

THE FOURTH DAY

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January 2013

Cursillo Epiphany Party

January 12, 2013

St. Peter's Church
6161 Chambersburg Rd
Huber Heights, Ohio

Mass begins at 4:30 pm
Cocktails & Appetizers at 5:45 pm

Dinner at 6:15 pm
Prepared by
St. Peter's Ultreya

Menu:

Choice of Beef Or Chicken

Plus a variety of sides and desserts

Beer, Wine, and Soft Drinks Provided

Music & Dancing following Dinner

Reservations Must be in by January 6, 2013 --
Call Mary at 937-237-0036

\$15.00 per person payable at the door or send to:

Mary Igel
5620 Honeyleaf Way
Dayton, Ohio 45424

Leave your name, phone number, and number in
your party attending.

Make Checks payable to:

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MEN'S WEEKEND

March 7 thru 10

The next men's Weekend will be held on March 7 thru 10 at St. Margaret Mary. Team Rector Mike Coyle and his team have been preparing for months in anticipation on reaching the necessary fifteen candidates. Now, we are hoping to have to create a waiting list due to the response we are receiving.

Have you been considering asking a friend to attend the weekend? What's stopping you from doing so? With start of the New Year, what better time is there than the beginning of a new year to reach out to a friend and offer him the gift of Cursillo. Consider it a belated Christmas gift, one that they are sure not to return.

If you can help with meals or cleaning of the Cursillo Center, please contact Donna Perazzo: donna-perazzo@cinci.rr.com or 513-324-0590.

Mark your calendar today to attend the Closing on Sunday March 10th at 4:30.

WHO IS ON THE SECRETARIAT?

Archbishop of Cincinnati
Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Vicar of Pastoral Services
Reverend Leonard C. Wenke
Spiritual Advisor Deacon Bill Krumm
Lay Director Ken Kluener
Assistant Lay Director Mike Coyle
Secretary Carol Kluener
Pre-Cursillo Tom Schweitzer
Three-Day Donna Perazzo
Post Cursillo Lou & Kay Lunne
Treasurer Rick Gregosky
Leaders School Tom Perazzo
Communications Joe Grote
At-Large Tom Federle
At Large Mary Guttman



FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

When playing the role of St. Nicholas around this time of year, one of the first questions I ask the children gathered (and their parents) is, “How many of you are working on becoming a saint?” A surprising few actually raise their hands, including the adults. When I explain that everyone in heaven with God has to be a saint, nearly all the hands go up. I go on to explain that it takes a lifetime to become a saint and none of us know how long our lifetime will be. Yesterday at a grade school in Connecticut we were tragically reminded that life can end in a second and with no warning.

By the time you read this, it will be the Christmas Season (which starts on Christmas Day, not on Black Friday as the merchants suggest) but it will not be too late to make resolutions for the new (Church) year which began on the first Sunday of Advent. I suggest writing down your plan; use your service sheet from your Cursillo weekend as a guide as to what to include. By making a list, you are less likely to forget all the good intentions you made, especially if you review your list on a regular basis. Like at your Group Reunion and Ultreya.

Dire predictions from the Mayan calendar not withstanding, our time here can end suddenly and without warning. Perhaps a suitable motto for the New Year could be: BE PREPARED.

Deacon Bill Krumm

Thoughts from our Lay Director

Can we ask a casual acquaintance to make a Cursillo Weekend? Sure, but it's not the best way for us to be living the Cursillo method. Can we put something in the church bulletin about the Cursillo? Sure, but it's not the best way for us to reach out to those around us. Can we have a general information session at our church to let people know what Cursillo is all about? Sure, but they will be missing the most important part of Pre-Cursillo.

Can I just write a bunch of letters and send them to people I know and ask them to make a Cursillo Weekend on my recommendation, and that I would be glad to sponsor them. Sure, but then you truly need to understand that these people are getting only a partial gift from us. They get the gift of a weekend encounter sans the love, friendship, encouragement, support and all the time journeying together before and after the Weekend that the method in its fullness implies and promises during the Weekend.

If our goal is only to fill the weekend in hopes that The Holy Spirit will “take it from there”, and then go on our way thinking that we have done our duty for those people, then sure go ahead, **BUT** pretty soon you will wonder why those people never come back to closings or Ultreya and never found a Group Reunion and we will understand that we have fallen far short of “doing our duty”.

