

Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner

*Dear Fourth Day
Community,*

Well! The Holy Spirit has guided us through two more weekends where men and women were led to a closer walk with Jesus. The witness at the closing testified to that. Now, if we can get those men and women to go out and evangelize, we could have filled weekends in the Spring.



It is always a pleasure to work weekends, but my problem as I age, is that it gets more and more difficult to remember names. But I am thankful that people are willing to overlook that.

Some of you know that I have been having back trouble. I am scheduled to have surgery on January 2 on lumbar 3,4 and 5. The doctor makes it sound like it is a simple surgery. But still, keep me in your prayers on that day.

November is a special month. At the beginning of the month we remember all those who have died. Here we present a candle in honor of those who have died in the last year. Toward the end of the month, we celebrate Thanksgiving, remembering our blessings but also remembering those who have been good to us. Then we move on toward Christmas.

May God bless our efforts in the new year and guide our leaders to bring about justice and freedom for all.

God bless you all. *Fr. Ray*

From the Lay Director

Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

One of the visionaries of Medjugorje, Mirjana Soldo, asked Our Lady during one of the apparitions that are still happening today, "How is it that you are so beautiful?" Our Lady smiled and said, "I am beautiful because I love. If you want to be beautiful, then love. I come to you as a mother, who, above all, loves her children. My Children, I want to teach you to love."



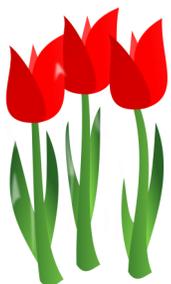
We are in a society where many grownups act like spoiled brats and self-proclaimed victims of an ugly culture that promotes death and self-fulfillment. They live for this world and hardly think about the next. They seem to breathe in its air, without exhaling, providing nothing back to a world that was created out of love for them.

"Be it done unto me according to thy Word." The humble, self-sacrificing words of Our Blessed Mother are words that are counter to what this worldly culture teaches us, yet are the only way to serve and use this world as a means for the next. To serve something greater than ourselves through the Cursillo movement can turn over the tables of this world, as Jesus did in the temple.

As we break for the holidays, the next set of weekends are right around the corner. Men's weekend is February 23-26. Women's weekend is March 23-26. We have an opportunity to share in the love that Our Lord and Our Lady want to teach and share with us. Be mindful of those you will come in contact with and invite them to a Cursillo weekend.

Many blessings to you and your families,
Bob Martin, Lay Director

Spring Cursillo Weekends



**Men: February 23-26, 2017
Women: March 23-26, 2017**

Download applications at
www.evansvillecursillo.com

Spanish Cursillo Weekends June 2017



**Men: June 1-4, 2017
Women: June 8-11, 2017**

Contact postcursillo@evansvillecursillo.com

...On Grouping as Palanca for Christ, then Others, then Me!



Greetings 4th Dayers, both new and old! Did you ever consider grouping as lifelong Palanca? Now, we can think of no other way to consider this commitment. For Palanca, or “Lever,” if you will, helps us achieve something not possible without the Grace of God. It is the bridge that gets us to the other side to live in the loving presence of Christ.

Then, through grouping, our ability to maintain a personal relationship with Christ, recognize His Grace through others, and live in a state of His Grace for our own Happiness and wellbeing is encouraged and strengthened. Through this state of love and joy, we can maintain our “Bridge” to Christ, share His love with others, and just relax in our own state of Love, Peace, and Grace freely given to us by Christ!

In heartfelt Thanksgiving for this Gift of His Cursillo! Ultreya!

Lynn and Clare Hassler, Palanca Chairpersons

School of Leaders: DE COLORES!

The Holy Spirit is at work in the development of the new Evansville Cursillo Parish Ambassador program. There are currently seventeen diocesan parishes represented with an ambassador. Alleluia! The list of ambassadors and their email contacts can be found under the Post Cursillo tab on our website at:

www.evansvillecursillo.com. You will also find the parishes that are not currently represented. If you are a member of one of these unrepresented parishes, please consider joining this new Parish Ambassador program.

The Cursillo weekend challenges us all to be leaders in our environments...at home, work and worship. The Cursillo movement can use your “action” in leading the 4th Day inside your parish...especially with new Cursillistas fresh off their weekend. If you would like to know more about getting involved in your Cursillo Parish Ambassador committee, please email me at school-of-leaders@evansvillecursillo.com.

Or, plan to come to the School of Leaders monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Holy Spirit Church. I’m confident you will have fun in this new Cursillo outreach ministry.

