

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

Dear Fourth Day,

It's hard to believe Lent is here again. When I was a kid I thought older people felt they had to say things like “the older you get the faster the time goes.” Well, guess who is saying that now!

We have just completed our second round of Christ Renews His Parish weekends (CRHP). I know that in some parishes CRHP has been the end of involvement in Cursillo. I pray that will not be the case here, but rather it will awaken a desire for a longer period of reflection and prayer for a full weekend such as Cursillo. A couple of ladies have already expressed that. Pray for them.

As I write this I am looking forward to waiting tables and then the closing to see the glowing faces of the new Cursillistas.

As I reflect on Lent I am reminded of the little slips of paper we used to fill out in the seminary called Bona Opera (Good Works) indicating what special things we were going to do for Lent. The Archabbot would read them, write comments and return them to us. I had the students at Resurrection do that one year but ran out of time to write the comments.

Maybe the best resolution we can make this year is to be faithful to prayer—to be with God in the joy of our heart.

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Father Ray

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

*“May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you.”*

**1Thessalonians 3:12-13**

In the January newsletter, I wrote about the charism of friendship. It's been said that friendship is the road which facilitates love. It is through our Lord Jesus Christ that we are transformed and rendered capable of transmitting God's love to others through friendship.

This month I'd like to write about the charism of love as it pertains to our Movement. God created man out of love and calls him to love. It's the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. Love (charity) is the first and the greatest of the theological virtues. Of all the Charisms of the Holy Spirit, love is the most important.

How is it possible for us to come to the realization that God loves us? Most certainly God loves and cares for His creation and we are part of that creation. But how can we help our brothers and sisters to believe that God loves us? It begins when each one of us allows ourselves to be open to a relationship with oneself. This openness with oneself leads to a healing and personal relationship with God, His son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Through this relationship, we begin the process of being freed from the many conditions that we, the world and others have placed upon us in order to be loved.

“Being Christian” is to accept the reality that God loves us and to allow His love to transform us in order that we might love others. Eduardo Bonnin reminds us, “We have always understood the laity, as the normal realization of what is Christian, by means of the daily realities—the family, job, entertainment, friendship, and love-formed and expressed in a search”. In the loving relationships with the persons present in our lives, we discover the love, good and beauty in life's realities because those attributes are the measure of life. The Cursillo Movement with its own Foundational Charisms and a method for living enables the person to embrace all realities of our lives. That allows us to proclaim the Good News that God loves us unconditionally and that is the simple and most important announcement that the Church must communicate to all. The word and the life of each Cursillista can and should resonate with this announcement: God loves you and I, Christ came for you and me.

On Thursday night of the Cursillo, each candidate is looking for something or else they would not be there. Each one is overburdened with their own private personal history of infidelities to the Ten Commandments. Bad decisions have created bad consequences. That is why on that first night, we have the meditation on the returning home of the Prodigal. A candidate might come to believe for the first time that God loves them—the Prodigal. We have seen that after 50 years of Cursillos, it is the Word of God proclaimed through lived experiences that convinces the candidates that they are loved by God and the team community. It must be visible in the words and the life of each Cursillo team member.

By our acts of piety, we strive for holiness. Our commitment to holiness is demonstrated by our love for one another. At our particular judgment, Jesus could well ask us only one question: How much did you love?

**Consider the wonderful opportunity to be a Cursillo Mentor**

The Cursillo Mentor Program was developed to ensure that the laypersons' talks given on the Cursillo weekend are true to the outlines as printed in the Cursillo Manual. The mentor helps the lay Group Leader to select the appropriate witnesses or illustrations that fit the outline so that the candidates can hear and understand the authentic message of Cursillo. Mentored talks are always better quality talks. The mentors provide spiritual and moral support to the Group Leaders with *palanca*, by one on one meeting(s), as a guide to preparing the talk and as support on Talk Support Day. Many Group Leaders mention how their self-confidence was enhanced by the positive comments received on Talk Support Day. They were affirmed that they wrote and delivered the talk in a credible way. That feeling of self-confidence carries over to the Cursillo weekend. Mentors are a very important part of each weekend.

