

Evansville Diocese Cursillo Newsletter

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Go 4th!

“We will serve
the Lord”

Sept 2016

Words From the Spiritual Director...

By Father Ray Brenner

Dear Fourth Day Community,

There seems to be some sense of excitement but also some sense of normalcy about this time of year. School is back in session, vacations are mostly over, and the Snow Birds begin thinking about the winter travel and lodging. But in the Cursillo Community we are preparing for the Fall Cursillo weekends and the Fall Encounter.

As far as I am concerned we are about to embark on the first Capital Campaign in the history of the Diocese. St. Joe is involved in the first wave of all the parishes in the Diocese. It will certainly involve a lot of work on the part of many in the Diocese as well as the participation of all members within the Diocese.

As far as the Cursillo is concerned we need to always pray for the team and the candidates who will be coming for the weekend. We also need to pray the God will send us good candidates to work in the Lord's vineyard.

I will also use this opportunity to promote my trip to Alaska toward the end of May and to Poland and Eastern Europe the end of September, 2017. Call me or email me to obtain a brochure.

Wishing God's blessing on you, *Fr. Ray*



From the Lay Director

Brothers and Sisters in
Christ!

I am excited to announce that we are hosting the Region IV Fall Encounter here in Evansville, Indiana! We hope that you can join us for a weekend of prayer, faith, and friendship. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Go to www.evansvillecursillo.com to print your Registration Letter and Registration Form.

If you do not have internet access, contact me and I will mail you these documents: (812) 431-4297.

God Bless, *Bob Martin, Lay Director*



Spanish Cursillo Weekends—June 2017

A good friend of mine always tells us what his father used to say all the time... “The one reason we were put on this earth is to get to heaven and in the process we have to drag as many souls to heaven with us” What a beautiful concept, right?

After much prayer from so many people we finally have confirmed dates for the first Cursillo weekends in Spanish. They will be held at Sarto on June 1st-4th, 2017 for men and June 8th-11th, 2017 for women.

We have been blessed with a couple of traveling teams from Central Indiana Cursillo (CICC) that will come and help us with all the talks and the spiritual part of the weekend. Evansville Cursillo will be responsible for all logistics, food, kitchen, palancas and closing. There will be a couple of our own Spanish speaking Cursillistas working among our guest team.

However, all of this is still in the works and all details have not been worked out. There is an initial meeting on Thursday September 1st at 6pm that will initiate the process of putting together these weekends. Please contact us at post-cursillo@evansvillecursillo.com if you are interested in helping out.

As you know, Jesus came to evangelize everyone and send out St Paul to expand the church by preaching to the gentiles. This is our opportunity to expand our Cursillo movement like St Paul did and Jesus wanted when he said, “they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.” (John 10:16)

- Alfonso and Daniela Vidal. Post-Cursillo Chairs

School of Leaders: DE COLORES!

I am blessed to be greeting you as the incoming chairman for the School of Leaders, and I would like to thank Joe Thompson for his wonderful guidance and leadership in this position over the last three years. De Colores is a joyful expression of a Cursillista living in grace, with God shining His light through us and into our environments. The School of Leaders is laying groundwork for a new Cursillo Parish Ambassador program to help the efforts of the 4th Day shine God's light in our parish environments. And, in turn, help our parish environments shine God's light back into our Cursillo movement. If you would like to know more about getting involved in your Cursillo Parish Ambassador committee, please email me at school-of-leaders@evansvillecursillo.com. Or, plan to come to the School of Leaders monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Holy Spirit Church. And ask someone you group with to join you. We are all called to be leaders in our environments. Please consider this new Cursillo Parish Ambassador program as part of your ministry for the Kingdom of God. DE COLORES!

Your Brother in Christ,

Jim Mattingly, School of Leaders Chairperson

Fall Weekend Teams	Women's #91	Men's #86
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Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner	Fr. Alex Zenthoefner
Spiritual Director	Fr. Christopher Droste	Fr. Benny Chacko
Spiritual Director	Sr. Jane Michele McClure	Deacon Mike Seibert
Coordinator	Kim Messmer	Pete Barry
Assistant Coordinator	Dawn Durcholz	Sam Ticken
Head Steward	Kathy Pfister	David Loehrlein
Assistant Steward	Rita Messmer	Cris Goldbach
Assistant Steward	Cindy Sermersheim	Bob Smith
Head Song Leader	Jenny Barry	Bob Smith
Song Leader	Brenda Meredith	Ron Balbach
Head Kitchen	Lisa Bittner	Mike Dugan
Kitchen Staff	Teresa Betz	Maurice Pund
Kitchen Staff	Jessica Goebel	Mike Rennie
Kitchen Staff	Clare Hassler	Jeff Spindler
Kitchen Staff	Sara Kessens	Brett Wayman
Ideals	Laura Sherman	Stan Goodman
Lay Person in the Church	Cindy Seidl	Randy Neisen
Piety	Kris Ketzner	Jeff Tornatta
Study	Judy Boehman	Greg Schmitz
Action	Annalee Botzum	Lynn Hassler
Leaders	Brenda Ferguson	Dan Barnes
Study of the Environment	Liz Niehaus	Alfonso Vidal
Christianity in Action	Cheryl Seger	Steve Obert

