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From

The Lay Director

Welcome to our new Cursillistas. I hope your 4th Day is going well, and you are taking part in Group Reunion. I have been grouping since my weekend in October of 1990. If you are not yet in a Group Reunion, please visit our web page and contact your parish coordinator so that they can help you find an active group in your parish community. Grouping, along with attendance at Ultreya's and weekend closings, are vital to keeping your 4th day vibrant.

We have been blessed by people who have served on our Secretariat over the years. For the past three years I have personally been blessed by two of them: Jane Maher and John Ameis. Both have exceeded the expectations of their positions. Unfortunately, their terms end this June. We will miss them. Thank you Jane and John.

We are also thankful for those who have stepped up to fill their positions. I would like to welcome Mark and Becky Scheller to the Pre-Cursillo position, and Paul and Jennifer Burger to the 3-day Cursillo position. Please pray for them and the entire Secretariat and their families who give so much of their time and talent to serve CICC.

Finally, I'd like to share with you an

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*Our
Spiritual
Advisor*

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Easter. It's a powerful time of the year when we, as Church, strut our stuff. What a joy to celebrate the risen Christ!

Our readings are filled with the excitement and energy of those first Christian communities -- filled with the Holy Spirit and dedicated to the Church and to each other.

This spring, we again have been blessed with new Cursillistas. Both weekends were wonderful and Spirit-filled, with devoted teams, strong community support and eager candidates.

In many ways, our new Cursillistas have that same energy and enthusiasm as Jesus' disciples; so willing to proclaim Jesus Christ to everyone they meet. What a blessing they are to our community and to our parishes.

By their acceptance of Jesus, they energize the whole community, the whole Church. There is nothing like the enthusiasm of the early Church and our new Cursillistas. May we all be inspired and blessed by their new commitment.

Father Glenn

Men's 99

Our Newest Cursillistas

Women's 88

Eric Banter - Our Lady of Grace
Michael Booth - All Saints, Logansport
Thomas Brodar - St. Joseph, Delphi
Joe Dano - St. Mary Cathedral
Chris Ellington - St. Maria Goretti
Mike Fincher - All Saints, Logansport
Dutch Fincher - All Saints, Logansport
Mick Gillen - St. Boniface
Pat Gorman - St. Maria Goretti
Ray Haager - Holy Family, Richmond
Chris Hirschfeld - Christ the King
Marv Jackson - St. Joseph, Lebanon
Mike Keller - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Gil Klose - Holy Family, Richmond
Rich Kolic - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Mike Lenahan - St. Jude
Pat Mitchel - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Tim Parmer - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Mark Plumer - Our Lady of Grace
Dave Price - All Saints, Logansport
David Renner - All Saints, Logansport
Tom Riley - All Saints, Logansport

Kathy Anderson - St. Batholomew, Columbus
Amy Board - St. Simon the Apostle
Chris Carlyle - St. Luke
Peggy Carrico - St. Michael, Greenfield
Dina Dominick - All Saints, Logansport
Zelda Flye - St. Thomas Aquinas, West Lafayette
Barbie German - St. Lawrence, Lafayette
Sue Gremelspacher - All Saints, Logansport
Laura Harrison - St. Lawrence, Lafayette
Therese Hartley - St. Luke
Maggie Jackson - St. Joseph, Lebanon
Carole Kolic - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Jennifer McNeany - All Saints, Logansport
Karen Metzger - St. Joseph, Lebanon
Amy Miller - All Saints, Logansport
Sharon Mills - Holy Spirit at Geist
Ann Minnick - All Saints, Logansport
Amanda Raderstorf - All Saints, Logansport
Diane Reardon - St. Maria Goretti
Mari Riffey-Perkins - St. Joseph
Lindsay Rozzi - All Saints, Logansport
Lisa Timberman - St. Simon the Apostle
Amelia Warren - St. John Vianney
Lacey Welch - St. Simon the Apostle
Margaret Winans - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Pilgrim School

Cursillo helps us understand God's great gift. Team formation will start at the end of July or the first of August for Woman's team #89 and Men's team #100. At this time we need to have the team members in our prayers, so they can focus on preparing for the upcoming weekends. The Men's weekend is October 2-5. and the Women's is October 16-19. Pilgrim's school talks will be given during formation by members of the Secretariat.

