

## CURSILLO NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE



## THE EVANGELIZER



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New Website: [www.BellevilleCursillo.org](http://www.BellevilleCursillo.org)

**FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR** DEACON WAYNE WEILER

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” James 1:22

We will soon celebrate Independence Day. A day we give special thanks for the courage and commitment of our founding fathers for the cause of liberty, and to all who have died in defense of that cause. Our founders understood that an important tenant of a well-ordered and just society would be the freedom of its citizens to express their belief in God and to put that faith into practice in the everyday circumstances of life. How blessed we are to live in these United States of America where life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness matter.

The Church continues to ask us to remain vigilant in the protection of one of our most cherished, and dare I say threatened, liberties-religious freedom. The Catholic Bishops of the United States have asked that we reflect on what we may often take for granted—the freedom to express our faith without fear of persecution. But regrettably, we see far too many instances of a gradual erosion of this precious and protected gift. And in parts of the world we see painful images of an all-out assault on Christians, for no other reason than their faith in Christ, our Brother and Savior.

The Second Vatican Council document *Dignitatis humanae*, the Declaration on Religious Liberty, declares, “that the human person has a right to religious freedom. This freedom means that all men are to be immune from coercion on the part of individuals or of social groups and of any human power, in such ways that no one is to be forced to act in a manner contrary to his own beliefs, whether privately or publicly, whether alone or in association with others, within due limits. The council further declares that the right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person as this dignity is known through the revealed word of God and by reason itself. “ (DH #2)

St. James teaches us to be “doers” of the Word. This requires us to have the courage to put our faith into everyday ACTION. We can do so by expressing that faith through our system of government. In letting our voice be heard, voting our conscience, writing to our elected officials, and standing up for the poor and vulnerable we show the impact of our Christian values on a confused and often misled culture. These are all ways we can bring our faith to the public square for the common good and the good of all of God’s creation.

Let us pray always for those persecuted for their walk with Christ, stand firm in our faith, and embrace the truth as revealed by God. We are called to live our faith in all facets of life—to hear the word of God and live it by our Piety, Study and Action. In these we are “doers” of the Word.

To learn more about how to stay informed on the issues and be engaged with our elected officials, I recommend you take a look at the Catholic Conference of Illinois Website at <https://www.ilcatholic.org>.

De Colores

Deacon Wayne Weiler



**FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR ROBERT MCCORMACK**

In March, we held our Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends, which were wonderfully led by Gary Range and Margie Reaka. On April 14th the Teams, the new Cursillistas and many of the 4th Day community came together for a Cursillo Reunion which was held at the Guild Center at Our Lady of the Snows. We look forward to our next event, a Day of Recollection, which will be held at Sacred Heart Parish in Du Quoin, Illinois, on Saturday July 14, 2018. Put this date on your calendar and let's look forward to a great turnout.

Unusual but true! We do have a waiting list for next year's Cursillo weekends. Laura Veach, our Pre-Cursillo Chairperson, has candidates that were unable to go this year on the waiting list for the next Cursillo Weekend. This is the first time in recent memory that we have had a waiting list for Cursillo. The fact that we have a waiting list, as well as a number of other potential candidates, is a reminder that it is not too early to start thinking about your invitees to the Cursillo Weekends in March 2019. Get your applications completed and submitted to Laura as soon as possible. I will not be surprised if we again receive more applications than we have space available. We should be talking with potential candidates now.

De Colores!  
Bob McCormack



**PALANCA BOBBI SCHAEFER**

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy....”. Everyone looks forward to a break from the “daily grind” for at least a few days, if not a week or two. Kick back. Relax. Travel. Set aside your troubles and cares. You are entitled to take a vacation, do something different...or do nothing at all. Your choice.

When you're making that choice, remember one thing...to include Jesus in your plans. Take Him with you wherever you go, whatever you do. Spend an hour with the Blessed Sacrament, or say a rosary while you sit by the pool, at the beach, or riding in the car. You can take a moment to utter a quick prayer wherever, whenever...”Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.” A wonderful one to say that pleases the Lord immensely is “O my God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee.” Think of the souls you may save!

Have a wonderful summer, whatever it is you enjoy doing! Just remember...Jesus NEVER TAKES A VACATION FROM US. Don't we owe Him the respect and honor of keeping in touch with Him through prayer, wherever we are, whatever we're doing? He loves us, no matter what. Let's return His love...**always!**

De Colores!

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**PRECURSILLO** LAURA VEACH

*"I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting."* John 4:35

**Cursillo Weekends set for March 2019:**

MEN: Thursday thru Sunday, March 7 – March 10, 2019

WOMEN: Thursday thru Sunday, March 14 - March 17, 2019

This year we had more candidates than could be accommodated on the Weekends, and we anticipate a strong response for 2019. I urge you to have your candidates submit their applications and deposits as early as possible to avoid losing a space on the Weekends. Sponsors, your responsibilities are to *"make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ;"* review all paperwork for completeness and accuracy before submission to the Precursillo Chair; submit applications, deposits, and sponsor commitment forms to the Precursillo Chair; support your candidates throughout the Precursillo and Cursillo periods; and help them successfully transition into the 4th Day.

The application and sponsor commitment forms are included in this publication and are also available online at [www.bellevillecursillo.org](http://www.bellevillecursillo.org). You may contact me, Laura Veach, for these items or with questions via email at [laura.sings.4@gmail.com](mailto: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!

