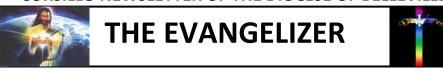
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September 2017

New Website: www.BellevilleCursillo.org

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR DEACON WAYNE WEILER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Fourth Day,

I hope this finds you well and in good spirits! I begin this message by offering sincere gratitude for the leadership and direction Nick Lang has brought to the Belleville Cursillo in Christianity Movement during his tenure as Lay Director. Nick has been a stalwart advocate for ensuring the mission, method and practices of the Cursillo are in place that we may experience an even closer walk with Our Lord and Savior. Nick, we thank you for your friendship, and your unwavering witness and Christian example. We also congratulate Bob McCormack, our new Lay Director. Bob, please be assured of our prayers and support.

"The Cursillo wants to accomplish, and by the Grace of our Lord it does, the Evangelical message – the Good News. Good for everybody and always new because it renews us."

These are the words of Cursillo in Christianity founder Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló on the importance of reaching out to others. In doing so we hear Jesus' great commission to, "go therefore and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)

We have so many opportunities to bring that rejuvenating message of love we find in the Gospel--The Good News--to others. We share this evangelical message in simple and ordinary, as well as demanding and complicated times—whether in our homes, within our families, at the worksite, or the office.

We need not look too hard to find these opportunities, in fact we need not look at all, as they will find us. They will most likely find us when we least expect, and when we feel least prepared; at the end of a long day, in the midst of a busy situation, or in the times when you think you have nothing to give.

But therein lies the beauty and the wisdom of our call as Christians, that God gives us these moments to be Good News, to be Christ to others, to be renewed in our commitment to live out our baptismal call in charity to others. These are gifts for which we never know the time or place of their offering.

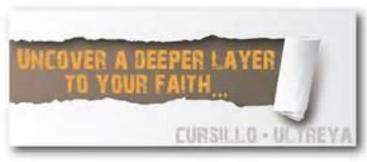
I have personally been lifted up by Grace in the moments with Christ that I simply didn't see coming. Or when I had to push myself to carry out His mission. Without exception I've come away from these moments with a new sense of purpose and a renewed spirit.

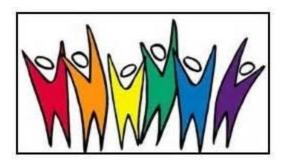
Our rich Catholic faith offers us countless opportunities to experience the Love, Joy and Peace that flows so readily from the Good News of Christ. Our task is to stay open for these opportunities whenever we're ready, but more so when we are not. "Go, and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

De Colores!

Deacon Wayne







FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR NICK LANG

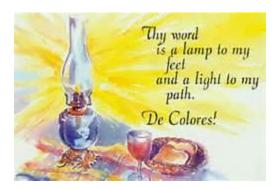
My Dear Sister and Brother Cursillistas,

This will be my last article in the Evangelizer as my term comes to an end at the Secretariat meeting on Sept 26. It has been a true blessing for me to have been of service to you and our Lord as we progress on our "Cursillo Journeys" in His wonderful church using the methods of Cursillo.

There is much work yet to be completed; however, I am very confident that your Secretariat and School of Leaders will be working hard to spread our message and to keep our many friends active on their journeys. Cursillo is in need of many workers; so please consider joining the teams, attend the School of Leaders and attend the Secretariat meetings.

I thank each of you for all your support over the past three years and know you will support your new Lay Director, Bob McCormack.

Nick Lang (618-213-6391)









PALANCA BOBBI SCHAEFER

A Laser Focus

I recently heard a priest recall a harrowing drive he made many years ago along the coast of Maine to a friend's uncle's home for some retreat time. He found himself driving through a very heavy thunderstorm...which he found out upon his arrival was actually a hurricane! Quite a time for some serious prayer! He then went on to relate this experience to the storm on the Sea of Galilee, when Jesus appeared walking on the water. Peter was so overwhelmed at what he saw that he begged Jesus to call him to walk on the water to Jesus. Peter's prayer was guided by a laser focus.....all he wanted to do was to get to the Lord! He disregarded the wind and rain and lightning all around him...all he wanted was Jesus!

What a lesson Peter taught us through his focused desire...HE walked on water....because he asked, and he believed. He had a *one track mind*. But he also taught us what can happen when we lose our focus...we can lose our goal, our blessing, our closeness to Jesus. Peter began to sink when his focus changed, paying attention instead to the storm and all its fury. Because Our Lord loves us with an all-encompassing, all-forgiving love, He saved Peter from drowning. Jesus desires that NONE should perish.....

What would your prayer life be like if you developed that 'laser focus' when you talk to Jesus? Tuned out everything but **Him**, and being only with **Him**?? We are living in a very turbulent time that threatens to overwhelm us at every turn. So much, and so many, need our prayers. *Please....don't get overwhelmed*. Turn your 'laser focus' to Jesus, giving Him your time and your prayers. Then relax and watch what He can do!

