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## WITH SADDENED HEARTS AND JOYFUL THANKSGIVING

WE WISH ARCHBISHOP LIPSCOMB A LONG,  
HAPPY AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT. WE WILL  
MISS HIS COUNSEL AND SUPPORT.

AND, OF COURSE, WE WELCOME OUR NEW  
SHEPHERD, ARCHBISHOP THOMAS RODI, WITH  
A WARM CURSILLO DECOLORES.

## New Cursillo Ultreya

If you live in Baldwin County or if  
you are at the beach on vacation,  
an Ultreya started in April at St  
Margaret's in Foley. We meet on  
the 1st Saturday of the month  
following the 5:00 PM vigil Mass.

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**FROM THE BULLETIN: FOR ATTRACTIVE LIPS, SPEAK WORDS OF KINDNESS. FOR  
LOVELY EYES, SEEK OUT THE GOOD ON PEOPLE. FOR A SLIM FIGURE, SHARE YOUR  
FOOD WITH THE POOR. FOR BEAUTIFUL HAIR, LET A CHILD RUN HIS/HER HAND  
THROUGH IT. FOR POISE, WALK WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU NEVER WALK  
ALONE. PEOPLE HAVE TO BE RESTORED, RENEWED, REVIVED, RECLAIMED, AND  
REDEEMED; NEVER THROW OUT ANYONE.**

**SUNDAY BULLETIN**

**FROM OLG**

**From the Internet**

**To love is to live. If you haven't loved, you haven't lived**

*Somebody's Hero*

*Recently, I read a fiction novel. A suspense thriller about a young girl who was kidnapped and the story line was about the investigation and the capture of the felon responsible for the girl's disappearance along with her eventual release. The main character who finally saves the day, is a deputy sheriff, a long time friend of the girl's family. Why do I write about a novel with such a mundane plot? The last page of the book tells of the girl, who, after her week long captivity, runs up to the deputy, throws her arms around his waist, gives him a big hug and says, "I knew you'd find me, I just knew it.", and the girl's mother says, "It looks like you're somebody's hero." That one line made the reading of the book worthwhile. It was kind of like the old saying that we have all heard before, 'You may be the only bible that someone ever reads.' Am I somebody's hero? Are You? What an awesome thought! Are we living up to the faith and trust that "Somebody" deserves?*

## *You are cordially invited!*

I have just returned from the Women's Spring Clausura. This is the third clausura that I have attended in the last month. I was privileged to attend a Women's closing in Nashville on the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup>, as well as the Men's closing the first part of April. All three were witnesses of the power of prayer and the power of Christian community. They have also been occasions of affirmation to me of the continued need and relevance of the Cursillo movement in the Catholic Church. I stand in awe of the love that is generated as men and women come together to witness to the presence of God in their lives. And I am very grateful to the priests, deacons, and religious who give of their time and lives to further the Kingdom of God in such a tangible way. Lives truly are changed!

It is of vital importance that we continue to come together on a regular basis to renew friendships and deepen our commitment to spread the Gospel through this unique and effective method. That is why I invite you to make plans to attend our 4<sup>th</sup> Day Reunion. The gathering will be held in Mobile at the Family Life Center at St. Pius X Church on June 28, 2008. We will begin in the morning with talks on 4<sup>th</sup> Day spirituality and after lunch we will gather for a Grand Ultreya! What a great opportunity for the entire Archdiocese Cursillo community to come together and grow in our love for our Lord and for one another. We recently held the 100<sup>th</sup> weekend in our Archdiocese! Let's celebrate!

Mary Jo Wilder

Lay Director



**Dear Cursillista,**

**Remember the general palanca that was posted all over during your Cursillo weekend? It came from not only all over the US but from other countries. The Archdiocese of Mobile Cursillo Movement has received this general palanca for years but we have not done a very good job of reciprocating. We had a general palanca person for a while and she did a very good job but has since moved out of the area. The Secretariat asked and Rochelle Terrell has agreed to be our general palanca person.**

**As you may recall the general palanca letters were very colorful and interesting but more importantly, listed the ways in which other Cursillistas were doing palanca for us. But what is palanca? What is a palanca letter? A palanca letter is one that is sent to the candidates and team informing them of the prayers and sacrifices that you are offering to God on their behalf. A letter may be sent explaining what type of palanca is being offered, but the letter is NOT the palanca. The actual palanca is the action – intercessory prayer, sacrifice, or works of mercy, and it can be done without writing a letter.**

