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"Something Worth Crowing About"



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Bring a Friend to Christ

Well, you may wonder why this is what I'm focused on this this month; and, it is for many reasons. We have heard that many want a Cursillo weekend, so mark your calendars for Sept 28 – Oct 1, 2023 for the men and Oct 19 – 22, 2023 for the women. These weekends are where part of the work of the Holy Spirit is done whereby the cursillista has the 3 encounters: with Others, Christ and Self and where team members share and renew their own commitments. These encounters are often the first time the cursillista will encounter Christ in a way that opens them to His love, allows them to see others and themselves in a new way.

Having said this...**LET'S GET GOING!** We need dedicated cursillistas to sponsor candidates for these upcoming weekends. Sponsoring should be an accompaniment before, during (palanca) and into their 4th day. We need you to be leaders (yes, the scary word) who will get out of your comfort zone with palanca for the movement, for the Secretariat, and for the Mobile diocese.

Renewal is starting. Please contact a Secretariat member with questions. If you want to be considered for a Secretariat position, please let us know. If you want to be considered for rector/a for these upcoming weekends, please fill out the team application (either online or via snail mail).

To use a quote from Helen Keller: "True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart." Friends, let's remember our friends, and bring them to a new level of friendship with us and with Christ so that together, as pilgrims on a journey, we can reach our heavenly home.

--Theresa Gorman, Lay Director



Deacon
Steve Sykes

Meet Our New Spiritual Director.

Deacon Sykes was sponsored by Deacon Rick Risher when he made his Cursillo years ago. Now he has succeeded the late Deacon Rick in the position of Spiritual Director of the Mobile Cursillo. Retired from his post at St. Columba in Dothan, Deacon Steve moved back to Louisiana to be near his wife Juanita's family. So now he attends to Cursillo matters via email or Zoom and drives back to Alabama as needed. Welcome, Deacon Steve!



A Word From
Deacon
Joe Mueller

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

Jesus told a parable to the Pharisees. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?"

Although Pharisees have long since disappeared from history, there are many who are blinded by pride, prejudice and self-righteousness. Spiritual blindness has become very common in our times. Such blindness refuses to see the truths of God's revelation. This blindness refuses even to admit that God or Christ exists. In their pride, the spiritually blind claim that everything ends with death and that there is no life after death. They propagate their errors and accuse believers of childish naivete and folly. They ignore the gifts of

the intellect we all possess.

God's revelation through Christ informs us that there is a future life awaiting us in which our spiritual faculties and our transformed bodies will be fully and fittingly glorified. According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, the miracle of the healing of the blind man is a sign that Christ wants not only to give us sight, but also to open our interior vision, so that our faith may become ever deeper and we may recognize Him as our only Savior. He illuminates all that is dark in life and leads men and women to live as "children of the light."

(Adapted from Fr. Tony's Homilies)

Fall Weekends 2023

Men's Weekend #146:
9/28 – 10/01
Visitation Monastery, Mobile
Rector: TBA

Women's Weekend #147:
10/19 – 10/22
Visitation Monastery, Mobile
Rectora: TBA

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).

Cursillo is...

**Make a friend, be a friend,
bring your friend to Christ...**

**The Cursillo movement
promotes not only personal
spiritual growth, but
recognizes that we are called
by our baptism to be active
apostolic members of the
Body of Christ...**

**What does Cursillo mean to
you? Share your own
experiences with us here.**



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LENTEN *GOSPEL* REFLECTIONS

Jesus is the one who
wants nothing other than
to give us good things—
*though they might
not always be the
things we want.*

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Francisco de Zurbarán, *Saint Francis in Meditation*, c. 1635.

School of Leaders is suspended indefinitely until each
situation can be reassessed. Please keep the Cursillo in
your prayers.



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Deacon Richard "Rick" Risher

November 7, 1947

October 1, 2022

Deacon Rick was born in Tokyo, Japan, into a military family that traveled the world. To follow in his family's footsteps, he enlisted in the United States Army and became a helicopter pilot. During his time in the military he received several commendations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star medal and the Purple Heart, to name a few. Serving for over 20 years Rick did several foreign tours of duty, including Vietnam. He retired from Fort Rucker as a CW4 and settled his family in Pinckard, Alabama. For the next 20 years Rick and his wife Kitty dedicated themselves to the service of our Lord at St. Columba Catholic Church in Dothan. He became a deacon and later became the Spiritual Director of the Mobile Cursillo. He served for the last two years at St. John's Catholic Church in Ozark.

Deacon Rick was a wonderful homilist; to this day, I remember well one of his talks. He told about a priest from St. Columba who was standing in line at the bank on a Monday morning with the weekend's collection money in hand and wearing his collar. When he felt a tap on his back, he turned and a little gray-haired woman asked, "Do you people believe the Bible?" At that the priest politely said to her, "Yes, ma'am, we wrote it." With that, the lady turned on her heels and walked out of the bank.

Having a servant's heart, Deacon Rick loved giving his time to his community and those in need. His funeral Mass was held at St. Columba Church in Dothan. Msgr Patrick Gallagher presided and his homily was a tribute to Deacon Rick's life of service. Three priests concelebrated, with five deacons and five altar servers, and the church was filled with those whose lives he touched.

The Lord was definitely his Shepherd!