



CURSILLO NEWS



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Wishing you a Happy and a Holy New Year

The Spring Weekends at Holy Trinity, have been cancelled.

A 4th Day Reunion will be scheduled for March 20-22 at Holy Trinity. Details of time, place and cost can be found on Page 9 of this newsletter. Please try to arrange your schedule to attend.

In less than 3 weeks, there will be a new President of the United States, Barak Obama. Pray for him that he will seek God's guidance as he leads us in these most difficult of times. These are indeed, the times that try men's souls. Prayer is the food that feeds men's souls.

From the Internet

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away. The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall.

When they had all gone and returned, he called them together to describe what they had seen. The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment. The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen only one season in the tree's life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season. That the essence of who they are, and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life, can only be measured. If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, and the fulfillment of your fall. Persevere through the difficult patches, and better times are sure to come in time. Aspire to Inspire... Before You Expire. Live Simply. Love Generously. Care Deeply. Speak Kindly.

And leave the rest to God. Happiness keeps You Sweet, Trials keep You Strong, Failures keep You Humble. But Only God keeps You Going. Take care and be safe for me. God Bless you and keep you in his care through all the seasons of your life!

Women's Weekend #103 Fall 2008 October 9-12

Women's Team Rectora

Deborah Farmer

Spiritual Team

Rev Msgr Michael Farmer

Br Paul Mulligan

Rev Dr Sam Shippen

Palanca Team

Jean Kreis

Vicki Hassler

Ruth Harwood

Music Team

Val Smith

Mary Francis

Connie Scroggins

Conference Room

Meme Finnorn

Lisa Harrell

Claudine Jenda

Sandy Robinson

Beth Perkins

Mary Lou Roszkowski

Betty Yandrasits

Mary Jo Wilder

Cathy Eilers

Jane Nixon

Setups Team

Nancy Elstner

Mary Jean Cotton

Dottie Conner

Joanna Gillette

Nita Kaiser

Cynthia Robinson

Kitchen Team

Kathy White

Julie Barbosa

Lana Kaiser

Susan Powers

Sharon Root

Ann Thublin

Candidate

- 1 Linsey Abraham
- 2 Lisa Adams
- 3 Phyllis Beam
- 4 Dori Berahya
- 5 Mary-Phyllis Breen
- 6 Sally Conlee
- 7 Elizabeth 'Kay' Dees
- 8 Maria 'Emily' Gallego
- 9 Jessica 'Jessie' Gibson
- 10 Joanne 'Jo' Hogan
- 11 Vivian Houser
- 12 Lola Howard
- 13 Helen'Haley'Hutson
- 14 Annette Kaechele
- 15 Marsha King
- 16 Marilyn Laird
- 17 Judy 'Judy' Lankford
- 18 LindaLavene
- 19 Ricarda Manning
- 20 Margaret'Peg'McCarthy
- 21 Jacqueline McLain
- 22 Penny Owens
- 23 Maria Payne
- 24 LaVerne Rajterowski
- 25 Kathryn Roberts
- 26 Margaret Salisbury
- 27 Heide Sarubin
- 28 Natalie 'Nat' Saucier
- 29 Arlene Saucier
- 30 Kimberly 'Kim' Scott
- 31 Tanya Tregre
- 32 Judy Van Heest

Sponsor

Ashley Covert
Eileen Rettig
Cordy Drollinger
Jackie Simmonds
Beth Little
Betty Yandrasits
Deborah Farmer
Susie Tooley
Betty Yandrasits
Mary Lou Roszkowski
Lana Kaiser
Eileen Rettig
Barbara Hutson
Nita Kaiser
Deborah Farmer
Nita Kaiser
Beth Little
Jean Kreis
Eileen Rettig
Jackie Simmonds
Shirli Kralik
Lana Kaiser
Cynthia Robinson
Eileen Rettig
Nancy Rydzynski
Sarah Bedia
Nancy Rydzynski
Kenny Kaiser,Sr
Nita Kaiser
Marie Kaiser
Lisa Park
Jim Licari

Parish

St Joan of Arc
Our Savior
St Margaret
St Lawrence
St Lawrence
Christ the King
Our Savior
Our Savior
Christ the King
St Lawrence
St Bartholomew
Our Savior
Christ The King
St Bartholomew
Our Savior
St Bartholomew
St Lawrence
St Agatha
Our Savior
St Lawrence
St Lawrence
St Margaret of Scotland
Christ the King
Our Savior
Our Savior
St Ignatius
Our Savior
St Bartholomew
St Bartholomew
St Joseph – Lillian
Christ the King
St Bede