Mentors provide support to one another by forming small groups. They group as Friday, Saturday or Sunday mentors around the sets of weekends. They study, train and pray together. Mentors are Christ-centered and dedicated to the Cursillo Movement in their service to Christ, His Church and the Group Leaders.

**Consider becoming a mentor.** It's an excellent way to learn the talks and to determine how well you live those talks. The mentors will soon be gathering to study and learn the new outlines (very similar to the older outlines) in the new Cursillo Manual. The local leadership of the Movement invites you to become a mentor. You do not need to be personally asked. This is your personal invitation. Just contact any mentor or Secretariat member for additional information and help in your discernment process.

### Pre-Cursillo by Joe and Ruth Thompson

**“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men” Luke 5:10**

Fishers of men has been a theme in the readings at Mass lately and seems to be a good theme for this article. I enjoy fishing (but I don't get to do it much) and the thrill of the catch and sometimes not knowing what you will bring in is what keeps you going back.

When we go fishing we have to make sure we have all of our “fishing gear” with us. We need our tackle box (the Bible) with all the gear we need in it, and our pole and line (us) and our hook (God). When we open our tackle box and use what is in it, the “Good News”, our pole and line become strong enough to support the catch that the hook is going to bring to us. When we see what wonders our little fishing trips can bring, we should never be hesitant about going fishing again.

In a recent conversation with one of the local Priests who was out “fishing”, it seems he had caught a couple to bring to a weekend. But they would need a sponsor so he found in his search another couple to sponsor them. All of this is good news, except that the couple who would do the sponsoring were friends of the couple coming to the weekend. Where is all this leading? The Priest asked the question, “Why do I have to do all the asking?” It seems as though the couple had not gone “fishing”.

He asked a very good question! We need to make sure that we throw a line to all of our friends. If they do not take the bait we need to toss it at them again at a later date. Just because they tell us “no” one time does not mean that we should stop throwing the line to them. Perseverance will pay off. If they are not responding to us we should ask our friendship group or someone that we know and that they respect, to help us and always pray for our friend.

It seems we struggle to fill our men's weekends and the applications come in just a few weeks before the weekend starts. As it looks now, Men's #67 may be full, but it has taken a big push in the final couple of weeks to see that happen. The women's weekend will likely be another full weekend. Our thanks go out to all the sponsors who keep on “fishing”.

**We ask you to bring your new Cursillistas to the Sponsor's Workshop on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM followed by Mass at 8 PM and candlelight at 9 PM.** (Saturday night of the Women's #72)

God bless the 4<sup>th</sup> Day and keep on “fishing”!

### School of Leaders by Bob Weikert

I have decided to turn my resignation in to the Secretariat for my position as School of Leaders lay person. Effective February 28, 2007, I will be relinquishing my duties and Bruce Bonenberger will be filling in for me.

It was indeed a blessing to serve all Cursillistas in the diocese as a representative of the School of Leaders. God has touched our lives so many times over the past number of years. In my position in School of Leaders I have viewed many Cursillistas as they are being formed in the School of Leaders and then continuing their walk with the Lord. Eventually they work a team and touch the hearts of the candidates on the weekend. Indeed, I have enjoyed working with everyone and prayers and support have been ever so instrumental in our success. I will miss all of you very much but I need to say good-bye—as John Wayne and I are ready to ride off in the sunset.

### What's happening in the School?

Feb. 6: Fr. Jim Endress spoke in front of 35 people about St. Francis Xavier and how he needed to be flexible and energetic as he evangelized many different countries, including China and Japan.

Mar. 6: Deacon Tom Goebel will speak.

Apr. 3: meeting will be cancelled, as that is the date of the Chrism Mass.

