

CURSILLO NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE



THE EVANGELIZER



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FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR DEACON WAYNE WEILER

“My flesh is for the life of the world.” (John 6:51).

In recent weeks we have all celebrated with the universal Church the wonderful feast of the Solemnity of the Body of Christ, or as we may also say, “Corpus Christi Sunday”. This feast has even greater significance this year as the Church ushers in a National Eucharistic Revival. This worthy initiative will continue over the next three years. The stated vision of the revival is one that I believe relates so well to the life of the Cursillista. It is as follows: “A movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist - and sent out in mission *for the life of the world.*” Sound familiar?

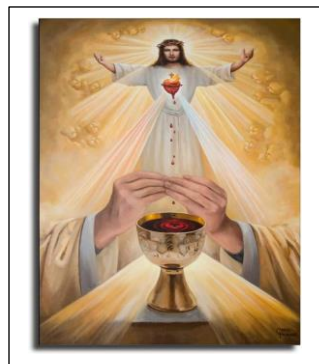
The Church draws her life from Christ in the Eucharist; by Him she is fed and by Him she is enlightened. Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist, the faithful can in some way relive the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. (Pope Saint John Paul II, *ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA*, On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church, #6)

When we receive His precious body and blood we share in His identity and are called to his mission - in doing so we too recognize Him. Each Eucharist is an encounter with this reality and yet another invitation to holiness.

Cursillo helps so many to recognize the help of the Holy Eucharist in their lives. May this National Eucharistic Revival bring this same awareness to all the faithful.

De Colores!

Deacon Wayne Weiler



FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR CHERYL RAJSKI

It has been an eventful three months since the last Evangelizer!

Belleville Cursillo responded to the invitation to participate in Synod 2021-2023. Two listening sessions were held and our report was submitted on May 30. I heard from many that the process was Spirit filled and they felt blessed to participate. Our report was very welcomed. Thank you to all who

participated and a very special thank you to those who facilitated, recorded, brought cookies and helped wrestle the many beautiful thoughts to 1,500 characters per question! It was an amazing process.

Women's Weekend #43 formation is well underway. I am happy to share that we have enough women to hold the Weekend. There is plenty of space and we hope to see more women join us. We need more candidates to be able to hold the Men's Weekend. We trust the Holy Spirit to call more candidates. Please consider if God is calling you to invite someone to make a Cursillo. God is counting on us!

Have you ever wished you could attend a second Cursillo? Region IV is happy to announce that a Cursillo de Cursillos is scheduled for January 12-15, 2023, at SARTO Retreat House in Evansville, Indiana. A Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC) is a workshop based on the Foundational Charism of Cursillo. Here is some information about this opportunity.

- At the Cursillo de Cursillo (CDC) you will leave with a treasure of knowledge and a living experience of what is essential in the mentality, essence, purpose, and method of the Cursillo Movement.
- This course uses a schedule and format similar to your 3-day Weekend with rollos, meditations and group sharing beginning on Thursday evening and ending by noon on Sunday.
- The Weekend provides a relaxing atmosphere with time for breaks, personal reflection, and daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

People tell me it is amazing. The cost is \$200 including overnight accommodations and meals. You can register at WWW.EVANSVILLECURSILLO.COM. Email laydirector@bellevillecursillo.org if you would like to carpool.

There is another opportunity closer to home to grow in faith and meet Cursillistas from other dioceses. Belleville Cursillo will be hosting the Region IV Spring Encounter at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine from April 14-15, 2023. The event is paid for by attendees and does not impact Belleville Cursillo funds. We don't have details yet, but please consider reserving time on your calendar.

The Secretariat decided to pursue a grant from the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The cost of the Weekends continues to rise and more people are relying on our scholarship program. We prayerfully hope our request will be considered favorably.

I pray you all have a blessed summer. God be with you!

De Colores!

Cheryl



PRECURSILLO GARRY RANGE

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

We continue to prepare for the 2022 Cursillo Weekends with our most important task - **prayer**. Continue to offer prayers for our Fourth Day, prayers for Secretariat and School of Leaders, and prayers for our candidates and current and potential sponsors to be given words of encouragement to evangelize and bring others into a deep relationship with Christ by starting their Cursillo journey.

The 2022 Weekend dates are:

Women:	July 28 – July 31, 2022	Application deadline: July 8, 2022
Men:	Aug 18 – Aug 21, 2022	Application deadline: July 29, 2022

Both the Women’s and Men’s Weekends will be held at the King’s House in Belleville, IL.

