

CURSILLO NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the 4th Day,

On this Easter Day, for just a moment, reflect on these words from the Gospel of Matthew.

“Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples.” (Matthew 28:8)

What devastating emotion the women must have felt upon hearing from the angel that Jesus was not in the tomb, where they had personally laid him to rest. They most surely were afraid of what His missing body meant, while at the same time being overwhelmed by the possibility that what He had promised may have actually happened. They are in a time between fear and joy, in a time between uncertainty and answers.

We experience these times also, don't we? When we get news too hard to handle on our own, when our doubt overtakes our faith, or when our frustrations get the better of our joy.

I suppose it is in the midst of these times, between fear and joy, when we must put our trust in God the most. Because isn't this where we come to know His immense love, where our faith grows stronger, and where our hope in Him is found? For in that hope we rise from the tomb of anxiety and despair and all that gets in the way of our joy.

Our wonderful weekend themes this year help us to see the true joy which comes from “Trusting in Jesus” and “Letting God” take hold of those times in our lives when we struggle for answers or wonder what is coming next.

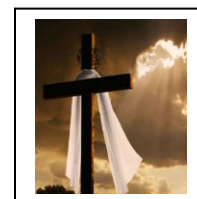
The Cursillo Journey is one of faith, enhanced by our piety, study, and action. It is also an experience of resurrection, of sharing our own dying and rising in the real and concrete circumstances of daily living. This is why we need one another, all of us, to help carry one another's burdens and share in our joys.

“Then Jesus said to them, do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me” (Matthew 28:10)

So by the light of the Risen Christ, let us march onward, Ultreya, to our own Galilee, our own environments and beyond. Then like those who first encountered the empty tomb, “Do not be afraid to run and announce what you have heard and seen.”

Blessed Eastertide to all, and De Colores!

Deacon Wayne



FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR ROBERT MCCORMACK

The Cursillo Weekends were held at Adorers of the Blood of Christ Motherhouse in Ruma, Illinois, on March 8-11 and March 15-18, 2018. Garry Range, Margie Reaka and their Cursillo teams delivered two wonderful Cursillo Weekends for our newest members of the 4th Day Community. Both the men's and women's Cursillo hosted the maximum number of candidates. There were more applications from women than we had lodging; so, for the first time in recent memory, we have a short waiting list which gives us a potential head start on next year's women candidates.

A major turnover in the Cursillo Secretariat has taken place over the past month. We now have a full Secretariat in position to guide our Cursillo Movement over the next few years. Thanks to all the outgoing members for doing a great job.

As many of you are aware, Nick Lang passed to the "5th Day" on January 7, 2018. Nick was a long-time proponent of Cursillo who served in many different ministries at St. Peter's Cathedral and in Cursillo, his primary apostolate. In addition to many other positions in Cursillo, Nick was Lay Director for Cursillo twice; the second term ending only several months before he went in the hospital.

De Colores!

Bob



PALANCA BOBBI SCHAEFER

Have you come across a definition of “prayer” that you can relate to? There is the formal definition put forward in the Dictionary of Theology that states “prayer is a privilege and an obligation of the Christian where we communicate with God.” A lot to digest and think about...

I do believe that we have been given this gift from a loving God who desires to not only be close to us, His creation, but to be the integral focus, the divine center of our lives; in that loving goodness, He has allowed us the freedom to choose to BE close to Him..... or not.

If we do make the decision to be open to God, then comes the obligation. In any relationship, there develops a particular form of communication between those involved. It can be light and superficial, not showing any real commitment. This, however, is NOT what God asks, or expects, of us. He desires true devotion, evident in a life rich with honest communication through prayer. He WANTS to know all our thoughts, feelings, concerns, joys and trials. He is always waiting to hear what His children need, and to receive our gifts of love, praise and honor, waiting for us to come to Him through prayer.