In God's Love,
Marshall Kern

Note: New weekend registration forms are available to download from the Website: www.cursillo.org/indy/weekend. The new mailing address for registrations is: **Central Indiana Cursillo Center, 6510 Wilshire Place, Zionsville, IN 46077**

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The three Days

The opening paragraph of the 3-Day Cursillo Chapter in *The Fundamentals Ideas of the Cursillo Movement* reads as follows: "Since the Cursillo Movement, in its three phases, aims at a person's full and progressive conversion, the 3-Day Cursillo is of the utmost importance; many Cursillistas have been so deeply moved that a 3-Day Cursillo has changed their whole lives."

How has your Cursillo weekend changed your life? Is it continuing to do so? If not, why not? Why not take a few moments right now and reflect on the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. Reflecting on this prayer is like experiencing a mini 3-Day Cursillo. Whether it be in personal prayer, study, grouping, Ultreya, team formation, palanca or on the 3-day weekend itself, we should constantly ask the Holy Spirit to Come, Fill, Enkindle, Create, Re-Create, and Instruct us, so that, He can Renew the Face of the Earth.

The Cursillo Method and Movement, the 3-Day Weekend and the Fourth Day are totally dependent on the Holy Spirit. Yet, His efforts need to be supported by our Prayer, Study and Action. We are needed to be His arms, legs, feet, eyes, ears and occasionally His mouthpiece.

If we truly believe in the Cursillo Method and Movement, maybe it is time to recommit ourselves to its continuing success by:

- 1) Praying for the Movement every day, not just for the weekends.
- 2) Fostering our personal full and progressive conversion.
- 3) Spending time and energy to "Be a Friend, Make a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ."
- 4) Grouping or Finding a Group.
- 5) Attending Ultreyas.
- 6) Working on a Team.
- 7) Volunteering for the Secretariat and/or supporting your Parish Coordinator.
- 8) Thanking God for His wonderful Gift of Cursillo.

In Christ's Peace and Love. *John Ameis*

Area Ultreyas

Indianapolis City-Wide Ultreya - Visits a different parish each month. If you would like to host this event at your parish for one month, call Bill Halsema at (317) 255-5325 or e-mail at indyrxrover@msn.com to get on the list. Bill will help with music, support, witnesses and other necessities.

Noblesville - Third Saturday each month after 5 pm Mass (except June, July and August) in chapel of Our Lady of Grace parish, 191st St. & SR 37. at 7:30 pm. Refreshments. Call Ron and Veronica Anderson (317) 773-1107.

Columbus - December 8 at St. Bartholomew after 5 pm Mass. Pitch-in dinner 6:30 pm;

Ultreya 7:30 pm. Call Jerry and Paula Stahl at (812) 372-9152 for more information.

Lafayette - The Cursillo community of Lafayette holds Ultreya at St. Lawrence parish hall, 7 p.m., fourth Saturday of each month. Call Jeff Jarboe at (765) 567-2216 for more information.

Richmond Catholic Community - Last Saturday each month, 7:30 am at Richmond Catholic Education Center, 233 S. 5th St., Richmond. Call Tom and Cheryl Kitchin at (765) 966-5164.



"Christ is counting on you."

Post-Cursillo... the fourth day

A faithful friend is an elixir of life. ~ Sirach 6:16

Our Cursillo "Leaders Manual" says that our weekly 'Friendship Group Reunions' are an opportunity to "discover a small group of friends with whom we can share the lives we individually lead as Christians." From the time we begin our 4th day, we learn that our Cursillo friends are different. They are not casual or passing friends. They are not pleasant past memories from a forgotten event. They are not relationships forced upon us by work or family. Because they have come to us through God's grace, they are sincere, understanding, trusted, true friends!

We have been given a blessing offered to few. But, as the pressures of a secular world press hard into our lives, we find our faith lives waning at times. These are the times that our Cursillo friends are most important. We come to understand that since they were brought to us through His grace, their voices are His.

