"Something Worth Crowing About"



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Our faith must continually be growing

We all go through periods where we become stagnant, especially in the last 10 months If we don't fight through these times, we can start the rationalization process. We start to tell ourselves that everything is fine the way it is, my prayer life is fine, I don't need to start that new book, I'll wait to talk to my coworker about Christ some other time. The Cursillo movement in our diocese is fine the way it is. When we reach this point, our life in grace starts to die.

Life is a constant struggle, so too is our life in grace. Over the past ten months I've really been contemplating this in my life and that of the Cursillo movement. For some reason, I felt the Holy Spirit pointing me to concentrate on my spiritual warfare. A few weeks ago at Sunday mass Deacon Joe gave a great Homily and woke me out of my Covert cave. At the Cursillo weekend, every talk, every discussion seems to re-enforce the same thing. The same thoughts kept coming back. "How can I as a Christian and the Cursillo movement in the Mobile diocese continue to persevere and grow?" Then one Saturday morning preparing for my cursillo group reunion I read from Ephesians CH 6 verse 10 to 17.

"Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from His mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For your struggle is not with flesh and blood but with principalities....." It gave me chills. The armor of God is the sacraments, prayer, and sacrifice. Clothed with this armor, we can do anything. It may be a little heavy at times, but once it is on, we can grow.

That naturally led me to think about the growth of this movement and the school of leaders. The only way Cursillo will continue to grow is with "The Armor of God". We must all pray and do palanca for the movement and the school. I continue to offer my weekly rosary for Cursillo and also pray for it daily. I ask each of you to do the same, find some time to pray for Cursillo, offer some form of sacrifice for the school. If we can all do this, there is no telling where the Lord will lead us and are movement.

God gave this gift to the Church at this time in history for a reason. We must be faithful to it and help it grow!

God Bless, Sam G.



A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

Over the past few years I've heard people say to me, "I don't know enough about my faith! I would not be a good evangelizer. I just don't have enough knowledge about those things."

How many of us would profess our lack of knowledge about Catholicism or the Catholic Faith? Over the past two summers I hosted a Catholic Trivia night to engage parishioners in how much they really know but don't think they know. So let's have some fun!

- 1) T or F Two different Popes presided over the Vatican II Council. Which ones?
- 2) Fr. Edward Flanagan, founder of Boys Town Orphanage in Nebraska and whose canonization is underway, was played by which actor in the 1938 film "Boys Town"? a) Bing Crosby, b) Spencer Tracy, c) James Stewart, d) Gregory Peck
- 3) According to tradition, Mary revealed the Rosary to which Saint? a) St. John the Apostle, b) St. Jerome, c) St. Dominic, d) St. Thomas "Thomas Aquinas.
- 4) How many liturgical feasts during the year do we celebrate and honor the cross of Christ?

a) 1 b) 2, c) 3, d) 4

5) Which of the following is not considered one of the "Four Last Things"?

Fall Weekends 2020

ALL WEEKENDS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL THE VIRUS IS CANCELLED

- a) Heaven, b) Purgatory, c) Hell, d) Death
- 6) Which Season of the Liturgical Year is associated with the end of time?
- a) Advent, b) Lent, c) Triduum, d) Easter
- 7) Which city is home to the largest Catholic Church building in the United States?
- a) Los Angeles, b) Chicago, c) New York,
- d) Washington, D.C
- 8) T or F After the great controversy surrounding Pope St. Paul VI teaching on contraception in the 1968 encyclical Humane Vitae, he never published another encyclical.
- 9) Who was the first Catholic to top the presidential ticket of a major political party?
- a) Roger Taney, b) Geraldine Ferraro, c) Alfred Smith,
- d) John F. Kennedy
- 10) Which symbol is not associated with a Catholic Funeral?
- a) Paschal Candle, b) Holy Water, c) Chrism Oil,
- d) Incense

(Questions from Our Sunday Visitor)

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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
Lynn O'Neill Robb

Treasurer

Lynn grew up on Long Island, NY, and earned a BA in history from the State University of New York at Oswego in upstate NY. After a few stints at jobs in Oswego and back home on Long Island, she found her niche at Prudential Property & Casualty Insurance and United Fire Group as a claim adjuster, claim examiner and supervisor.

As a parishioner of St. John Nepomucene parish in Bohemia NY, Lynn she served on retreat teams, liturgy committee, Parish Council and as a lector. She attended her Cursillo in March 1985 in Brooklyn, NY. Five years later, a job opportunity with Prudential brought her South to the New Orleans area, where she joined St. Edward the Confessor parish, serving on the RCIA team, as a lector and helping start Life Teen in 1996. She was also active in the Irish community in New Orleans, performing as a member of the New Orleans School of Irish Dance.

