

September 2005

**Words From the Spiritual Director** by *Father Ray Brenner*

Dear Fourth Day Community,

The trip to the National Encounter was very uplifting. I enjoyed spending the time on the road as well as the weekend with Bruce and Dan.

One of the things we learned was not to judge an entire conference by the first speaker. It was to be a bi-lingual talk but we could not understand his English. We found out that some of the Spanish-speaking could not understand his Spanish. But it was much better from there to the end.

In speaking with others from around the country I think we were affirmed that we are going in the right direction with the movement in our diocese.

The one area we all seem to share in common is the need for more candidates. Let us all pray for guidance to know the person we are to ask.

Let us also pray for the victims of Katrina.

Christ's peace,  
Father Ray

**Words From the Lay Director** by *Bruce Bonenberger*

*"In my God is the joy of my soul" Isaiah 61:10*

The theme of this year's National Encounter was "Be Messengers of Joy". Joy is part of the foundational charism of the Cursillo Movement. A charism is a gift given by the Holy Spirit for the spiritual welfare of the Christian community. The Leaders Manual states: "Christian joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit in the life of an individual or community. It is the realization that God loves one and that one can love others as a consequence. It is the happy expression of unity in hope in the faith community. Christian joy should be distinguished from human happiness which can be created by all sorts of human endeavors".

The circumstances of our lives are always shifting because we don't have sufficient control over all the external factors affecting our lives. Life's situations are always teaching tools and opportunities for growth in maturity and spiritually as we seek the goal of becoming totally human. The challenge is to adapt without losing our Christian joy. Christian joy slowly disappears if we allow the secular world to dictate how we are to live because worldly lifestyles do not allow time for prayer. We need to desire freedom from our earthly joys to yearn for those of heaven. If you are missing that Christian joy for your Cursillo and desire it back, then it's a call to conversion. Each individual can regain that joy through a total interior renewal which the Gospel calls metanoia. As we learned in the Formation talk, metanoia is a radical conversion, a profound change of mind and heart. St. Paul's conversion created a new life in Christ. He was able to do that through prayer, putting on the "mind of Christ" and placing himself into God's power by doing God's will in all things. St. Paul's cross was his best evangelization tool because he carried it with joy and enthusiasm as he proclaimed the Good News to the Gentiles. He did not lose sight of the fact that inner peace and joy comes from trust in God and prayer allowed him to develop that trust. There must have been many periods of silent prayer as he listened while God clarified his current situation. I believe that if St. Paul gave an Ultreya witness talk he would tell us that in prayer he perceived the greatest joy and the way out of every situation that had no apparent exit.

Father Thomas A. Kempis, an Augustinian of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, writes in his classic book, "The Imitation of Christ" (Book 2, Ch. 4), "If your end and aim is for nothing but God's will and the good of your neighbor, you will enjoy inward freedom....If you were inwardly pure and good, you would see everything clearly and understand all. A pure attitude penetrates heaven and hell....Any joy there is in this life is possessed by the man whose attitude is pure."

We hear in the Laity talk that "the Christian is a joy—a joy for God and a joy for other people. We can be that joy in the world." The whole world would be totally Christian if all Christians possessed a joyful radiance. We can "Be Messengers of Joy" if God is the joy of our souls.

**HELP WANTED**

We are looking for a person to accept the position of Chairperson for the School of Leaders. That person presides at the School, directs all activities and must be able to tell time to keep us on schedule. That person will also be a member of the Secretariat. This is yet another opportunity to serve the Cursillo Community. Come and visit the School for yourself. We meet at St. John's Catholic Church in Daylight at 7:00 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month.

*"Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore always try to be in good spirits." (St. Philip Neri)*

**NEW SECRETARIAT MEMBER**

Dear Fourth Day Community,

My name is Patricia (Pat) Krack and I have accepted the position as Secretary on the Secretariat. I am a graduate of St. Agnes Grade School, Mater Dei High School and attended Lockyears Business College. I have been employed with a property management firm in Evansville for 25 years. Jerry and I have been married for 42 years and have four children and eight grandchildren. We belonged to St. Joe Church in Vanderburgh County for 12 years before moving to Newburgh. We have been members of St. John the Baptist Church, Newburgh, for the past 30 years. I made Cursillo #41 in the fall of 1994 and sat at St. Ann's Table.

