

Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner

Dear Fourth Day Community,

As I write this we are just a few days away from the beginning of Holy Week. We had one Penance Service last night and one again today. We had several hundred people attend each of these - some of these included our Candidates. It is always awesome to be an instrument of God's healing to God's people.

Because of the weather I chose not to come to the Men's closing but was able to make it to the Women's closing. Some very powerful witnessing. We give thanks to the power of the Holy Spirit for continuing to bring men and women to the Cursillo week-ends. It gives me a great feeling of encouragement for the future of the Church.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. I jokingly told the people at the morning Mass that if we ever changed the day we celebrate Christmas we would have to change the date of this feast. But this feast is closely connected with the celebration of the Passion and death of Our Lord because if He had not taken on our human flesh, he could not have died for us

Holy Week is a very special time for us as Christians. It is the period of time during the year when we really focus on the suffering and death of Our Savior. He gave his life for our sins so that we could one day share eternal joy with him for all eternity. I will keep the Cursillo Movement in my prayers during this week and pray that God will touch all of you in a very special way.

In Christ, Fr. Ray

EXTRA! EXTRA!
READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

The **APRIL 11th**
Cursillo Reunion
will have a new format from
previous reunions.

This format includes:

- † Three talks
- † Breakout sessions
- † Grouping
- † Music
- † Light snacks

All to allow for more fellowship
and social time

Please come to experience the
new and exciting changes while
joining other Cursillistas for a
spirit filled morning

April 11, 2015
St Boniface Parish –
St Boniface Campus
7:45am – Noon CDT

**School of Leaders
is Moving to
Holy Spirit Catholic
Church!**

Beginning with our next meeting, Tuesday,
April 14 at 7 pm. CDT

Evansville Cursillo Candidates Men's #83 and Women's #88

Angie Mitchel	Bethany Logan	Joe Lamey	Jeremy Goebel
Kay Tornatta	Kim Engbers	Jason Spindler	David Lange
Bev Conner	Susie Weber	Matt Nichols	Keith Fehrenbacher
Charlene Lamey	Belinda Rennie	Joe Keith	Jeff Adler
Kathy Fulkerson	Beth Funk	Mark Kissel	Randy Kiesel
Jodi Fehrenbacher	Susie Schapker	Deacon Joe Siewers	Terry Wilson
Alicia Nichols	Amy Decker	Brad Schmitt	Lawrence Loner
Amy Kissel	Nancy Miller	Jeff Goebel	Tom Betz
Laura Sherman	Mary Colvin	Michael Tretter	Brett Wayman
Mary Jo Marks	Donna Hurm	Oscar Sherman	Humberto Castilla
Lisa Griffin	Charlene Urbancic	Kyle Sherman	Duane Gress
Monica Wayman	Maryann Dunbar	Mike deWolfe	Brad Scheller
Gretchen Miller	Carol Ann Gaddis	Gordon Green	Tom Scheessele
Mary Payne	Lois Curtis	Larry Schmitt	Greg Goffinet
Diane Bemis	Laurel Castilla	Rodney Mitchell	Joe Lamey
Kelly Tretter	Jonette Wilson	Mike Miller	Jason Spindler

POST CURSILLO by Alphonso Vidal

"We must bear in mind that Group Reunions are not held so that may be people to attend the Cursillos, but the Cursillos are held so that there may be people to make a Group Reunion."

Eduardo Bonin, Bernardo Vadell, Francisco Forteza, Cursillos in Christianity, Structure of Ideas (page 80)

We have all experienced the intensity of our own Cursillo weekends and how these experiences please God. He plays his individual musical instruments and directs his orchestra of servant instruments to reach out willing listeners. He delights us with loving and tender musical notes of His live word. Only by His graces, these willing spectators of the Cursillo concert will convert and please Him.

We are all called to maintain a life of constant prayer with God and in God, living the Word of God and loving our heavenly Father by accepting His will. But how do we know God's will? God's will is revealed to us in different ways, one of them is living in constant prayer.

In the same book mentioned above the authors write that *"The Group Reunion is the second moment..."* where *"...the Cursillo becomes constant. Everything that is lived as a Christian should be lived together. The Group Reunion is only a means for living together the Christianity that each one lives or seeks to live. The deepest form of living together is friendship. Therefore the Group Reunion is friendship raised to the sphere of the Transcendental: friendship converted into permanent actual Grace."*

This makes me ponder and think about our calling as Cursillistas to be *"fishers of men"* (Mathew 4:19). We required the strength of prayer in Jesus Christ to serve our Lord, be open to his Word and have the graces to obey his Will.

