

# CURSILLO OF CINCINNATI

## 4th Day 'ON LINE' NEWSLETTER

*March 2016*

**\*\*\*Men's Closing...Sunday March 13 4:30 Holy Spirit Center, Norwood\*\*\***

## SCHOOL OF LEADERS

### SPRING SCHEDULE

Please make plans to attend the School of Leaders. The School is for anyone with a genuine desire to accelerate and perfect their personal conversion process. It is an opportunity to learn more about our Faith and to explore in depth the Cursillo's method, which was given to us by the Holy Spirit to ensure each Cursillista can enjoy a continuous and progressive conversion for the rest of his or her life.

During this upcoming Winter/Spring session, we will be discussing the Christian Ideal, and the challenges in keeping the Christian Ideal at the center of our life. On our Cursillo Weekend, the very first rollo taught us that "an ideal is the collection of ideas, aspirations (goals) and preferences that center our life, decides our will; it is a driving force that turns our efforts into realities. It sums up happiness for the person. It is the axis of that person's life." The rest of the Three-Day Weekend was essentially an invitation to choose the Christian ideal for our own lives. A method was given to us to ensure we would grow in strength and keep the Christian ideal as the centering point of our lives despite the tremendous obstacles we encounter.

Please join your fellow Cursillistas in exploring this most important topic. The three sessions in the North will be at Incarnation parish beginning at 7:00 PM on **March 25, April 25, and May 17, 2016**. In the South, the sessions will be at St. Margaret Mary **March 24, April 27, and May 19, 2016**.

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### So Many Days From Mary Gutman, LD

This year I will celebrate my seventieth birthday. For some reason this is daunting to me and one night while I was lying in bed it came to me that if I make it to my birthday I will have lived 25, 567.5 days (taking into consideration leap year). That is a lot of days to make a difference, a lot of years to praise God and to share with others His mercy and love. Then I calculated that it has been 8,400 days since my three day Cursillo weekend. When I look at how I have spent my days since Cursillo I can definitely say that my road, although not always straight, has improved as I live my life in friendship, with others who support me on my life's journey. I look at Cursillo as a gift. I was searching when I agreed to attend a Cursillo. On the weekend I became open to God's grace. It was friendship, prayer and a person who was willing to ask me to a Cursillo. We often become complacent as cursillistas' when it comes to offering this great gift to others. But just think if your

friend would have not invited you to a Cursillo? How many days for you? How many opportunities to give this gift to others?

## THREE DAY COMMITTEE...NEEDS YOUR HELP

Hello Fourth Day, my name is Jenny Houlihan, I lived my Cursillo weekend in July of 1992. At this time I am in the process of stepping into Donna Perrazo's role of Three Day co-chair with Sue Coyle. I would like to ask the Fourth Day Community for their prayers and support. Please consider helping us with the clean up after Closing shift. The more help we have, the faster the task gets done. Also, please consider putting a group together to prepare and serve meals.

Sue and I will help any group to get started. You would not be on your own. I have been serving Friday supper with Herm Kohling's group for many years, but, we are not able to do this now so we need new people to step up and takeover. Serving supper has been one of the most rewarding experiences for me as it allowed us to be a part of every weekend that has taken place for a long time.

In addition, please send Palanca Letters (WE NEED MORE PALANCA) to our P.O box or 72 hour Palanca to my Email at [Jenhoula1563@icloud.com](mailto:Jenhoula1563@icloud.com) or call it in at 513-330-5512 . Thank you so much for your help, prayers and support.

Decolores

## PRE-CURSILLO WEEKENDS COMING UP

Both the men's and women's weekends are shaping up. The teams are in formation for both the men's weekend **March 10-13**, with Lou Lunne as rector and the women's **April 14-17**, with Clare Vincent as rectora. We have sufficient candidates for the weekends but would like to have more registered.

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.