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

Pre-Cursillo

As the leaves change and the days become shorter many will have their thoughts turn to a season of endings. However, just the opposite is true. Nature is merely going to sleep, getting ready for new life to spring forward. In just a few short weeks we will begin a new liturgical calendar with the start of Advent as we prepare for the coming of a new King. One who will guide God’s children to new life. Before we know it, we will begin a new year full of promise and resolution. Let us strive to consider the newness before us and lay to rest the endings. NOW would be a perfect time to entertain how to bring our friends closer to Christ through the renewal that a Cursillo weekend has to offer. The spring 2017 men’s weekend will be February 23-26 and women’s on March 23-26. We urge you to visit the Evansville Cursillo website at www.evansvillecursillo.com and download our newest version of the application, complete with the latest PO Box address in which to submit them. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us through the website link.

In Service to Christ, Dan and Michele Donovan



**As the family goes, so goes the nation
and so goes the whole world in which
we live.**

Pope John Paul II

“We Will Serve the Lord”

Men’s Cursillo #86
October 6-9, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the start of bringing Team 86 together, the main prayer I offered to God was: “Lord, get me out of the way and allow the Holy Spirit to come in and do the work.” WOW! Our God is an amazing God. HE put together a wonderful group of both team and candidates and Cursillo #86 came together and now will go forth to **Serve the Lord**.

I am truly humbled by the outpouring of love from you our 4th day community; your prayers and sacrifice were powerful and the Holy Spirit was truly present on the weekend, moving all the men of Cursillo #86 into a closer, more vibrant relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Your gift of service by helping in the kitchen, serving a meal, making a snack, baking cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, more cookies, pies, praying in the Palanca Chapels, an abundance of prayers, and Palanca were greatly appreciated. Thank you! There is no doubt that all the members of Cursillo #86 felt the power of God working through all of you.

As we all – team, new Cursillistas, and you – go forth, let us all continue to lift each other in prayer. It is through us, being continuously transformed into the image of Jesus through Group Reunion and Ultreya, that Jesus will work in us to change the world and bring Christ to all.

Your brother in Christ, , Pete Barry, Men’s #86 Coordinator

“I Will Choose Christ”

Evansville Women’s Cursillo #91
November 3-6, 2016

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It’s been 3 days since the close of the weekend, and I am still smiling! What a joy this journey has been! It was exciting to work with Christ to form the team of Cursillo #91! The faith, the heart, the love and the joy of these women and men inspired not only me, but one another throughout the formation process! We grew to love one another quickly, and we were ready and excited to welcome the candidates and share that love with them!

Now the enemy knew we were going to be a force that would do a great work for Christ, so he went to work to interfere...especially the week before the start of the weekend! The team was attacked in more ways that I could believe. Even the candidates were challenged in hopes that they would turn away!

Thanks to all the prayers and palanca, Christ won the battle! The 27 candidates that came to us were open to the Holy Spirit, and their hearts were quickly blazing! They were eager to learn and grow in their Catholic, Christian faith!

A special thank you to our Spiritual Team: Fr. Ray Brenner, Fr. Christopher Droste, and Sr. Jane Michele McClure! We were lucky and thankful to have you with us all weekend! You all showed us your beautiful hearts, humor, humility and holiness!

I pray that all the 4th Day Community perseveres in attending, forming and/or finding their weekly Group Reunions so that the Christ we all met in such a personal way on our weekend will never fade from us! Remember, the banana that separates itself from the bunch gets skinned!!! We were not meant to go it alone!

God bless you and your families! *Your Sister in Christ, Kim Messmer, Women’s #91 Coordinator*

Welcome New Cursillistas

Men's Weekend #86

Don Biggs, Joe Buechlein, Dale Charlton, Steve Church, Dennis Dittmer, Randy Folz, Terry Friedman, John Fuchs, Jeremy Goebel, Pat Herman, Dale Jacob, Don Kissel, Kent Kleiman, Jack Kotter, Markus Montee, Matt Nelson, Brian Pope, Brennan Schepers, Gene Seidl, Fr Biju Thomas, Lance Wayman, Gene Williams, Adam Wilmes, Jeff Wilmes, Tony Wilson, Steve Yochum, Dustin Young

Welcome New Cursillistas

Women's Weekend #91

Jamie Weber	Beth Bender
Karen Eisenhut	Annie-Rose Keith
Teresa Hopf	Cynthia Jacob
Marcia Minton	Lori Schepers
Jolene Duncan	Geralyn Bradley
Terri Kiesel	Becky Mayer
Julie Koester	Shelly Kleiman
Kari Luigs	Anna Butler
Maria Kaiser	Judy Kotter
Maddie Messmer	Sam Milewicz
Stacey Church	Audra Mathies
Annette Seibert	Mary Eileen Fritz
Diane Gress	Marion Jackson
Erin Pope	

Secretariat Members	
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
Lay Director	Bob Martin
Secretary	Pete Barry
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Pre-Cursillo	Dan & Michele Donovan
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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