Cursillo...what it means

**I spent a weekend
With my prayers.
With brothers and
sisters
And prayers of theirs.
I spent a weekend
Learning about Christ.
I learned of His will,
His glory and might.
I met these people
So full of love.
With souls so pure
Like the wings of a
dove.**

**I learned of the
invitation
That God has sent.
I learned of Piety,
And just what it meant.
I learned I am valuable.
I learned I belong.
I even learned to sing
The DeColores song.
I learned about God's
love
And I heard His voice.
My life is forever
changed.
I can truly rejoice!**

**Your sister in Christ,
Marsha King**

**What a pleasant surprise
was in store for the 2008
fall weekends.**

**Archbishop Rodi took a
break from his busy
schedule to pay an
impromptu informal visit
to both the men's and
women's weekends. It
was a most welcome visit,
and we look forward to
the day when he can
spend the entire weekend
with us. Perhaps even
sing the chicken song!**

**Welcome to Woodie
Perkins as the new Lay
Director of the Mobile
Cursillo. As of the 1st of
the year, Woodie takes
over the job as Lay
Director of Cursillo.
We will miss his
predecessor, Mary Jo
Wilder. While Mary Jo
is off the Secretariat,
it's a safe bet that she
will continue to be an
influence in Cursillo.**

To God be the Glory!!

Greetings to all of you! It is hard to believe that we are entering another new year! It seems like we just started 2008 and now I have to get use to writing '09 on my checks!

With the beginning of this New Year, there will be a change on our Secretariat. My term as Lay Director has come to an end and I am pleased to announce to you that Woodie Perkins will begin serving as the new Lay Director beginning January, 2009. The three years that I have served have been a true blessing to me! I have felt your love and prayers! It has been my privilege to work with people on the Secretariat who exhibit holiness and humility as they seek to further the Kingdom of God!

We are very blessed in this Archdiocese to have support from Archbishop Emeritus Lipscomb as well as the support of Archbishop Rodi. I am also very grateful for the spiritual direction that we have received on the Secretariat from Father Tokarz as well as Sister Peggy. Their wisdom has certainly been a source of strength especially when difficult decisions have to be made.

I want to share with you a few things that we have accomplished over the last 3 years. First of all you are reading one of the accomplishments! The online newsletter began September, 2007. Walt Redmond, a "seasoned" cursillista, agreed to tackle this feat. (Didn't want to call you an "old" cursillista, Walt!) And I must say he has done a fabulous job! We have also started holding 4th Day Reunions. In 2007 we held a weekend reunion at Holy Trinity and in 2008 we held a day reunion at St. Pius. We had a wonderful renewal of community at both events! The 2009 weekend reunion is in the works now. At our July Secretariat meetings in 2007 & 2008 we gathered the Ultreya leaders from all over the diocese. Our hope was to get to know each other better, to share ideas, and just offer support and welcome to our new leaders. My hope is that this continues so that we can truly feel united in purpose.

I am sad to be leaving the Secretariat because there are some awesome leaders who have given me a glimpse into the beauty of God's love! I have truly been blessed! But be assured of one thing. I will continue to pray for this movement daily. I believe we have within our grasp one of the most powerful tools of evangelization in the Church in the 21st century! Jesus has been lifted up and He has drawn many to Himself through the Cursillo movement. Never forget your own weekend! Remember the moment when Jesus touched you! Remember, too, that we are the feet and the hands that bring Jesus to many thirsting souls!

In Him,

Mary Jo

January 1, 2009

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Men's Weekend #102 Fall 2008 September 25-28

Rector
Joe Roszkowski

Spiritual Team
Fr Jim Cink
Fr Steve Williams
Rev Mr Kenny Kaiser
Rev Mr Malcolm Zellner

Palanca Team
Phil Nix
David Kralick
John Rabbiett

Conference Room
Dan Jaksen
James Odom
Glen Kaiser
Greg Hohman
David Deckle
Jack Mcaleer
Woodie Perkins
Donnie Scioneaux
Allen Hastings
Lee Eilers
David Fore
Music Team
Larry White
Barry Little
Mike Zodhbv

Setups Team
Chuck Badalamenti
Chris Tregre
Jimbo Bailey
Steve Elstner
Willie Palacio
Tim Simmonds
Kitchen Team
Jim Harrision
Charlie Bowen
David Byrne
Joe Alberstadt
Mark Gunn
Scott Park

