

THE FOURTH DAY

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From the Secretariat

Over the past year the Cursillo Secretariat has been trying to reach out to the Fourth Day. We have had two Cursillo weekends this past year and welcomed 38 new cursillistas. Our Closings were well attended but it we had room for many more persons in the Holy Rosary Chapel at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center. Our next weekends are a Woman's weekend September 22-25th and a Men's weekend March 16-19, 2017. We are praying now for a "yes" for two persons to lead these weekends. Pray with us please.

The School had two sessions- one in the Fall and one in the Spring. We constantly struggle with attendance at the School and considering the quality of the sessions and discussions that follow, we will continue reach out to the Fourth Day to come and see what you have been missing. John Haviland and Jerry Auer are leading the School and doing an excellent job.

The Post Cursillo, under the direction of Therese Rife, Dan Beach and Connie Guillozet, has been visiting Ultreyas'. This is a slow process but proving to be a rich experience for the cursillistas' and the Secretariat. Whether you have 8 or 30 members coming to your ultreya on a regular basis, it is essential to meet regularly, use the Service sheet in grouping and hear a witness each and every time there is an ultreya. The witness is so important because in telling how you live your piety, study and action, you are encouraging others. Remember the first Cursillistas' who were on the pilgrimage to St. James? They encouraged one another- ultreya!!!

Speaking of Ultreyas- we plan on adding two more to our center. St. Joseph, on Ezzard Charles Drive in Cincinnati, and St. Julie in Hamilton. The Post Cursillo is working with these two new ultreyas as they get started. Welcome.

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We had planned a Pre Cursillo workshop, much like the ones we had done many years ago. However, due to the need to focus on The School with issues of attendance, we are going to put this on the back burner for now.

Our next "General" will be an evening or late afternoon celebration of "Praise and Joy". We are working on this right now but it will be focused on the joy of being together as a Fourth Day community with a lot of song and witness and of course, food. Stay tuned for a date, place and time.

If you have not been on our website- visit it. Our website is <http://cincinnati-cursillo.org>. Tom Federle is our webmaster and has done a fantastic job. Tom keeps us with the page views we get and it is remarkable how many people visit our site. We generate interest from Catholics looking for the Cursillo in our archdiocese.

Financially we are doing well and always appreciate donations. Two ladies from South Dayton Ultreya put on a soup and salad luncheon during Lent and raised over \$400 in donations with this event. There were about 8 women in attendance who gave contributions to the Movement. Thank you Gina Towne and Vi Gilles.

Finally we need to say thank you to Bishop Joseph Binzer who gave of his time to say Mass on the recent Men's and Women's weekend. What a blessing Bishop Joe is to the Cursillo!

We bid farewell and thanks to Father Len Wenke, who was our liaison to the Archbishop. Father Len is being reassigned to parish work. He has been such supporter of the Cursillo over these past number of years.

Continue to pray for the Movement and the Church. Blessings and De Colores.

(Breaking News...)



PRE-CURSILLO NEWS UPCOMING WEEKENDS

The women's weekend #182 is September 22-25. Now that may seem, a long way off, but the team will start forming in August and that is only 7 weeks from now. The Lord does not take the summer off and spiritually we should not either. We have three women confirmed for the weekend so far. There are several women who could not make the last weekend. If you sponsored any of them, now is the time to find out if they are committed to make the September weekend. In less than 10 weeks we will be deciding if we have enough candidates to have weekend. That means we need to start asking potential candidates now to see if there is interest. The next men's weekend March, 16-19. It is never too early to ask a friend if they might be interested in making a weekend.

In the last newsletter we asked if some parishes would be interested in promoting or supporting a talk on Making A Difference. There were no responses. We still think it is a good idea, so we have included the outline that would be used in the talk. Maybe an Ultreya would like to promote the talk or hear the talk along with a number of their friends within the parish. The talk is based upon the Circles of a life with Christ. Below is the introduction at written in the last newsletter. I have included the talk outline.

One of Cursillo's purposes is to draw members of the church closer to Christ. That does not necessarily mean having more candidates making a weekend. Our purpose is to encourage people to make a difference within their church and spread the good news through friendship. In that regard, Pre-Cursillo would like to make a presentation at a parish or group of parishes within the diocese sometime within the next six months to inspire members of the church who are interested in coming closer to the Lord. The presentation is not about Cursillo but has stories related to Cursillo within it.

In order to understand the following...picture six concentric circles, each one progressively smaller than the one before it.

The goal is to reach the inner circle, where we experience God.

How the Circles came to be.

Story of what inspired the circles concept. Attendees will have Initial thoughts & ideas about their journey and will begin to answer the question how can I get to know Christ better?

Outside of the Circles: Unaware of or reject God. Lack of knowledge or active defiance or rejection of God. Total focus may be on money, fame, prestige, power or family. Thoughts about when you may have been here family members, friends, and the role of prayer & hope.

Inside the First Circle: Aware of God but indifferent to Him. People who may pray and go to church occasionally, because it may be expected. They neglect God as He is not a priority compared to other preferred activities or goals. We all have family members here or have been their ourselves.