PALANCA in the Precursillo

Greetings 4th day!

As we have all experienced, reading Palanca following a Cursillo weekend is a wonderful, moving experience. The letters are merely a vehicle in which we share the actual Palanca being done, whether it be intentional Prayer, Sacrifice, or Works of Mercy - all selfless acts of love.

Please say YES; please take the time to reach out to someone who is on this leg of their personal journey with God that is scary at times! Right at this moment, you are being called to help someone. And you can do it from the comfort of your kitchen table.

If you have faith as a mustard seed you will say to this mountain "move from here to there" and it will move and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind of faith does not go out except by prayer and fasting. (Matthew 17:20-21)

The Men and Women answering the call from the Holy Spirit to make a Cursillo are very likely unsure, even afraid, facing their true-self, their spiritual-self for maybe the first time in decades, or their lives! Your letter, a small sacrifice, will offer life changing encouragement.

Your letter will show the recipient that God loves him/her so much and that amidst the busyness of the day, so do YOU!

What to write: Tell him/her that you are happy that he/she has made a Cursillo, and how wonderful it is that he/she is seeking God's love. Tell him/her that you will pray for him/her, or dedicate your attendance at next Sunday's Mass to him/her, or that you

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Men's Cursillo #86 Schedule (all times Evansville Time)

Sat. Sept 10 – Talk Support at St. John's Daylight, 8:00 am to noon CDT. Mass at 7:00 am

Wed. Oct 5 – Set-Up, 6:30 pm CST, Sarto Retreat House

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

Thurs. Oct 6 – Sponsor Crucifix Dedication, 7:00 pm CDT, Sarto Chapel

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

Sun. Oct 8 – Closing, 5:40 pm CDT, Celebration Hall—arrive by 5:20

Women's Cursillo #91 Schedule (all times Evansville Time, except as noted on Oct. 22)

Sat. Oct 22– Women's Talk Support at St. Joseph Parish Center in Jasper - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm **Jasper time EDT** (8:00 am CDT). Mass at 8:00 am **Jasper time EDT** (7 am CDT) in the church.

Wed. Nov 2 – Set-Up, 6:30 pm CDT, Sarto Retreat House

Thurs. Nov 3 – Candidates arrive, 6:30 to 7:00 pm CDT, Sarto Retreat House

Thurs. Nov 3– Sponsor Crucifix Dedication, 7:00 pm CDT, Sarto Chapel

Sat. Nov 5 – Mass/Candlelight, 8:00 pm CDT, Celebration Hall, then proceed to Chapel for Candlelight at 9:00 pm

Sun. Nov 6 – Closing, 5:40 pm CST, Celebration Hall—arrive by 5:20 CST

“We Will Serve the Lord”

Men’s Cursillo #86
October 6-9, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The men of Cursillo #86 are well into the formation process as we humbly prepare for the candidates that will be arriving at Sarto the first week of October. The Holy Spirit has brought together a faithful group of men who are ready to **Serve the Lord** and continue His mission of Love.

As Team #86 goes 4th on this mission, we will be relying on your prayer and palanca to be the lever that brings His message to the candidates. You know how important palanca was for your Cursillo experience! Please raise the team and candidates in prayer and offer palanca for the success of the weekend. Team palanca can be mailed to me at 4411 Walnut Drive, Newburgh IN, 47630 or you can email it to me at petebarry1966@gmail.com. During the retreat weekend, palanca can be dropped off in the Sarto kitchen until noon on Sunday. (The team has 2 Bob Smith’s— Please note Bob Smith, music and Bob Smith, steward!). Also, please sign up for a time slot in the area Palanca chapels.

Men’s #86 Talk Support will be September 10th at St. John the Evangelist in Daylight, Indiana. Holy Mass will be offered at 7 am in the church and all are welcome. Talks will begin at 8 am. Set up at Sarto will be Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 pm. Please join the Cursillo community for Mass (8 pm) and Candlelight (following Mass at 9 pm) on October 8th in Celebration Hall at the Catholic Center. Closing will be on Sunday, October 9th at 5:20 pm. Please come, fill Celebration Hall, and show your love and support as we welcome our new members of the 4th day!