I prefer a simpler, more personal approach...”prayer – conversation with Jesus.” It tells me that He is my friend, always there for me, ready to give whatever love, support and mercy is needed. All I need do is be totally open with Him. There can be many different kinds of prayer, from the more formal as in the Mass, to the most intimate cry of “Help!” (which I have been known to use!). A deep prayer life engages all forms of communing with Jesus. Developing a closeness with Our Lord means we allow Him to see ALL of us, ALL the time, in EVERY situation. He has set the bar high – from His poor birth in a stable, to the suffering and crucifixion on Calvary, to the Resurrection Sunday that brings us the ultimate gift – SALVATION! We see His prayers of hope, of thanksgiving, of desperation, of resignation, of giving all in praise. We have been shown a perfect model to aspire to, and now comes our choice....DO we follow??

In this most holy, most serious, most joyful season of Holy Mother Church, where do you stand? Have you absented yourself from the foot of Golgotha, from outside the tomb of Our Savior, depriving Him of your love and devotion while leaving yourself barren of His Love, mercy and grace or are you fully partaking in the richness of what Jesus offers us – HIMSELF, complete and glorious love forever?

We are each at a different place in our journey to eternity. I don’t want to travel this road alone...and you shouldn’t, either. Reach out in prayer for the hand of Jesus. He’s waiting, patiently, to place your hand and prayers in His hand and walk this road with you. Celebrate the joy of an intimate prayer life with the ONLY One who matters, the ONLY One who can satisfy your soul!

May you know a blessed, Happy Easter!

De Colores!

Bobbi



PRECURSILLO LAURA VEACH

“Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.” The Cursillo mission!

Welcome to the 15 men, and to Fr. Nick Junker and the 18 women who began their Cursillo Journeys at the Men’s and Women’s Weekends this March. Both closings were beautiful and filled with heartfelt witness from these new Cursillistas. It was evident that the spiritual lives of the candidates as well as the members of the ministry teams were deeply impacted and enriched through the experience. Congratulations, sponsors, for bringing these wonderful men and women to Christ.

To all the sponsors, I encourage you to remain engaged with your candidates and ensure they are connected to sharing groups, attend Reunion and Ultreyas, and become active Cursillistas.

To the new Cursillistas, please work closely with your sponsors to find or form a sharing group. You will be amazed how invaluable this component is to your journey. Also, seriously consider becoming involved in the work of Cursillo in the Belleville Diocese. There is much work to be done and positions which must be filled. Terms in these positions are specific and the holder must rotate out at the end of their assigned term. An excellent place to start is with the School of Leaders. You will hear more about that from John Schaberg later in this newsletter.

To all 4th Day, please continue to seek out new friends for Christ.

Dates for the next Cursillo Weekends are being considered. Watch for notices at prayersrequested@bellevillecursillo.org and in the next Evangelizer issue. In the meantime, encourage your friends to make the commitment to a Weekend. Waiting lists for the next Cursillo Weekends have been established and already include two names for the Men’s Weekend and nine names for the Women’s Weekend.

When the new Weekend dates have been determined, the application and sponsor commitment forms will be updated and made available online at www.bellevillecursillo.org. You may contact me, Laura Veach, for these items or with questions via email at laura.sings.4@gmail.com or by phone at 618-233-3062 (H) or 618-972-3062 (C). If I don’t answer, please leave a message. I **will** return your call.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas, Pray for us.

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

De Colores! and Happy Easter!

Laura Veach

An encounter with God,
An encounter with Yourself,
An encounter with Others

POSTCURSILLO TONY AND SHARON GUGLIOTTA

Hello all 4th Day Cursillistas! Let us especially welcome our newest Cursillistas. Welcome!

It was great to see so many of you at this year's closings! Our prayers go out to those who were unable to attend. God is good! All the time!

