



# CURSILLO NEWS



## Archdiocese of Mobile

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

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of our fellow Cursillists who have passed away since our last news letter.*

*Penny Treutel, mother of Missy Schmidt - Cursillo W24,*

*Peg Champney, Mother of Frank & Betty Yandrasits, who made their Cursillo in Illinois.*

*Margaret O'Connor, Mother of Eileen Rettig - Cursillo #40*

*Bobbie Fink, beloved wife of the late Larry Fink. Bobbie & Larry made their Cursillo in Battle Creel, MI.*

*Claire Lagman - Cursillo #9*

*Sylvia Carpenter - Cursillo #12*

**"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."  
(Leo Buscaglia)**

In the early fourth century, the Roman Empire was torn by civil war. Two candidates for emperor, Constantine and Maxentius were about to meet in a decisive battle. The night before the *battle*, Constantine saw a vision in the sky: a great cross with the legend "in hoc signo vinces." "in this sign you shall conquer" This Latin inscription still shows up on churches, altar clothes, vestments and on some crosses. You might sometimes see the letters HIS in the same places, but the letters are not directly related. They are not Latin, but Greek, an abbreviation of the Holy Name.

Constantine won the battle and regarded the sign as divine. Because of that he took a great interest in Christianity. After his death, Constantine's mother, Helena, decided that the True Cross should be found. She toured the Holy Land and ordered careful excavation of the hill of Golgotha, where according to tradition, the True Cross of the crucifixion had been buried on the first Good Friday. She was ecstatic when the excavations turned up a well preserved cross, despite being buried for 280 years in the dry soil. But then they found two other crosses/. Helena was convinced that these were the crosses of Christ and the two thieves crucified with Him. But which was Christ's Cross? Helena halted a funeral that was passing by. First one cross, then another was held over the dead boy. When the third cross cast a shadow on the boy, he sat up and came back to life. Helena was convinced that she had found the True Cross. **"Why do Catholics do that?" by Kevin Orlin Johnson, PhD**

## **2010 Married Couples Return**

**The Cursillo Movement of the Archdiocese of Mobile is sponsoring the Second Married Couples Return Weekend. This weekend is for couples who have made a Cursillo. Our weekends is patterned after the Mississippi Cursillo Married Couples Return Weekend that has been offered for over (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 one time 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 \$125/couple.**

**A kitchen/palanca team will be needed to pray and to serve (not 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 Second Mobile Married Couples Return Weekend is scheduled for **April 30, May 1-2, 2010** at Visitation Monastery. Each couple will have a room, but space is limited. If you are interested in attending, please complete the attached **application.(page 6)** If you have questions please call or email Lee & Cathy Eilers at [lee4228@aol.com](mailto:lee4228@aol.com) or call 251.443.5419 or Holcombe & Laura Pryor at [dconwhp@bellsouth.net](mailto:dconwhp@bellsouth.net) or call 251.621.7007.**

### **Madonna – A True Story**

**A young college student from a school in a Midwestern state heard that we sometimes gave room and board to people who came to Atmore to visit inmates on death row. The girl, Madonna (her real name), called us and asked if we would let her stay for two or three days to visit a pen pal on the ‘row’. After a few questions we agreed to let her stay with us. She was going to post a note on her Dorm bulletin board, in an attempt to find a ride to the Atmore area.**

**On the day of her arrival, she came into the drive in an old car, whose driver was dressed in much the same style as she was, straight out of the 60’s & 70’s. Flower children in all their glory. This was in the early 90’s. She couldn’t visit her prison pal until the next day, so we spent a pleasant day in conversation and getting to know each other. Following her visit to Death Row the next day, we talked about her friend while having dinner**

**Basically she was against the death penalty and thought that killing a person was wrong regardless of the reason. Later in the conversation, the subject of abortion came up. Here, her views changed. She felt that a woman had the right to terminate a pregnancy if she wanted to, even without a reason. We asked her to explain her double standard. Why was it wrong to kill an adult, but not wrong to kill an unborn child who had yet to take their first breath of air.**

**“Think about it.” We said Madonna decided that she needed some time alone and went for a walk.**

**She returned an hour or so later, her eyes red and glistening with tears. She fell into our arms and sobbed.**

**“ Now I know the real reason I came to Atmore. Thank you.” She said.**

**She left the next day and we never heard from her again. Maybe she has a new outlook on life and on death. Only she and God know.**

**Submitted by Wa:ter Redmond**

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### Post Cursillo North

vacant

### Post Cursillo South

vacant

***Florida Court Sets Atheist Holiday! (from the internet)***

**In Florida , an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.**

**The case was brought before a judge.. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"**

**The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."**

**The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do.. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."**

**The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."**

**The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 in The Bible states, "The fool says in his heart, there is no God." Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, he already has a day.. April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned."**

**You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!**

# DeColores

Join us for a Married Couples Return Weekend

April 30, May 1-2, 2010

Visitation Monastery - Mobile

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Cursillo Weekend & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend consists of (3) Spiritual talks and (5) talks by the team married couples. Suggested donation is \$125/couple.

