



CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

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Jesus Christ is risen today....Alleluia

With Holy Week only days away
the Mystery of Faith
proclamation, Christ has died,
Christ has risen, Christ will come
again, should become a personal
experience for all Catholics.
**CELEBRATE THE RISEN
CHRIST**

The **Rector** for the Men's Fall
Cursillo weekend is **Bill Cotton**.
Weekend will be **September 10-13**.

The **Rectora** for the Women's Fall
weekend is **Beth Perkins**.
Weekend will be **October 8-11**.

Weekends will be at Visitation
Monastery in Mobile. Sponsor
and candidate applications are
available on line at
www.mobilecursillo.org or from
your Ultreya leader.

On January 1st, Woodie Perkins became the new Lay Director of Mobile Cursillo. Woodie made weekend #32 at Holy Trinity and has served Cursillo in many team capacities, including Coordinator for week # 88 at Visitation Monastery. He and Beth have been married for 37 years and have 4 children ranging in age from 17 to 29. He also has one grandson, age 3. Woodie enjoys hunting & fishing and since he has recently retired, he is looking forward to doing more of both. He and Beth have been members of St. Pius X parish for the past 36 years. Welcome Woodie, Mama Jo left some pretty big footsteps to follow. Being a hunter and a fisherman, we know that you will blaze a trail for us to follow.

Married Couples Return

The Cursillo Movement of the Archdiocese of Mobile is sponsoring a Married Couples Return Weekend. This weekend is for couples who have made a Cursillo. Our weekends will be patterned after the Mississippi Cursillo Married Couples Return Weekend that has been offered for (10) years. This is a very relaxed weekend beginning on Friday at 7:00 PM and ending Sunday about 3:00 PM. The weekend consists of (3) Spiritual talks by a priest and (5) talks by the team married couples sharing their married life. This weekend is not a onetime event like a Cursillo as couples can attend each year if desired. The weekend will be funded by donations the same as a Cursillo weekend. The suggested donation is \$100/couple. The theme of the weekend is “Growing together in the love of Christ”.

A kitchen/palanca team will be needed to pray and to prepare a total of (5) meals on Saturday and Sunday. It will be possible to help with (1) meal or all (5) meals depending on your available time. You can stay overnight or come and go. Singles or couples are welcome.

The First Mobile Married Couples Return Weekend is scheduled for June 5-7, 2009 at Visitation Monastery. Each couple will have a room. If you are interested in attending, please email Lee & Cathy Eilers at lee4228@aol.com or call 251.443.5419 or Holcombe & Laura Pryor at dconwhp@bellsouth.net or call 251.621.7007.

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Join us for a Married Couples Return Weekend

June 5-7, 2009

Visitation Monastery - Mobile

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email address _____

Cursillo Weekend & Location _____

Weekend consists of (3) Spiritual talks and (5) talks by the team married couples. Suggested donation is \$100/couple.

Palanca/Kitchen Volunteer - (3) meals on Saturday & (2) meals on Sunday - Times available _____

Mail to: Lee Eilers
4228 Todd Blvd
Mobile, AL 36619

“Truly a Gift from God...”

This one statement summarized the beauty of the 4th Day Reunion Weekend held at Holy Trinity Retreat Center on March 20 – 22, 2009. Seventeen Cursillistas were honored to have a wonderful spiritual team made up of Sister Chris from Holy Trinity and Deacon Kenny Kaiser from St. Bartholomew in Elberta, AL. Topics included “The Uninvited Guest”, “Immersed in God’s Mercy”, “Sister Faustina – Divine Mercy”, and “Mary, the Mother of God”. Lay talks were given by Mary Jo Wilder and Deborah Farmer. Topics were “Becoming the Best Version of Yourself” and “The Holy Spirit!” We were also blessed to have Fr. Jack Kane with us. He graciously offered daily Mass and confession.

The schedule was relaxed and much time was given for reflection and rest. Time of community prayer was especially beautiful as we had Stations of the Cross and Benediction on Friday evening and Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary on Saturday. Ultreya was held on Saturday night and an inspirational witness was given by Cathy Eilers.

The part that I personally enjoyed the most was the one on one sharing that took place after each talk! What a great opportunity to get to know each other and grow in your own understanding of the beauty of the Cursillo community in the Archdiocese of Mobile!

The following comments were submitted by the participants:

“The weekend was beautiful! It was a good renewal!”

“My wife and I enjoyed our spiritual weekend. Truly a gift from God! Also the people He sent to inspire us along our journey. Great talks, great food, great place!”

“I am leaving with gratitude for the respite and blessings I received.”

“The weekend was inspirational. It made me grow in my faith!”

“This retreat has been a perfect way to commemorate the Lenten season. It brings you back to where you are supposed to be in your lifelong spiritual journey!”

