

CURSILLO NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

**THE EVANGELIZER**

June 2017

New Website: www.BellevilleCursillo.org**FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR** DEACON WAYNE WEILER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the 4th Day,

As I begin this message, I would like to first offer gratitude to Father Gary Gummersheimer for his service and faithful dedication to the Belleville Cursillo Movement for these past six years. Father Gary has inspired and guided us in faith by his words and reflections. We are grateful for his priesthood and witness to our Lord and Savior. May we assure him of our continued prayers for his ministry!

Happy Birthday! Yes, Happy Birthday to the Church. It is hard to imagine, but we find ourselves at the great day of Pentecost. The day which sent forth, and released, the power of the Holy Spirit on the early Church. This day gave us yet another example of how, throughout the ages, God has kept and continues to keep His promise. The promise of His unfailing, unending, and undeserved gifts of the Holy Spirit. The prophet Isaiah foretold them (Is 11:1-2); Jesus announces and asserts them in the coming of the Advocate (Jn 14:15-20); God Himself sends them in the driving winds and tongues of fire (Acts 2:1-4).

Our Cursillo Movement helps us to see more clearly the impact these gifts have on the world around us and the environments in which we find ourselves. I suppose the question we should ask ourselves is how have we allowed them to affect our relationships? Our relationship with neighbor, with nature, and most importantly, with God.

We've been given these great gifts to make a difference in a troubled, divided, and confused world. As much as we may want to, and try as we may, it is difficult to escape the noise of mistrust, anger, and discontent we're bombarded with on a daily basis. But we CAN, by our witness to Christ and by our acceptance of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, show our culture another way to address its many challenges. We have answers to provide, love to give, hope to offer, and faith to share. And in doing so we can restore joy to a misguided or broken soul—one person at a time.

A daunting task, well maybe, but one well worth our time and effort. We can take comfort in knowing that we have a constant companion as our guide. The world needs to see us, and these precious seven gifts in action!

Let us continue the process of Christian initiation by praying for, encouraging, and supporting our newly confirmed members and those new members of the Church received at the Easter Vigil.

So, Happy Birthday Church! May you continue and always “kindle in us the fire of your love.”

De Colores!

Deacon Wayne



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit
to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR NICK LANG

Dear Cursillistas,

With all the crops showing their heads in our farm fields, one's mind is led to think about a great harvest in the fall. Our spirituality also leads our hearts and minds to remember the great harvest our Lord is expecting from us Catholics and especially his Cursillistas. The harvest is great but the workers are few.

Now is the time for you to **MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, AND BRING YOUR FRIEND TO CHRIST**. So, so many times our Lord and our beloved Popes have said "Be Not Afraid." Step up to the plate and be a sponsor for your dear friends and family members. If asked to be on the Cursillo Weekend as a team member, say yes to all the work and palanca that is required. Work for the Lord so that He may have a great harvest. You will be bringing Him the fruit He desires.

We also have many jobs to be filled on the working side of the Cursillo management team. Your talents and skills are really needed at this time. Please attend the School of Leaders and the Secretariat meetings to learn where you could fit in. Usually these positions take less than 2 -3 hours a month. We are also in need of representatives for each parish.

May God bless you with a great spring and summer,

Nick Lang (618-213-6391)



PRECURSILLO LAURA VEACH

The Easter Season has concluded and summer is upon us. We move forward inspired and fortified by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to “Go ye into all the world and proclaim the Good News.”

How are you doing with spreading the good news of Cursillo? Are you talking to family and friends and sharing the benefits and blessings of beginning a very personal journey to and with Christ? As you go about your summer activities, perhaps cultivating your gardens and enjoying time with family and friends, ponder how you may best cultivate friends and relationships for Christ. Let each of us be that stranger on the road to Emmaus renewing the disciples’ fervor to follow Christ.

St. Paul tells us to “Pray incessantly.” (1Thes 5:17). Entreat the Holy Spirit for guidance. Pray, offer palanca, and cultivate candidates for the 2018 Cursillo Weekends. Pray for the 4th Day Community. Pray for the Secretariat. Pray for the School of Leaders.