If you are interested in serving a meal on the weekend please contact Linda Ketzner at 812-760-4658 (text or call). If you’d like to help with providing a snack or desert for the weekend, contact Head Kitchen Mike Dugan at 812-568-9890 (text or call).

Peace to you all, Pete Barry, Men’s #86 Coordinator

“I Will Choose Christ”

Evansville Women’s Cursillo #91
November 3-6, 2016

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have prayed that God make this team His, and I believe He has done just that!

I am thrilled and honored to have the chance to serve alongside the Godly men and women for Women’s Cursillo #91! We are very excited to start our formation process on September 11, and begin bonding and preparing for the women that He will bring to us on November 3!

We all know the power of prayer and Palanca on our own Cursillo weekends. Please make time in your busy schedules to lift up this team and the candidates now already! The success of all Cursillo weekends depends on our prayers and sacrifices! If you have a team Palanca, you may send it to me at 795 E. Scherle Ln. Jasper, IN 47546 or email to kimmessmer@marykay.com. Any and all Palanca for the candidates can be brought to the Sarto kitchen throughout the weekend.

I encourage you to join us for Talk Support on Saturday, October 22 at St. Joseph’s Parish Center in Jasper from 8 CT/9 ET – 12 CT/1 ET. St. Joe’s offers Mass at 7 CT/8 ET.

Join the community for Mass and Candlelight at 8 pm CT on November 5 in Celebration Hall. Closing ceremonies will be in Celebration Hall at 5:20 pm CT on November 6.

If you are interested in serving a meal or helping as a Kitchen Angel, contact Linda Ketzner at 812-760-4658 (call or text.) If you would like to provide snacks or desserts for the weekend, contact Head Kitchen Staff, Lisa Bittner at 812-768-5349.

*God bless you and your families,
Kim Messmer, Women’s Coordinator*

Cursillo 3-Day

We have all heard that people do not like change, yet every year manufacturers come out with new and improved products that we eagerly buy. So maybe we don’t mind change if it will make things better. Some change can be hard, especially when dealing with religion. I, for one, did not think I could ever get used to the phrase “consubstantial with the Father”, but at a recent TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Mass I attended there were youths and adults from many Dioceses. When it came time for the Creed, we all recited it without books like we have been saying it that way all our lives. I guess given enough time, we can accept change even if it’s hard. One thing that will never change is the focus of Cursillo.

The focus of Cursillo is to not only bring about a change of heart and mind, but to maintain that conversion for life. Eduardo Bonnin, the founder of Cursillo, said it best, “We do not attend group reunions so there will be people to do a Cursillo weekend, rather we have Cursillo weekends so more people will attend group reunions.”

On a Cursillo weekend, it is the coordinator’s privilege to invite people to work on a Cursillo team. When I was coordinator I wanted to invite many people who had never had the honor of working on a Cursillo team before. I was surprised at how many were not eligible because they were not grouping. In talking to other coordinators, they expressed the same problem.

Years ago, the assistant coordinator did not give a talk to the candidates on the weekend, instead they gave a grouping/witness talk at the closing not only to the new Cursillistas, but to the entire 4th Day. This is just one suggestion on how to more fully engage the 4th Day in the grouping process; we would like to begin discussion on this. Fortunately, Cursillo has a forum to discuss topics like this; it is the School of Leaders. The School of Leaders meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm cst at Holy Spirit Church. We will be discussing this topic at the next School of Leaders on September 13th. We would like for you to come and share your opinion of this and bring other suggestions. We look forward to seeing you!

May God Bless you! Bob Smith, Cursillo 3-day Chair

PALANCA in the Precursillo

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gave up something over that weekend, or that you said a Rosary for them in particular and the success of the weekend. Lastly, pray first, certain that the Holy Spirit will give you the words to write!

Peace and God Bless!

Lynn and Clare Hassler, Palanca Chairs



Secretariat Members	
Spiritual Director	Fr. Ray Brenner
Lay Director	Bob Martin
Secretary	Pete Barry
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Pre-Cursillo	Dan & Michele Donovan
3-Day	Bob & Cindy Smith
Post-Cursillo	Alphonso Vidal
Palanca	Lynn & Claire Hassler
Procurement	Mary Lou Bradley & Lois Schenk
School of Leaders	Jim Mattingly

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. Peter Celestine	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

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