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Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ

Spring 2010 Weekends at Holy Trinity:

**Men March 4-7;
Perry Burden. Rector**

**Women - March 18-21.
Claudine Jenda, Rector**

Sponsor and candidate applications available at www.mobilecursillo.org Men's deadline is Feb. 27th. Women's deadline is March 13th.

It is always sad when a fellow Cursillista passes away. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joann Scanland who died on 12/31/09. She made Cursillo #4.

Some 20 years ago, an employee, where I worked, came up to me and wanted to know if I would answer a question for him. He was a Primitive Baptist, and it was well known to everyone there that I was a Catholic. In fact, the only Catholic among over 400 employees. He began by telling me that he had watched the Pope (John Paul VI) on TV and thought that he was a pretty nice guy, and he liked what the Pope said. He then said, "Your church has had him (the Pope) for a long time. When do we get to have him?"

Thankfully, I resisted my first inclination, which was to laugh, thinking that he was joking. But he was serious. I told him that the Pope was Christ's Vicar on earth, and as such, spoke to all believers in Christ regardless of their denomination. I'm not sure that that was 100% accurate, but it started me thinking about my own knowledge of Catholic traditions, and how they came into being. So I started reading! For instance, what is the Holy Sepulchre and plenary indulgences, and how do they relate with Franciscans and the Stations of the Cross?

The answer to that and many other questions about our Catholic faith are in a book caked "Why do Catholics do that?" by Kevin Orlin Johnson, PhD

BAPTISM AND THE ORDINARY

We are just finishing our liturgical season of Christmas—its formal ending is the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. The following day, “Ordinary Time” begins. There is much here to consider as we journey through our Fourth Day...

If our Lord’s public ministry of preaching, serving and healing was initiated by His baptism, He also knew the importance of prayerful retreat, both to solidify His relationship with the Father, and to acknowledge that battle with the satanic was part of His calling. The same holds true for us.

If we do not take the time to train ourselves in the art of spiritual combat, we can (and will) be snuck up on, time and time again; we will be the less effective as enlistees for the Lord. But we have the tools; He desires to equip and train us. The gift of the Holy Spirit at our baptism made us His. How do we commune with the gift of this Person in our lives? How willing are we to affirm, in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola, “Place me with you, Jesus, wherever you wish”?

And all of this happens in our own personal “ordinary time.” Was our weekend a marvelous experience of “seeing the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descending”? Did we rejoice to hear the words spoken to us, “This is my beloved, in whom I am well pleased”? Or is our weekend now only a memory, dimmed by distance and perhaps a lack of commitment to walk in the Way? “Remembering” doesn’t mean simply thinking about something in the past. It means to make present in the “now” of our lives. This is how we need to “remember” the weekend and the apostolic commitment we made. Our purpose is to support one another in this remembrance.

“Ordinary” is the way we all were told life would be, after the weekend at the Clausura—the world we left on Thursday evening was the place to which we would be returning on Monday morning. We need the help of others to keep the focus of faithfulness.

Baptized and sent: that is our life as disciples—together. Blessed “ordinary time” to us all. De Colores!

Fr.David

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation.

They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: 'I don't believe that God exists.'

'Why do you say that?' asked the customer.

'Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children?

If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things. The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument.

The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he

left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber:

'You know what? Barbers do not exist.'

'How can you say that?' asked the surprised barber.

'I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!'

'No!' the customer exclaimed.

'Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside. 'Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me.'

'Exactly!' affirmed the customer. 'That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world.'

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COMING SOON TO A MONASTERY NEAR YOU

2ND Married Couples Return Weekend **April 30th, May 1st & 2nd** **7:00 PM Friday until 3: PM Sunday** **Visitation Monastery, Mobile**

Couples Return Weekends are intended for those who have already attended a Cursillo Weekend. It consists of 8 talks, 3 by clergy, and 5 by laypersons. It is patterned after a similar weekend put on by the Mississippi Cursillo for the past ten years. It's an opportunity for personal renewal, both spiritual and friendships.

Couples Return Weekends are not a onetime event. If you attended last year's, come back again and as often as you please in the future. However, space is limited so don't put it off and be left out.

The weekends are funded, by donations, the same as Cursillo Weekends. The suggested Donation is \$125.00 per couple. No-one has ever been turned away because they could not meet the suggested donation. Space limitation is another matter, so sign up early.

