

THE FOURTH DAY

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Introducing Mary Gutman...

Many of you know Mary from seeing her at Cursillo Closings, Leader School, giving talks at the reunion of Cursillo teams, working on Teams, etc. But we thought we would take the opportunity in this issue to give you some information about our new Lay Director.

Mary lived her Cursillo in April, 1993 on Women's #129 and sat at the table of St. Therese the Little Flower of Jesus. She is a member of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception parish in Dayton and the South Dayton Ultreya. She is married to Deacon Ralph and the mother to a blended family of five children and thirteen grandchildren. Mary retired in 2011 from Premier Health/ Good Samaritan Hospital after 41 years of service as a registered nurse (18 years) and a health-care risk manager and director (23 years). Since retirement she is active in her parish and volunteers at a long term care center among other things.

Mary's Cursillo journey is maybe not what you might expect. When she lived her three day weekend she did not really know why she was there but did not want to say "no" to her sponsor so thought she would try it! She sat at a table with an elderly woman and decided to "take care of her" during the weekend, so she would be the first to admit that she really did not hear most of the rollos'. However, the rollo that she did hear was "Obstacles to Grace" given by Deacon Manny Villaboy. That was why God wanted her to be there on that particular weekend in 1993. At Closing she was skeptical when she saw all those from the Fourth Day who attended and did not think she would be one of those who persevered long enough to even be back to the next Closing.

But persevere she did and with the support of her Ultreya and Group Reunion the Cursillo has become an integral part of her life. Mary groups with six women who meet every other week. She has been coordinator of her Ultreya twice, this last time with her husband, Ralph. She has served the movement at a couple of national events that were held in our archdiocese. She has attended two national encounters – one in Louisville and one in St. Louis. In 2005 Mary's husband lived his Cursillo and began to discern his call to the diaconate. This was not what either Ralph or Mary expected but if you know these two you quickly know that they listen to God's will for them in their lives.

Mary will be the first to tell you that accepting the position of Lay Director is not something she did without much prayer and some struggle. She will serve the Movement with humility and vision. She knows that the Cursillo is vital to the Church and is not "going away". Our archdiocesan movement will look different in the coming years but we, as a Secretariat, School and Fourth Day, will be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we serve the Church.

In upcoming newsletters, you will hear from other new members of the Secretariat and Assistant Spiritual directors.

NEW SPITIRUAL ADVISOR REV. MR. REYNALDO TAYLOR a.k.a. Brother Rey

The Cursillo Community of Cincinnati is blessed to have Reverend Reynaldo Taylor as our new Spiritual Advisor. Brother Rey is the Pastor of St. Joseph's Church in the West End of Cincinnati, not far from Union Terminal. However, Brother Rey's journey is not a typical one, as he is quick to point out. When Reynaldo Taylor was a six-year-old first grader at St. Joseph Catholic School in the West End, his grandfather's friend asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. The little boy answered, "I want to be something like Fr. Busemeyer". Fr. Busemeyer was the pastor at St. Joseph's. When Rey was an eight year old third grader, a young priest named Fr. Clarence Rivers became an associate pastor at St. Joseph's/ No other parish wanted a black priest, but Fr. Busemeyer took a stand and welcomed the young priest.

Fr. Rivers began composing liturgical music in English and taught it to the children of St. Joseph. Young Rey attended the school Masses that Fr. Rivers presided over; he and his classmates were the first to sing the extraordinary groundbreaking, soul stirring music that was sung all over the world. The American Catholic Church has not been the same since. Neither was Rey. Of Fr. Rivers, Fr. Rey will say, "We were awestruck watching him work. He was magnetic and confident. Another priest who was influential in Fr. Rey's faith journey was Fr. William Cross. Fr. Cross is a convert who 'felt the calling of the Holy Spirit' and drawn to the spirituality of the Catholic Church, was the second African American priest ordained in the archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Rey Taylor graduated from high school the year after Bill Cross was ordained and Rey immediately entered religious life as a brother. "The brotherhood encompassed everything that I wanted to do. Its motto: Serving Christ and the poor. The three vows: poverty, chastity and obedience are so real to me. Brother Rey was ordained deacon in April of 2006 and gave his first homily at his home parish, St. Joseph on April 30, 2006. Fr. Rey was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday May 19, 2007, thirty-three years after Fr. Cross.

