

October 2004

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

Dear Fourth Day Community,

Isn't it great how God works! We, the Secretariat, have been praying for months now and asking you to pray with us that someone would step forward to take the Post-Cursillo position on the Secretariat.

The weekend of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we heard the prophet Habakkuk relay the words of God that every vision has its time. If it delays, wait for it. This week we received an email from Bruce that Nick and Judy Wolf have accepted that position. God be praised!

I do want to thank Roger and Connie Gray for their faithfulness all these years. They have spent a lot of time on the road for meetings and workshops and attending Ultreyas. They certainly have been faithful apostles. Thanks!

Congratulations and welcome to the new Cursillistas. May God bless you in all the ventures He calls you to. At the Secretariat meeting in September I compared our renovation project here at St. Joseph to our spiritual renewal. We spent months getting rid of the old interior, such as ceilings, electrical, heating, etc. Now we are seeing signs of the renovation taking place. In our spiritual lives we often have to strip away the old inner self while retaining the outer shell. Then with God's grace we can see the new taking shape. Welcome the journey!

God bless you,  
Father Ray

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

**“To you, Lord, I cried, to my God I made appeal.....  
the Lord listened and had pity.” Ps 30:9,11**

God gave us life and none of us know what to expect in that life. To some, God gives the cross and it can be a heavy one. My sister Rita came from God severely mentally retarded and physically handicapped. She could never talk and her every need in life needed to be addressed and answered by those who cared for her. As Jesus was an innocent victim, so was she, and I viewed her as a “victim soul”. She really belonged to God and He cared for her by using the hands of her caregivers. Rita, suffering serious physical hardships and no doubt the cross of loneliness after the death of our parents lived a life known only to God. I could only communicate with her by my voice, touch and eye contact, often wondering about its effectiveness.

Rita lived in long-term care facilities since January of 1987. I visited her 2-3 times a week. It was always difficult to visit because I was powerless to change her situation. In the dark moments, I could identify with the mother of Jesus. How difficult it must have been standing at the foot of the cross. I often asked Mary for help as I stood at Rita's bedside. I feel that by being faithful to living the Cursillo tripod of holiness, formation and evangelization I was blessed with many personal encounters with God. Though never answering the question “Why”, He spoke to me through prayer, Scripture and the people I encountered while visiting Rita. Living the tripod increased my natural and supernatural level of consciousness where I became aware of Christ's presence in Rita's situation. With the help of God's grace, I grew into a more intimate personal relationship with Jesus by trusting that He would handle every detail of her life. By living the contents of the laity talk and with the gift of faith, I was able to carry a cross I did not understand.

Many times I asked myself the question: “How will it end”? On June 30<sup>th</sup> a medical emergency for Rita necessitated a trip to the emergency room. In a very stressful situation, I prayed almost constantly that the Lord would take pity and show her mercy and take her home with Him. How much more did He want from her? I once again called on Mary to stand with me. Certainly, Mary must have had similar thoughts at the foot of the cross. My prayers were answered and Jesus came and took her home after 62 years on this earth. He took her to a home where there are no more infirmities, grief or sorrow and where she is united once again with mom and dad and it is for eternity.

There were many tears of consolation over the years when I have felt very close to God. Those moments are now cherished memories where God was present in our lives and where He was leading me. Pope John Paul II stated in his Apostolic Letter on The Christian Meaning of Human Suffering, “It is suffering more than anything else which clears the way for the grace which transforms human souls”. God directed my focus outside and beyond myself and formed my heart so that I might see the joys and sorrows of others while drawing me closer to Him. All this was made possible by living the Cursillo tripod.

**Cursillo Evangelization Workshop (CEW)**

**When: Saturday, November 20, 2004**

**Where: St. John's, Daylight**

Registration starts at 7:15 AM. There will be coffee, doughnuts, milk, fruit and other goodies to kick start the morning.

No cost to you but a free will offering will be accepted.

Workshop hours are from 7:45 AM until Noon.

**Who should attend:**

Yourself plus the fall team members along with the new Cursillistas and their sponsors.

The team coordinator is Scott Burgess from Jasper.

***To belong to Christ is to be a saint.  
To live like a saint is to imitate Christ.***

## **Precursillo** by Skip and Jackie Dent

Our weekends continue to be blessed! Twenty eight candidates were chosen by the Holy Spirit for this past weekend and it was apparent at closing that it was a Spirit filled and life changing experience for all those involved. Our heart-felt thanks to Butch Feulner and the great team he (and the Holy Spirit) put together.

The women's weekend is fast approaching—Nov. 4-7. We currently have 24 "yes" responses and are waiting for answers from others to whom invitations have been sent. There is room for additional applications! Mimi Scheessele and her team are in their formations—God bless them and their good work! Applications can be obtained through our Cursillo web site [www.evansvillecursillo.com](http://www.evansvillecursillo.com) or call us, Skip or Jackie Dent at 401-7385.