Next circle ACCEPT GOD BUT ARE COMPLACENT. Go to church every Sunday, tithe, and perform charitable works. This circle engages those who attend mass regularly but never think about taking the initiative to get to know Christ better and how to recognize the Holy Spirit in their life?

Third Circle I have a desire to learn more about Christ. What initiatives can I take to become more active in studying the word of God? Bible study group or participating in other group opportunities?

Discussion notes: Attendees share Experiences and ideas in a small group.

Fourth Circle I have desire to know Christ in a more personal

way...How can I set aside dedicated time to focus on God and have a relationship with Him. Examples would be adoration, pilgrimages or seeking other opportunities to get closer to Christ.

Thoughts, ideas or experiences related to this circle shared in a small group discussions with others.

Fifth Circle I have a desire to be more Christ like, in my thoughts words and actions. I need the grace to know Him more intimately, love Him more deeply and desire Him more closely. How can I focus on Him in my daily routines? How can I exemplify Him in Work, play and family?

Sixth Circle: Exude God's love. What we consider being a saint. Can anyone reach this circle?

This talk was given at our church men's group meeting where 75 men attended. Because of the reception it received, I wrote a book on it. called "On My Way"

If your ultreya is interested please e-mail or call me and we can discuss it.

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Bulletin Board

ONE MORE TIME

Okay, I know you have heard this before. However hearing it and actually practicing it are two different things. We know that friendship is the pathway to our encounters with self, Jesus and others. When we do not live in friendship we struggle on our way to living true Christianity. If you do not believe me, just look at your life before your Cursillo.

It was your friend who brought you to your third day. It is your friends that accompany you on your fourth day. In the past few months we have had two Cursillo weekends and 38 new babe chicks. The fruits of pre cursillo are seen in the candidates that come to the weekends. Their witnesses told us that it was their friends that invited them into this movement- not a bulletin announcement or a visit to our website.

But we need to honestly ask ourselves if we are continuing that friendship after the glow of the weekend ends? Friendship means accompanying your friend through thick and thin. In the Cursillo our friends share our love of Jesus with us. It isn't something that happens in an instant- it takes time and persistence and faithfulness in doing what we say we are going to do. At first we might be reluctant to share ourselves and we would rather talk about our kids, our golf game, or a recipe for chocolate cake. That is okay at first, but in true Christian friendship we will share our faith, our piety, our study and our action. Gradually we become aware that we are changing because of these friendships. It takes perseverance to live in friendships like these.

Recently, at the School of Leaders we were talking about life after the three day weekend. And someone said the weekend is like an onion. It is after the weekend that we start to peel off the layers of that onion and find our true selves through our friends, who help us do the peeling!

The Fourth Day is only strong when we believe in

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friendship and understand its role in our coming to Christ. Share with your friends and you will share even more deeply with Jesus. Never forget for one minute that Jesus wants to share His life with you as your friend. Remember the words, "make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend (and yourself) to Christ".

De Colores, Mary Gutman, LD

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

The Fall session of the School of Leaders will begin in Mid September and finish up in November. Dates and topics will be announced in the later part of July.

The School of Leaders will be presenting, to the Secretariat for their approval, a program designed for Team Formation that will incorporate a deeper study of the Movement and the Charism of Cursillo. The upcoming Women's Team, which is currently being formed by Julie Tyler and will conduct the Weekend beginning on September 22, will get a condensed version of the program on their initial formation meeting.

It's important to understand that the School of Leaders is NOT a teacher / student environment but rather a GROUP of CHRISTIAN LEADERS coming together in a SCHOOL OF THOUGHT to learn from each other, to witness and discuss this process of progressive and ongoing conversion that the Cursillo Movement gives us a Method and a plan for. If you are interested in LIVING MORE FULLY the rollos we heard on the Cursillo Weekend, if you want to better understand how the method can do that, if you want to maximize the benefits of the Group Reunion and The Ultreya, then your participation at the School will be a great benefit to you and your friends. FRIENDSHIP is a critical part of the movement, and as our friends, we invite and welcome your attendance and input. We will need presenters for material in the Fall and Spring sessions that will serve as an impetus for great discussion and growth for us all.

Any questions can be directed to John Haviland jfh@bgllaw.com or Jerry Auer jauer16@roadrunner.com, co-chairs of the School of Leaders Committee



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CALENDER OF EVENTS

CHECK WEBSITE FOR LIST OF SCHEDULED ULTREYAS

We are happy to share that Saint Julie Billiard (Hamilton) will host an Ultreya to support our growing Cursillo Community.

We will meet on the Second Saturday of the month from 6 pm til 8 pm.

Meeting will be held in the blue Dayton House at 230 Dayton Street. The blue house next to the St. Julie Parish Office.

(It will be best to enter at the driveway which is between the YWCA and Fenmont Hall.)

We are looking forward to this opportunity to bring the local Cursillo community closer and to assist in the formation of small groups.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

As always, please bring a friend.

Any questions? Contact Dan Beach at 513-475-0637