The annual Cursillo Reunion will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 12 noon until 3 p.m. right around the corner! It is being held at the Guild Center at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. In honor of our new Cursillistas, a potluck meal will be provided by the rest of the 4th Day Community including this year's team members and sponsors. Mr. Ralph Bostick will be the witness speaker. All Cursillistas are invited. Save the date! Come on out and join us; meet and get to know other fellow Cursillistas! Watch your e-mail or phone messages after Easter for additional information concerning this event! Remember to get the word to those you may know who don't get e-mail. Also, sponsors please check with those you've sponsored to ensure they have a ride to the Reunion.

The purpose of the PostCursillo Chair is to support and encourage you on your 4th Day Journey.

That includes helping you find and be part of a friendship group near you if you haven't already, to know where Ultreyas are held, and to have contact information for these. This information is also listed in each edition of the Evangelizer. The newsletter is interesting to read, and is chock full of good information. Let us support and encourage each other to come closer to Jesus. Let us be present to one another. The Holy Spirit is alive with us throughout every day! Let us reflect the light and love of Christ outward to all those we know, work with, live near, and journey with.

What a blessing it is for both of us to be part of this Cursillo community and to have the opportunity to meet and get to know so many of you. We've enjoyed the privilege of serving as your PostCursillo Chair these past three years and reaching out to you prior to and at Cursillo events, via phone contact, and through this newsletter. We look forward to seeing each of you at Cursillo events throughout the year.

Bernadette and John Charlton will be taking over the reins of your PostCursillo Chair. We are working closely with them for a seamless transition. They have our full support, of course, and we know they are going to do a fantastic job! Let's lend a hand, if we can, in set up and clean up at future events. Their contact information is as follows: Bernadette and John (402) 578-5198, and their e-mail address is charltonba23@gmail.com.

De Colores!

We wish you a blessed Easter season!

Tony and Sharon Gugliotta

Postcursillo Chair

SCHOOL OF LEADERS JOHN SCHABERG**The School . . . of Fish?**

In Cursillo, as in our Christian faith, to be a **Leader means to be a true and authentic Follower**. To be a **Follower means to be a true and natural Leader**. The first shall be last, and the last shall be first. Our Lord Jesus became as a slave and washed his Disciples' dirty, smelly feet. He commanded them to do likewise.

When He began his public ministry, He promised those Disciples that they would become **fishers of men**. He taught them in the Faith and offered them the Sacraments as visible signs of His ever-lasting presence and love. They became the followers who, by sharing His love in those Sacraments, would lead their friends and family in **their Movable Square Yards** to become His followers. Those followers then became leaders, who would lead **their** friends to Christ. In an **unbroken line of leaders and followers**, Christ has been building His Kingdom **one person at a time, the followers becoming leaders**.

This makes perfect sense: the **fish become the fishermen** - - the followers become the leaders. There is security in numbers, and the school of fish lives for the greater good of the others. **Sounds like the School of Leaders!**

Our **School of Leaders** will meet on **April 10, at 7 pm in the Parish Center of St. Joseph's Parish in Freeburg, IL**. We meet on the **second Tuesday of each month**, May 8, June 12, and July 10, at locations to be announced in the 4th Day Prayer chain. **Our 4th Day gained 34 friends this year!** **Please join the Leaders!**

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



WELCOME OUR NEWEST CURSILLISTAS COMBINED RECTOR/RECTORA MESSAGE

The Diocese of Belleville Cursillo in Christianity welcomed 34 new Cursillistas in March, 18 women and 16 men. We have all received abundant and amazing graces from our most gracious and loving God concerning the Men and Women's Weekends.

