

OUR FOURTH DAY

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FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR

As I write this I am full of joy and gratitude for a very good gathering of the Fourth Day at the General Ultreya at North Dayton (St. Peter's) and for the new babe chicks of Men's #224. The Easter season reminds us that we must spread the Gospel just like the disciples did following the Resurrection of the Lord.

I just returned from the Region IV Spring Encounter in St. Louis and the campus of St. Louis University. This was my first Encounter as a Lay Director. The theme was friendship, which is the charism of the Cursillo.

It was great to meet with Lay Directors from places like Knoxville, St. Louis, Memphis, Owensboro, Indianapolis/Lafayette, Cape Girardeau and Evansville. Father Alex Waraska, the National Spiritual Advisor joined us. The Archbishop of St. Louis celebrated Mass on Sunday and was very supportive of the Cursillo by his words and presence.

I found that we all struggle with some of the same issues. But I also came away knowing that we have a stellar School of Leaders, great Ultreyas' and a strong local Cursillo movement in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. I heard stories of diocese (centers) where the Cursillo movement lapsed due to non-participation. Now at least one of these centers is trying to rebuild. The leaders shared how excited their local cursillistas' were to bring the Cursillo back to their diocese and how it was missed when it was not there. We must never let go of the Catholic Cursillo in Cincinnati. We should always ask ourselves what we do to contribute to the Fourth Day. And we should always thank those who pray and support the movement with their volunteerism, their monetary contributions and their love. I would say that this is most of you!

Our challenge is to continue to build up and support the Fourth Day so that like Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we may go out and gather His sheep.

De Colores!

Mary Gutman

UPCOMING WEEKENDS

This Fall, the Cursillo Community will be busy hosting a weekend for Women in September and for Men in November. Both weekends will be held at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. Now is the time to ask a friend to attend one of the weekends.

The dates are:

WOMENS WEEKEND SEPT. 10 THRU 13

MEN'S WEEKEND NOV. 12 THRU 15

The response to holding the weekends at the Holy Spirit Center has been extremely positive. In addition to being a retreat center, the Holy Spirit Center also has 24 hour adoration, two chapels, a library, a gift shop and a Reliquary. If you have not seen the Reliquary, it is worth a trip to the center just to see the seemingly endless amount of relics from all over the world and spanning the centuries.

The Cincinnati Cursillo Community has sponsored two very successful weekends 'back-to-back'. Lets make the two weekends in the Fall just as successful. Start with prayer and follow that up by asking a friend to attend. A surefire recipe for success.

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School of Leaders

John Haviland & Ken Kluener

The Spring session of the School has been a source of insightful commentary and discussion helping us all to better understand the charism of the Cursillo Movement. There is so much information that continues to provide learning opportunities and each one can help us on our journey.

The Fall Session will cover Group Reunion, Ultreya and the Service Sheet.

I have no doubt that there will be many “eye opening” points for discussion that will help us all better understand and get the most out of our Ultreyas and Group Reunions. This will be a session that the Secretariat members, Ultreya coordinators and their team won’t want to miss. Much of the program will be based on the book “AN APPRENTICE CHRISTIAN” by Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo. Please watch the Cincinnati Cursillo web site for further information and dates.

ULTREYAS...CONTINUE!

Now that the summer months are approaching, don’t forget about your Ultreya. In fact, make an effort to invite a friend to your next Ultreya. It may be a springboard to an invitation to attend one of the upcoming Fall Weekends.

ULTREYA...ONWARD!

GENERAL ULTREYA ENJOYED BY ALL

The General Ultreya, hosted by North Dayton Ultreya on 26 April, in Huber Heights, Ohio, was well attended with about 55 Cursillistas from Cincinnati to Piqua making it a joyous occasion.