The dates for the 2018 Cursillo Weekends are: Men, March 8-11; Women, March 15-18.

Information on the 2018 Cursillo Weekends will appear in the next issue of The Evangelizer. For now, the Candidate Application and the Sponsor Form are attached at the end of the newsletter and have been posted on the website at www.bellevillecursillo.org. You may contact me via email at laura.sings.4@gmail.com or by calling 618-233-3062 (home) or 618-972-3062 (cell).

St. Paul, Patron of Cursillo, pray for us.

Blessings for a safe and rewarding summer.

DE COLORES!

Laura Veach



POSTCURSILLO TONY AND SHARON GUGLIOTTA

To all our fellow 4th Day Cursillistas –

Hello to all of you. The annual Cursillo Reunion was held at the Guild Center at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows on April 29. It was so wonderful to see all of you who were able to join us! The afternoon began with music, the blessing, and a potluck meal of many different special dishes – something for every palate: salads, desserts of every kind, and drinks. Everyone had a chance to eat and visit a bit, followed by grouping at our tables using a focus question to share our “piety, study, and action.”

John Schaberg gave a fantastic witness talk! We learned a little about him, his Cursillo journey, and he gave us some ideas and a proverbial basket of tools we can use to make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ! Thank you, John! A brief summary of John’s talk is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

We were blessed to have Julie Weber, Chuck Weyhaupt, and Terry Kostel share their musical talents with us as they played together, a Cursillo ensemble. What a treasure it was to hear and sing along! We thank Steve Schaefer for his assistance in making it possible for us to hold the event there, and for making sure we had what we needed, including songbooks. Thank you to everyone who came early and pitched in to help us get set up and cleaned up afterward. We really do appreciate it!

As is usual for us, we are right in the middle of planning the next event for all of the 4th Day Community. You guessed it - the “Day of Recollection.” Save the date, everyone! It will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2017, at Sacred Heart Parish in DuQuoin, IL. We will begin by 2:00 p.m. with light snacks, have a presentation and discussion, then conclude with Mass at 5:00 p.m. We don’t have all the details worked out yet though, so please watch your e-mail for more information. Remember to spread the word to Cursillistas you know who do not receive electronic mail.

Many of you, our fellow Cursillistas, have requested prayers for family members, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and yourselves. We would like for each of you to know that we are continuing to hold all of you up in prayer every day. Prayer is desperately needed in these times, and for so many. Tony and I are thankful for each one of you, and for your friendship and prayers.

We recall from our Weekends and are reminded in each of our friendship groups that Christ is counting on us. We should let His Name be known and spread His Love in our environments. There is no greater love than the Love of Jesus! We are not alone in our journey to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ! We have many brothers and sisters who encourage and strengthen us, and we pray for each other in this endeavor. The Cursillo Movement needs each one of us to do our part, reach out to others, and evangelize. Let’s share our God of Love with those we come in contact with. He loves each one of us, and is at work in our lives. Begin by asking the Holy Spirit to help you with what to say and do.

Grouping is a perfect way to come closer to Jesus through our friendships and sharing with others. If any of you are not grouping and would like to find a friendship group near you or attend a monthly Ultreya, your sponsor can help and we can also help. We can be reached at guggang@charter.net or (618) 239-9480. If you get our voice mail, please leave a message and we will get back to you within a

short time. We look forward to the opportunity to help you in your 4th Day journey. Peace be with you all!

Tony and Sharon Gugliotta
Your Postcursillo Chair



PRAYER REQUESTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers! What's involved? We need people who will accept prayer requests via email and then on the same day or the next day distribute the prayer requests to all our Cursillistas via email. Since group email is involved, some technical expertise on sending group emails is needed – or – someone with technical ability who is willing to learn.

If you are willing to accept this critically needed prayer service, please email Christine Leja at lejachristine@yahoo.com.

If you are unable to volunteer, please pray for volunteers to come forward!

May the Holy Spirit inspire the volunteers we need to come forward!

PRAYER REQUESTS BY EMAIL

Note that prayer requests are distributed, once per day, by one email address (PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org). A different email address is used to request prayers.