WELCOME BROTHER REY!!!

CELEBRATING THEIR FIFTH DAY

Brother Allan Schmitz

Tom Henry

Charlyne Schecker

Charlotte Hirt

Bernadette Addison

Janet Ryan

Marilyn Hunsche

Carole Tallerigo



MESSAGE FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR

Of levers, fulcrums and mustard seeds...
Mary E. Gutman

In Luke's gospel (17:1-6) we hear that if we "have faith the size of a mustard seed" it is enough to uproot a mulberry tree. Living in Ohio, we see very few mulberry trees! Therefore, it is kind of hard for me to picture what Jesus was talking about. A few weeks ago I was reading a reflection in "The Word among Us" and was struck by how the author skillfully discussed the use of a lever (a long stick or rod) to move a large object on the other end. He went on to say that in order to move the object, the lever requires an immovable point to pivot upon, or a fulcrum. Well I was immediately drawn to read more, relating the lever to the palanca that we so depend upon in the Cursillo movement. We all have been touched by the palanca (the lever) that was offered for us on our weekend.

But I guess I never really focused on the fulcrum. Jesus has told us that to move the deep rooted mulberry tree we only need to have faith the size of a tiny, almost invisible, mustard seed. So that "lever" of our faith rests on the "fulcrum" of Jesus. He is our firm rock- our immovable point. As we become closer to Jesus through our piety, study and action, we stay connected to Him and He will be our fulcrum that allows our lever to move anything.

As I begin my term as your lay director, I invite you to renew with me the commitment that we made at our Closing when the crucifix was placed around our neck and we heard the words, "Christ is counting on you" and we replied, "And I on Him". My prayer for you today is that you always cherish those words (your "yes") as you live out your fourth day with Jesus as the center of your life. Please keep me in your prayers.

De Colores!

MESSAGE FROM OUR OUT-GOING LAY DIRECTOR

"Things I have learned in Cursillo". This might sound a little like the 1988 book by Robert Fulghum titled, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" but the lessons I learned in 48 years of Cursillo, go far beyond; "flush"; "wash your hands before you eat", "and clean up your own mess". Don't misunderstand me, I know that there is a deeper wisdom in; "share", "play fair" and "warm cookies and milk are good for you". The 16 bullet points that got all the attention were in fact supported by a whole book of explanation and deeper understanding of the points.

Cursillo is very much like that. The Cursillo Weekend experience that gets all the attention is a lot like the sixteen bullet points of "What I Learned in Kindergarten", and the weekend is supported by an underlying and ongoing opportunity for deeper understanding, just like the book. We call it the Fourth Day.

Group Reunion, Ultreya, and The School of Leaders can help us understand that what we learned on the weekend is all about being in an ongoing, growing, loving relationship with God and others. Piety, our prayer is about deepening that relationship with our Father and Jesus our brother, and Study helps us in discerning God's will in our life, and Action is loving all those we encounter, just as Jesus did.

Group Reunion is our opportunity for deep friendship as we support and encourage each other in the Christian Ideal. "Ultreya" is our opportunity to come together to listen and to witness and share in the larger community, the Body of Christ.

The School of Leaders is that place where we can accelerate our ongoing conversion as we learn how to fully live the talks that we heard on the weekend. The school is like the book, it gives depth and purpose to the bullet points of the Weekend. There is so much below the surface of; "Goldfish die", "hold hands when you cross the street", and "say your sorry when you hurt someone", and that brings us to the last and most important of the 16 points that Fulghum made in his list. 16)" And then remember the Dick and Jane books and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all." "LOOK" And the lesson here is that we are on a journey, we need to keep looking for the truth, we need to seek God in all things, and use the gifts He has given us. Cursillo - LOOK

Ken Kluener

Bulletin Board

POST-CURSILLO **RETIRING CO-CHAIRS** **LOU AND KAY LUNNE** **SHARE WISHES FOR 2014**

We have all made resolutions for 2014 and we want to share with you how to make your spiritual journey a real success this year. We hope you are still using the **TRI-POD** to keep you on course in your spiritual life and here are some ideas for your consideration.