Current Candidates, their parish, and sponsor for the upcoming 2022 Weekends are:

Women Candidates

Debbie Blume
Pat Butler
Kay McCulley
Janice Eischens
Brenda Epplin
Julie Harrs
Jamie Schrader
Mary Stephens
Pat Yates

Parish

Corpus Christi
St. Mary Immaculate Conception
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St. Mary Immaculate Conception
St. Bruno
St Peter’s Cathedral
Immaculate Conception
St. Teresa
St. Mary Immaculate Conception

Sponsor

Dorothy Davis
Lindy Hudson
Susan Cunningham
Lindy Hudson
Marcia Hagene
Cheryl Rajski
Krista Piotrowski
Fr. Joseph Oganda
Lindy Hudson

Men Candidates

Fr. Von Deeke

Parish

St. Joseph/St. Agatha

Sponsor

Cheryl Rajski

The Cursillo Weekend Package is available at www.bellevillecursillo.org. This package includes the Sponsor Guidelines, Sponsor Form, and Candidate Application. As a reminder, all paperwork and the registration deposit are to be submitted as a package to the Precursillo Chairperson by the sponsor, it should not come from the candidate. The Sponsor Commitment Form is essential to the candidate’s confirmation. If you have any questions, please contact Garry Range, Precursillo Chairperson (email: precursillo@bellevillecursillo.org; cell: 618-401-9677).

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

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

De Colores!

Garry Range



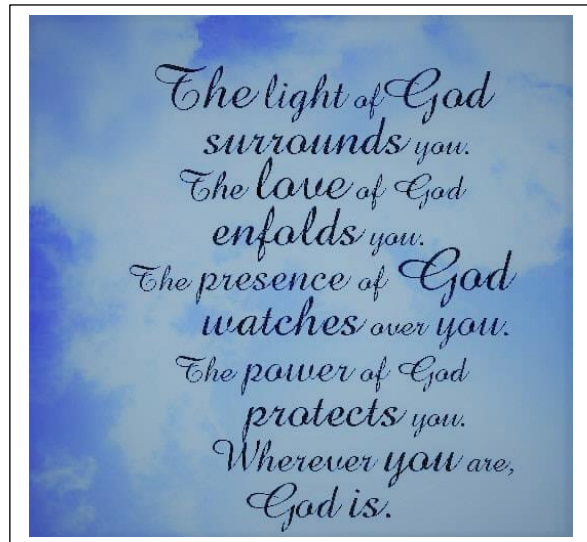
POSTCURSILLO LINDA BAGSBY

As I write this, I realize we are halfway through the year - through 2022! I am always surprised how fast time flies as I grow older. I always think I have time for this or that, but then it seems to slip away. How have I spent my time? Was it quality time? I think that is something I could improve on myself. And I am often reminded how life can change so quickly - circumstances in our day-to-day routines, family situations, an addition to the family, or perhaps a death. We miss those who have gone before us but yet enjoy our memories. We all know family and friends who have had life-changing events happen and somehow we keep going. We remember that God is with us and will be with us always. He will "enfold us in His loving embrace." How beautiful an image!

As Postcursillo Chairperson, I hope to have news soon of a Day of Recollection/Reunion sometime in September or October. This will be a chance for our Belleville Fourth Day to gather, along with our newest Cursillistas, to reflect and share. Please watch for an email soon. And as the Rectora for the Women's Weekend which will happen in a few weeks, I ask for your prayers for a successful Weekend. Our Team is in the middle of formation and, as usual, it is a great group of women and men. I hope you consider joining for the Mañanitas and/or the Closing for the Women's and Men's Weekends.

De Colores!

Linda Bagsby

**SCHOOL OF LEADERS MARGIE REAKA**

As we approach the upcoming Women and Men's Weekends, the teams are hard at work writing, reviewing, and finalizing their rollos. To prepare the teams for this effort, over the past two years School of Leaders has been presenting and discussing each of the 15 rollos.

Many of you may not have thought about or remember the rollos you heard, nor the key messages that were presented during your three days. Below are brief summaries of the key points presented during each rollo. Enjoy a trip down memory lane.

DAY 1 – FRIDAY: Encounter Self (A Day of Faith)

Ideal – We all have an ideal, but we may not know it as we start our weekend...Our ideal becomes the focal point of our lives (how we spend our free time, what thoughts get most of our attention and how we spend our money)...The call to be fully human is the authentic ideal.

Habitual Grace – Also known as Sanctifying Grace, Habitual Grace is an invitation to a relationship that is personal, intimate and ongoing...We all choose to accept or reject Habitual Grace...Nothing we do will make God love us more or less than He already does.

Lay Person: A Christian in the World – We are the Body of Christ, the call to be an Apostle...We are sacramentally commissioned at Baptism to share our personal gifts.

Actual Grace – Our response to Christ's invitation is to become channels of God's love.

Piety (the first leg of the tripod) – Holiness is having a relationship with God, not just exhibiting external pious practices...Piety is living the Christian Life each day...Piety is directing one's whole life to God...Piety is our Ideal.