We call the presentation **Making a Difference**. The presentation will help those attending discover where they currently are in their walk with Christ (Encountering self) and they will leave having a road map for their continuous conversion towards Christ. There will be examples of how to bring friends and possibly work associates along on the journey through friendship. We will use small group discussions after each circle in the diagram. The presentation will be a little over an hour. Those attending should come away with a clearer vision of their own spiritual walk.

If you are interested in coordinating a thought provoking presentation like this at your church, contact me at cg@trackingsolutions.com. We will be conducting a presentation of the subject matter for those who are interested at Incarnation church after 8:30 Mass on a Saturday in April or May.

We are also in the early planning stages for a pre-Cursillo workshop with the 4<sup>th</sup> day community.

Decolores, Clarence GilleS

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## FROM THE BOOK CORNER

### **JESUS A PILGRIMAGE** by Fr. James Martin, SJ

"Moving sequentially through the Gospels, considering not only familiar passages, but also the "hidden life" of Jesus, the book offers abold retelling of the life of Christ, faithful to the Christian tradition, while meditating on parts of the narrative that often escape notice."

He provides personal stories from his own life, the most up-to-date biblical scholarship, as well as powerful anecdotes from beloved spiritual teachers, and brings the reader on his own real-life travels through the Holy Land.

He tells the parable while being at the spot or close to it where Jesus told it..very powerful.I have been meditating as I read what he relates on different parables.

### **PRAYER OUR DEEPEST LONGING** Fr. Ronald Rolheiser He also wrote THE HOLY LONGING; THE SEARCH FOR A CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY.

PRAYER is only 67 paperback pages. " Drawing from Scripture. ancient and modern writers, and experience, Rolheiser clears common misconceptions about prayer and offers consolation and challenge. In 33 brief reflections, he will help you understand how to overcome struggles in prayer, develop a mature prayer habit, and explore new prayer practices."

Often times we are searching for some good books. Here are a few that I found are easy to read and would be excellent for Lenten reading:

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| <b>"33 Days to Morning Glory"</b>     | Michael E. Gaitley, MIC |
| <b>"My Life with the Saints"</b>      | James Martin, SJ        |
| <b>"Swear to God"</b>                 | Scott Hahn              |
| <b>"Consoling the Heart of Jesus"</b> | Michael E. Gaitley, MIC |

As a person who does not have the luxury of just sitting down and reading a whole book in a few days. All of these suggested books can be picked up for short term reading and then resumed at any time.

Mary Gutman, LD

## **\*Women's Closing Sunday April 17, 4:30 Holy Spirit Center, Norwood**

Welcome to the Secretariat

In January we were pleased to welcome three new members to the Archdiocesan Secretariat. Connie Guillozet is from Russia, Ohio and attends the Piqua Ultreya. She will work on Post Cursillo as her focus on Secretariat. Blake Rinderle is from the South Dayton Ultreya, where he also serves as Coordinator of the Ultreya with his wife, Beth. Blake will work with Clarence Gilles on Pre Cursillo. Jerry Auer is from Cincinnati and attends the St. Ignatius Ultreya. Jerry will have his main focus serving with John Haviland and Ken Kluener on the School of Leaders. God is good and we are blessed to have Connie, Blake and Jerry.

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### **CARDS AND VISITS FOR A FRIEND OF CURSILLO**

Rosemary Williams, widow of Haden Williams, has moved to assisted living at Bridgeway Pointe. Her son, Mike, is asking for some cards, visits from friends and prayers. Her phone# is 513-825-8514

Rosemary's address is:  
Bridgeway Pointe  
165 W. Galbraith Rd.  
Cincinnati, OH 45216

### **CELEBRATING THEIR FIFTH DAY**

Mary Rader

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **SCHOOL OF LEADERS**

**ST. MARGARET MARY**

**MARCH 24**

**APRIL 27**

**INCARNATION**

**MARCH 25**

**APRIL 25**

**MAY 19**

**MAY 17**

**CLOSINGS 4:30 AT HOLY SPIRIT CENTER NORWOOD**

**MEN'S SUNDAY MARCH 13**

**WOMEN'S SUNDAY APRIL 17**