This year we will have a special opportunity to revitalize our 4th Day. Plan now to attend "The Art of Friendship - Rediscovering Our Fourth-Day!" on September 6 at St. Monica parish. This day-long event will be presented by our Region IV Cursillo leaders.

Bill Halsema

National Encounter 2007 ... a Pilgrimage

A challenge was presented at last year's National Encounter. It came from Msgr. Fernando Gutierrez of San Diego, CA.

He asked the Cursillo community to serve with love. Msgr. Gutierrez reminded everyone to serve one another, as Jesus did. "Take your service and add Jesus' love. That's all that God asks us to do."

I love to serve. But can I serve with love? As a table leader on the 3-days, it's easy to serve with love. Then comes the 4th day. Eventually this service, i.e., apostolic action, gets to me. I like to complain. "My God, this service is work."

The good news is that our service need not accomplish anything significant. That's God's job. We simply need to show the love of Jesus to those we serve, trusting him to do the rest.

On the first night of the Encounter, Crystal and I sat in a huge auditorium next to six Spanish-speaking men. Due to the language barrier, I would normally shy away from introducing myself to strangers. But I decided to welcome them during a break. I found it easy to make six new friends. At first glance, these were six ordinary Cursillistas. To my surprise, one shared his original weekend photo with me. It was a photo from men's weekend #1 in Waco, the very first Cursillo held in the USA. In fact, all six men were from Cursillo #1. They joked with each other on "how young they looked back then." They graciously posed for a photo.

On Sunday afternoon, we made a pilgrimage with about 1000 fellow Cursillistas to St. Francis Catholic Church in Waco, the site of the first Cursillo in the USA. We attended an Ultreya followed by a men's closing of a Cursillo that was being held at that parish. Those new Cursillistas were very

surprised, to say the least. Imagine 1,000 people gathering to sing "De Colores" at your closing? I could not understand the witnesses since it was a Spanish weekend, but the excitement on their faces and in their voices renewed my faith in God's presence.

During the Ultreya, my new friend Louis Salinas witnessed how God's Holy Spirit spoke to him on that first weekend 50 years ago. His service was to be a part of something much bigger than he could imagine. Domingo Concha witnessed that he was the oldest candidate on the first Cursillo. He was 29 in 1957. At that time, they were limiting Cursillos to young men between the ages of 17-25. Domingo thanked God for encouragement from his parish priest, who broke the rules so he could attend. Esteban Jasso witnessed of how Cursillo helped him decide to enter the priesthood. Father Jasso told the community that this National Encounter and pilgrimage to his old home town of Waco convinced him to rededicate his priestly ministry to serve the Cursillo Movement. We were surrounded by God's love.

This year, the National Cursillo Encounter will be held at the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C. on July 31 – August 3, 2008. All Cursillistas are invited to attend. The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is within walking distance and all masses will be held in the cathedral. See www.natl-cursillo.org for more information.

Dale and Crystal Platteter

PRE-CURSILLO

"... hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit..." Romans 5:3-5

Hope is the word that kept coming to me after losing my job. I wondered where it came from and realized it came from the Holy Spirit.

While serving on the Pre-Cursillo committee, especially when I would give a talk on who should make a Cursillo, I wondered why I had made Cursillo. I certainly did not fit the category of who should.

What I have experienced is "the love of God which has poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" through my brother and sister Cursillistas. By your prayers, emails and presence in my life I have come to experience and encounter Christ in you all and through you all. Thanks be to God for all of you. "Hope does not disappoint." Hope kept me surrounded with joy, peace, patience and perseverance.

"Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit." The Catechism of the Catholic Church says it better than I can: "The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man; it takes up the hopes that inspire men's activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him in times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity."

I see now that God got me to Cursillo in 1998 so that I would have all of you to walk with me through this time of affliction. As my term ends on the Pre-

Cursillo committee, I thank God for the opportunity to have served in this capacity and for all His gifts and graces that He has bestowed on me because of it.