Candidate

- 1 Jason Abraham
- 2 Douglas Back
- 3 Gary Blake
- 4 William 'Bill' Breen
- 5 David Cross
- 6 Charles 'Charley' Cuff
- 7 Michael 'Jeff' Dees
- 8 Donald 'Don' Domico
- 9 Tim Doughan
- 10 George Ferniany
- 11 John Gibson
- 12 Tom Hendrich
- 13 Thomas 'Tom' Hogan
- 14 William 'Bill' King
- 15 Richard Kowalski
- 16 Roger Lartigue
- 17 Michael LeRoy
- 18 Michael 'Mike' McAleer
- 19 Dennis 'Bob' McGinnis
- 20 Mark Miller
- 21 Michael 'Mike' Moore
- 22 James 'Mike' Ollis, III
- 23 Mike O'Neill
- 24 Derrick Perdue
- 25 Jason Scott
- 26 Christopher Chris Teague
- 27 Bruce Waguespack
- 28 Almur 'Al' Whiting, III
- 29 Greg Williams
- 30 Forrest 'Teno' Yerby
- 31 Jack Zukley

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Donny Scioneaux
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Frank Yandrasits
Dan O'Donnell
Joe Roszkowski
Deborah Farmer
Jay Armour
Joe Roszkowski
Mike Zoghby
Dan O'Donnell
Terry Ingalls
Larry White
David Kralik
Charles Fontana
Charlie Bowen
Mike Kirsch
Kenny Kaiser, Sr
Dan O'Donnell
Jay Armour
Mary Jo Carllyse
Charlie Bowen
Malcolm Zellner
Dan O'Donnell

Parish

St Joan of Arc
Holy Spirit
St Dominic
St Lawrence
St Lawrence
St Lawrence
Our Savior
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Christ the King
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Christ the King
St Lawrence
St Ignatius
Christ The King
St Bede
St Joseph – Lillian
St Ignatius
St Patrick
St Margaret of Scotland
St Dominic
Christ the King
St Ignatius

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**Post Cursillo
North**
vacant
**Post Cursillo
South**
vacant

Newsletters never die, they just fade away. And that's the truth. You can help prevent that, after all it is *your* newsletter. Contribute to it! Births, weddings, deaths, birthdays, anniversaries, close moments, ultreya events, looking for a group? Cursillo is community. Your community! Let us hear from you.

The following is reprinted with the permission of Mississippi Cursillo, who sent it to their Cursillistas

PALANCA

Palanca is a Spanish word which means "lever." Just as a lever enables a person to move something which is beyond their normal strength, Palanca empowers the accomplishment of things which would not be possible without the grace of God. "For man it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." (Matt 19:26) "When anyone takes up the work of the conversion and Christian renewal of persons and the evangelization of human groups, it is absolutely indispensable that the entire work be built upon the grace of God." (Cursillo Leaders' Manual, 1981; pg 135)

What is Palanca? Palanca consists of any one or any combination of three things which are offered for the spiritual success of a particular phase or of all phases of the Cursillo Movement. The three things are:

1. Prayers
2. Sacrifices
3. Works of Mercy.

It is important to understand that Palanca is not gifts or love letters. A letter may be sent explaining what type of Palanca is being offered, but that letter is not the Palanca. The actual Palanca is the action (Prayer, Sacrifice or Works of Mercy) and can be done without writing a letter about it. A Personal Palanca letter is one that is sent to an individual telling him/her what is being offered for spiritual success. A General Palanca letter is one that is sent to the whole group (for example, team and/or candidates) informing them of the Palanca being done.

Prayers in the Cursillo context, which are offered as Palanca, are intercessory prayers. Likewise, Sacrifices which are done as Palanca are also intercessory. They are any form of prayers and/or sacrifices which are offered on behalf of another person(s), for a particular phase of the Movement, or for the Cursillo Movement in general.

