they spoke in their talks to help guide 32 ladies to the 4<sup>th</sup> day. And my assistant was a blessing the whole journey in more ways than I can mention. Look out Women's Cursillo #91. Thank you Father, Son and Holy Spirit and through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, I was truly blessed.

A big thank you to the 4<sup>th</sup> day. It was overwhelming to see Celebration Hall so full. Thank you for all your prayers, serving meals, kitchen angels, Palanca chapel visits, Candlelight, Closing and ALL the many, many unseen Palanca you did and do to make this movement a success.

Your Sister in Christ, *Patricia Krack, Women's Coordinator*

## PALANCA in the Precursillo

*Greetings 4th day!*

"He's got the whole world in His hands...you and me brother, in His hands...you and me sister, in His hands..."

Wow!! Over 200 Palanca letters of encouragement were received from many different cities and countries, from as far away as Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Italy, Australia, Mexico, Canada, among so many others! --All for the support and encouragement of Men's and Women's Spring weekends. In addition, the many Palanca received from local 4th day for the New Cursillistas was overwhelming. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and sacrifice to help bring our new friends into a more personal relationship with Jesus!

As Christ himself commanded, "go out and make disciples of all nations..." (Mt 28:19) This precious gift of faith was meant to be shared!! Ultreya!!..."HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS!!"

Peace and God Bless! *Lynn and Clare Hassler, Palanca Chairs*

## Jesus You are the Way

**Evansville Men's Cursillo #85**

**February 25-28, 2016**

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

Men's Cursillo #85, WOW, what a blessing! Jesus asks us to love God with all our mind, heart, and soul, and love your neighbor as yourself. The men on God's team # 85 did just that. The love this team had and showed for each other and the candidates truly was an example of the love Jesus is asking of us. It is amazing to me to know that our Father in heaven knew who was going to be on this weekend from the beginning of time, all I had to do was make some phone calls. The 29 candidates were truly already Godly men, and together, with Our Father, His Son and the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of our Holy Mother, we all helped each other become more Christ like and truly trust in the fact that JESUS IS THE WAY, AMEN! On behalf of the whole fourth day, I want to welcome all our new Cursillistas to the Cursillo community.

I want to send out a big thank you to the whole fourth day. We all know that these weekends do not happen without all the selfless help from our awesome Cursillo community. From the Priests and Deacons, and all the other servers, to the suppliers of all sweets, palanca chapels, kitchen angels, chapel angels for candlelight, all the ones that helped set up and clean up, and mostly for all the prayers and sacrifices offered for the team and the success of the weekend, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! All of you have made my one and only opportunity to be a coordinator a life changing experience with no regrets. God's weekend # 85 was perfect, and I give all the praise, glory, honor, and thanksgiving to Him. After 25 years of wondering what being a coordinator would be like, it surpassed all my expectations I ever imagined. Thank you Jesus, you never disappoint!

Forever, your Brother in Christ, *Jerry Durchholz, Coordinator Men's #85*

| <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>       | Alphonso Vidal                 |
| <b>Palanca</b>             | Lynn & Claire Hassler          |
| <b>Procurement</b>         | Mary Lou Bradley & Lois Schenk |
| <b>School of Leaders</b>   | Jim Mattingly                  |

| <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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