We are grateful again for the opportunity to gather as pilgrims on the journey to the Father through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Submitted by Mary Jo Wilder

Father in heaven! When the thought of thee wakes in our hearts let it not awaken like a frightened bird that flies about in dismay, but like a child waking from its sleep with a heavenly smile. Soren Kierkegaard 1813-1855

Please pray for the souls of our departed Cursillista friends and their grieving families:

Phillip Hall Cursillo #34

Jerry Robke Cursillo #9

Mary Alice Brucato Cursillo #10

Jaunita Rawline, mother of Doll Rabbeitt, Cursillo #34

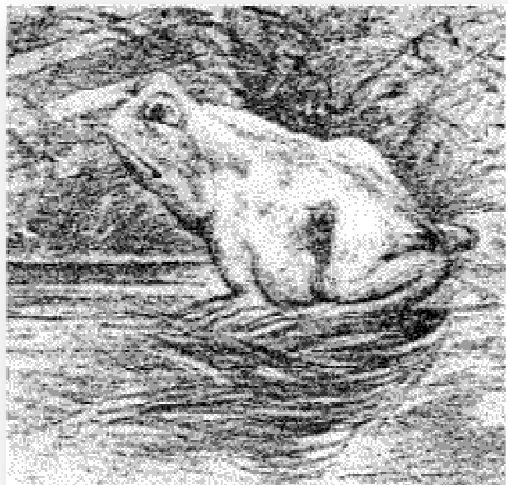
Sharon P. Beard, mother of Randy Beard, Cursillo #88

Doyle McCullar, father of Nell O'Donnell, Cursillo #32

Homer Shemwell, husband of Sandra Shemwell, Cursillo #91

**Lord I want to do your will today,
Take my hand and show the way;
Lead me to those, whose spirit is weak,
Put the words in me that I must speak;**

**I'll do my best, but I am frail,
And if I speak the words and fail;
I pray that the words that reach the ear,
Are the words that you want them to hear.**



Test your perception. What do you see in the picture on the left?

**Why is it that when we talk to God
we are said to be praying, and
when God talks to us we are said
to be *schizophrenic*?**

**Lily Tomlin
in, A Book of Angels**

Did you know you can go to the National Cursillo website and order Lighthouse Media CD's and a portion of the cost will go to National Cursillo?

The website is natl-cursillo.org Click on "Enrich your Faith" link and place your order from there. Lighthouse is a great source of books and CDs from many noted Catholic authors, and at excellent prices. Check it out.



Test your perception. What do you see in the picture on the left?

It was Sunday evening and it was “open mike” time. One of the young men held the microphone and answered the standard questions with trembling hands and quivering lips. He thanked God for allowing him to be a part of this weekend. When he had finished, instead of returning to his seat, he stood there for several minutes, microphone in hand. It was obvious that he had something else to say, but wasn’t sure how to phrase it. Finally, he spoke, “Remember Tony? He left us on Friday night. He didn’t come back for the weekend. Do you know why Tony left?” He paused, trying to maintain his composure. He pointed in the general direction of the other candidates and said, “He left because you didn’t love him enough.” Then he pointed in the direction of the team, and said again, “He left because you didn’t love him enough,” Then he pointed at himself and said, “He left because I didn’t love him enough.” Now, tears rolled down his face. “We love Jesus because he first loved us. If we are going to call ourselves Christians, then we have to love one another, and we have to show our love for all to see. We should all write a letter to Tony and tell him that we love him, and missed him.” And so they did.

Tony was a candidate on the next available weekend.

The power of Love.....It’s amazing!

This is a true story.

Contributed by Walt Redmond

From the Internet

Isn't it great to have an elected official who keeps his campaign promises! Is it, really?

Barack Obama spoke at a Planned Parenthood Action Fund event, uttering the now infamous line, "Well, the first thing I'd do as president is, is sign the Freedom of Choice Act. [Applause.] That's the first thing that I'd do."

Well it wasn't exactly the first thing he did, but the deed is now done. Now we can start counting the number of babies who will die in their mother's womb. And don't forget to count the ones who will be sacrificed in the name of embryonic stem cell research.

On the internet is the so-called "Red Envelope Event". It consists of sending an empty red envelope to the President, on the back of which, is written the following message:

This envelope represents one child who died because of an abortion. It is empty because the life that was taken is now unable to be a part of our world.

Send it to:

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Though this effort was done on March 31st, it's never too late to speak up for the unborn.

Please read more about The Freedom of Choice Act here:

<http://www.lifenews.com/nat4359.html>

http://www.barackobama.com/2008/01/22/obama_statement_on_35th_annive.php

http://www.illstanek.com/archives/2008/07/one_year_annive.html

Are you interested in working on a Cursillo Team?