As my favorite guy, St. Padre Pio says, "*Pray, hope....and don't worry*!" Let Jesus amplify <u>your</u> laser prayers for His honor and glory!!

De Colores and Blessings.....Bobbi



PRECURSILLO LAURA VEACH

In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, we learn "There is a time for everything. ... a time to sow and a time to reap..." This was popularized in song back in the 1960s, also. In recent weeks, we heard about the seed that fell on good ground and the seed that grew up with weeds, and we were reminded that we should not be too hasty to cull out the weeds lest we sacrifice the fruit along with them. Jesus showed us that we must be diligent in pursuing more friends for Him.

Many seeds were planted this summer; now we are preparing for the harvest. Currently, we have the names of 11 men and 15 women who have had the seed of Cursillo planted in them. Let us pray that those seeds will blossom and grow into new Cursillistas at the March 2018 weekends. Pray also that more men and women will discern their call to Cursillo. Remember the sponsors, as well, that they will continue to provide support and encouragement to their candidates. *Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ.*

St. Paul tells us to "Pray incessantly." (1Thes 5:17). Entreat the Holy Spirit for guidance. You will hear about the School of Leaders and the upcoming Novena from those respective chairpersons later in this newsletter. I encourage you to participate in these endeavors. You'll be glad you did. 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. Pray for the Rector and Rectora as they begin to gather their teams for the weekends.

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

Application deadlines are: Men, February 23, 2018; Women, March 2, 2018.

Information on the 2018 Cursillo weekends, the Candidate Application and the Sponsor Form are included in The Evangelizer and are 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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, pray for us.

DE COLORES!

Laura Veach

An encounter with God,

An encounter with Yourself,

An encounter with Others

POSTCURSILLO TONY AND SHARON GUGLIOTTA

Hello to you all, our fellow 4th Day Cursillistas!

Can you believe fall season is almost here again? It has been a busy summer; more or less busy for everyone. Whatever it is that has kept you and us busy, one thing is for sure; there is much need for prayer among the entire 4th Day Community and their families. Join us in praying fervently for each and every one, including those for whom we have received daily prayer requests and for the candidates and teams on the upcoming Cursillo Weekend dates on a global scale. God is good! All the time!

Recently on July 29, 2017, the annual Day of Recollection was held at Sacred Heart Parish in DuQuoin, IL. We heard Doris Rottschalk witness about perseverance. Father Joseph Oganda, who was the Spiritual Advisor on the Women's Weekend this year, and Deacon Wayne Weiler, Belleville Diocesan Cursillo Spiritual Director, presented and facilitated a lively discussion based on scripture. Julie Weber played her guitar and led us in song. We enjoyed a delightful variety of light snacks. There was an opportunity for reconciliation, and Mass was at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you Father Joseph Oganda, Deacon Wayne Weiler, Julie Weber, Doris Rottschalk, and everyone who participated in the afternoon. Thank you to all who came early to help set up, and who stayed after to help pack up and clean up. We really appreciate each one of you!

We are in the process of planning this year's Grand Ultreya in October. It will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Fairview Heights, IL on Saturday, October 28, 2017, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. The witness speaker will be Garry Range. We will be sure to let you know other pertinent details at a later time. Keep an eye on your e-mail or an ear to your phone messages, as we get the information out to as many people as possible. We look forward to each event - to catching up with and keeping in touch with each one of you!

We are here to serve you and to be of assistance on your 4th Day. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at guggang@charter.net or at (618) 239-9480. If you get our voice mail, please leave us a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We really would love to hear from you!

As we enjoy the last few "lazy days of summer" and look forward to the fall months, let us remember that we should reflect Christ in all of our attitudes, actions, and words. In our interactions with others, let us first turn to the Lord for his wisdom and guidance. Lord, please continue to walk with us, strengthen us, and be with us on our journey. Please grant us Your grace and mercy that we may embrace our environments with the love, joy, and peace You have shared in friendship with us. Thank you for hearing our prayer. Amen.

DeColores!

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.

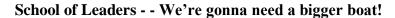
To request prayers that will be distributed via email to all Belleville Diocesan Cursillistas, please send to the following email address:

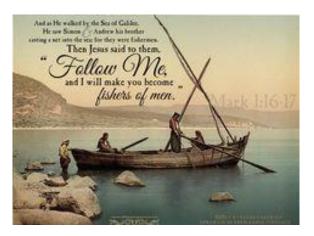
CursilloRequestedPrayers@gmail.com

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



SCHOOL OF LEADERS JOHN SCHABERG





The School of Leaders has been blessed with an **awesome responsibility** and an **inspiring opportunity**.