**Fall CEW (Cursillo Evangelization Workshop)**

Saturday, November 19, 2005

St. John's, Daylight

Registration: 7:45 AM with continental breakfast

Workshop at 8:45, concludes at 12:00 noon

Coordinator: Vic Ippoliti

No cost, but free-will offering will be taken for food

## GUIDELINES FOR COUPLES ATTENDING CURSILLO

The purpose of the Cursillo Movement is to evangelize the environments through the natural leaders of those environments. With this in mind and taking into consideration the pluralistic society in which we live, we will encounter situations where a spouse may not be Catholic or the spouse of the natural leader does not wish to attend the Cursillo weekend.

The COUPLES GUIDELINES: When selecting a person for Cursillo, male or female, it should be determined if that person is married before preparing that person for Cursillo. Even though the Cursillo Weekend is lived individually, the spiritual life of the couple, both before and after the Cursillo Weekend, must be considered. The Cursillo Movement holds in highest regard the Sacrament of Marriage and if participation in a Cursillo by one and not the other might have an adverse effect on that Sacrament, then we suggest some other form of individual spiritual renewal.

Once it is known that the person is married, we need to determine whether both are eligible to attend the Cursillo or if both are interested in attending the Cursillo Weekend. If something would prevent one spouse from attending, either because that individual is not eligible (see: "Those who should not go", page 71 of the English Leaders' Manual) or that person does not wish to attend, then the following steps would be taken:

1. The couple would be invited to meet with the Spiritual Advisor of the Movement, member of the Secretariat, and/or leader from the School of Leaders.
2. During this meeting a full explanation to the purpose/method of the movement would be given.
3. A complete explanation of what is expected of those who go through the 3-Day exercise is given.
4. Most importantly, an explanation of what is expected during the 4<sup>th</sup> Day (Group Reunion and Ultreya) is given.
5. If both agree that one spouse attending the weekend while the other spouse does not will not have an adverse effect on their Sacrament of Marriage, then the one who is eligible and wants to attend should be allowed to do so.

In the case where both are eligible and both agree to attend the Cursillo, then both should be prepared at the same time and the question of who attends first is not important. The purpose of the Spiritual Advisor, a Secretariat member, and/or leader from the School of Leaders meeting with the couple is meant to complement the work already done by the sponsor, not to take the place of the sponsor.

Please remember, **NON-CATHOLICS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND CATHOLIC CURSILLOS.**

### School of Leaders

Remember the feelings of joy, peace and love that you most likely experienced on your weekend? How about the loving community where everybody seemed to be on the same page? Now after a period of time there might be a void in your life, the glow is gone and the weekend is just a joyful memory. Is that how you feel? If you answer yes, then now is the time to rediscover Cursillo. The way to do that is to join the School of Leaders (SOL) community on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at St. John's Catholic Church in Daylight. We meet at 7:00 PM.

Part of the purpose of the SOL is to prepare team leaders that will have the responsibility of leading the candidates through their 3-Day experience. Regular members of the SOL can exercise their option of working weekends as either the steward (ess) or as a group leader, providing they meet the other requirements such as: weekly grouping, a personality that will be an aid to the candidate's conversion process and the ability to communicate the Cursillo message to the candidates without distractions.

When Jesus said to the 2 disciples "Come and See" (John 1:39), He was talking about a way of life. Make a commitment to Christ by coming to experience the SOL. A Doctrinal Presentation is given on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays.

### School of Leaders—Cont'd

Some recent past presentations were:

Fr. Jim Endress: Electing a Pope

Fr. James Brune: Pope John Paul II's encyclical on the Eucharist (2 sessions)

Fr. Bill Deering: What is Liturgy?

Deacon Jim Flynn: Who is Pope Benedict XVI?

How might he lead the Church based on sources inside and outside the Church?

On Oct. 4, Sr. Jolinda Naas from Resurrection Parish will give the presentation. Other upcoming speakers include several of the new deacons plus Fr. Brune wants to review one of Pope Benedict's teachings and Fr. Bill Deering has indicated a willingness to talk about the history of the Mass liturgy.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, Cursillo Technique Presentations are given. Recent months have included Post-Cursillo, Palanca, and Understanding the Conversion Process. In September the Mass will be discussed as a key element of Cursillo.

**"Come and See". Cursillo is a way of life. Experience it fully.**

Postcursillo by Nicholas and Judith Wolf

**"My Father has been glorified in your bearing much fruit and becoming My disciples."** John 15:8 To try and help the 4<sup>th</sup> day in their efforts to bear much fruit, Post-Cursillo would like to initiate a series of essays on the Ultreya. By giving the 4<sup>th</sup> day an in-depth look at Ultreya, we hope to shed more light on the importance of all of our Group Reunions.