The new Cursillistas are **Audrey Arnold**, St. Ann – Raddle; **Kay Baker**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Margie Born**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Diane Derby**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Rosalie Heizer**, St. John the Baptist – Red Bud; **Phyllis James**, St. Mary – Mt. Carmel; **Chris Kelley**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Kathy Krisfaluzy**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Mary Beth Lane**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Linda Nolan**, Holy Childhood of Jesus – Mascoutah; **Marilou Oyales**, Queen of Peace – Scott AFB; **Kelly Paxton**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Krista Piotrowski**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Pattie Richard**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Kelly Schaaf**, St. John the Baptist – Smithton; **Mary Beth Schaltenbrand**, St. John the Baptist – Smithton; **Sandy Schwartz**, St. Andrew – Murphysboro; **Hurley Thurston**, Queen of Peace – Scott AFB; **Fr. Nick Junker**, Holy Trinity/St. Stephen; **Henry Born**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Michael D. Brazley**, St. Andrew – Murphysboro; **Tim Cobin**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Jim C. Derby**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Jim Haberer**, St. Paul – Highland; **Steve Hughes**, St. Clare – O'Fallon; **Pat Kielbasa**, Corpus Christi – Shiloh; **Frank Lill**, St. Joseph – Freeburg; **Al Martin**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Wayne T. Murray**, Queen of Peace – Scott AFB; **Bob Nolan**, Holy Childhood of Jesus – Mascoutah; **Allen Reaves**, Sacred Heart – DuQuoin; **Dan Robinson**, Immaculate Conception – Tamaroa; **Glennon Schlitt**, St. Joseph – Freeburg; **Marvin Winkeler**, Corpus Christi – Shiloh.

Men's #37 was held March 8 through 11 with the theme of the Divine Mercy of Jesus: "Individually we say, "Jesus, I trust in You;" together we say, "We Belong to You!"

The Men's team consisted of Garry Range, Rector; Tony Gugliotta, Assistant Rector; Spiritual Advisors: Deacon Wayne Weiler, Deacon Don Sparling, and Deacon Ron Tiberi; Sacramental Priests: Fr. Jim Blazine and Bishop Stanley Schlarman; Stewards: Ken Diekemper, John Hermes, Sean Nolan, Matt Range, Mike Fietsam, and John Charlton; Table Leaders and Assistants: John Schaberg, Jim Ruppel, Kent Jeanneret, Steve Schaefer, Steve Hellmann, and Bill Schwartz; Musicians: Chuck Weyhaupt and Terry Kostel.

Women's #40 was held March 15 through 18. Following the theme, **Let God**, the ladies were reminded to trust in the Lord's plan, citing Proverbs 3:5-6 – *Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

The Women's #40 team: Margie Reaka, Rectora; Bernadette Charlton, Assistant Rectora; Spiritual Advisors: Fr. Nick Junker, Deacon Corby Valentine, and Sister Genarose Buechler; Stewards: Cheryl Rajski, Anna Feurer, Linda Bunselmeyer, Linda Kranawetter, and Nancy Myerscough; Table Leaders and Assistants: Linda Bagsby, Julie Davenport, Karen Davidson, Sharon Gugliotta, Amy Hughes, Janelle Neff, Carol Schlitt, Caroline Trimble, Laura Veach, and Karen Wobbe; Musicians: Marie Caddell and Julie Weber.



Belleville Women's Cursillo #40



We would like to thank the 4th Day for attending weekly novenas, doing Palanca/writing letters, maintaining the prayer vigil, being sponsors, driving candidates, attending closings, and keeping the team and candidates in their prayers throughout formation and the Weekends. We would also like to thank the Adorers of the Blood of Christ sisters for welcoming us and sharing their home and chapel for the Weekends.

Let us give thanksgiving, praise, glory, blessing, and adoration to our almighty God for all the benefits He has given us. We count on the Holy Spirit which Jesus gives to us. Christ is counting on us, and we are counting on Him.

De Colores,

Garry Range – Rector #37

Margie Reaka – Rectora #40



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.)



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 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, Freeburg, IL, on the last Tuesday of May, July, September, November, January, and March.

School of Leaders

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

Ultreyas

Belleville Area: Monthly on the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Undercroft at St. Peter's Cathedral. (Entrance on W. Garfield St.) Contact Jerry Palmisano, (618) 581-7705.

New Athens Area: Monthly on the third Sunday at 11:15 a.m. 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 a.m. 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 Kent Jeanneret at jeannerk@charter.net the following information: name of Friendship Group, meeting times, and location.

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