DAY 2 – SATURDAY: Encounter Christ (A Day of Love)

Study (the second leg of the tripod) – Study helps us become more authentic Christians...Study is a call to convert our thinking (remember Metanoia?)...Study aims our actions.

Sacraments – God loves us...God always remains in us...God will never abandon us.

Action (the third leg of the tripod) –That we must be “all-in” as God's instruments is Apostolic Action...Bringing Christ to others as a friend is the perfection of Piety...The Cursillo Method is MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST.

Obstacles to Grace – We are the greatest obstacle to a life in God's friendship...Put on the armor of Christ...God has a plan for us.

Leaders – Leaders know the way, go the way and show the way...Approach life through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ. We all can be, and are leaders.

DAY 3 – SUNDAY: Encounter Others (A Day of Hope)

Study of the Environment – Be Christian in all environments...Transforming environments changes people...Talk to God about people before talking to people about God.

Life in Grace – Our commitment is to spiritual growth and direction...Seek out companions on the journey.

Christianity in Action – Christianity in Action is small groups living in Grace and sharing the journey as the Body of Christ...We can't evangelize alone.

Cursillista beyond the Cursillo –The Cursillo Method (Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ) is contagious... What we need to know before going home, pitfalls to avoid.

Total Security – We all need a means for encouragement and accountability after the 3-Day Cursillo...Friendship groups and Ultreyas are key...Together with God, we are an overwhelming majority.

Please keep the teams in your prayers as they prepare for the Weekends.

De Colores!

Margie Reaka
School of Leaders Chairperson

<p><u>LOOKING FOR A FRIENDSHIP GROUP REUNION?</u></p>
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Belleville Area Friendship Group Reunions

Men & Women's Friendship Group / Meets each Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM via Zoom except during week of Ultreya: Contact Kent Jeanneret, (618) 531-8855; jeannerk@charter.net

Women's Friendship Group / Meets 1st and 3rd Saturday at 8:30-10:00 AM in the Parish Center at St John's - Smithton: Contact Julie Weber, (618)-444-2894; weber-julie@sbcglobal.net or Linda Bagsby, (618)-960-1023; lbagsby@gmail.com

Men's Friendship Group / Meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM at member's house: Contact Garry Range, (618)-401-9677; g.range@charter.net

Men & Women's Friendship Group: Meets at Janice and David Bassler's house in Swansea at 1:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Contact Janice Bassler, 618-207-0882; jan-bass@hotmail.com

Women's Friendship Group / Meets at the "Sisterless House" (old convent) at St. Joseph's Parish in Freeburg at 7:00 PM, Tuesday evenings: Contact Bernadette Charlton, 402-578-5198; charltonba23@gmail.com

Men's Friendship Group / Meets at Frank Lill's house, 905 Meadow Brook Drive, Freeburg at 1:00 PM Thursday afternoons: Contact John Charlton, 703-868-6419; charltonje23@gmail.com

DuQuoin Area Friendship Group Reunions

Men's Friendship Group / Tree of Life / Meets at Haeffner Hall Du Quoin at 8:00 AM on the last Saturday of the month: Contact David Martin (618) 318-3183

Men's Friendship Group / Halom / Meets at Haeffner Hall Du Quoin at 8:00 AM on the last Saturday of the month: Contact Tony Kellerman (618) 318-0094

Women's Friendship Group / JOY (Jesus, Others, You) / Meets at Sacred Heart School Du Quoin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month: Contact Kathy Krisfaluzny (618) 318-0128

Women's Friendship Group / Mother Theresa / Meets at Haeffner Hall Du Quoin at 12:15 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month: Contact Kay Baker (618) 571-0515

Women's Friendship Group / Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton / Meets monthly at 1:00 PM at member's homes: Contact Marie Schimanski (815) 978-9419 for date and place

Murphysboro Friendship Group / Meets at Antoinette "Toni" Martie's house, 200 Marlyn Lane, Murphysboro at 4:30 PM, Thursdays: Contact Toni Martie, 618-319-0212

Mount Vernon Area Friendship Group Reunions

Women's Friendship Group: Meets at St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church, 1500 N. Main St, Mount Vernon at 4:30 PM, Mondays: Contact Susan Cunningham, 618-214-4604

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.

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.)



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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. via Zoom, 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. via Zoom (watch for announcement in Prayer Requested emails). Contact Margie Reaka (618) 581-7355.

Ultreyas

Belleville Area: Monthly on the second Friday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (watch for announcement in Prayer Requested emails) Contact Lawrence "Rock" Verrochi, (618) 581-7705.

Friendship Groupings

Belleville Cursillo creates a list of all the Friendship Groupings in our diocese to make available to Cursillistas and the sponsors of new 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, contact information, and location. **NOTE:** In these pandemic times call the contact person of the friendship group to determine if and how they are meeting.

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