To request prayers that will be distributed via email to all Belleville Diocesan Cursillistas, please send to the following email address:

CursilloRequestedPrayers@gmail.com

CursilloRequestedPrayers@gmail.com is read late each day. All prayer requests from this email address are gathered into one email and sent via PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org. We are allowed one mass distribution email per day. (Note that any prayer requests sent to PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org may be missed or not sent in a timely fashion.)

SCHOOL OF LEADERS JOHN SCHABERG**School of Leaders - - The What of What??**

*My name is John Schaberg – I began my journey at **Belleville Men’s #30** (2010), and I sat at the table of St. Guiseppi Moscati.*

First and foremost, I would like to extend **my thanks, and the gratitude of the School of Leaders and the 4th Day Community**, to my predecessor, **Terry Kostel**. He served with great love as Chairman of the School of Leaders for his 3-year term, ending March 31. He brought his creativity, compassion, his great ability to listen, and fantastic organizational skills to this Chair. Big shoes to fill!

Second - - School of What? I said at the Reunion that this part of the Cursillo Movement should be named after something that attracts people, not those two unfortunate words, “School” and “Leaders.” I mean, the “of” part is OK, but the rest of the name needs to go! I suggested “**Shareholders Meeting**” or “**School of Followers**,” but let’s face it - - it could be “**Flock of Sheep**,” or “**Focus Group**” or “**Jam Session**.” Or “**Finger Painting for Christians**” - - a time to use our creativity, sense of wonder, and curiosity about why we are here, harkening back to when life was FUN! Jesus wants us to enjoy life, by loving and by using our talents as God intended, in loving service to our neighbors, our friends, our families, to Him.

We held our **first meeting of the “School” on May 9th**, and we opened the floor to any and all ideas for the next 3 years. I want to be sure the School of Leaders does what it’s supposed to do, to give **direction** and **energy** to the Cursillo Movement in the Belleville Diocese. We had some great suggestions, and we shared many loving thoughts for our Movement. I have some work to do - - pray, study, and take action!

It’s going to be wonderful to serve this Movement and to do my small part in the mission of the **holy, catholic and apostolic church** - - Worship, Formation, Outreach - - Piety, Study, Action. I am really, really looking forward to the challenges of bringing Christ to my environment, and to the Chair which has been passed to me.

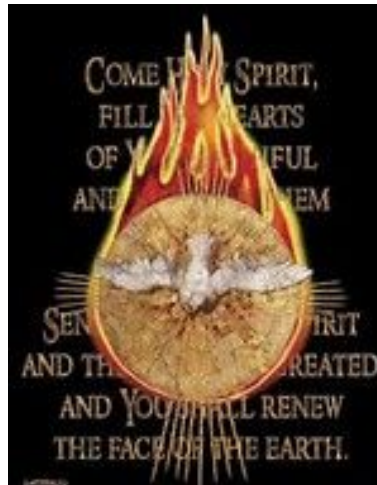
Please join me and the other faithful 4th Day travelers who guide the Belleville Cursillo community. As of now, we are meeting on the **2nd Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph’s Parish Center in Freeburg**. Next meeting is **June 13th**. We are open to suggestions, or invitations, to meet at Murphysboro, Mt. Vernon, Du Quoin, or Mt. Carmel. We need your support and sponsorship to have a **Traveling School!**

If you envision yourself **servicing on the Team someday**, or if you see yourself as a faithful member of a **Friendship Group**, **you belong** in the School of Leaders. If you are searching for Action, or a way to Study, or an opportunity to explore “spiritual aids to nurture your vital union with Christ” (Piety - see your little blue Group Reunion card), then the School of Leaders is the

place for you. We would like to learn from you. **Romans 1: 12:** “*What I mean is that both you and I will be helped at the same time, you by my faith and I by yours.*”

De Colores and Peace!

John I Schaberg



2018 Cursillo Weekends

Men's Cursillo Weekend:

March 8, 2018 – March 11, 2018

Women's Cursillo Weekend:

March 15, 2018 – March 18, 2018



April 29, 2017 Cursillo Reunion Witness Talk Summary

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The Holy **Spirit is leading us** all towards our 4th Day Journey, and the **Spirit will find a way**. But it takes a **human being** to make that contact – to give a human face to The Whisper.

