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## THE SOUND OF SILENCE

My husband recently attended the Men of St. Joseph's silent retreat in Mobile at Visitation monastery. Before he left, I was thinking about silence – how our world is so noisy and how silence is a precious commodity that few of us get to experience in our modern lives. Who are our models for silence?

Jesus and Mary come immediately to mind; but so do the saints. Jesus often went off by himself to pray seeking silence to hear his Father. Mary pondered much in the silence of her heart. Our saints often would sit in Adoration of our blessed Lord so that in the silence they could hear Him and feel His presence.

Before Jeff left on his retreat, I told him about a thought that I had that I now share with you....



**S**eek  
**I**n  
**L**ife  
**E**xtraordinary  
**N**earness to  
**C**hrist, our  
**E**ternal King

As a Cursillista, what are you doing to make time with our Lord? Where are you seeking? In September, I pray that each Cursillista in our archdiocese will take time for adoration, special palanca, and silence. I pray that through these times of silence, Cursillistas will hear the Holy Spirit who will kindle in us the fire of love so that we can go forth joyfully singing "De Colores."

See you soon! Ultreya!

Theresa Gorman,  
Lay Director



## A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller

### OUR NEEDS

What is it we are in most need of today? There are different answers we can have to this question. Like love, peace, happiness, a sense of well-being. Perhaps you have your own thoughts.

As I was pondering this question, I came upon a passage in Henri Nouwen's book, "Life of the Beloved, Spiritual Living in a Secular World." Here are few reflections from the chapter, Living as the Beloved.

"As those who are chosen, blessed, broken and given, we are called to live our lives with a deep inner joy and peace. It is the life of the Beloved, lived in a world constantly trying to convince us

that the burden is on us to prove that we are worthy of being loved."

"The unfathomable mystery of God is that God is a Lover who wants us to love Him. The one who created us is waiting for our response to the love that gave us our being. God not only says: 'You are my Beloved.' God also asks: 'Do you love me?' And offers us countless chances to say, 'Yes.' That is the spiritual life: the chance to say, 'Yes' to our inner truth.' The spiritual life, thus understood, radically changes everything. And at every point of the journey there is the choice to say, 'Yes' and the choice to say, 'No.'"

## Prayers Needed



Deacon Rick Risher

Deacon Rick's health is much improved and he has accepted a new assignment nearer to his home as deacon at St. John's parish in Ozark, AL. A reception will be held on Sunday, September 12 in St. Columba's O'Hare Hall to honor his years of service to the parish. Please continue to pray for him.

*for email prayer requests*  
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## DECOLORES!

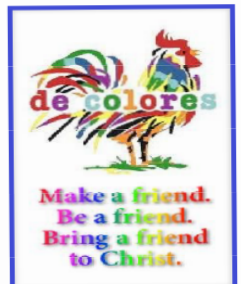
Don't miss out on your chance to help our Movement

### \$3/YR Pledge Campaign

- You can make your donation on-line at Here using a Visa or Master Card credit card.
- You can donate via USPS by downloading a printable format HER and mail check to the National Cursillo Center, P.O. Box 799, Jarell, TX 76537.
- You can pick-up a donation envelop at your local Ultraya and have the Lay Director send a check in the amount collected to the National Cursillo Center.
- The diocese/region can use the credit to get vouchers for other Secretari at members or Service Team members, etc. to attend the National Encounter.
- The diocese/region can sponsor other key leaders who are in the process of establishing Cursillo in their areas and help them to attend the National Encounter.
- The dioceses can use the credit to pay annual affiliation fees.

### AMAZON SMILE

Did you know that you can also give to National Cursillo Movement whenever you shop on Amazon? To learn more, go to Amazon Smile.



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If you have questions, problems, comments, etc, send them to [cursillistas-owner@mobilecursillo.org](mailto:cursillistas-owner@mobilecursillo.org). Thanks!