**Rochelle needs each Cursillista to let her know what you are doing regarding palanca for the success of the Cursillo Movement and all the Cursillo weekends. If you attend daily or weekly Mass and, if you pray a rosary daily or on a regular basis, attend adoration regularly, etc with Cursillo as one of your intentions, then please send to Rochelle and she will total and incorporate in the General palanca letter to be sent to other Cursillo weekends. Please send to Rochelle at: <mobilepalanca@yahoo.com>**

**Thank you and Decolores!**

**CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS!**  
**LET'S COME TOGETHER FOR A**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> DAY REUNION**

**ST PIUS X FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**217 S. SAGE AVE., MOBILE, AL**

**SATURDAY - JUNE 28, 2008**

**9:00AM TO 3:00PM**

**BRING A BAG LUNCH. DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED. WE  
WILL HAVE SPIRITUAL TALKS IN THE MORNING AND A  
GRAND ULTREYA IN THE AFTERNOON. IF YOU ARE  
COMING FROM OUT OF TOWN AND NEED HOUSING  
FRIDAY EVENING PLEASE CALL:**

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**LEE EILERS - 251-443-5419**

**DOROTHY BEATTIE - 251-479-9374**

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## *Please Indulge me...*

*It is Monday morning, the day after Mother's Day and Pentecost. In my morning devotion I have turned back to the reflection in my "Magnificat" for Pentecost Sunday. It was written by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M.Cap. He is the preacher to the papal household. I just have to share with you two paragraphs from this writing:*

*"Every time someone has a genuine, strong experience of the Spirit, the most vivid memory of the moment that the person retains is of an intense perception of the Father's love. Witnessing to this, someone said: "All my life long, I had felt unloved. The next day, that feeling vanished entirely. I felt myself immersed in a new experience of the love of God, and from that day it has never left me."*

*This is the most beautiful moment of any creature's life: to know that one is loved, personally, by God, to feel oneself lifted to the bosom of the Trinity and to find oneself in the flood of love that flows between Father and Son, enfolded in their love, sharing their passionate love for the world. And all of this in one instant, without any need to think about it or for words to say it."*

*To me that so beautifully sums up the experience of Cursillo. I have heard over and over again the witness of the love of God that burst forth in the hearts of those who are living the Cursillo weekend. Very simply it is so overwhelming; words cannot express the touch of God in one's life. Let us continue to persevere in our goal of building up the Cursillo movement in our Archdiocese. Keep the movement in your prayers. Please pray for the leadership that we will continue to be filled with strength, wisdom, understanding, and endurance. You are in our prayers!*

*Mary Jo Wilder, Lay Director*

## **CHRIST IS COUNTING ON US!**

**Four times a year, since 1980, dedicated Cursillistas have come together to plan, and carry out, God and nature permitting, yet another weekend of feeding the body and soul of Catholic men and women in the Mobile Archdiocese.**

**BTSR:           Men 507   Women 666**

**Visitation:     Men 597   Women 757**

**Camp Alamisco: Men 18**

**Total:           Men 1122   Women 1423**

**Total all:               2545 Cursillistas**

**2545 people have been told that Christ is counting on them. And they have not let Him down. Every weekend is the same, yet every weekend is different. With the Holy Spirit in charge, God the Father speaks to us through His son, Jesus Christ. There has never been a 'bad' weekend. God would not allow it.**

**Thanks to Beth Saba for the numbers.**



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**The National Cursillo Encounter will be held in Washington, D.C. from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. If you want to register to attend, or if you just want to know more about it, visit their website at [www.natl-cursillo.org/](http://www.natl-cursillo.org/)**

**PRAY ABOUT THIS!!!**

**THERE ARE SEVERAL POSITIONS COMING OPEN ON THE SECRETARIAT. IF YOU HAVE SERVED AS A RECTOR OR A RECTORA AND WOULD BE LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED TO SERVE ON THE SECRETARIAT, PLEASE E-MAIL MARY JO WILDER AT [MAMAJ054@COMCAST.NET](mailto:MAMAJ054@COMCAST.NET) MEETINGS ARE HELD IN GREENVILLE 6 TIMES A YEAR SO TRAVEL WILL BE INVOLVED.**

**Congratulations go out to:**

**Sister Peggy Cosgrove, current Assistant Spiritual Director, Archdiocese of Mobile, celebrating her 60th Anniversary in May. Father Jim Dane, past Spiritual Director, celebrating his 25th Anniversary, also in May. Father Timothy Deasy, Pastor of Christ the King and great supporter of the Cursillo community, celebrating his 50th Anniversary in June.**