When Sharon and Tony asked me to give this Witness talk, they asked me to focus on the **importance of being a Sponsor**. I’d like to take a different angle – *how important was my Sponsor to me?*

My Sponsor asked me to the Weekend, and I trusted him enough to say, “Yes,” with no questions asked. He sent me a **Palanca letter** that caused my Grinch heart to grow “three sizes that day,” and he came for **the Closing**. He let a week or two go by, then called me to see how I was doing. He **invited me** to see **how a prayer group works**, by joining him and the rest of his group next week. So again, I said “yes.” Over the next year, I **continued to meet** with him and his group, and soon they became my group, my friends. My sponsor helped me take my **baby steps**, but he persevered with me through my journey. So he was an **Ideal Sponsor**.

I don’t think this Witness would be complete without Study, to see **what the Bible says** about Sponsors. **Barnabas** was **St. Paul’s sponsor!** Think about the courage that took - - here was Saul, the persecutor, not knowing he was on a journey to his personal encounter with Christ. He was literally blinded along the way. The Apostles were ready to kick him out of the group. But Barnabas, seeing Paul as someone who might “vertebrae” the world, spoke up as his Sponsor. He continued to travel with Paul on his early travels.

I suggest you read the Sponsor materials (The Blue Book, The Pink Book, the Sponsor Commitment application, the Candidate’s Application, the National and Belleville Cursillo websites). It’s not about getting numbers for the Weekend. It’s a year-round effort to **take responsibility** for **changing their lives**, not just dropping them off at the front door, but walking with them along the way.

Make a friend, Be a friend. That’s what friends do.

De Colores and Peace!

John I Schaberg



Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring that friend to Christ!

Check out the Cursillo Diocese of Belleville website: www.BellevilleCursillo.org

Secretariat Meetings

Watch the website calendar for meeting times which begin at 7 pm at St. Joseph Parish, Freeburg, IL

School of Leaders

The School of Leaders is on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's in Freeburg. Contact John Schaberg (618) 420-2670.

Ultreyas

Belleville Area: Monthly on the second Friday at 7:30 pm in the Undercroft at St. Peter's Cathedral. (Entrance on W. Garfield St.) Contact Bob McCormack (618) 277-3709

New Athens Area: Monthly on the third Sunday at 10:15 am at St. Agatha's Parish Center in New Athens. This is immediately after the 9 am Mass. Contact Joe or Ann Haubrich (618) 475-2006

Murphysboro: Every other month on the last Sunday of the month at St. Andrew's school cafeteria. This is immediately after the 11 am Mass (approximately noon). Contact Joan Sherwood (618) 529-4351.

Friendship Groupings

Belleville Cursillo has begun an activity to create a list of all the Friendship Groupings in our diocese to make available to Cursillistas. If you are part of a Friendship Group, please send to Christine Leja at lejachristine@yahoo.com the following information: name of Friendship Group, meeting times, and location.

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Cursillo in Christianity



The start of your journey to grow in piety, study and action



Belleville Cursillo	2018 Weekend Date	Application Deadline
Men's Cursillo Weekend	March 8 - 11	February 23, 2018
Women's Cursillo Weekend	March 15 - 18	March 2, 2018

Name _____

Preferred name for your name tag _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Type of Employment _____

E-mail _____ Sponsor _____

Parish _____ Pastor _____

Age: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Are you a Catholic, eligible to receive the Sacraments?

Yes No

Has the Cursillo Movement been explained to you?

Yes No

Has the follow-up program of friendship grouping and Ultreya been explained to you?

Yes No

Marital status:

Single Separated/divorced

Married Widowed

If married, is your spouse Catholic?

Yes No na

Has/will your spouse made a Cursillo?

Yes No na

Why do you want to make a Cursillo?

Please explain any condition that would require special attention such as diet, medication, or physical handicap.

Signed _____

Date _____

Return your completed application with a \$50 deposit (non-refundable) to your sponsor.

Checks are payable to "Cursillo in Christianity"

The total cost of the weekend is approximately \$175 (the balance can be paid on the weekend).

Please do not let the cost of the weekend prevent you from attending.