### FALL REGIONAL ENCOUNTER

Our virtual Fall Encounter will take place on  
October 22-23, 2021  
at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
2090 Pass Rd.  
Biloxi, MS 39531

We are asking for a donation of \$20.00 per person to help offset the costs of hosting the Encounter. Please send your check to the address on the registration form or pay when you arrive at the Encounter. Thanks!

From The National Secretariat:

*"Cursillistas are free to resume small group reunions, Ultreyas and School of Leaders provided they follow Archdiocesan and CDC guidelines. We encourage the use of Zoom and other electronic platforms to help those not ready or unable to gather."*



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## WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Hello dear Cursillistas Brothers and Sisters! In recent years God has worked on my heart in tremendous ways. After living our Cursillo weekends, my husband and I loved acknowledging Jesus in the details of our lives in a new way! As most of you know, my husband, Bernie Brannan, passed away two years ago June 1. One year later, God put it on my heart, and clearly guided me to start a ministry for Him. The result is Women's Health Services, a mobile ultrasound clinic custom built to medical specifications that can be driven directly to the doors of abortion clinics. There it serves as the final lifeline to babies before the mothers enter to have an abortion.

To have an abortion in Alabama, mothers are required to make two visits to an abortion clinic, waiting 72 hours between visits. Since many abortion decisions are made in haste due to fear and pressure, many Alabama mothers flee to abortion clinics that are less regulated in Georgia. For example, mothers can drive to Columbus, Georgia, for one visit to the abortion clinic, and be in and out in 2 to 4 hours. That's why we'll see many mothers from Alabama at abortion sites to which we drive the our mobile unit.

In the last year God has led His believers to take action through prayer and financial giving to fund the mobile clinic vehicle (\$180K), ultrasound machine (\$42K) and first quarter operations (\$57K). This enabled us to purchase the first inventory of medical operational supplies, as well as liability and medical malpractice insurance to cover the vehicle and directors and officers. Hopefully ALL cracks are closed that Satan might exploit to stop us from providing hope and refuge to desperate mothers and fathers seeking to abort their God-given babies.

The spiritual warfare against such a ministry is real. Our medical director describes it as, "we are going to the gates of Hell, redirecting traffic." We are under intense attack by Satan, who wants nothing more than for mothers to prevent a child from living out the plan God created before that child was ever formed in the mother's womb. Satan also wants the parents of aborted children to live in separation from God, often suffering from shame and guilt in silence. Such is what we are here to overcome, one mother at a time.

We desperately need your daily prayer to withstand the attacks of Satan against us. I hope each of you will pray for at least one person to share our passion to serve the Lord by protecting the image of God that is under attack through abortion. Are you grouping? Hopefully you can share this with your reunion group and ultreya. Thank you in advance for your commitment.

To see the progression of God's ministry at WHS over this past year, go Facebook and search **WHSmobile**. Videos are updates straight from the abortion clinic. I also explain how God guided me to start His ministry. He affirmed He was guiding me and has shown me each step. It is completely riveting how He has communicated this so clearly. It has strengthened my faith immensely and I hope it does yours. Soon all videos will be added to our website, which you can visit now to learn more: [www.WHSmobile.com](http://www.WHSmobile.com)

De Colores!  
Sincerely in Christ,  
Pollyanna Brannon  
Founder and Execultive Director

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#### ARRIVAL OF THE MOBILE CLINIC

A Celebration and Blessing ceremony was held September 2 in Auburn as faithful supporters came together to pray over the Mobile Clinic Vehicle before it was driven onto the mission field.

*Editor's Note: Pollyanna Brannon's article is a wonderful testimony to how God has acted in her 4th Day. It has been edited for length and clarity. Should you feel called to be part of the Women's Health Services ministry's, [www.WHSmobile.com](http://www.WHSmobile.com). or give Pollyanna a call directly at 334-221-2211 to receive detailed information.*