

OUR FOURTH DAY

Cursillo of Cincinnati Newsletter DECEMBER 2015

FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR A Time of Blessing

The week of Pope Francis' visit to this country was a time of being mesmerized by blessings. We can all agree that we could not get enough of watching him move from place to place, to hear his words and watch his actions toward others: and some were lucky enough to be in Washington, New York or Philadelphia. Americans were given the gift of his visit but also reminded of our responsibilities toward others.

I could not help but think of our weekends- and the fact that Cursillo is not just about those three days of intense joy and blessings. Our fourth day is when we put the rubber to the road. We live our lives of piety, study and action in friendship with others; and it is then when we bring Jesus into lives that do not know the immensity of His love. I keep hearing Pope Francis' words ringing in my ear. Can you still hear them? Can you still hear the words written on the back of your Cursillo crucifix- "Christ is counting on you"!

I would also like to share of few thoughts about where we have been having our weekends. Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center is also known as Our Lady's house. There is a very rich and holy history there. We have been blessed to use this space for our weekends. We still will continue to use St. Margaret Mary Cursillo center for meetings, but using the facility for weekends presents quite a few problems so we are continuing to schedule weekends at OLHSC.

Right now we are working on improving sound at Closings- we have been told that the sound system is an issue and we are trying different approaches, so be patient and sit toward the front of the Holy Rosary chapel when you are at Closings so that you can hear better.

Also, please remember to do Palanca for the weekends, send in your letters (general not personal) for weekends, and sign up for 72 hour palanca. You do this at Ultreya or by sending it in prior to the weekend. Palanca is an essential element to the three day weekend. It is the lever- it is part of the charism of the Movement.

At this time of the year when we count our Blessings, thank you for all you do for the Cursillo in prayers and in how you share your gifts with us.

De Colores.

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**THE FOURTH DAY
COMMUNITY**



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FROM THE PRE-CURSILLO

As you know we postponed the men's Nov. Cursillo to March.10-13. We were a little short of candidates for the Nov. weekend. The pre-Cursillo is about friendship, enjoying someone's company and responding when God prompts you to share your faith. Let me give you a couple of examples.

1. My wife Vi and I work four mornings a month at the St. Vincent food bank in Dayton. Over the last couple of years we have worked alongside another couple from our church. With the weekend approaching in November we asked them if they knew about Cursillo. They did not. I asked if he would like to make a weekend. After some discussion he thought he would. He checked his calendar and the Nov. date would not work, but he thanked me for asking him and said he would like to make the next one. Hopefully the March date will work for him as I would enjoy spending more time with him.

2. A few weeks ago a person I have played tennis with at the club, asked me to go to the Ohio State game. His wife was ill and could not go. I was surprised he asked because 28 of us play three times a week as tennis partners, but there is little social interaction. On the way to the game we discussed family previous careers. I always liked him so it was great to get to know about him and his family, On the way home the discussion took a turn. He mentioned that had read my book .

Since it is a spiritual book, I asked him where he went to church. He said in the past he had gone to St. Charles but they do not attend anymore. So he was Catholic. He then proceeded to talk about his childhood and how he was on track to go to the seminary at a time when boys went to a seminary for high school to discern a vocation. He has a great disposition so I could see why the nuns encouraged him to attend the seminary after grade school.

After four years he decided it was not his vocation but he always had a high regard for the clergy. Then the sex abuse scandal came a few years ago and he saw clergy as tainted and now looked at priests with suspicion. I gave him my viewpoint on it and mentioned that the most important thing is his relationship with Christ. By this time our 1 ½ hour trip was over and he thanked me for being open to discuss and listen to his concerns. That was a month ago, we still play tennis two or three times a week and things are as they were before except our relationship has definitely changed.

What I discovered is that when God initiates a discussion He has already plowed the ground. But we need to be prepared to defend our faith, while we are living it. I do not know what the Lord has in store for him but God is poking him and in the process we are becoming closer friends.

Decolores!

Clarence Gilles

IMPORTANT DATES...

MEN'S WEEKEND

MARCH 10-13

WOMEN'S WEEKEND

APRIL 14-17

Both weekends will be held at the
Holy Spirit Center in Norwood.

Bulletin Board

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

The School of Leaders is probably one of the more misunderstood elements of Cursillo. The confusion has caused some to even change the name to School of Servants thinking this might make the concept more acceptable. The better strategy would be to try to understand the name in the context of the Cursillo Mentality. Chances are our first thought when we speak of school is teachers and pupils, teaching by the former and learning by the later. Translation from Spanish to English can often lose the nuance of meaning in words. There is for instances a school of fish that all move together but without any one fish being in charge. There is also a "school of thought", a term that we often see used in medicine, art or philosophy where knowledgeable people gather gain wisdom, discuss technique, or develop their ideas of expression together. This understanding more reflects the mentality of "school" as we live it in Cursillo. And it seems that people often shy away at the term "Leader" saying "that's just not me" and yet others relish the idea of being a leader thinking that it puts them in a position of power, being in charge. Both are erroneous. In Cursillo to be a Leader is to be a person of "character", a person of "integrity", a person who has come to understand that "I am a beloved child of God" just as I am, and that all I need to do is recognize it and live it. Now you are a leader, a person who people recognize as a leader In their humility.

their courage, and their genuineness. The School of Leaders is that group of people who gather to discuss, explore and deepen their understanding of how to live the rollos they heard on the Weekend. It is NOT a place for "the best" but rather a place where each of us, in our humble friendship, can gather with a desire to more fully live the method, to become fully Christian, to learn to live our Christian Ideal, or as we have heard so many time, a place for us to accelerate the conversion process.

DECOLORES! KEN KLUENER

3 DAY HELP NEEDED

The 3 Day Committee would like to thank all those who helped serve the Women's Cursillo #180. There are many ways in which you can help bring the love of Christ to the new candidates.

Palanca is needed in the form of 72 hour Palanca and letters to the class which can be sent by mail to:

Donna Perazzo

6618 Baybro Ct.

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Or email to: donna.perazzo@cinci.rr.com

Prayer Partners for the team can be emailed to donnaperazzo@cinci.rr.com

Serving meals - We are looking for help especially for the Sunday Morning Breakfast (served at 7:30 am) - needed: 1 person to be coordinator, 5-6 servers, and people to make 4-5 egg casseroles.

Please call Sue Coyle at 937-528-7838
Set up & Clean up Committee - needed: 1 coordinator and 4-5 to assist

Please call Claire Vincent at 812-926-4533



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CALENDER OF EVENTS

Mon.	Jan. 4	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Weds.	Jan. 6	NW Saints @ St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Sun.	Jan. 10	Piqua Ultreya @ The Caseta Center	6:30 p.m.
Mon.	Jan. 11	North Dayton Ultreya	7:30 p.m.
		Reis Center@ St. Peter's Church	
		Urbana Ultreya @ St. Mary's	7:00 p.m.
Weds.	Jan. 6	NW Saints @ St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Weds.	Jan 13	NW Saints @ St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Sat.	Jan. 16	St. Mary's Aurora Ultreya	8:00 a.m.
Weds.	Jan. 20	NW Saints @ St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 21	Warren County Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Jan. 24	Northern Lights Ultreya @ St. Joseph Center	
Mon.	Jan 25	St. Ignatius Ultreya	7:30 p.m.
		North Dayton Ultreya	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 26	South Dayton Ultreya @ Incarnation	7:00 p.m.
Weds.	Jan 27	NW Saints @ St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.