"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction and persevere in prayer." Romans 12:12
Jane Maher

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opportunity for enrichment. Last Fall we were visited by a representative of the National Cursillo organization, Cef Auguillon. Each Secretariat member reported what they do for the movement, in their particular position, during our luncheon with Cef. Following that meeting, Cef wrote us a letter suggesting how we could improve CICC. He emphasized the fact that we must focus on our Cursillo motto: "Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring that Friend to Christ." On September 6th 2008 we are offering a day of reflection for you. Please mark the date on your calendar and be prepared to participate in a fun, spirit-filled day of fellowship with your friends in Cursillo.

Rob Reuzenaar

The Art of Friendship

Rediscovering Our Fourth-Day

An invigorating day of fourth-day renewal.
Presented by Region IV Leaders.
September 6, 2008 St. Monica Parish
Find new meaning in, "be a friend"

Fall Weekends

Men's #100 - Oct. 2-5 - Steve Schilling, coordinator
Women's # 89 - Oct. 16-19 - Stephanie McKinney, coordinator

2009 Spring Weekends

Men's #101 - March 5-8
Women's #90 March 19-22

National Encounter

July 31- Aug. 3, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

Weekend Reflections ...

It was pretty nice to walk off Cursillo 88 and go right into Holy Week. Sharing God's love for four days communally with holy sisters, experiencing the love of God present to us in such a variety

of ways: Holy Mass, reconciliation, praying the rosary and Stations of the Cross, praying for each other, sharing with each other, sacrificing for each other, laughing and crying with each other, giving time and again for each other, learning how to receive God's love and to give it away. And then to walk right into Holy Week and the experience of reliving God's ultimate sacrifice of love. Powerful God!

Cursillo 88, Holy Week and Easter. It gave us even a deeper understanding that we, as believers, are blessed creatures that are given the awesome gift of the greatest love ever. God loves us so much that He has made us His beloved sons and daughters, giving us His total love. And that we, as Catholics, are given this amazing gift of love, wrapped up and presented to us daily through His Church, the Eucharist and through one another. God even throws in some trimmings, the bows and ribbons, like Cursillo, where time is spent away together to pray and worship, adore and receive, and give and live in union with Him and His people.

Now, that is being loved. Being loved is the most powerful motivator in the world for change. Many on Cursillo 88 were motivated beyond their comfort zone to

open wide their arms to Jesus. Many took to heart Sr. Loretto's suggestion of scrubbing clean their lives to make more room for Jesus. And many received and gave God's love so abundantly that each one of us knew that we had taken a closer walk with our Lord and Savior. What a true blessing to be called sons and daughters of the Living God, and to share in the opportunity to live it together as family through Cursillo. What a blessed people we are. I pray that each of you look to Jesus for the motivation you need to do whatever it is He is calling you to do. And I thank God for blessing me with the opportunity to serve Him, and motivating me with what I needed: loving, capable and holy women who exercised great patience and healing hands, alongside the holy religious that shared so generously their love of Jesus and spirit-filled generosity.

May we be a people renewed in spirit to receive God's love and may we be convicted to give it all away.

Margaret Ruffing

The Holy Spirit is alive and well! Cursillo #99 formation and the weekend were awesome. Formation started with prayer and the announcement that there would not be any snacks. I received many looks for this. The second meeting came and I could not be there. The team made sure they took pictures of the snacks they brought and e-mailed them to me. And so, formation went. Admittedly a strange way to bring the team together but this is how it happened.

We prayed and we laughed but we spent a majority of our meetings grouping, and the Holy Spirit used this time to bring the team together. I also learned the hard way that the Holy Spirit knows how many candidates need to be on the weekend and to just trust in Him.

We learned how
to be spiritual ...
and to laugh 

The weekend came and the guys learned that you can laugh and be spiritual. It was a joy to watch these men be transformed and come alive with the Holy Spirit. Several of them did not want to be there. It was powerful to watch their transformation. Wow! And all along, we learned how to be spiritual and to laugh and laugh, and then to laugh some more. We even had a candidate finally break out of his "shell" at the closing. The 4th day has been unbelievable. The e-mails and the sharing continue many weeks after the 4th day began. The Holy Spirit lives!

And I will be forever blessed.

Tom Derksen