



# Casting Our Nets E-Newsletter

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## FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR

2014 went by quickly as I completed one year as your Lay Director. It has been a year filled with some changes and many challenges. We have put on two Cursillo weekends and held two very successful General Ultreyas. We began to have weekends at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood. We did this because the Saint Margaret Mary Cursillo Center is in need of fix up, to include painting, carpeting in the main areas and a constant concern with toilets and heat. This is not to say that we will never have a weekend at SMM again, but for now we need a viable option and OLHSC seems to fit our needs. After the Women's weekend in October we found that, while OLHSC is large and requires a bit more walking from place to place there are bonuses in having all private rooms, the use of elevators, a large kitchen, handicap accessible facilities and the bonus of 24 hour Eucharistic adoration. We are blessed.

Our financial dilemma of over a year ago is under control thanks to many generous donors who responded to our call for donations. We can always use gifts when you find yourself with some extra cash. We have had some families of Cursillistas who have gone to their Fifth day make a request for donations to Cursillo and we so appreciate their generosity in their time of grief.

The School of Leaders completed a successful Fall term and will be resuming again in Spring. Ken Kluener, John Haviland and Father Rey Taylor have done a wonderful job with the School. More people should consider attending, even if only a few times during the next session. I guarantee you will like what you hear and grow in the movement.

Our Christmas gift this year was a wonderful article that appeared in the January issue of "The Catholic Telegraph" about Bishop Joe Binzer's journey and the influence of the Cursillo in his life. If you want to write him a note to say thank you, it would be great. We are so lucky that he is our auxiliary bishop. In his usual way, he gave all the credit to John Stegeman who wrote the article.

Finally, there is a Men's weekend March 5-8<sup>th</sup> at OLHSC. Mike Coyle is the rector and his team began formation on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to ask your friend or family member to live the Cursillo. Deadline for applications is February 27<sup>th</sup>. We had 21 women in October so let's have at least 21 men in March.

We are searching for someone to lead us in Communications on the Secretariat. Joe Grote has given his talent and time generously for many years and will be taking a break as he focuses on his new career. I thank him and ask that anyone with computer skills, who would love to serve the Cursillo, contact me. We are also looking for someone in Cincinnati to serve on the Three Day team. The Secretariat is working in committee formats now. Each area has a leader but there are people who are on the committee. My email is [ralphmgutman@aol.com](mailto:ralphmgutman@aol.com)

## LOWER YOU NETS

There is still plenty of time to reach out and ask a friend to attend the upcoming men's weekend. Applications may be found on the Cincinnati Cursillo website. Let's fill up the weekend and continue to watch the growth of our local movement. What better Lenten gift could you give to a friend?

# SHARE YOUR LIGHT

The Cursillo Secretariat is looking for a few good people to share their light and talents. Here are some opportunities:

- Cincinnati based Three Day co-coordinator- to work with the Three Day Committee when Cursillo weekends are held. Will help arrange meals with Ultreyas' and Group Reunions, prepare items used on the weekends, help register candidates, be available to assist as needed during the weekend (behind the scenes). Would be invited to join the Secretariat.
- Communications Chair- to put together newsletters and blast emails, including coordinating electronic and paper copies. Will help develop a strategy for a consistent message relating to the activities of the Cursillo in the archdiocese. Computer knowledge required. Ability to attend Secretariat meetings, rotating between Cincinnati and Dayton monthly, except for December.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Movement, please call or email Mary Gutman to discuss. Pray about it first, then call! De Colores. [ralphmgutman@aol.com](mailto:ralphmgutman@aol.com) or 937-433-1705

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## SCHOOL OF LEADERS

While the schedule for the school of leaders does not begin until March 17<sup>th</sup>. Please take time now to mark your calendar so that you will be able to attend with your fellow Cursillistas and grow in the knowledge of our movement.

SOUTH	NORTH
March 18	March 17 & 31
April 1 & 22	April 21
May 6 & 20	May 5 & 19

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## A NOTE TO ALL CURSILLISTAS

Please do not use Cursillo events (Closings, Generals, Ultreyas) to solicit cursillistas by asking them to buy whatever you are selling. This is a sensitive subject and it may seem innocent, but our events are not where you should be asked to buy Girl Scout cookies, attend Pampered Chef parties, or purchase materials from other non profit groups. I think you understand what I am saying. It puts people in uncomfortable situations and takes away from the purpose of Cursillo.

The Secretariat thanks you in advance for your co-operation.

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# PRE-CURSILLO

We are having a great response to the men's # 224 weekend March 5-8. We still have room for a few more candidates.

The Catholic telegraph had a great article by Auxiliary Archbishop Binzer. If you are planting seeds with some friends, direct them to, or send them a copy of the article. The fact that the weekend helped him discover how much God loved him is what many of us experienced on our weekend. I have included **Excerpts** from the article that focus on trying something different.

Prior to his Cursillo, Bishop Binzer prayed daily and attended Mass on weekends. Afterwards, his faith life began to take on more focus. "There was more of an understanding of what the purpose of my life should be," he said.

Bishop Binzer, who describes himself as one, not prone to taking risks, talked his brother into attending Cursillo with him. He now encourages Catholics seeking to grow in their faith to try something outside their own comfort zones. He said, "I think the thing to do would be to try something you haven't tried before and to listen to what God might be calling you to, and to accept an invitation to do something spiritually in the Catholic Church you haven't done before," referencing opportunities such as Cursillo, bible studies, parish education events and more.

The people he singled out were those who were seeking to grow in their faith and these are the people we should be inviting. We should be encouraging them to join us not just for Cursillo but for any spiritual growth opportunities we ourselves are involved in.

Decolores,  
Clarence Gilles  
Pre-Cursillo Chairman

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Deacon Manny Villaboy

Deacon Manny and Eileen Villaboy are moving to Arizona. Manny was our Spiritual Advisor for many years and very instrumental in our archdiocesan movement. He and Eileen are relocating to be closer to some of their children. Please send them a card at:

2811 Eagritopaia Loop- S  
Gilbert, Arizona 85296.