Both the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy can also be offered as Palanca as we work toward bringing Christ to the world in which we live. The following are just a few examples of the Works of Mercy that can be offered as Palanca as we do them for the honor and glory of God:

Feed the hungry (grocery shopping, preparing a meal, working at a soup kitchen, or donating time or food to a food pantry; serving as a Eucharistic minister);

Give drink to the thirsty (giving a drink to a child, a thirsty repairman, or an elderly/sick person);

Clothe the naked (changing a baby's diapers; dressing a child or bedridden person; donating clothing to clothing banks, St. Vincent DePaul stores, or the pro-life movement);

Visit the imprisoned (visiting residents of nursing homes or mental health institutions; sending letters or cards to those in prisons; donating books and magazines to prison ministries);

Visit the sick (visiting or calling someone who is sick; sending cards or flowers) Shelter the homeless (providing a good home for our families; donating time, talent or money to homeless shelters or Habitat for Humanity);

Bury the dead (comforting the surviving family and friends; providing food or transportation for survivors; lending a listening ear to someone who is grieving); Admonish the sinner (Helping others avoid sin through our example, words, and prayers; interjecting a Christian point of view in discussions on subjects such as abortion and euthanasia);

Instruct the ignorant (teaching Christian values and morals to our families and friends either through words or by our example);

Counsel the doubtful (Listening to those who are having doubts about their faith and either counseling them or directing them to seek help from others);

Comfort the sorrowful (Listening to those suffering pain; bringing in a hot-meal, offering to baby-sit, providing transportation or financial help);

Bear wrongs patiently (When we feel we have been mistreated or ignored by friends, family members or business associates, meditate on the Passion of our Lord and offer the personal hurts to Him);

Forgive all injuries ("Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;" learn to forgive by imitating Jesus);

Pray for the living and the dead (Praying for our families, friends, business associates, for those who ask for our prayers, and for the souls of our loved ones; pray also for those most in need of God's mercy whether living or dead).

Palanca is an integral part of all phases of the Cursillo Movement. For a few examples: For PreCursillo --- Palanca should be offered so that Cursillistas prayerfully select potential candidates and also for the targeting of evangelizing particular environments. For the 3-day weekend --- Palanca should be offered for the team so that the team members are formed into a real Christian community; Palanca should be offered for the candidates so that they will be open to the grace of God on the weekend. For PostCursillo --- Palanca should be offered for new Cursillistas as they return to their families, friends, and workplaces. This is a time that they need further strong spiritual support.

For Post Cursillo, Palanca should also be offered on a regular, ongoing basis for Group Reunions, Ultreyas, School of Leaders and Workshops. It should be offered for all Secretariat members (Diocesan, Regional, National, and World Movements) so that these members may be guided and directed by the Holy Spirit.

Palanca is especially powerful because of the blending of prayers, sacrifices, and works of mercy from the entire Cursillo community. An orchestra is not in sync when the players are tuning their instruments, but when the conductor raises his baton and begins the tempo, there is a harmonious blending of notes. So it is with Palanca when we are all in accord with the will and the work of God. Our individual palanca is very powerful, but when our Palanca is in concert with others --- united with the Palanca of other Cursillistas --- it becomes a mighty lever. Palanca is indeed the greatest contribution that the 4th day community can make to the Cursillo Movement.

Spirituality means waking up. Most people, even though they don't know it, are asleep. They are born asleep, they live asleep, they marry in their sleep, they breed children in their sleep, they die in their sleep without ever waking up. They never understand the loveliness and the beauty of this thing that we call human existence. You know, all mystics – Catholic, Christian, non-Christian – no matter what their theology, no matter what their religion – are unanimous in one thing: that all is well, all is well. Though everything is a mess, all is well. Strange paradox, to be sure. But, tragically, most people never get to see that all is well because they are asleep.

First paragraph of "Awareness – The Perils and Opportunities of Reality" By Anthony DE Mello, S.J.

DeColores

Join us for a 4th Day Reunion Weekend

March 20-22, 2009

Holy Trinity Retreat Center

Retreat Master to be announced

Weekend will include talks, small group sharing, singing, quiet time, and community prayer.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Roommate: _____

The cost of the weekend is \$100 per person and includes room and meals. Space is limited so please send your registration in early. If you are a married couple or have a person you would like to room with, please indicate above. Otherwise you will be placed with a roommate if numbers registered require it!

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**I asked God for all things, that I might enjoy life.
God gave me life, that I might enjoy all things.**

Origin Unknown

From Finding Beauty In A Broken World by Terry Tempest Williams, an environmentalist committed to showing man's impact on the land.

"I watched prairie dogs every day, rise before the sun, stand with their paws pressed together facing the rising sun in total stillness for up to 30 minutes," says Williams. "And then I watched them at the end of the day take that same gesture 30 minutes before the sun goes down they would press their palms together in perfect stillness. I don't anthropomorphize, mean to but when you look at a creature that has survived over the millennium begin and end each day in that kind of stance, it causes one to think about one's own life and speed and rapidity in which we live."