No doubt you could cook a steak over a fire made from newspaper, but it's not the best way or proper way and will not yield the result we're looking for.

It's really pretty simple, “Make a friend, Be a friend, and Bring that friend to Christ”. The key word here is FRIEND. It is all about friendship. We live friendship in our weekly Group Reunion, in our Ultreya, in witnessing to our own journey with those people we encounter who become our friends. We do this by sharing our story, we share our own conversion with those that we encounter, with those who become our friends.

Bonnin was well guided by the Holy Spirit as he modeled the very actions of Christ with His Apostles. In His companionship, the apostles became His friends. They encountered Him as the Risen Lord, and He sent them out together, filled with The Holy Spirit to be His messengers to the world, proclaiming that “God loves you in Christ Jesus”.

We often find it so difficult to understand the necessity for the full package. Let us all give the full gift, the gift of love, and sincerity, friendship, time, prayer, encouragement and support.

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, and Bring a Friend to Christ.
Ken Kluener

Bulletin Board

Who should attend a Cursillo?

There is a benefit in thinking about the difference between those who should definitely go and those that can go. Nobody is trying to exclude those that can go. This is anyone who is Catholic, stable, and in a reconcilable state with the teaching of the Church. Those that can attend will be all over the board on their ability to truly make a difference in the environments in which they live. Some may truly have the character to have a significant impact in influencing the people in their environment and others will have little to no likelihood of making a difference. Our goal, is to get as many people to get to know and accept Christ as their savior as we can in our lifetime. Their salvation is on the line. It stands to reason that with limited time, we want to identify those that can be most effective in living the Movement.

When we talk about the people that should go, we are talking about people, who if they come to know and accept Christ, have a very high probability of having a significant influence on the people in their environment. They are people of character with the ability to influence others even if they aren't wealthy, the boss, handsome/pretty, or hip. We want to get at least a portion, and hopefully a lot, of our Pre-Cursillo effort focused in this area.

Also, we want people to realize that a successful Pre-Cursillo exists when we begin journeying and sharing our faith with others, regardless of whether they ever go to Cursillo. Two friends sharing their faith, imitating Christ, and influencing the people in their environments embodies the vision of the Cursillo even if one never makes a weekend. To accomplish this is an enormous success. The weekend isn't the most important part, but it is an effective means for accelerating the conversion process. The goal is to bring people to Christ not just to a weekend.

Tom Perazzo

May we remember what Pope Benedict said in his address in this year of Faith.

“Dear brothers and sisters, this is true for every Christian. Faith is first and foremost a personal intimate encounter with Jesus, it is having an experience of his closeness, his friendship and his love. It is in this way that we learn to know him even better, to love him and to follow him more and more. May this happen to each one of us,”

May this inspire you to share your faith and inspire others to seek a closer experience with Christ.

Decolores

Clarence Gilles

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2013

January 12 Epiphany Party

March 7 thru 10 Men's Weekend

March 10 Closing

April 13 Grand Ultreya at St. Ignatius

Your Group Reunion _____

Your Ultreya _____

(Your attendance at each of the events listed above is crucial to the success of our Archdiocese Cursillo, and your growth in the knowledge of His Love.)

Please take the time to place these important dates on your calendar. Thereby insuring that your Year of Faith will be complete.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday January 1st Happy New Year!!!

Thurs.	Jan. 3	NW Saints at St. Ignatius	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 5	St. Francis DeSales, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	Jan. 6	Piqua Ultreya @ St. Mary's	6:30 p.m.
Mon.	Jan 7	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 10	NW Saints @ St. Ann's	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 12	St. Francis DeSales, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.

Epiphany Party 4:30 Mass, 6:15 Dinner

St. Peter's in Huber Heights

Mon.	Jan. 14	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
		St. Peter's Huber Heights Ultreya	7:30 p.m.
		Urbana Ultreya @ St. Mary's	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 17	NW Saints @ St. James	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 19	St. Francis DeSales, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.
		St. Mary's Aurora Ultreya	8:00 p.m.
Mon.	Jan. 21	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 24	NW Saints at St. Margaret Mary	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 26	St. Francis DeSales, Lebanon	8:30 p.m.
Mon.	Jan. 28	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
		St. Peter Huber Heights Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
		St. Ignatius Ultreya	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	Jan. 29	South Dayton Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 31	NW Saints at St. Margaret Mary MASS	7:00 p.m.