### Post-Cursillo by Nicholas and Judith Wolf

Very shortly now, we will hopefully be welcoming sixty-four new Cursillistas from the spring weekends. These men and women will have encountered Jesus, themselves, and others, much as we did on our own weekends. They will have made a commitment to Christ at the closing, just like each of us did. Who is going to help them live out their commitments? Who will share in their encounters? We will, the 4<sup>th</sup> Day! In Hebrews 13:16 we hear, **“Do not neglect to do good, and share what you have”**. Often times, the Post Cursillo is thought of as one or two individuals who serve on the Secretariat, attend meetings, and oversee 4<sup>th</sup> Day activities and functions. This is all true, but Post (after) Cursillo (short course) means much more. One definition is: an extremely large community of Christians, devoting the rest of their lives to changing the world for Christ. Sound like anyone you know? It should because it's you, the 4<sup>th</sup> Day—you are the Post Cursillo.

Making our world over for Jesus is a large task and we always need more help, and we need each other. So, as the scripture says, we must not neglect our new brothers and sisters, and we must always share what we have been given with them. Now is a good time to think about doing a little “personal contact”. Try to help the new Cursillistas as they become part of the Post Cursillo, their 4<sup>th</sup> Day. Perhaps a phone call, a short note, or email will be just the right thing to get them started in living out what is fundamental for being a Christian. Please help them in finding a group, join them at an Ultreya, and bring them and yourself to the CEW. We know that we are all busy and our time is at a premium, but think about this quote we heard recently: **“It's not so much how busy you are—but why you are busy. The bee is praised. The mosquito is swatted.”** Working for Christ is hard and time consuming but He is a great boss and the retirement program is out of this world! We all share in the responsibility of spreading the Good News, so take the initiative, 4<sup>th</sup> Day, and make **others** your top priority.

### Post Cursillo Notes

1. **Spring CEW:** (Cursillo Evangelization Workshop) Sat., April 14, St. John's Daylight. 8:00 Am until Noon
  2. **Women's #72 Talk Support:** Sat., March 10<sup>th</sup>, St. John's, Newburgh. This is a great opportunity for the 4<sup>th</sup> Day to listen to the talks again and to support the team. Everyone is welcome. 8:00 AM until Noon
  3. **School of Leaders:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at St. John's Daylight. 7:00 PM
- Friendship Groups:** Weekly; **Ultreyas:** Monthly

### Upcoming Weekends

Men's #68: October 11-14, 2007  
Coordinator: Tom Folz  
Asst. Coordinator: To be determined

Women's #73: November 1-4, 2007  
Coordinator: Ruth Thompson  
Asst. Coordinator: To be determined

## “Did Not Our Hearts Burn Within Us”

Evansville Men’s Cursillo # 67

To our friends in Christ (the 4<sup>th</sup> Day),

What a wonderful gift from God, the team and candidates unwrapped on the men’s weekend! Through the prayer and palanca of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day we were all able to encounter Jesus in a very special way. From those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to those who spent an hour in the Palanca Chapel, this weekend could not have happened without you. The team wishes to express how grateful we are for all of the selfless service and support that made men’s Cursillo #67 a success.

*And after they had talked with Jesus, the disciples went back to the eleven (the community) and shared how they had come to know Him. (Luke 24)* Please continue to pray for the new Cursillistas and help them persevere as they enter the community of Christ. Encourage and help them find a group. Bring them to an Ultreya and to the CEW. God sent His Holy Spirit to light the fire in these men—it is up to us to keep fanning the flames. Your efforts brought forth fruit on this weekend, please don’t stop now, and may your heart always burn for Jesus within you.

Nicholas Wolf and Team #67

### Welcome New Cursillistas

Raymond Wolfe	Jeffrey Clark	John Stolz
Leonard O’Nan	John Benton	Carl Eby
Dan Donovan	Christopher Maynard	James Ferrari
Dan Eby	Wilfred Wannemueller	Thomas Stolz
Paul Clark	Eric Ewers	Mike Mohr
Maurice Coates, Jr.	Jeff Achilles	Theodore Thompson
Ole Olson	Charles Adams	John Hertel
Eric Schue	William Muller	Lloyd Lamberton
Ed Clark	Samuel Fulton	Rob Rodgers
Steve Kincaid		