Sponsor's Workshop!!! Saturday, November 13 at Sarto. The workshop schedule has been changed to start at 7:00 PM and end at 7:45. Mass following the workshop is still the same at 8:00 PM.

## **Postcursillo** by Nicholas and Judith Wolf

*"All the initiative has been on God's side; all has been free unbounded grace."*

These words from C.S. Lewis seemed to finally punctuate our decision to accept the position of Post-Cursillo. Judy and I were first asked in February of this year to prayerfully consider this position. And pray we did, and discussed, and argued (charitably) and then prayed some more! The result was enough excuses to fill up several legal size notebook pages in favor of *not accepting* the position of Post-Cursillo. Even as the two of us came before Our Lord and prayed, we kept telling Him that His response should be the same as ours: "we can't do it"!

However, our prayerful deliberation and discussion always came down to the same answer: Judy and I believe in the Cursillo movement and it's method. As we entered the 4<sup>th</sup> day, we took the tools that had been given to us on our respective weekends and put them to work. We have witnessed the positive results of using the Cursillo method over and over. We have seen the grace, love, and miracles of our Lord Jesus poured out over this community and to all of those to whom the 4<sup>th</sup> day has reached out. Through all of this we kept hearing, in our 'occasional stillness', the words "Christ Is Counting On You, And I On Him". We said yes to our Cursillo weekends, we said yes when Christ's body on the cross was put around our necks, and now, we once again say yes. Yes to Jesus and to the 4<sup>th</sup> day—how could our answer have been otherwise? *God always had the initiative!*

Christ told us in Luke's gospel, Ch. 10, that "*the Kingdom of God is at hand*", right here, right now, right where we live! So as fellow Cursillistas, as members of the 4<sup>th</sup> day who pray for the privilege of being counted among Jesus' disciples, let us go together and gather the harvest. Find a group and be faithful to it, attend Ultreyas to build community, and work and pray hard for the "Kingdom" in your environments (sponsors, please help your candidates search out friendship groups and Ultreyas). These are all gifts from God through the Cursillo movement; they are part of our 4<sup>th</sup> day commitment, and they are absolutely covered with 'His unbounded grace'.

As so many of you already know, any new commitment, or new ministry, by its very nature can create some apprehension. So we ask you, our brothers and sisters to pray for us and the Cursillo movement. Judy and I may be a bit apprehensive, but we are comforted in knowing that God is not asking us to be perfect, but to simply try...and we will!

We would like to thank all of those in the 4<sup>th</sup> day who prayed specifically for 'our yes' and for all those who prayed for just someone to say yes. Most of all we thank all of you for loving our Lord Jesus!

Make Your Lives a Prayer.... Ultreya!

### **Cursillo Sponsors Workshop**

When: Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004 (Women's Cursillo # 67)

Time: 7:00 PM (Just prior to Mass at 8:00 PM  
& candlelight at 9:00 PM)

Where: Catholic Center Celebration Hall  
Come and learn the proper way to sponsor.

### **Upcoming Weekends**

Women's #67: November 4-7, 2004

Coordinator: Mimi Scheessele

Asst. Coordinator: Julie Young

Men's #63: February 24-27, 2005

Coordinator: Jim Wilsbacher

Asst. Coordinator: To be determined

Women's #68: March 31- April 3, 2005

Coordinator: Julie Young

Asst. Coordinator: To be determined

### **Website Information**

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!!!**

**“Let Us Build the City of God”  
Evansville Men’s Cursillo # 62**

Dear Fellow Cursillistas,

It was awesome! Christ took twenty-three pretty ordinary guys and formed them into a team. He then called twenty-eight more guys to attend Cursillo #62. Using the team as His hands and feet, Christ brought every man, candidates and team members alike, into His warm embrace. Every one of us knew we had been touched by Our Lord on the weekend. What a blessing it has been for the team to serve Christ by helping “Build the City of God” He intended. Thanks for joining with us in the holy work by your prayers and palanca for the success of the weekend.

I would like to extend a special note of thanks to those who sponsor candidates. We all feel very strongly that Cursillo weekends are a wonderful way for our brothers and sisters to grow closer to Our Lord. Without you sponsors, however, the weekends would never take place. Thanks so much for serving Christ in this way. Well done.

Thanks for all you do to make Christ present to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Together, “Let Us Build the City of God.”

