

Evansville Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

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**"For God so
loved the world"**

April 2018



Spanish Cursillo Weekends



Men: May 17-20, 2018

"Pescador de Hombres"

Coordinator: Alfonso Vidal
Assist.Coord: Daniel Zuniga

Women: June 7-10, 2018

"My Soul rejoices in God my Savior"

Coordinator: Daniela Vidal
Assist.Coord: Nancy Londoño

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<http://www.evansvillecursillo.com/weekend-applications>

From the Lay Director

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Diocese has an active Mentor program where the group leader is linked with a talk mentor who helps them prepare the talk for the weekend. This is a very successful program with many dedicated mentors and we are looking to expand the number of people in the program. There will be a Mentor's workshop on April 21st from 8 am to noon at St. John Daylight. If you are interested in learning more about the Mentor program, please come. You do not have to commit to be a mentor—just come and see. If you plan on attending, please register through the website <https://www.evansvillecursillo.com/>

This summer Spanish Cursillo #2 for both men and women will take place. Both teams are already in formation and several candidates have already sent in applications. Please offer Palanca for the team and candidates then come out during the weekends to show your love and support. Men's Spanish #2 is May 17th-20 and the Ladies Spanish #2 is June 7th-10th. We all know the impact of a full Sarto Chapel during candlelight and a full Celebration Hall at the Closing and you do not have to be concerned with language; translation will be done during the witness at the closing.

44 years ago, a group of folks took the steps to start Cursillo in Evansville. Today, we are doing the same thing for our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters---come be a part of something special. We are blessed to have such a vibrant Cursillo community in our diocese.

Welcome to the 4th day to all our new Cursillistas and I hope that everyone had a grace filled Easter. Praise be to our risen Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever!

Pete Barry, Diocese of Evansville Cursillo Lay Director.
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Cursillo Reunion



April 14th 8 am to 12 noon CDT
St. Boniface Church Evansville

Mentors Workshop

April 21st 8 am to 12 noon CDT
St. John the Evangelist Daylight

Welcome New Cursillistas!
Men's # 89
Women's # 94

Mike Carter	Missy Beach
Mike Freels	Donna Beckman
Den Dahm	Renee Berg
Randy Schmitt	Janice Blubaum
Mike Feller	Delores Dahm
Gene Schadler	Jen Dill
Edgar Maldonado	Lori Dougherty
Michael Titzer	Jackie Durchholz
Kevin Hamilton	Megan Feller
Jeff Sexton	Teresa Freels
Jason Puckett	Diana Frisz
Brandon Wilson	Diana Gillespie
Duane Koester	Debbie Hair
Larry Luigs	Kelly Hamilton
Ron Kuhlman	Lisa Klass
Jacob Scheu	Zelda Koester
Bob Anslinger	Michele Kordes
Matthew Nix	Amy Miller
Joe Hopf	Tonya Puckett
JR Rigg	Sarah Rigg
Jeff Effinger	Chastity Schipp
Nathan Hassler	Rachael Schnaus
Jim Griesse	Amber Schnautz
Andrew Martin	Penny Schreiber
Josh Dahmer	Kelly Sermersheim
Chad Milewicz	Joyce Wagner
Allen Hair	Doris Wahl
Steve Grundhoefer	Patty Weinert
Alex Rodriguez	Shari Weinzapfel
Luke Messmer	Norma Williams
Jim Schneiders	Emily Wilson
	Peggy Zenthoefer

School of Leaders: DE COLORES!

Imagine, if you will, a large group of fish swimming together...navigating deep waters, keeping their environment safe and attracting other fish to swim along in the "school". That imagery



has been used in Cursillo for 70 years to describe the "School" of Leaders. It's not a classroom, although learning is always on the table at every meeting. Come...swim with Cursillo leaders as we help to guide the Cursillo Movement into the uncharted waters of 2018 and beyond. We can use YOU. Who knows...you might get hooked! You'll have a chance to talk with the Cursillistas heading up the Pre-Cursillo, the 3-Day Weekends and Post Cursillo. We have a lot of fun strengthening our piety, study and action for Christ.