(You will receive a confirmation e-mail from the Precursillo chairperson with information about the weekend)

Belleville Cursillo website: www.bellevillecursillo.org

Sponsor Guidelines



Speak to God about a person before speaking to a person about God



To be a Sponsor is a privilege, and as such, carries a serious Christian responsibility. Sponsoring a friend for the Cursillo is not a haphazard circumstance. It should be a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. Therefore, you must know your candidate and consider the important items below.

GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATE SELECTION

- ✚ An adult Catholic (18+) who is able to receive the Sacraments and emotionally mature to understand the evangelical message and commit to it
- ✚ Able and willing to influence others in a Christian way
- ✚ Be free of unusual stress, e.g., recent loss of a loved one (out of respect for the candidate and in courtesy to other attendees)

CANDIDATE APPLICATION

- ✚ Do not be secretive. Answer honestly any questions the candidate has about the weekend or the movement (with the exception of palanca)
- ✚ Explain the Cursillo 4th Day (Group Reunion and Ultreya) to the candidate
- ✚ The cost of the weekend is approximately \$175. No one will be turned away because of finances. Inform the precursillo chairperson, in confidence, if your candidate is unable to pay for the weekend in full
- ✚ Complete the application with your candidate and mail this completed Sponsor Commitment, the Candidate Application, and a \$50 (non-refundable) deposit to the precursillo chairperson. Note that Candidate Applications cannot be accepted without the submission of the Sponsor Commitment Form.
- ✚ Shortly after receipt of the application and Sponsor Commitment Form, the precursillo chairperson will **e-mail** the applicant a confirmation letter with further information about the weekend. You, as the sponsor will receive an e-mail as well. Check with your candidate that they received the e-mail and provide answers to any additional questions.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

- ✚ Do palanca (pray and sacrifice) for your candidate
- ✚ Attend the Novena on Sundays from January 7 through March 4 at 1:00 PM, St. Joseph Freeburg ✚ Invite your candidate to attend a group reunion and Ultreya (prior to the weekend)

THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

- ✚ Insure your candidate has transportation to the Ruma Center. Candidates should not drive to the Cursillo site.

- ✠ Continue doing palanca for your candidate and all others attending the weekend
- ✠ Write a palanca letter to your candidate (indicate "Sponsor Letter" on the outside of the envelope) and give it to one of the team members prior to the start of the weekend
- ✠ Attend the Sunday evening closing and dinner, arriving at Ruma by 4:00 PM. Take your candidate home.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOLLOWING THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

- ✠ Keep in close contact with your candidate, continuing to show as much interest as you did prior to the Cursillo, and encouraging them to persevere in their 4th Day
- ✠ Help your candidate find a sharing group
- ✠ Attend the Cursillo Weekend Reunion with your candidate
- ✠ Accompany your candidate to Ultreya and School of Leaders

Sponsor Commitment Form

Complete the sponsor commitment form and mail with your candidate's completed application and \$50 deposit to Laura Veach, 4 Zinnia Drive, Belleville, IL 62221.

Upon receipt, a letter will be sent to your candidate with information about the weekend. And you will receive a letter with a reminder about a Palanca letter for your candidate, their transportation to and from Ruma, and your support of your candidate beyond the 3-day weekend.

Note that Candidate Applications cannot be accepted without the submission of the Sponsor Commitment Form

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Candidate's name _____

Why do you feel this person is a good candidate?

Please complete the following information in regards to you, the sponsor.

Name _____

Address, City, State Zip

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

E-mail _____

Parish _____

When and where did you start your Cursillo journey?

Are you presently a member of a friendship group? Yes No

Are you able to assist your candidate to become part of a friendship group? Yes No

Are you praying and sacrificing for your candidate? Yes No

Have you explained post Cursillo to your candidate? Yes No

Do you plan to attend the closing of the Cursillo weekend? Yes No

If the candidate is married, have you discussed Cursillo with his/her spouse? Yes No

Have you explained the \$50 deposit and total cost of the weekend? Yes No

(If your candidate cannot afford the weekend, please let us know so other resources may be sought to assist them.)

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Questions? Contact Laura Veach, Precursillo Chairperson