Through Catholic Singles.com, Lynn met and married John Robb. They started their married life Mobile in 2008 as active members of St. Ignatius parish. In 2012 John attended his Cursillo and, with his encouragement, Lynn re-connected with the Cursillo Movement. Then, after 37 years in the insurance industry, Lynn retired, and in 2017 began her term as Treasurer on the Cursillo Secretariat. She counts that as a blessing second only to her family, which consists of John's two sons and their wives and the two grand-children who are their great joy.



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Ultreyas, School of Leaders and Group Reunion are suspended/ discontinued indefinitely until a the situation can be reassessed. The only exception to this if you are grouping using Skype or a similar format on the computer. Please keep all those who are involved in this situation in our prayers

Well, it is now done.

With great fun, hype, excitement, glitches and never-before done in Cursillo, online Rollos, the Virtual Encounter of 2020 happened. It happened so fast that it hardly seems like it is already done. Amid a pandemic, social distancing, Zoom platform, breakout sessions and virtual Mass, upwards of 700 participants in two days experienced what could never have been imagined would ever happen at a Cursillo event - no in-person contact. Nothing in our square meter but our spouses, our pets, and our computers. After all, we are Cursillistas. We invite people in person, we group, we Ultreya, we were founded on personal friendship. We hug, we shake hands, we smile, we share meals; we are, shall I say, "Virtually Present". And yet, Friday afternoon thru Saturday we were "Present Virtually". OK, let us figure this out. Eduardo Bonnin, our founder, was known to keep many notes. I took notes. He structured a 3-day weekend that changed lives and had a direct impact on the world today. What did he teach us? To have an Ideal, to know Oneself, know Christ and know Others. Well, there we have it—Virtual National Encounter 2020 in a nutshell.

The Encounter has the ideal of ULTREYA in our current environment. We must study the people in our Environment. Our study led us past the quarantines, fear, lost hope, and Satan rejoicing that we closed our Churches. It led us to virtual platforms we could see each other's faces, hear our voices and yes, sometimes, hear the background environments on unmuted mics. The Holy Spirit inspired our leadership to not postpone or cancel, but to find a way. And they did. Bishop Nevares celebrated Mass as if a million people were there. Fr. Mark spoke about his Encounter with Christ. Nadia Lopez talked about Friendship. Cef Aguillon reminded us that we are called by God personally to serve through action. Juan Ruiz talked about being a Christian

leader. Bobbi LaVoie gave her witness, she is listening to her call. Did anyone want this to be virtual? Of course not. But having it was far more important than not. ULTREYA - Onward, thru whatever obstacles. Success, yes SUCCESS!!!

I came out of this event inspired to action. My love for Cursilllo grew. I had a Metanoia, a conversion of my resolve to keep pushing forward. I saw how many people were online, excited, waving at friends, talking over about another hundred people talking and still the messages got thru to their friends. I saw friends I have made over the last several Encounters and waved; they waved back---oh maybe they were waving at someone else—ok we'll just call it the Virtual Wave. Break out rooms were a technical challenge but we carried on. We learn, we evaluate, we improve. We now have virtual ways to touch our environments. To Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ. De Colores and as always, ULTREYA!

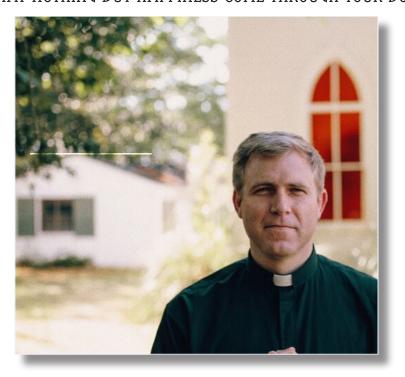
De Colores Vince Johnson,

This hit me...

You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them. You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around. You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk. So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone else to be kind first. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.



MAY YOUR TROUBLES DE LESS, MAY YOUR BLESSINGS DE MORE, AND MAY NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR.



Fr. Victor Ingalls

I grew up in Montgomery, AL, before attending college in South Carolina. For two years, I went to seminary in Philadelphia and four years in Rome, Italy. I had the chance to travel all over Europe and even spent a summer in China with some missionaries. However all along, I felt called to come back home to my Native Soil and serve as a priest. There was something about this place God was calling me back to be a part of...to put down roots. So on June 2, 2012 I was ordained a priest and committed myself to serve this place for the rest of my life. Since July of 2016, I have served as the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Mobile. Now this is my chance to challenge you to consider your "vocation"—i.e. how God is calling you to help renew our Native Soil.

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