You may have heard that there are committees being formed to help organize Cursillo areas like the setup and cleanup on the weekends....Ultreya and Reunions....the parish ambassador program....and communications. Well...the School of Leaders is the place to find out more about how you can get involved! Join us for the next School of Leaders meeting in Evansville, in Jasper....or BOTH!

Evansville meets the 2nd Tuesday of each Month at Holy Spirit and Jasper meets every other month at St Joseph parish center. If you'd like more information on these meetings, contact me at school-of-leaders@evansvillecursillo.com or call 812-760-0190. May God bless you!

Your Brother in Christ, Jim Mattingly, School of Leaders Lay Director

Men's Spanish Cursillo #2 Schedule (all times Evansville Time)

Wed. May 16– Set-Up, 6:30 pm CST, Sarto Retreat House

Thurs. May 17 – Candidates arrive, 6:30 to 7:00 pm CST, Sarto Retreat House

Thurs. May 17 – Sponsor Crucifix Dedication, 7:00 pm CST, Sarto Chapel

Sat. May 19– Mass/Candlelight, 8:00 pm CST, Celebration Hall, then proceed to Chapel for Candlelight at 9:00 pm

Sun. May 20– Closing, 5:40 pm CST, Celebration Hall—arrive by 5:20

Women's Spanish Cursillo #2 Schedule (all times Evansville Time)

Wed. June 6– Set-Up, 6:30 pm CDT, Sarto Retreat House

Thurs. June 7 – Candidates arrive, 6:30 to 7:00 pm CDT, Sarto Retreat House

Thurs. June 7– Sponsor Crucifix Dedication, 7:00 pm CDT, Sarto Chapel

Sat. June 9 – Mass/Candlelight, 8:00 pm CDT, Celebration Hall, then proceed to Chapel for Candlelight at 9:00 pm

Sun. June 10 – Closing, 5:40 pm CDT, Celebration Hall—arrive by 5:20 CDT

**"For God So Loved the World"
Evansville Women's Cursillo #94**

+J.M.J.+

With much gratitude for another 32 new Cursillistas welcomed into the 4th Day, I begin this reflection letter! In giving Father Ray my 'yes' a year ago to be the assistant for that upcoming fall Cursillo weekend, I truly was lead on a faith-deepening journey through this past year! As many of you who've had the privilege of walking this path can testify, it began with a good amount of trembling and nervousness! In moving forward, I would learn of the monumental amount of volunteers and work it takes 'behind the scenes' to make these weekends happen! In so doing, I observed and learned lots as an assistant coordinator.

With all the 4th Days love, prayers and support continuing, my journey of being the coordinator for Cursillo #94 became reality. It was becoming even clearer that this weekend also would unfold the way the Holy Spirit wanted it to! He truly can and does 'equip the chosen'!

Because these three positions are always such a central, pivotal part of the weekend, I was elated when Fr. Chris Forler, Fr. Christopher Droste and Deacon Charlie Koressel said 'yes' to being our spiritual directors for the weekend!! Then the word came, Liz Hirsch would be my assistant!! I couldn't have chosen a better partner! We'd already had the privilege of working a couple prior teams together and she was the perfect fit! All the way through the somewhat unsure waters of picking, hopefully, the Holy Spirit's Team for Cursillo #94, I kept praying, asking and trusting so it would come together for His honor and glory. I already liked them, but WOW from the very first formation, I fell in love with these ladies even more! Several people, in seeing the list, labeled them as a 'dream team'. As I watched them work, I had to agree!! Our formations proved to be a beautiful time of sharing, bonding and growing deeper in our amazing Catholic faith!

Next, to share all this love our big God had renewed within us, we were presented with thirty-two, maybe somewhat nervous candidates. With Team just simply being themselves, we learned rather quickly, as the candidates relaxed and embraced the weekend, they were very open to the Holy Spirit and eager to learn more! All weekend long it was amazing to watch as our spiritual directors teachings, combined with the rest of those labor-filled Teams talks, would keep teaching us more about the beauty and fruits of embracing the Sacraments and the Mass, along with the fruits of Eucharistic Adoration, the rosary as a powerful tool and much more! We watched friendships grow and blossom and witnessed yet again the power of prayer!