### Ultreya – Why?

Why hold Ultreyas? Is it because the Cursillo literature calls for it, or to prove that we are Cursillistas? What are we really trying to accomplish by holding regular meetings for Cursillistas? Isn't the friendship group reunion sufficient? Questions like these eventually come to the mind of anyone who has given their time, energy and prayer to support an Ultreya community. But in the very early stages of the Cursillo Movement these questions did not arise because there were no Ultreyas yet. The Ultreya was the last element added to the Cursillo Method's 4<sup>th</sup> Day. And at that time the questions were different: What can we do to keep our groups from feeling isolated? What can we do to help groups stay true to their mission of evangelizing environments, to help them avoid the pitfall of turning inward? How can we help other people find groups? To these questions and many more, the Ultreya was the answer.

The Ultreya was always intended to be a short, intense experience conveniently available to Cursillistas. The reunion time was intended to give people from different groups the opportunity to mix and share in the diverse experiences of the larger community. The witness talk was intended to inspire and challenge us to be ever more faithful evangelizers. The Ultreya community is an ideal place for people without a group to find one. If we bear in mind the true purposes of the Ultreya, some of those difficult questions begin to fade away. The Leaders Manual indicates that "the purpose of the Ultreya is to root the results of the 3-Day Cursillo in the soil of perseverance." No vine can bear fruit unless it is firmly rooted. If our Christian communities are to remain dynamic and radiate fervor and zeal then we should attend, support, and pray for our local Ultreyas. Next newsletter: "Ultreya—the Spirit"

A special note of appreciation to all of our Ultreyas that worked so hard to make the August 6<sup>th</sup> Grand Ultreya a success. The 4<sup>th</sup> Day had a wonderful evening of sharing, witness, fellowship and prayer. The efforts of the individual Ultreyas underline their commitment to changing the world for Christ. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Onward in Christ!**

**“We Are Christ For One Another”  
Evansville Men’s Cursillo #64  
October 13-16, 2005**

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> Day,

Our loving God has called 23 men to serve Him on Cursillo #64---a small Christian Community to be His hands, feet, eyes, ears and voice that we may truly be “Christ for one another.” May we be a reflection of His love for the candidates He sends us for the weekend.

Your prayer and palanca make each weekend a success. Please do your part to bring these candidates closer to Him. Remember....Christ is counting on you.

If you would like to provide snacks or desserts for the weekend, please call our head kitchen staff, Leo Waninger at 963-9482. If you would like to serve a meal, contact Gary or Norma Folz at 925-7159. If you want to send team palanca, please mail it to me at 631 S. Bennighof Ave., Evansville, IN 47714.

We are counting on you to provide palanca for team and candidates, to visit the palanca chapel and to attend candlelight and the closing. By your loving witness, Christ’s light shines brightly.

May our God richly bless all of you!

Your brother in Christ,

<b>Men’s Cursillo Team # 64</b>			
Spiritual Director	Fr. Jim Endress	Kitchen Staff	Doug Griffin
Spiritual Director	Fr. Jack Durchholz	Kitchen Staff	Joe Sammett
Spiritual Director	Deacon Joe Schapker	Kitchen Staff	Dean Smith
Coordinator	Don Kaiser	Ideals	Nick Wolf
Asst. Coordinator	Tom Kessens	Laity	Lloyd Young
Head Steward	Bill Kaiser	Holiness	Mark Radel
Asst. Steward	Scott Burgess	Formation	Jay Rohleder
Asst. Steward	Joe Thompson	Evangelization	Bruce Bonenberger
Song Leader	Bob Smith	Leaders	Larry Klein
Asst. Song Leader	Ron Balbach	Environments	Brian Ketzner
Head Kitchen Staff	Leo Waninger	Christian Community	Dan Weinzapfel
Kitchen Staff	Skip Dent		

**Preliminary List of Candidates**

Jack Martin	St. Mary, Evansville	Raymond Rush	St. Phillip, Mt. Vernon
Bruce Wyatt	St. Thomas, Vincennes	Elmer Ray Bradley III	Holy Spirit
Jim Schaefer	St. Wendel	Henry Folz	St. Phillip, Mt. Vernon
Daniel Horstman	St. Phillip, Mt. Vernon	James Folz	St. Phillip, Mt. Vernon
Anthony Scheller	St. John, Newburgh	Eddie Kieffer	St. Phillip, Mt. Vernon
Mike Smith	St. Mark, Tell City	Tommy Thompson	St. Wendel
Ron Obermeier	St. John, Newburgh		

**Website**

Did you know that you can register your group on the website? Make that small effort to register your group by logging on to [www.evansvillecursillo.com](http://www.evansvillecursillo.com) and follow the instructions. It will be a valuable resource for someone looking to find a group. Also check the site for past newsletter articles, who is serving on the upcoming team and candidates coming to the weekend. There is a lot of info about the Cursillo Movement in the Evansville Diocese. Check it out.