PIETY and STUDY

Sources to help us are found via the internet and they include:

From the Conference of Catholic Bishops:
www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Irish Jesuits:

www.sacredspace.ie

The Cursillo Center in Indianapolis:
www.stmonicaindy.org

ACTION

Make a friend, Be a Friend, and bring a friend to Christ.

Take advantage of Ultreya and group reunion to strengthen your ability to achieve your spiritual resolutions. This is a journey—share it with others—both joys and sorrows.

Closing reflection from *Sacred Spaces*:

“Help me Lord to be more conscious of Your presence. Teach me to recognize Your presence in others. Fill my heart with gratitude for the times Your Love has been shown to me through the love and care of others”.

May 2014 be filled with Peace and Joy as we live out our Baptismal promise through the Cursillo Method.

DECOLORES!

Editor’s note: This article should have been part of the January Newsletter. Sorry for the omission.

MESSAGE FROM **PRE-CURSILLO**

Pre-Cursillo, is more than just inviting our friends to make a Cursillo weekend. We as Cursillistas are asked to take an active role in our parish community. Through our involvement in church programs we make new friends and help others along the path of a continuous conversion. On your Cursillo weekend you learned that Apostolic action is any action that leads others to seek a closer relationship with Christ. The Pre-Cursillo committee wants to help Cursillistas in this regard. The committee is looking for Cursillistas that have a desire to more fully introduce and explain the Cursillo method to their pastor and fellow parishioners or would like to be part of a short two hour program designed by the Pre-Cursillo in conjunction with the parish that focuses on faith enhancement and self reflection.

We the Pre-Cursillo committee can help develop any one of these three programs:

A short infomercial during mass announcements on what Cursillo is:

Help develop a short presentation on what Cursillo is to a pastor, parish council or Spiritual director of a parish or to any parish group.

The Pre-Cursillo committee members would be willing to help Cursillistas work with their pastor or parish leadership teams on short programs designed to help parishioners begin or help accelerate the conversion process. The programs would be designed for parishioners interested in enhancing their faith, or looking for personal self development.

We would like to increase the number of committee members on our team to help plan and participate in these programs. If interested contact, Clarence Gilles in the North or Tom Perazzo in the south.

Decolores

Clarence Gilles

Pre-Cursillo Chairman



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat.	March 1	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	March 2	Piqua Ultreya, at Caserta Center	6:30 p.m.
Mon.	March 3	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.
Weds.	March 5	NW Saints Ultreya at St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Sat.	March 8	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.
SUNDAY MARCH 9 MEN'S WEEKEND CLOSING MASS			4:30 p.m.
Mon.	March 10	St. Peter's Huber Heights Ultreya	7:30 p.m.
		Urbana Ultreya @ St. Mary's	7:00 p.m.
Weds.	March 12	NW Saints Ultreya at St. Margaret Mary	10:00 p.m.
Sat.	March 15	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.
		St. Mary's, Aurora Ultreya	8:00 a.m.
Tues.	March 18	School of Leaders St. Margaret Mary	7:00 p.m.
Weds.	March 19	NW Saints Ultreya at St. Margaret Mary	10:00 a.m.
Thurs.	March 20	School of Leaders Incarnation	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	March 22	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	March 23	Northern Lights Ultreya, @ St. Joseph Center	6:30 p.m.
Mon.	March 24	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.
Tues.	March 25	South Dayton Ultreya, Incarnation	7:00 p.m.
Weds.	March 26	NW Saints Ultreya at St. Margaret Mary	10:00 p.m.
Sat.	March 29	St. Francis De Sales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 am