Mr. Ken Kleuner gave an introspective witness talk about his 49 years in the movement and what he has gleaned about "persistence" and the love of God. Mike Coyle offered comments concerning the very first thing said to the Men of Cursillo Weekend #224 about the simple focus of the next few days being to find out that God loves us and about a way to grow closer to Him. Ms. Brenda Lauren followed this with a musical meditation about how much He loves us. Father Rey Taylor then gave a rousing talk on the need for evangelization by the Cursillo -- spreading the Good News about God's love for man and supporting our Catholic clergy and religious people.

All agreed that, with no prior planning on anyone's part, the Holy Spirit made His unconditional love of us the central theme and message for the gathering. We closed with De Colores!, prayers and a blessing by Father Taylor. Many thanks to all who made it and condolences to those who didn't.

DECLORES!

Mike Coyle

CELEBRATING THEIR FIFTH DAY

Connie Zvonar

Bulletin Board

Living the 4th Day in 2015 Study

One of the three elements of living the Fourth Day is Study. Study can focus on many subjects and can take many forms including reading, listening to tapes or watching videos. However, have you ever imagined or considered attending a Theology Course offered by the One at the University of Notre Dame? If so, it is now possible to do so free without leaving your home through distance learning.

Starting June 1st, Notre Dame will offer an 8 week course on “Jesus in Scripture and Tradition”. The course will explore how a close reading of the book of Genesis, the Gospels, and early Christian writers can deepen our understanding of the figure of Jesus Christ. To learn more or to register for the course go to www.edx.org/course/jesus-scripture-tradition-notredamex-th120-1x.

SUMMER BOOK SUGGESTIONS

The Ear of the Heart....Mother Dolores Hart
A look at a remarkable life from stardom to service.

Who Designed the Designer? A Rediscovered Path to God’s Existence By Michael Augros
A fresh approach to ultimate questions about the existence of God.

MERE CHRISTIANITY By C.S. Lewis
An all-time favorite that is a ‘must read’ for all followers of Jesus Christ. Even if you read it in the past, pick it up again and be renewed, refreshed.

Catholic Cursillo of Cincinnati Website...It’s “HOT”

If you haven’t already done so, fire up your computer, start your web browser, visit and bookmark “cincinnati-cursillo.org” as your readily available source of information on Cursillo in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Over the past year, we have worked to improve this website and keep it up to date with news and features for old, new and prospective Cusillistas, alike. The site has a clean and simple design and is easily navigated using a menu on the left side of each page.

From the website, you can get information on upcoming events, find resources for living the 4th day, learn about Ulteyas and School of Leaders as well as download the brochure, weekend application and local and national newsletters. In addition, we just added a Video Library, where you can find a talk by our own John Haviland on Enculturation and a recent EWTN program on the Charism of the Movement. We also are planning to add additional features in the next few months.

Since the beginning of 2015, the site had over 14,000 page views and received on average 89 visits per day. We invite you to visit, explore and enjoy the site. However, to keep the website accurate and current, we need your help. If you see an error or something that needs to be changed or updated, please contact the webmaster. Also, we welcome your ideas for how to improve the site. The webmaster can be contacted through the website or by email at webmaster@cincinnati-cursillo.org.



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CALENDER OF EVENTS

Mon. June 1	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Weds. June 3	NW Saints @ St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Sun. June 7	Piqua Ultreya @ The Caseta Center	6:30 p.m.
Mon. June 8	North Dayton Ultreya	7:30 p.m.
	Reis Center @ St. Peter's Church	
	Urbana Ultreya @ St. Mary's	7:00 p.m.
Weds. June 10	NW Saints @ St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Weds. June 17	NW Saints @ St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Thurs. June 18	Warren County Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Sat. June 20	St. Mary's Aurora Ultreya	8:00 a.m.
Mon. June 22	St. Ignatius Ultreya	7:30 p.m.
	North Dayton Ultreya	7:30 p.m.
	Reis Center @ St. Peter's Church	
Weds. June 24	NW Saints @ St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Thurs. June 25	South Dayton Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Sun. June 27	Northern Lights Ultreya @ St. Joseph Center	6:30 p.m.