Laura Veach

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

**POSTCURSILLO JOHN AND BERNADETTE CHARLTON**

De Colores!

We just love those two Spanish words! Isn't it wonderful to be *in grace* with one another? Joy and love abound when we share our faith and stories as we did at our recent Cursillo Reunion at Our Lady of the Snows on Saturday, April 28, 2018. What a treat to welcome so many of our new Cursillistas! Speaking of treats, we shared a meal and many desserts. We began with our Cursillo musicians adding a beautiful flavor to our time together. Thank you, Julie Weber, Chuck Weyhaupt and Steve Hughes.

Deacon Wayne Weiler shared insights from Pope Francis' book, "Joy of the Gospel." He referred to all of us as "super heroes," because through the sharing of our personal stories we give witness to our love of God. We, therefore, make a difference in others' lives. Let us strive to do this each and every day.

Our speaker, Ralph Bostick, inspired us by talking about the charisms ... the gifts of the Holy Spirit ... which we are called to share. He stressed that we should all "bloom where we are planted" starting at home with our families. At times, this environment may be the most challenging. Thank you, Ralph, for sharing your personal story.

Many thanks to all 4th Dayers who helped set up and clean up! These events are successful because we all work together.

Mark your calendars for the next event for our 4th Day community. We will have our annual "**Day of Recollection**" on **Saturday, July 14, 2018, at Sacred Heart Parish in DuQuoin, IL, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Father Joseph Oganda will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. with Mass to follow at 5:00 p.m. You will receive e-mails with further details as we get closer to this date. If you know someone who does not communicate via e-mail, please share this information. Thank you!

As your Postcursillo representatives, we are here to serve you. As we all know, our Cursillo tools of Group Reunion and Ultreya sustain, encourage and enrich each of us in our 4th Day. If you are in need of joining or starting a group reunion, your sponsor should be able to assist you. However, we are also here for you. We can be reached at [charltonba23@gmail.com](mailto:charltonba23@gmail.com) or (402) 578-5198.

And, last but definitely not least, we sincerely thank Tony and Sharon Gugliotta for their tireless time and talents devoted to Postcursillo for the last three years. Job well done!

De Colores!

John and Bernadette



## **De Colores to the Fourth Day Community!**

*Belleville Cursillo "Day of Recollection"*

*July 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m*

*Sacred Heart Parish*

*17 N. Walnut Street*

*DuQuoin, IL 62832*



**SCHOOL OF LEADERS** JOHN SCHABERG

**Do you find yourself** in groups or in conversations where you desperately want to lead the discussion to something more positive, more life-centered, more fruitful, more about love than about divisions, gossip, negativity or spite? **You are a leader!**

**Can you lead your work or social environments**, your moveable square yard, the people and ideas that surround you, to a closer awareness of Christ? If you have Christ's love in your heart, even if it's deep down, then you can bring it to the surface at the times it is most needed. **You are a leader!**

**Do you shy away** from committing to an organization? That's okay– you just need to be your authentic, natural self and lead others to Christ. This is what the School of Leaders is all about – bringing to the surface our hidden abilities to Make a Friend, Be a Friend, and Bring a Friend to Christ! **You are a leader in Christianity!**

Our **School of Leaders** will meet on **July 10<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Joseph's Parish in Freeburg, IL.** We want to take this Show on the Road! **Please join your fellow 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



# Cursillo in Christianity



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



Belleville Cursillo	2019 Weekend Date	Application Deadline
Men's Cursillo Weekend	March 7 - 10	February 21, 2019
Women's Cursillo Weekend	March 14 - 17	February 28, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name for your name tag \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name & Phone number)

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?

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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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](http://www.bellevillecursillo.org)

Questions? Contact Laura Veach, Precursillo Chairperson - 618.972.3062



## *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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6 through March 3 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you know him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

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 [laura.sings.4@gmail.com](mailto:laura.sings.4@gmail.com)  
OR 618.972-3062

### LOOKING FOR A FRIENDSHIP GROUP REUNION?

Below are contacts for Friendship Group Reunions in the Belleville area:

Men & Women's Friendship Group: Bob McCormack, (618) 277-3709; [McCormack3000@gmail.com](mailto:McCormack3000@gmail.com)

Women's Friendship Group: Julie Weber, (618)-444-2894; [weber-julie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:weber-julie@sbcglobal.net) or Linda Bagsby, (618)-960-1023; [lbagsby@gmail.com](mailto:lbagsby@gmail.com)

Men's Friendship Group: Garry Range, (618)-401-9677; [g.range@charter.net](mailto:g.range@charter.net)

**NOTE:** Additional Friendship Group's points of contact will be posted in future Evangelizers as information is received. Please send your Friendship Group's points of contacts' information, including meeting day of week and type of group (men or women or both) to Kent Jeanneret; [jeannerk@charter.net](mailto:jeannerk@charter.net).

### PRAYER REQUESTS BY EMAIL

Note that prayer requests are distributed, once per day, by one email address, ([PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org](mailto: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](mailto:CursilloRequestedPrayers@gmail.com)**

[CursilloRequestedPrayers@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org). We are allowed one mass distribution email per day. (Note that any prayer requests sent to [PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jeannerk@charter.net) the following information: name of Friendship Group, meeting times, and location.

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