Palanca/Kitchen Volunteer (serve meal only) - (3) meals on Saturday & (2) meals on Sunday - Times available: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Men's Team-Cursillo # 106  
Holy Trinity-Spring 2010**

**Rector**

**Perry Burden**

**Spiritual Team**

**Rev Jack Kane**

**Rev Mr John Ross**

**Rev Dr Sam Shippen**

**Conference Room**

**David Barranco**

**Jerry Shook**

**Dave Newell**

**Wayne VanLandingham**

**Jean-Paul Nicol**

**Bob Spano**

**Dale Pughsley**

**Tom Flohr**

**Table Auxiliary**

**Pat Barranco**

**Sam Genovese**

**Joseph Van Heest**

**Setups Team**

**Gerry Shook**

**Rob Barranco**

**Pierre Lemieux**

**Louie Robinson**

**Mark Steltenpohl**

**Palanca Team**

**Jerry Allain**

**Charlie Anderson**

**Richard Mearns, Sr**

**Kitchen Team**

**Bob Fischer**

**Randy Beard**

**Jim Kehoe**

**Music Team**

**Tom Flohr**

**Buddy Samford**

## Women's Team

Carole Allen  
Linda Anderson  
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  
Rev Mr Read Haughery  
Claudine Jenda – Rectoress  
Joanne Kehoe  
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Kathy Rasponi  
Connie Scroggins  
Nita Sykes  
Amanda Venafro  
Char Warren  
Mary Wilburn  
Mary Jo Wilder  
Sr Chris Wiltrakis, MSBT  
Rev Jan Zagorski  
Susanne Zellner

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## **Welcome to our new Women Cursillistas from Cursillo #107 at Holy Trinity 2010**

1	Lynn Abernathy	St. Michael
2	Patricia ' Abrahams	St Michael
3	Katherine Bass	St Columba
4	Joan Bowie	Our Savior
5	Vallarie Crawford	St Michael
6	Julianne Druhan	St. Mary
7	Barbara 'Barb' Elston	St Mary
8	Maribeth Farr	St Michael
9	Nancy Fontenot	St. Lawrence
10	Caroline Gallardo	St. Columbia
11	Barbara Goldberg	St. Mary
12	Mary 'Jeannie' Janicki	St Columbia
13	Viviane Koua	St Michael
14	Amanda Martin	St Columba
15	Gail Saia	St Michael
16	Aletia Seaborn	St. Micharl
17	Frances Stuckwisch	St Mary's
18	Lynn Suberly	Corpus Christi
19	Judy VanHeest	St Bede

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**Welcome to the new Cursillistas from the  
Men's Spring 2010 Weekend, Holy Trinity**

**Stephen Barnes  
Ryan Bravata  
Henry Brodka  
Michael DuBois  
Jack Galassini  
Mike Giambrone  
Larry Goldberg  
Scott Harmon  
Rev Ernie Hyndman  
Vic Laurie  
Paul Lipe  
Doug Martin  
Tom McCallister  
Bill Migley  
Jason Nguyen  
Woodie Perkins Jr**

**Opelika  
Montgomery  
Opelika  
Montgomery  
Wetumpka  
Foley  
Auburn  
Phenix City  
Bay Minette  
Dothan  
Summerdale  
Slocomb  
Dothan  
Mobile  
Montgomery  
Mobile**

# GEOGRAPHIC FACTS

(Stuff you really need to know)

## **Alaska**

More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska .

## **Amazon**

The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% the world's oxygen supply. The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States .

## **Antarctica**

Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica . This ice also represents seventy percent of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert. The average yearly total precipitation is about two inches Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it, ice.), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.

## **Brazi**

Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

## **Canada**

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning ' Big Village .' .

## **Chicago**

Next to Warsaw , Chicago has the largest Polish population in the world.

## **Detroit**

Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1, so named because it was the first paved road anywhere.

### **Istanbul, Turkey**

Istanbul, Turkey, is the only city in the world located on two continents.

### **Los Angeles**

Los Angeles's full name is El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula -- and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: L.A.

### **New York City**

The term 'The Big Apple' was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930's who used the slang expression 'apple' for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple.

There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, Ireland; more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv, Israel .

### **Ohio**

There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio , everyone is manmade.

### **Pitcairn Island**

The smallest island with country status is Pitcairn in Polynesia , at just 1.75 sq. miles/4,53 sq. km.

### **Rome**

The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome , Italy in 133 B.C. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

### **Siberia**

Siberia contains more than 25% of the world's forests.

### **S.M.O.M .**

The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world is the [Sovereign Military Order of Malta](#) (S.M.O.M). It is located in the city of Rome, Italy, has an area of two tennis courts, and as of 2001 has a population of 80, 20 less people than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican is

## **Sahara Desert**

In the Sahara Desert , there is a town named Tidikelt , Algeria , which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years.

Technically though, the driest place on Earth is in the valleys of the Antarctic near Ross Island . There has been no rainfall there for two million years.

## **Spain**

Spain literally means 'the land of rabbits.'

## **St. Paul , Minnesota**

St. Paul, Minnesota , was originally called Pig's Eye after a man named Pierre 'Pig's Eye' Parrant who set up the first business there.

## **Roads**

Chances that a road is unpaved in the U.S.A: 1%, in Canada : 75%

## **Russia**

The deepest hole ever drilled by man is the Kola Superdeep Borehole, in Russia . It reached a depth of 12,261 meters (about 40,226 feet or 7.62 miles). It was drilled for scientific research and gave up some unexpected discoveries, one of which was a huge deposit of hydrogen - so massive that the mud coming from the hole was boiling with it.

## **United States**

The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one-mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

## **Waterfalls**

The water of Angel Falls (the World's highest) in Venezuela drops 3,212 feet (979 meters). They are 15 times higher than Niagara Falls .

It has always been said, you should learn something new every day. Unfortunately, many of us are at that age where what we learn today, we forget tomorrow.