Once more none of this would have happened without the tremendous outpouring of Palanca and prayers from the 4th day, all the way before and through formations as well as the weekend itself and beyond! THANK YOU 4th Day!!! We are grateful to all the many volunteers who offered up sacrifices and took time to write palanca letters, to those who filled the Palanca chapels all weekend long, to those who brought food and/or came to serve a meal, to those who came for Mass and candlelight, to the set-up and clean-up crews along with that room full of 4th Days at the closing! What a tremendous support all of this was!

It's also always touching to both team and candidates to witness the involvement of the Spanish community on these weekends! Moving forward, we now lift up in prayer Alfonso Vidal (Men's #2) and Daniela Vidal (Women's #2) coordinators for the Bi-Lingual Cursillos coming up in June and Jeff

**"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men"
Evansville Men's Cursillo #89**

The Holy Spirit was honking (a reference to the geese on the weekend) on Cursillo #89. The Thirty one men, who showed up on Thursday night came into the weekend open to what the Holy Spirit had to offer and now they are walking closer to Christ, thanks to all of your Palanca and Prayers.

I want to thank team #89 for all their hard work and prayers. This team was locked in from the first formation and gave everything they had. One of the things we spoke about was just being themselves, because that's why God called each one of them. They did just that and they were an incredible conduit of Christ for the candidates. The kitchen staff did an awesome on the food and needless to say, if someone went home hungry, it was their own fault! When it came to the Spiritual Directors, that's where even I could be at a loss for words. Each Spiritual Director's talks was amazing and each one was done in their specific way to match their individual personality.

Having the Blessed Sacrament at Candlelight was definitely something that words could never do justice. The Table Leaders asked me repeatedly "Is it supposed to be this easy"? On multiple occasions, I told them that they had a 15 minute break, and they just kept talking at the table. This had as much to do with the great leadership at the tables as it did the amazing, heartfelt talks. The Stewards worked tirelessly in keeping the weekend flowing and on time (actually ahead of time)! The passion that the music leaders was very infectious and they had Sarto rocking!

And it wouldn't have been the weekend it was without my Assistant Jeff Happe. In any successful organization, you should always want to have people that can replace you and do better than yourself. To say that is the case with Jeff is quite the understatement.

To the Fourth Day, I would like to thank everyone, for helping with everything from setup, serving meals, filling the palanca chapel and packing the Chapel for candlelight on a night that was pouring and flooding! I was thinking to myself that there may only be 10-20 people in the chapel but when we walked in, we were all blown away. And speaking of blown away, the way you packed celebration hall and the energy that was in the room for Closing was electric! Candidates all weekend long were astounded by the 4th day that showed up, prayed, served meals etc... It made them want to get involved after the weekend!

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. It is without a doubt one of the highlights of my life. Many Blessing to all!

God Bless, Phil Durholz, Men's #89 Coordinator

Happe (Men's #90) and Liz Hirsch (Women's #95) coordinators for this coming fall weekends. As Secretariat discerns the next assistants, may the Holy Spirit be their guide.

May our loving and gracious God continue to bless His Cursillo Movement and all those who serve Him through it.

Our prayers continue on for our newest 4th Days as they find the way to keeping alive that fire that was ignited on their weekend including Group Reunion and Ultreya. Hope to see you at St. Boniface Church for the Spring Reunion on April 14th!

God Bless, Donna Dilger, Women's #94 Coordinator

<u>Secretariat</u> <u>Members</u>	
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
Lay Director	Pete Barry
Secretary	Steve Obert
Treasurer	Mike Dugan
Pre-Cursillo	Dan & Michele Donovan
3-Day	Bob & Cindy Smith
Post-Cursillo	Alfonso & Daniela Vidal
Palanca	Lynn & Clare Hassler
Procurement	Elaine Morris
School of Leaders	Jim Mattingly

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please send all contact information updates (mailing address, phone number updates and e-mail changes) to post-cursillo@evansvillecursillo.com.

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
St. John's	Daylight	1st Saturday	9:00 am

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