God granting, we will continue writing about Group Reunions in the coming newsletters, but we leave you with some questions...

How many Cursillistas are out there without grouping? How many are out there not enjoying the constant permanent actual Grace of friendship in Jesus Christ? How many Cursillistas that we sponsored and we are not following up to make sure that they are enjoying this friendship?

UPCOMING FALL WEEKENDS

**Men:
Oct 8-11, 2015**

**Women:
Nov 5-8, 2015**

*Who will you
invite?
Christ is
counting
on you!*



Come Back To Me With All Your Heart

Evansville Women's Cursillo #88

March 19-22, 2015

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Women's Cursillo #88 – Come Back To Me With All Your Heart – truly was the beginning of a new journey back to Jesus Christ for the candidates. This was only made possible by the opening of hearts and minds to feel His love. The candidates came to this weekend looking for something and they found Jesus Christ in a very personal way.

It was evident that Christ was present as our secret prayer partners prayed us through many personal and family issues during formation. Through the prayers in the prayer chapels throughout the diocese and in the hearts of the 4th day the ladies hearts began to open. As they saw all the servers that came so lovingly to serve the meals they began to open more. Through the outpouring of palanca from around the world and the angels in the chapel on Saturday night they continued to open more. By Sunday their hearts were on fire for Jesus. They were excited about being able to take that fire and go out to light the world.

I can't thank all of you enough for all of your prayers and support to making this weekend a success. I pray that you will go forth and continue to spread God's love to all that you meet on your journey.

Your Sister in Christ,
Elaine Morris, Women's Coordinator

Christ Is Counting On You

Evansville Men's Cursillo #83

February 19-22, 2015

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What an honor it was for me to assemble team #83.

I did a lot of praying. One thing I asked for was wisdom. I may not have gotten the dose that Solomon got, but it sure helped. What a team we were blessed with. We were all a good match for each other. By the end of the second or third formation meeting when leaving we would all say "I love you man." And the thing that mattered the most was we MEANT IT!!

Our love for each other spread quickly to the 30 candidates over the weekend. It was easy for them to see our love for Jesus and each other.

As I said in my closing address I saw Satan fall from the sky like lightning. I know through grouping we have a better chance of keeping him out of our lives forever. As I sat listening to the candidates at closing it was obvious that they got what they needed out of the weekend and then some.

I want to thank you all who were praying for the team and candidates. I know there was a lot of palanca offered. I also wanted to thank all the servers who gave up part of their weekend to help us. Also, people who brought in snacks, cookies, and desserts. All this showed the candidates what this movement is all about and the support each of you give it.

Thank you again to one and all who helped with Cursillo #83 and please welcome our newest Cursillistas when you see or meet them along the way.

God Bless,
Jerry Woehler, Men's Coordinator

Pre-Cursillo

DeColores!

Please read this prayer and reflect:

Lord, enlighten what's dark in me, strengthen what's weak in me, mend what's broken in me, bind what's bruised in me, heal what's sick in me, and lastly, revive whatever peace and love has died in me. Amen.

Do you have a friend or family member whom you've been putting off inviting to Cursillo? Consider that they may be able to relate all too well to this prayer. When you made your Cursillo, would this prayer have been how you felt going into your weekend? Did you find comfort in your Cursillo experience? Cursillo may have been the answer to your prayers...and it just might be the answer to the prayers of someone that you know.

“People brought to Him all those who were sick and begged Him that they might touch only the tassel on His cloak, and as many as touched it were healed.” - - Matthew 14:35-36

Make a friend...be a friend...and bring that friend to a retreat that could very well change their life forever!

It has been an honor and a joy to serve you!
God's blessings, Anne Martin

From the Lay Director

Hello!

What an exciting group of Men and Women we had on the weekends that just finished! They are such an inspiration for us. May the Holy Spirit guide, direct and blanket them all.

When I think about what it takes to guide these men and women to Christ, it is nothing short of a miracle. I started counting up all the people it takes to serve, pray, guide and direct a weekend and was amazed. The teams represent the army that support them, from those that serve the meals, angels, setup, cleanup, directories, scheduling, ordering, palanca chapels, music, and on and on. Literally hundreds of servants call the Holy

Spirit down to shower them with faith, hope and love. You are all such a blessing, and it is a real gift to be a part of such a special group of Catholic Christians! Thank you.

God bless, Bob Martin

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Our Lady of Hope	Washington	1st Monday	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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