Evansville Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

Go 4th!

"Jesus I trust in You"

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Words from the Spiritual Director

Dear Fourth Day Community,

As I write this we are in the midst of Holy Week, getting ready to celebrate the Chrism Mass this evening. It is very impressive how many members of the diocese show up for this Mass. I think part of it is because of the solemnity of the occasion, but I like to think that part of it is to show support for the priests of the diocese as we renew our commitment to serve the people of God.

Thank you for all the prayers sent up for me during my surgeries. I am confident that they were responsible for my recovery. I am now back to full schedule and need to be as Father Cris heads to Kenya to visit his family for a month.

We have had two more groups of Cursillistas in the last months to make a weekend. I pray that God will continue to

inspire them to make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ.

I pray that the joy of Easter will fill your hearts with Christ's love and help you spread it to all you meet.

God's peace, Fr. Ray



How You Can Support our Spanish Cursillo Weekends

at Candlelight, Closing, Financially

When Jesus asks the man he was talking to "Which one of these three, in your opinion was neighbor to the robber's victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy"." Jesus said "Go and do likewise"

As most of us know by now, we are having an extra set of Cursillo weekends this summer but unlike our other weekends; these are going to be for our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters. Most of the service positions will be filled by people from the Evansville area while the other positions will be

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From the Lay Director

Brothers and Sisters!

"Be it done unto me according do Thy will" Luke 1:38 These are words we should always be thinking about as we go about our day, working and praying. But, which is more important, working or praying? The answer is YES...it's both. But how can we do that?

Peter Kreeft, in his book "How to Be Holy", breaks down the understanding of this question through the eyes and words of Jean-Pierre de Caussade, from his classic book "Abandonment to Divine Providence".



The best example of this, is the story of Martha and Mary. Luke 10)

"We must unite Martha and Mary, to do the works of Martha in the spirit of Mary, Caussade says. When God interrupts your action and wills you to pray or contemplate, even virtuous acting becomes a vice. When God interrupts your prayer and wills you to act, praying instead of acting becomes disobedience, even if that praying reached the highest levels of mystical prayer. I think it was Saint Frances who told his monks something like this: If you are wrapped in ecstasy in contemplative prayer, and a hungry beggar knocks at the door, you must immediately (important word!) leave your ecstasy and open the door to him, because God has left your ecstasy and has entered that beggar, and you must do the same; you must go where God is."

"You must go where God is." How simplistically profound. He continues... "When you change your acts, your heart does not have to change, because it can remain fixed on God's will. If you refuse to change your acts when God wills it, your heart changes, because it refuses God's will. There is one changing reality, God's will."

So, the answer to the question of should I pray as Mary did or act as Martha did, comes in the best obedient advice one can give. The wisdom that Mary, the Mother of God, gave to his disciples... "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5)

God bless, Bob Martin



Spanish Cursillo Weekends

Men: June 1-4, 2017 Women: June 8-11, 2017 Contact postcursillo@evansvillecursillo.com (Continued from page 1)

filled by Cursillistas from Indianapolis. The men's weekend will be June 1st thru the 4th while the women's weekend will be June 8th thru the 11th.

Remember how important Candlelight is to our weekends? Remember how you felt after making your weekend and coming into celebration hall to a crowd singing *When the Saints Go Marching In?* Most of these new candidates will not have a lot of people who have made the weekend before them, so we ask that you please come to Candlelight and closing and pass the word to other Cursillistas. Let's fill the Church at Candlelight and the Hall for closing!

Also, prayerfully consider having your friendship group financially sponsor a person for the weekend. Because the group from Indianapolis is driving down for formations and the weekend itself to help us get started, we feel we should take care of their fees for their weekend. Also there will be some candidates who cannot afford to pay as well. Anything you can do will help Cursillo cover these costs. Remember, we are neighbors' to each other.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ, Bob and Cindy Smith 3-day Chair

Please send all donations to:

Mike Dugun 7399 Acorn Drive Newburgh IN. 47630

Please mark donations: Spanish Cursillo or put a Spanish Cursillo in the memo field on the check

NOTICE:

We welcome all those discerning the Lay Director position be submitted to Bob Martin or Fr. Ray by the August 1st. 2017. Those discerning must have served as a chair person on Secretariat, have a good working knowledge of the movement, be grouping, and active. Secretariat will discuss, discern and then vote on position at our September, 2017 meeting. Thank you!

School of Leaders: DE COLORES! School of Leaders: DE COLORES!

"One is not a leader because they attend the School of Leaders; one is the School because they ARE a leader of Christianity". This quote is taken



directly from the Cursillo Leaders' Manual. ARE YOU A LEADER? When asked that question, most of us would probably say...."not really" or "I don't know". In reality, the vow we took while accepting our Cursillo cross is a call to each of us to be leaders for Christ....."Christ is Counting On You!" The call for your leadership for Christ comes in many environments....home, work, recreation or your parish. The Cursillo Movement is also a place for your leadership. Some ways your Cursillo ministry may flourish could be as a sponsor of a new candidate, forming a new "parish" group (men or women), helping with Ultreyas and Reunions, working a weekend or working on the Secretariat. All of these facets of Cursillo require the support Cursillistas just like you to exist. Won't you please consider the call to leadership in the Cursillo Movement by attending the School of Leaders meetings. You can attend the Evansville meetings from 7-8:30pm (cdt) on the second Tuesday of each month at Holy Spirit Church...or the Jasper meetings from 7-8:30pm (est) on the last Tuesday of the odd months in Kundek Hall at St Joseph Church.