### Schedule for Evansville Women’s Cursillo #72

<b>Talk Support Day</b>	Sat., Mar. 10	8:00 AM– 12:00 PM	St. Johns Newburgh
<b>Set-up</b>	Wed., Mar. 21	7:00 PM	Sarto
<b>Sponsor’s Dedication</b>	Thurs, Mar. 22	7:00 PM	Sarto Chapel
<b>Sponsor’s Workshop</b>	Sat, Mar 24	7:00 PM	Celebration Hall
<b>Mass &amp; Candlelight</b>	Sat, Mar. 24	8:00 PM	Mass, then as a community Proceed to Chapel
<b>Closing</b>	Sun, Mar. 25	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.**

## Behold Your Servant, Whom I Have Chosen...Matt 12:18

Evansville Women’s Cursillo #72

March 22-25, 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Formations for the Women’s Cursillo #72 began on February 4, 2007. The servants that God has chosen are making the journey toward becoming the Christian Community that will lead the candidates closer to Christ. We ask you, the 4<sup>th</sup> Day, to please continue your prayer and palanca so that we may serve the candidates and work for the Holy Spirit with joy and love. Your presence at palanca chapel, candlelight, and closing is particularly important this Cursillo because Spring Break begins the Friday of our weekend and many will be on vacation. We would like to provide a powerful welcome into the 4<sup>th</sup> Day for our candidates.

If you or your group would like to provide a healthy snack such as fresh fruits or vegetables, or desserts for the weekend, please contact our Head Kitchen Staff, Chris Rice, at 853-0248. If you would like to serve a meal, or as a kitchen angel, please contact Norma and Gary Folz at 925-7159. You can mail team palanca to Mary Ann Wilsbacher, 119 W. Jennings St., Newburgh, IN 47630, or email to [wilsbacher@sigeom.net](mailto:wilsbacher@sigeom.net).

Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless you now and always.

Your sister in Christ, Mary Ann Wilsbacher

### Women’s Cursillo Team # 72

Spiritual Director	Fr. Joe Ziliak	Kitchen Staff	Beth Hirt
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ken Steckler	Kitchen Staff	Brenda Wheatley
Spiritual Director	Sr. Jolinda Naas	Kitchen Staff	Brenda Anslinger
Coordinator	Mary Ann Wilsbacher	Ideals	Ann Hopkins
Asst. Coordinator	Ruth Thompaon	Laity	Beth Brown
Head Stewardess	Carol Niehaus	Holiness	Judy Wolf
Asst. Stewardess	Elaine Morris	Formation	Delores Folz
Asst. Stewardess	Wileen Halter	Evangelization	Allison Kaiser
Song Leader	Kelly Wilson	Leaders	Mimi Scheessele
Song Leader	Dianne Klein	Environments	Jenny Barry
Head Kitchen Staff	Chris Rice	Christian Community	Karen Seib
Kitchen Staff	Minnie Baumhoer		

### Preliminary List of Candidates

Ann McDonald	St. John the Baptist	Newburgh
Carol Webb	St. Mary’s	Evansville
Chery Thomas	St. John the Baptist	Newburgh
Kelly Hale	Holy Redeemer	Evansville
Kristi Wahl	Good Shepherd	Evansville
Kimberly Sickman	St. John the Baptist	Newburgh
Marilyn Schmitt	St. Joseph	Jasper
Dawn Durcholz	St. John the Baptist	Newburgh
Karla Dehner	St. John the Baptist	Newburgh
Angela Wallish	St. John the Baptist	Newburgh
Ann Masnado-Smith	St. John the Baptist	Newburgh
Gail Coates	St. Mary’s	Evansville
Cathy Zimmerman	Holy Rosary	Evansville
Susan Sauls	Holy Rosary	Evansville
Kathleen Clark	St. John the Baptist	Newburgh
Becky Weinzapfel	St. Philip	Evansville

Check [www.evansvillecursillo.com](http://www.evansvillecursillo.com) and your local Ultreya for complete list of Candidates for Cursillo #72

**Secretariat Members**

Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
Lay Director	Bruce Bonenberger
Secretary	Pat Krack
Treasurer	Dennis Seib
Pre-Cursillo	Joe & Ruth Thompson
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	1st Monday	6:30 p.m.
Holy Cross	Ft. Branch	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
St. Simon's	Washington	1st Monday	6:30 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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