The Secretariat has been working towards the revitalization of the 4th Day Community, our Precursillo, Cursillo Weekend, and Postcursillo phases. The Secretariat has realized that one obstacle to the continued health and growth of our Movement is the fact that we have become centralized to the Metro East, Carbondale and Mt. Carmel areas, but we have difficulty traveling - and even communicating - - to create a lively and enthusiastic Movement throughout the Diocese. We need to be sure every Catholic in the Diocese has the opportunity to "make a friend, be a friend, and bring your friend to Christ."

One key to this effort is to **identify the Cursillistas** in all regions and recruit **Parish Representatives** in each Parish and for **each Vicariate** in the Diocese. This could be a huge and daunting task, but if we journey with Christ and do all things in His Name, all things are possible.

If you are willing to act as a Parish Representative in your 4th Day journey, or if you would like to **help with this effort** or suggest **a friend who might be willing** to serve, please **contact me**, or come to a **School of Leaders** meeting to see what's involved. This won't involve a lot of work or meetings - - - it just calls for your commitment to Jesus and love for your fellow Cursillistas to be sure their voices are heard.

Please join me and the other faithful 4th Day travelers who guide the Diocesan 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 ones are September 12th, October 10th, and November 14th. We are looking for suggestions, or invitations, to meet at Murphysboro, Mt. Vernon, Du Quoin, Mt. Carmel, Ruma, Red Bud, or ??? - - we need your support and sponsorship to have a Traveling

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School! If you can put together a group of Cursillistas in your town, we would welcome a chance to take the School on the road!

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



August 11, 2017 Belleville Ultreya Witness Talk Summary

My name is Gary Mueller – I began my journey at **Belleville Men's** #36 (2016), and I sat at the table of St. Luke.

(What follows is Deacon Gary Mueller's Synopsis of his Witness Talk. But, for those of you who did not hear his talk, you will miss the Trinitarian references he gave. Perhaps the Holy Spirit will lead you to the next Ultreya or Cursillista Reunion. God's graces abound!)

How can we bring our own experiences in closeness to God, to bring good work to others?

First we must serve in the "Ministry of presence"...We must be present to others; helping others as a vessel of our Lord to taste a little bit of the love of God. We must be Church; we must be the example to the young and old of what it means to be church. We must have the willingness to be open to others, be merciful to their needs and thoughts. Unfortunately: Are we busy being busy, when we should be busy listening to the needs of others. Take the time to be unbusy; Remembering our own mortality...make time to be with the people we treasure. But more importantly, treasure the people we are with. God has put them in our lives for a purpose. We forget to remember that we are all sons and daughters of Adam and Eve, descendants of Abraham, our roots are the same, as children of God, seek out the common.

We must be the mustard seed, if you start out trying to be the tree you will never grow closer to God. ...allow your growth in God to turn you into a mighty tree of life. It is the small things we do in life that have the greatest impact over time.

At the end of all this remember - "God loves you, and you must love one another. That is all that matters. God Bless you all."

Deacon Gary Mueller



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.

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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 11:15 am at St. Agatha's Parish Center in New Athens. This is immediately after the 10 am Mass. Contact 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.

Newsletters are delivered at no cost via email. Please send your correct email address to Christine Leja at lejachristine@yahoo.com .

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Cursillo in Christianity



The start of your journey to grow in piety, study and action $\textcircled{\dagger}$



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

Preferred name for your name tag	
Address, City, State, Zip Phone	Type of Employment
Parish	SponsorPastor
Age: Emergency Contact:	Marital status:
Are you a Catholic, eligible to receive the Sacraments? Yes No	Single Separated/divorced Married Widowed
Has the Cursillo Movement been explained to you?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	If married, is your spouse Catholic?
Has the follow-up program of friendship grouping and Ultreya been explained to you?	
Yes No	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.

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Signed _		 Date
		Date
	Return your completed application with a \$50	deposit (non-refundable) to your sponsor.
	Checks are payable to "Cu	ırsillo in Christianity"
	The total cost of the weekend is approximately $\$	175 (the balance can be paid on the weekend).
Please do 1	not let the cost of the weekend prevent you from	attending.
You will r	receive a confirmation e-mail from the Precursi	llo chairperson with information about the weekend)
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	Belleville Cursillo website: www.bellevillecur	rsillo.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.

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Candidate's name	
Why do you feel this person is a good candidate?	
Please complete the following inforn	nation in regards to <u>you, the sponsor</u> .
Name	
Address, City, State Zip	
Home phone	Cell phone
E-mail	Parish

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When and where did you start your Cursillo journey?	
Are you presently a member of a friendship group?	
Are you able to assist your candidate to become part of a friendship group?	No
Are you praying and sacrificing for your candidate?	
Have you explained post Cursillo to your candidate? Yes No	
Do you plan to attend the closing of the Cursillo weekend?	
If the candidate is married, have you discussed Cursillo with his/her spouse? $lacksquare$ Yes	No
Have you explained the \$50 deposit and total cost of the weekend? Yes No	ssist them.)
Belleville Cursillo website: www.bellevillecursillo.org	
Questions? Contact Laura Veach, Precursillo Chairperson	