For more information, contact me at <u>school-of-leaders@evansvillecursillo.com</u> or call 812-760-0190.

May God bless you!

Your brother in Christ, Jim Mattingly, School of Leaders Chairperson

PreCursillo

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Cor 5:17)

The grass is green, the creatures are emerging, newness of life is everywhere we look these days. What a glorious sight for the eyes and the soul. This time of year takes us back to our Cursillo weekends and the freshness of our spirit, faith and heart as we left Sarto on those Sundays of our closing. Our diocesan Cursillo experiences revitalization with the closing of each weekend and with each change that we make. One such example is the approaching of our first men's and women's Spanish weekends for this June. Another would be the Parish Ambassadors.

Please prayerfully consider being more involved in the Cursillo Movement through your participation in sponsoring a candidate, volunteering your time on a weekend or involvement in the activities of Group Reunions, Ultreyas or perhaps School of Leaders. Remember, Christ is counting on YOU as we are on HIM.

In Service to Christ, Dan and Michele Donovan

Go Make a Difference Evansville Men's Cursillo #87 February 23 - 26, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ,

The Holy Spirit was working overtime on Cursillo #87. The Thirty-two men, who were already Godly Men, are now walking closer to Christ, thanks to all of your Palanca and Prayers. I want to thank team #87 for all their hard work and prayers, but most of all for shinning Christ's Light to all the candidates.

The kitchen staff did an awesome on the food especially the blazing menu on Saturday evening. The Spiritual Directors went above and beyond by making each and every talk so personal, and by bringing the Blessed Sacrament to the Candlelight service. The Table Leaders were right on target by forming their small Christian groups, and all the talks worked together in opening hearts to Christ. The Stewards worked tirelessly in keeping the weekend flowing and on time. The passion that the music leaders brought to the weekend made hearts sing. And it wouldn't have been the weekend it was without my Assistant being there at all the right times.

To the Fourth Day, I would like to thank everyone, for helping with everything from setup, attending candlelight, to the Closing and all the other places that we saw God's working hands in you. We all know that these weekends do not happen without all the selfless help from our awesome Cursillo community. Many thanks go out to each and every one of you. I feel so Blessed to be a part of this Cursillo Community and being able to serve as Coordinator on this life changing weekend.

Many Blessing to all, Sam Tieken,

Men's #87 Coordinator

"Jesus, I Trust In You" Evansville Women's Cursillo #92 March 23-26, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus, I Trust In You is exactly what I did as I was discerning Team #92. I put my trust in God and He picked the most perfect team to serve Him and the 32 women he brought to the weekend. The weekend couldn't have been any more perfect. The women opened their hearts to receive the Holy Spirit and they truly felt the love of Christ that weekend. The spirit was definitely at work that weekend and I can definitely say He was very successful.

Everyone on this team were such an important component to make this weekend a success. A special thank you to our Spiritual Directors, Fr. Jack, Fr. Tyler, and Deacon Mike who gave themselves and time so humbly in so many ways. The stewardesses made sure we were on task but that we also were taken care of in all aspects. The kitchen staff helped nourish our bodies through their wonderful cooking along with much prayer done in the chapel. Our musicians that led us in such beautiful song worship. The table leaders listened to the spirit and witnessed to these 32 women and what a witness they all were. And my wonderful assistant, Mary May, what a blessing she was for me this weekend. Her quite, gentle presence was exactly what I needed. 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 4th day. It was overwhelming to see the 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 for this movement.

God Bless, Dawn Durcholz, Women's #92 Coordinator

Welcome New Cursillistas!

Jack Armstrong	Amanda Beyke		
Terry Boehman	Anita Padget		
Ted Brown	Brenda Marx		
Rey Carandang	Cassie Beyke		
Jeff Cardinal	Cathy Thompson		
Ron Cardinal	Charlotte Monconduit		
Andrew Effinger	Debbie Kassenbrock		
Paul Fleck	Doris Schmitt		
Logan Folz	Jane Young		
Jimmy Gentry	Jessica Beaty		
Harold Gries	Julie Bennet		
Eric Henderson	Julie Kissel		
Jacob Hirsch	Lisa Karch		
Tom Kassenbrock	Kelly Wilkinson		
Tim Klingler	Kirsten Johnson		
Dale Koester	Linda Weyer		
Tim Krack	Lisa Robertson		
Gerald Marx	Lisa Schneider		
Joe Millspaugh	Lori Smith		
Joel Padgett	Martha Frounfelter		
Dan Patterson	Mary Kessler		
Sam Reinhart	Mickie Paulin		
Steve Schnaus	Mikaelah Becher		
Ron Schneider	Nicole Folz		
Andy Schweiss	Nina Peter		
Bill Seibert	Patty Fischer		
Mark Tenbarge	Regina Hamman		
John Thomason	Sandy Fierst		
Terry Tieshendorf	Shannon Hile		
Kelly Weiss	Susan Tenbarge		
Chris Wildeman	Valorie Dassel		
Jordan Wilkinson	Vickie Craddock		



Pray for us!

Secretariat Members			
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner		
Lay Director	Bob Martin		
Secretary	Pete Barry		
Treasurer	Mike Dugan		
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3-Day	Bob & Cindy Smith		
Post-Cursillo	Alfonso & Daniela Vidal		
Palanca	Lynn & Clare Hassler		
Procurement	Mary Lou Bradley & Lois Schenk		
School of Leaders	Jim Mattingly		

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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

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