Your brother in Christ,  
Butch Feulner

**Welcome New Cursillistas**

Jim Hermann	Ron Angermeier	Gene Seufert
Joe Dippel	Tom Blythe	Gary Kaiser
Greg Head	Willie Schuette	Bob Schuler
Don Schroeder	Tim Goelzhauser	Charles Baumhoer
Mark Schlachter	Mike Niehaus	John Winiger
Miles Mann	John Schnur	John Schaefer
Denny Quinn	Ed Arnold	Pete Hillenbrand
Dick Lawson	Fr. Paul A. Ferguson	Walt Perkins
Roger Ziliak	Jim Channell	Tom Bacurin
Brian Gallagher		

**Schedule for Evansville Women’s Cursillo #67**

<b>Set-up</b>	Wed., Nov. 3	7:00 PM	Sarto
<b>Sponsor’s Dedication</b>	Thurs, Nov. 4	7:00 PM	Sarto Chapel
<b>Sponsor’s Workshop</b>	Sat. Nov. 6	7:00 PM	Celebration Hall
<b>Mass &amp; Candlelight</b>	Sat, Nov. 6	8:00 PM	Celebration Hall Mass, then as a community Proceed to Chapel
<b>Closing</b>	Sun, Nov. 7	5:20 PM Please arrive by 5:00 PM	Celebration hall

*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.**

**“Lead Me Lord”  
Evansville Women’s Cursillo #67  
November 4-7, 2004**

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

What a wonderful group of ladies God has called to serve Him on Cursillo #67. He has definitely “Led Us” in an exciting adventure through formation! What a blessing it is to work together as a team to form a small Christian Community to bring Christ’s love to the candidates He has chosen for the weekend.

We need ALL your prayers and palanca. Each one of you is an instrument God wants to use to bring others closer to Him. Each one of you has a gift to offer that could enhance this special weekend.

If you would like to provide snacks or desserts for the weekend please call our head kitchen staff, Ruth Thompson at 423-3537. If you would like to serve a meal contact Norma Folz at 925-7159. If you are able to send team palanca please mail it to me at 606 St. Catherine St., Newburgh, IN 47630 or email it to me at [damiennm@evansville.net](mailto:damiennm@evansville.net).

We really hope you will provide palanca for the team and candidates, visit the palanca chapel, attend candlelight and especially attend closing. The love and the caring of the Fourth Day is such a living witness to Christ’s presence in the world! God bless you all!

You sister in Christ,

Mimi Scheessele

**Women’s Cursillo Team # 67**

Spiritual Director	Fr. John Boeglin	Kitchen Staff	Kim Messmer
Spiritual Director	Fr. Jay Davidson	Kitchen Staff	Carol Northenor
Spiritual Director	Sr. Beata Mehling	Kitchen Staff	Rosie Sutton
Coordinator	Mimi Scheessele	Ideals	Fran Dickinson
Asst. Coordinator	Julie Young	Laity	Beth Hirt
Song Leader	Dianne Klein	Holiness	Judy Bennett
Asst. Song Leader	Vivie Dunn	Formation	Linda Rodenberg
Head Steward	Linda Rheinlander	Evangelization	Carol Smith
Asst. Steward	Jenny Barry	Leaders	Mary Ellen Sweeney
Asst. Steward	Judy Wolf	Environments	Kristen Girten
Head Kitchen Staff	Ruth Thompson	Christian Community	Mary Ann Wilsbacher
Kitchen Staff	Mary Balbach		

**Preliminary List of Candidates**

Mindy Leonard	Sacred Heart (Schnellville)	Minni Baumhoer	St. John the Baptist
Sherry Goebel	Resurrection	Margaret Angermeier	St. Joseph County
Connie Goelzhauser	St. John the Baptist	Diana Dippel	St. Boniface
Raquel Hamm	St. Mary, Washington	Janet Hirsch	St. Clement
Roxann Moore	St. Joseph, Princeton	Jen Schwenk	Holy Family
Dee Schroeder	St. Joseph County	Kay Helfen	Sts. Peter & Paul
Lin Schmitt	St. Wendel	Andrea Mann	Corpus Christi
Chris Schapker	St. Joseph City	Melissa Schaefer	Nativity
Jan Hermann	St. Joseph County	Dottie McCarty	Sacred Heart
Mary Seufert	St. Anthony, Ferdinand	Sally Moore	St. Benedict
Ingrid Goodman	St. John, Vincennes	Sylvia Seng	St. Joseph City
Ashley Niehaus	St. John the Baptist	Mary Gail Moschner	St. Joseph City
Mary Unfried	St. Joseph County	Barbara Lodato	Holy Rosary
Shirley Burkhart	Nativity	Michelle O’Connor	Holy Family
Donna Blythe	St. Joseph County		

<u>Secretariat Members</u>	
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
Lay Director	Bruce Bonenberger
Secretary	Bill Cox
Treasurer	Joe Thompson
Pre-Cursillo	Skip & Jackie Dent
3-Day	JoAnn Schlachter & Hank Tenbarge
Post-Cursillo	Nick & Judy Wolf
Palanca	Al Debes
Procurement	Elaine Morris
School of Leaders	Bob Weikert

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	Every Thursday	7:00 p.m.
St. John's	Newburgh	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
St. Ferdinand	Ferdinand	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: Blessed Sacrament, Oakland City**  
**Time: 7:00 PM CST/CDT**

**DEAR FOURTH DAY,**  
**Please remember to notify us if your email address or mailing address has changed. Please send your updated address to [dkegen@sigecon.net](mailto:dkegen@sigecon.net) or mail to return address on this newsletter. Some email addresses have changed or are inactive and some mailing addresses were returned as undeliverable. Thank-you.**