**”My Redeemer Lives”  
Evansville Women’s Cursillo #69  
November 3-6, 2005**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, the team for Women’s #69 began formations and started preparing ourselves for the mission that the Lord has laid before us. With sincere humility, we are asking for your prayers and palanca as we form a Christian community and assume our roles in bringing the candidates closer to Christ. Your presence at palanca chapel, candlelight, and closing will serve as a powerful witness to the candidates as to the welcoming Christ-like community that will await them when they enter into their 4<sup>th</sup> Day.

If you or your group would like to provide a snack or dessert for the weekend, please call our Head Kitchen Staff, Judy Wolf, at 963-3260. Also, if you have an interest in serving a meal or working as a kitchen angel, please contact Norma and Gary Folz at 925-7159. Team palanca may be sent to Donna Schroering, 6144 Knight Drive, Evansville, IN 47715, or email [dschroering@sigecom.net](mailto:dschroering@sigecom.net).

Thank you for your loving support, and may God richly bless each and every one of you.

Your sister in Christ,  
Donna Schroering

<b>Women’s Cursillo Team # 69</b>			
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ralph Schipp	Kitchen Staff	Denise Kinney
Spiritual Director	Fr. Paul Ferguson	Kitchen Staff	Myra Loehrlein
Spiritual Director	Sr. Jolinda Naas	Kitchen Staff	Cheryl Shafer
Coordinator	Donna Schroering	Ideals	Alana Goepfrich
Asst. Coordinator	Janet Debes	Laity	Judy Tretter
Head Stewardess	Mary Jo Borowiecki	Holiness	Karen Seib
Asst. Stewardess	Allison Kaiser	Formation	Cheryl Epple
Asst. Stewardess	Mary Wagner	Evangelization	Brenda Meredith
Song Leader	Diane Klein	Leaders	Mary Ann Wilsbacher
Asst. Song Leader	Karen Streicher	Environments	Lisa Bittner
Head Kitchen Staff	Judy Wolf	Christian Community	Kathy Weber
Kitchen Staff	Debbie Blume		

**Women’s Cursillo # 69 Talk Support Day**

**Saturday, October 20, 2005  
St. John the Baptist, Newburgh  
8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

**Schedule for Evansville Men’s Cursillo #64**

<b><u>Talk Support Day</u></b>	Sat., Oct. 1	8:00 AM	St. John’s Newburgh
<b><u>Set-up</u></b>	Wed., Oct. 12	7:00 PM	Sarto
<b><u>Sponsor’s Dedication</u></b>	Thurs, Oct. 13	7:00 PM	Sarto Chapel
<b><u>Mass &amp; Candlelight</u></b>	Sat, Oct. 15	8:00 PM	Mass Celebration Hall Mass, then as a community Proceed to Chapel
<b><u>Closing</u></b>	Sun, Oct. 16	5:20 PM	Celebration hall Please arrive by 5:00 PM

*To serve a meal, please call Gary and Norma Folz at 925-7159.*

**Please remember to park in designated parking spaces only.**

**NO PARKING along the sides of the parking lot.**

**The front doors will be open as well as the back and side doors.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

<u>Secretariat Members</u>	
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
Lay Director	Bruce Bonenberger
Secretary	Pat Krack
Treasurer	Joe Thompson
Pre-Cursillo	Skip & Jackie Dent
3-Day	Dan Zimmer
Post-Cursillo	Nick & Judy Wolf
Palanca	Al Debes
Procurement	Tom & Delores Folz
School of Leaders	

Ultreya	Where	Day	Time
Holy Rosary	Evansville	1st Monday	6:00 p.m.
St. Joseph	Jasper	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.
Holy Cross	Ft. Branch	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
St. Simon's	Washington	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.
St. John's	Newburgh	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd	Evansville	4th Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Resurrection	Evansville	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m.
St. Paul's	Tell City	1st Saturday	7:00 p.m.

School of Leaders

**When:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month  
**Where:** St. John's, Daylight  
**Time:** 7:00 PM CST/CDT

***DEAR FOURTH DAY,***

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