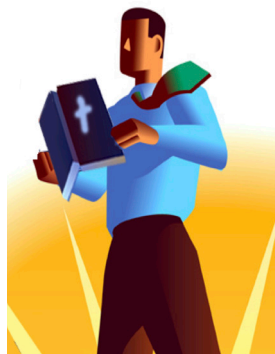


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De Colores, Brothers and Sisters

Did you know that nearly 5,000 people have gone through the Cursillo experience since it was established in the Mobile Diocese in 1981? A common sentiment before the 3-Day weekend is hesitation about going on the Cursillo but then finding that the three days change their life. Their relationship with God has become closer, peace reigns in their life and trust in God's infinite wisdom becomes their walk. I think this quote from Pope Francis sums it up.

"Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent."

Our understanding of saying yes to the Lord and maintaining a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ grows over the years and is steadfast because of the love in our Cursillo brothers and sisters. This relationship and the gifts of the Holy Spirit allows us to go beyond and serve our Church in new and unexpected ways.

Most dioceses across the country have active Cursillo programs that have postponed weekends due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Many are anxious to start again, but as a body of Christ we need to do what is best for our brothers and sisters as well as the Movement. So what can we do?

Have you thought about the 4th day recently? We CAN be doing Postcursillo work in our fourth day. We CAN be actively inviting others to our small group to prepare them for weekends (Precursillo) when they start again. We CAN be offering palanca for the movement.

The 1st National Virtual Conference was July 24-25. As with any inaugural event, there were some glitches, but the overwhelming message was to continue to spread the joy of the Gospel.

This is and will continue to be my plan, though, sadly, I must step down from my duties as Lay Director due to health reasons. I want to thank all of you for the continued palanca for Mary and me as we continue on the recovery path. I have been humbled to serve in this capacity. My palanca will be for the next Lay Director, Mobile Cursillo and all of you. If you would like to prayerfully consider this position, please submit your name to a Secretariat member.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Rob Wilburn





A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller

“DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. YOU HAVE FAITH IN GOD;” (JN 14:1)

What in the world is going on? This is a good question for the times we are living in today. A quick answer to this question might be, “the world is in a world of hurt.”

Anyone of us can focus on the negative. Having a positive outlook on life can change the perspective of how we interpret things happening around us.

It doesn't mean it changes what has happened, but it might put events in a different light.

Let's take laughter for instance. It brings joy to our hearts. A smile to our face. A sense that all is not so bad, if we can laugh a little.

So here's a little humor to lighten our troubled hearts.

A group of friars got behind on the belfry payments. So they opened a small florist shop to raise some funds. Since everyone liked buying flowers from the “men of God,” the rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to shut down. They ignored him. He went back and begged them to close. They wouldn't. He asked his mother to go and ask the friars to get out of the flower

business. They ignored her too. So the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to “persuade” them to close doors. Hugh beat up the friars, trashed their store saying he'd be back if they didn't close shop. Terrified they did so, thereby proving, Hugh and only Hugh can prevent florist friars!

PRAYER FOR GOOD HUMOR BY ST. THOMAS MORE

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good
and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,
but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings,
sighs and laments, nor excess of stress,
because of that obstructing thing called “I”.

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor. Allow me the grace
to be able to take a joke, to discover in life a bit of joy,
and to be able to share it with others.

Fall Weekends 2020

**ALL WEEKENDS HAVE BEEN
CANCELLED UNTIL THE VIRUS
IS CANCELLED**

Scheduled Cursillo Weekends

Cursillos are generally scheduled for a Men's Weekend and a Women's Weekend each fall at the Visitation Monastery in Mobile, and a Men's Weekend and Women's Weekend each spring at the Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Holy Trinity (Fort Mitchell). We currently have no weekends scheduled.

Meet your Secretariat



**Meet
Sheri Sims**
Secretary

Though Sheri Sims was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, she has lived in the Mobile area for the last 32 years. Since she made her Cursillo--#109 at Visitation Monastery—she has served on a number of weekend teams in many capacities, including Rectora.

For years she has been an active parish-ioner at Christ The King church, as lector, extraordinary minister and sacristan. But the ministry that is closest to her heart is the pro-life movement, which led her to co-found the Women's Health Pregnancy Help Center in Spanish Fort, Alabama, in 2015. Now she devotes her time to the center as Executive Director, in addition to her Secretariat position as Secretary ,where she keeps the minutes and monitors the agenda for the meetings

Sheri lives in Daphne with her husband Jeff, who is enjoying retirement. They have two daughters, one who lives locally and one who lives in Phoenix, Arizona. And their two granddaughters are their hearts' delights.



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• similar format on the computer. Please keep all those who are
• involved in this situation in our prayers
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Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat

Peace in the Pines

**Join us for an online retreat with Fr. Matt Linn, S.J.
"Discovering and Living a Full Life—
simple ways to pray for healing"**



Online sessions on September 4 and 5, 2020

This retreat will focus on discovering our unique purpose in life and how to heal ourselves and society so that we can be fully alive rather than anxious victims in a COVID World. Experience simple yet profoundly deep prayer processes for healing body, mind, and spirit.

PRESENTER: Fr. Matt Linn, S.J., focuses on integrating spiritual, emotional, and physical healing. He is a member of the Association of Christian Therapists and has advanced graduate degrees in spirituality, theology, sociology and anthropology.

COST: Suggested donation is \$50.00 for the online retreat

TWO RETREAT SESSIONS:

Session One: Friday, September 4th: 7:00pm – 9:00pm EST

Session Two: Saturday, September 5th: 9:00am – 12:00pm EST

TWO OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT:

1. Give us a call and pay by credit card: 334-947-9557
2. Mail us a check. Please make checks payable to:
MSBT, 107 Holy Trinity Road, Fort Mitchell, AL 36856

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Email: btsr@msbt.org
2. Mail: Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Fr. Matt Linn Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Rd., Fort Mitchell, AL 36856

Registrations MUST include an email address in order to access the online retreat program. Please include the following information. Name, Mailing, Address, Phone, Email

BTSR will email you a ZOOM meeting invitation for each of the two sessions.



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From Jeff Gorman, August 4:

The following happened 3 days ago....this past Saturday. I shared on social media because I just thought that social media needed a hug. So, some of you have seen this, but I share with most that have not.

POLICE ENCOUNTER... Montgomery, AL. When I saw a local police car parked directly in front of me, I got out of my car and walked up to the cruiser. The officer rolled down his window and asked if he could help me. I said, "I have something for you. I don't give them out often but when the Holy Spirit asks me to, I do. And you, sir, are supposed to have this." I handed him the cross. He smiled and said, "Thank you very much." Then he unzipped his shirt pocket and pulled out his own cross. So, I reached in my pocket and pulled out my cross that was like his. We had a very nice chat. I explained that the peace/cross that I was giving him had been blessed. He put it in his shirt pocket and thanked me again with a promise to keep it. I said, "Stay safe" and off I went. Great encounter.



The cross (one very much like this cross) that the officer had in his pocket is the one I keep in my pocket all the time (in addition to the one above that I give out). A Sonoco plant manager gave me this cross. It happens to be just like the one the officer had.....now the officer has two different crosses in his pocket.

Please continue your palanca for our world, our movement, and each other. I look forward when our Cursillo Community will be able to come together once again. In the interim, please remain patient and stay safe. God bless you all!

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