

THE FOURTH DAY

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MESSAGE FROM PRECURSILLO

In Mathew Kelly's book "Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic", he points out that only 7% of Catholics are engaged in the church. He also points out that this 7% are by no means perfect. In fact he says research has discovered many things about them that repel the 93%. They can be territorial, excluding others from joining groups or activities. They talk church language that others do not understand. They suffer from he calls spiritual amnesia, meaning they have forgotten or block out how resistant to God they were at different times in their spiritual journey. He goes on to say that the shortcomings of the 7% can be overcome if they embrace the four signs of a Dynamic Catholic (Prayer, Study, Generosity and Evangelization).

Prayer- It is a habit and takes discipline. I believe most Cursillistas have a daily discipline and commitment to prayer.

Study- reading books, bible study and focusing on what the church teaches. I think the Spirit helps all **Cursillistas** to maintain a high degree of study.

Generosity- Most Cursillistas are generous with their time and resources. But generosity also includes, love, appreciation, virtue and encouragement. They continue to become detached from worldly desires.

Evangelization – Inviting others to grow spiritually by sharing the love of God with them, wanting others to experience the joy that flows from having a dynamic relationship with God. Mathew Kelly says that "evangelization is the ultimate form of love of neighbor." He states that the 7% have a very high percentage of engagement in the first three (Prayer, Study and Generosity) but less than 1% said they evangelize.

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WOMEN'S WEEKEND September 26-29

The next Women's Weekend will be held on Thursday September 26 thru Sunday September 29 at St. Margaret Mary in Cincinnati. Rectora Ann Grote and her team are busy making preparations for the weekend. Please consider keeping them in your prayers as they prepare to bring the message of Christ's Love for us to those receiving the weekend. We are still in need of candidates for the weekend. You can go to the Cursillo website to print an application for the weekend.

Remember, it is up to those of us who have lived the weekend to bring that message to all we meet. Ask Our Lord to place the name of someone near you on your heart and step up for Him by inviting her to the weekend.

Make a friend. Be a friend. And bring that friend to Christ.

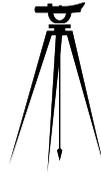
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So while evangelization is at the core of our Catholic mission, most Catholics even in the 7% do not resonate with the idea and remain uncomfortable with this concept and practice. Though the 7% did not consider themselves to be actively evangelizing, they are constantly trying to help people develop vibrant Spiritual lives. They were much more likely to encourage a perspective that included God and Church. Sharing the faith is a part of who they are but not in a proactive way. They want others to experience the joy that comes from having a vibrant relationship with God. But they and we need to become more intentional and proactive. I know all of us are in the 7% Matthew Kelly discusses in the book and we are blessed to be part of the 7%, but more is expected of each of us. The Lord says to one who is given much, much is expected.

Pre-Cursillo Chairman

Clarence Gilles



FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

It's 4:24 a. m. and I haven't been to sleep yet. I went to bed at a reasonable time, but couldn't fall asleep. It is just one of those nights, I guess. I'm sitting here in front of my computer thinking that rather waste my time awake, I'll work on the article that's due. But there is nothing happening, no ideas, no sleep, and no article.

Instead, I find myself just sitting here, silent in the midst of silence, listening for inspiration or sleep. When I say silent, I don't mean my mind. I can't shut that off. My attention keeps shifting from one subject in my life to another. I am one moment happy, remembering some funny antic just done by one of my grandchildren, the next moment sad, missing Mary Ann, my closest friend and partner for more than fifty years. Some of the key events of the past few days parade past my inner vision like a train pulling a long string of cars passing a crossing. I recognize the voice, but it is not mine. Suddenly, I realize it's the voice of God.

Now I remember my father's awakening, in his old age, to the fact that he had spent his whole life saying prayers and finally learning that having a quiet conversation with the Lord during which he let the Lord do most of the talking was what he came to call "real praying." I admit when I think of praying, I assume that we are talking about saying prayers, but I do know better. My father was correct. The question, "Does God hear our prayer." is not the question. I should be asking if it is I who is hearing God.

It's now 6:46 a.m. and the house is still silent. I have spent the last few minutes consciously trying to listen. This middle-of-the-night awake time has not been a waste. I've been praying and — I've finished my article.

You have just read it.

DECOLORES!