If you are interested in working on a Cursillo Team, the Secretariat needs to know. The Secretariat assists the Rector(a) in selecting a team among all the eligible Cursillistas. The only requirement is potential team members be grouping or actively seeking a group. The Secretariat depends on Ultreya leaders and their own knowledge of eligible Cursillistas, but the Ultreya leaders and the Secretariat members do not know all the Cursillistas that are eligible and interested in working on a Cursillo team. If you are interested in being in the pool of potential team members, please fill out the Team Application form and send to Jean-Paul Nicol, email: jpn@alum.rpi.edu or mail to: 321 Windsor Drive; Auburn, AL 36832.

Even if you have worked on teams in the past, please fill out the application form so you can be included in the pool of potential team members.

Cursillo Team Application
Archdiocese of Mobile, Alabama

(Please Print)

Name: _____
Last First MI Nickname

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Contact Info.: (____) _____ (____) _____
Home Telephone No. Work Telephone No. E-mail address

Parish: _____ **City:** _____

My Cursillo: No. _____ Date _____ Diocese/Location _____

I regularly attend: (check all that apply) Group Reunion _____ Ultreya _____ The School _____

Ultreya in your area: (indicate city, county or none) _____

Ministries (parish or otherwise) that you serve on now or have in the past: _____

Cursillo experience in a Diocese other than Mobile only: (your Mobile experience is already in our database)

<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Position or Team Assignment (a)</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Position or Team Assignment (a)</u>
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(a) Lay Director, Leaders talk, kitchen etc. (abbreviate, if necessary)

State the assignment(s) that you would like to be considered for if asked to serve on a team:
(Check all that apply)

Conference Room: Talk ____ Table Auxiliary ____

Service Area: Kitchen ____ Set Ups ____ Palanca ____ Music ____

(please see other side)

2/8/03

Qualifications to Serve on a Team

1. Conference Room team members will be selected from those who are committed to the use of the Cursillo method by participating in Friendship Group Reunion, the School and Ultreya (if one is available in your area).
2. Service Area team members (kitchen, set ups, Palanca and music) must be in a Friendship Group Reunion or actively seeking to join a Group.
3. All team members must commit to attend all scheduled Team Formation meetings and the Team retreat.
4. Team members assigned to talks must obtain, study and prepare their assignments using the then current *Three Day Manual* and the *Leaders Manual*, and have the talks ready to be critiqued at the scheduled Team Formation meeting..
5. All team members are strongly urged to obtain and study *The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement*.
6. All team members will be asked to contribute to the cost of the weekend just as Candidates are. However, inability to pay all or part of the cost will not in and of itself disqualify someone from working on a team.
7. All team members are asked to attend the Post-Cursillo reunion of the new Cursillistas approximately one week after the weekend.
8. Conference Room team members are asked to contact the new Cursillistas at their tables to encourage them in their Fourth Day, attend Ultreya with them and be willing to meet with new Friendship Group Reunions for at least a few meetings to help them with the format.
9. Team members will not ordinarily be asked to work on a team more than once a year. Exceptions must be approved by the Secretariat.
10. New Cursillistas will not be eligible to work on a team for at least one year after they have made the weekend. First time assignments will normally be in the Service Area (kitchen, set ups etc.)

Completed applications should be mailed to:

Jean-Paul Nicol
321 Windsor Drive
Auburn, AL 36862

I have read and understand the above team qualifications and believe that I am eligible to serve on a team in the Conference Room and Service Area ____ Service Area only

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Post Cursillo

North

Vacant

Post Cursillo

South

Vacant

NOTICE – NOTICE – NOTICE

The Men's and the Women's Fall Weekends dates are set, and the teams are being formed. In order for the weekends to become a reality, there must be fifteen (15) candidates signed up by July 10th. Don't put it off. Bring your friend to Christ this Fall

Worth Repeating

Every so often, in a fiction paperback novel, you come across a gem, totally unexpected, that hits you right in the deepest recesses of your heart, that place that you reserve for your closest moments, that place that brings joy to your soul, and tears to your eyes. The following is one of those gems. It is an excerpt from a horror novel written by Dean Koontz. In his novel entitled “Seize the Night”, amidst “a plot almost too scary to contemplate”, Koontz includes these lines.....

‘Those who don’t perceive beauty in the face of a Down’s syndrome person are blind to all the beauty or are so fearful of *difference* that they must at once turn away from every encounter with it. In every face – in even the plainest and most unfortunate countenances – there is some precious aspect of the divine image of which we are a reflection, and if you look with an open heart, you can see an awesome beauty, a glimpse of something so radiant that it gives you joy.’

Contributed by Walt Redmond

Watch your thoughts, they become words.
Watch your words, they become actions.
Watch your actions, they become habits.
Watch your habits, they become character.
Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.