If you can't make the weekend, perhaps you could help serve those who do attend. There is a need for volunteers to help with kitchen and palanca. Kitchen helpers will be needed to serve five meals. There is no cooking or preparation involved, only serving.

Applications are available at the end of this newsletter.

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Women's Fall 2009 Weekend - Cursillo #105

Sorry gals, but the picture arrived too late for the last newsletter

Palanca is a powerful lever, and prayer is the most powerful form of palanca. Our country and indeed, our world, are facing very difficult times. Regardless of your personal beliefs and preferences, please pray for the leaders of our country and the leaders of all nations, that they may make the right choices to bring peace, hope and prosperity to all their people.

Angels Explained By Children

I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold. Gregory, age 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it Olive, age 9

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. Matthew, age 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. Mitchell, age 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. Henry, age 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!! Jack, age 6

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. Daniel, age 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten... And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. Reagan, age 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. Sara, age 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter. Jared, age 8

All angels are girls because they got to wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. Antonio, age 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. Ashley ~ age 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it. Vicki, age 8

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. Sarah, age 7

May God bless you today and everyday

As you face the storms that come your way.

Men's Team

Jerry Allain
Charlie Anderson
David Barranco
Pat Barranco
Rob Barranco
Randy Beard
Bob Beetz
Perry Burden – Rector
Bob Fischer
Tom Flohr
Sam Genovese
Rev Jack Kane
Jim Kehoe
Pierre Lemieux
Dick Mearns, Sr
Dave Newell
Jean-Paul Nicol
Dale Pughsley
Louie Robinson
Rev Mr John Ross, Jr
Buddy Samford
Rev Dr Sam Shippen
Gerry Shook
Bob Spano
Mark Steltenpohl
Joseph Van Heest
Wayne Van Landingham

Please pray for the Men's Team and Candidates for Cursillo #106 at Holy Trinity

Candidates	Parish
1 Bruce Abrahams	St Michael
2 Stephen Barnes	St Mary
3 John 'Jack' Galassini, Jr	St Bede
4 Larry Goldberg	St Mary's
5 Victor 'Vic' Laurie	St Columba
6 William 'Paul' Lipe	St Margaret
7 Douglas 'Doug' Martin	St Columba
8 Thomas 'Tommie Mac'	St. Columba
9 William 'Bill' Migley	Our Savior
10 Dante Piccini	Our Savior
11 William 'Chris' Randolph	St Mary
12 Richard 'Rick' Reid	Crist The King
13 Gregory 'Greg' Seamands	St. Johns
14 Jeffrey 'Jeff' Tamburin	St Columba
15 Raymond 'Ray' Tyc	St. Bede

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Women's Team

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Leslie Beard
Maureen Bright
Mary Ann Campagna
Michele Christian
Carol Ebert
Deborah Farmer
Mariele Fischer
Mady Flohr
Mary Francis
Becky Fullington
Bobbie Genovese
Theresa Gorman
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Joanne Kehoe
Jean Kreis
Sr Rose Marie Martell, MSBT
Beth Nicol
Janie Prickett
Kathy Rasponi
Connie Scroggins
Nita Sykes
Amanda Venafro
Char Warren
Mary Wilburn
Mary Jo Wilder
Sr Chris Wiltrakis, MSBT
Rev Jan Zagorski
Susanne Zellner

Please pray for the Women's Team and Candidates for Cursillo #107 at Holy Trinity

Women's Candidates

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| 1 | Lynn Abernathy | St. Michael |
| 2 | Patricia ' Abrahams | St Michael |
| 3 | Rebecca Baggett | St Mary |
| 4 | Joan Bowie | Our Savior |
| 5 | Vallarie Crawford | St Michael |
| 6 | Barbara Goldberg | St Mary's |
| 7 | Mary 'Jeannie' Janicki | St Columba |
| 8 | Viviane Koua | St Michael |
| 9 | Amanda Martin | St Columba |
| 10 | Marie 'D D' Nyhof | St Patrick |
| 11 | Kelly Piccini | Our Savior |
| 12 | Gail Saia | St Michael |
| 13 | Frances Stuckwisch | St Mary's |
| 14 | Lynn Suberly | Corpus Christi |
| 15 | Laura Tamburin | St. Columba |
| 16 | Judy VanHeest | St Bede |
| 17 | Betty 'BJ' Youngstrom | St Patrick |

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