Deacon Bill Krumm

CELEBRATING THEIR FIFTH DAY

The Cursillo community lost one of its pillars recently. **Haden Williams** is now celebrating his Fifth Day. Haden had been in charge of communications for the Cursillo of Cincinnati for years and had meticulously maintained the addresses and contact information of the entire Cursillo Community for that entire period.

As a member of the Northwest Saints Ultreya, Haden worked to keep their Ultreya operating and growing in the knowledge of Our Lord.

Please keep Haden's wife, Rosemary, and the rest of the Williams family in your prayers.

WHO IS ON THE SECRETARIAT?

***Note: Individual email addresses are now available for each member of the Secretariat.**

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MESSAGE FROM POST-CURSILLO

The reading from Paul to the Corinthians struck me today as I pondered what a good message is for the Cursillo community as we enter summer.

“Brothers and sisters: Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that of ourselves we are qualified to take credit for anything as coming from us; rather, our qualification comes from God, who has indeed qualified us as ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of Spirit; for the letter brings death, but the Spirit gives life.” By our Baptism we are given the order to be disciples for Christ in our world, and through the Cursillo method we are given tools that aid us in doing God’s will in our environments. We have a tendency to put this on the back burner as we go about the relaxation of summer. Relaxation is important, but we should always be mindful of Christ’s desire for us to be His voice in this world. The best way to keep us on track is through Ultreya and our group reunion; don’t give this up as it keeps us focused on what is really important.

Enjoy your summer with the Lord.

DECOLORES!

Lou Lunne

FALL ENCOUNTER

The Belleville Diocesan Cursillo in Christianity Community is excited to be hosting the Region IV Fall Encounter at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Il on October 18-20, 2013.

The theme for the weekend will be: Year of Faith: Reflections on the Cursillo Weekend Meditations. Registration information will follow at a latter date.

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2013 National Encounter

The 23rd National Cursillo Encounter will be held on July 25 –28 at Hofstra University. Why not make it a vacation and visit NYC while you are in the area. Go to www.natl-cursillo for additional information and registration.

BOOK CORNER

Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week

Sometimes, one reads a book and is able to go on to the next text that is recommended, or maybe you can find something at the library or from Amazon. However, after recently completing the last in the trilogy on Jesus of Nazareth, by Pope Benedict XVI, a reoccurring thought compels me to share some of the text with you.

“‘Eternal life’ is not—as the modern reader might immediately assume—life after death, in contrast to this present life, which is transient and not eternal. ‘Eternal life’ is life itself, real life, which can also be lived in the present age and is no longer challenged by physical death. This is the point: to seize ‘life’ here and now, real life that can no longer be destroyed by anything or anyone.”

Pope Benedict goes on to say that the apostles were shown a glimpse of this eternal life at the Last Supper. He explains that this glimpse of eternal life allowed the apostles to go forth and preach without fear of death, knowing the eternal life that awaits them had already been achieved in their ‘yes’ to Christ.

After reading this chapter late one evening, I was not able to sleep. The possibility that mortal beings can experience eternal life with Christ while here on earth captivated my every thought. Literally. Cursillo allows us to have an encounter with Christ. Following the tripod encourages us to deepen that relationship.

I am sure that many saints have also had this glimpse of eternal life. We as Christians are able to do the same. Eternal life while here on earth? Are you searching for it? Let’s continue the journey together.

Joe Grote



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon.	July 1	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Weds.	July 3	NW Saints Ultreya at St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Sat.	July 6	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.
Mon.	July 8	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.
Weds.	July 10	NW Saints Ultreya at St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Sat.	July 13	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 p.m.
		St. Mary's Aurora, Ultreya	8:00 a.m.
Mon.	July 15	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Weds.	July 17	NW Saints Ultreya at St. Margaret Mary	10:00 p.m.
Sat.	July 20	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.
Mon.	July 22	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
		St. Ignatius Ultreya	7:30 p.m.
		St. Peter's Huber Heights, Ultreya	7:30 p.m.
		Urbana Ultreya @ St. Mary's	7:00 p.m.
Weds.	July 24	NW Saints Ultreya at St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Sat.	July 27	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	July 28	Northern Lights Ultreya, @ St. Joseph Center	6:30 p.m.
Mon.	July 29	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Tues.	July 30	South Dayton Ultreya, Incarnation	7:00 p.m.