# THE FOURTH DAY

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# SCHEDULING WEEKENDS "A NEW APPROACH": AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

With the understanding that FRIENDSHIP is foundational to Pre-Cursillo it is important that all of us in the 4th Day Community continue to foster sincere friendships as we move about our environments. Our moveable square meter is what defines our environment. It is the place where we daily encounter the many people God puts in our path. These friendships will create the candidates for the 3 Day Weekend. Make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ. It takes time. It's not something that can be done in a few weeks, and it requires a continuing journey with our friend well into the 4th day. In the past few years, we have sometimes found ourselves with less than an adequate number of candidates for the weekend to function as it should, to allow those present to scratch for and discover the truth for themselves. We have also found ourselves with candidates who were "recruited" by means other than a personal relationship (friendship) and some were left to live their 4th day without the support, encouragement and love (friendship) that the weekend promises.

As Baptized men and women who are committed to living our faith 24/7/365 we are responsible to those around us to be a witness to the Father's love. It's so easy to get comfortable in our warm Christian environment and forget that Christ is counting on us, and we on Him. He depends on us to be His light in the world, His voice to the lost, His love to those we encounter. We all need to reach out in love to those we meet and share who we are in friendship as we continue on our path of Piety and Study. This is the Action part.

Because we have scheduled weekends and found ourselves pushing against a Deadline, the Secretariat has decided to put the horse in front of the cart and schedule weekends when we have enough candidates to properly conduct a weekend.

Under our current method, it not fair to those candidates who have scheduled their time against our date, or for the team to be rescheduled (sometimes more than once) in their formation process. Although this might seem very different, I can assure you it has worked successfully in many parts of the country, but only if those in the 4th day community live up to their personal best as men and women who are committed to follow Christ.

Our next men's and women's weekends will be scheduled 8 to 12 weeks out from the date that we have 15 applications in hand.

This is not a time to despair but rather a time to rekindle the fire that the Holy Spirit has placed in each one of us and share His gift of Cursillo with our friends.

Applications may be found on the website and can be filled out with a promise of plenty of notice to your friends as to the next date scheduled.

#### **DECOLORES**

### Ken Kluener

Lay Director

## **EPIPHANY PARTY**

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### WHO IS ON THE SECRETARIAT?

Archbishop of Cincinnati

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr

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### **PIETY**

#### **STUDY**

ACTION

# FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR DEACON BILL KRUMM

### FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET

What is the fastest you have ever travelled without a vehicle? Walking at 3 to 3 ½ miles per hour would be typical for most people I would think. A good runner might exceed eight miles per hour for short distances. Anything much faster would require a vehicle of some sort. A NASCAR racer can routinely reach 200 plus miles per hour on an oval track; Indy cars and formula one racers run about the same, give or take a few mph. A rocket powered car on the salt flats out West can reach 600 mph and more. Without a vehicle, however, 3 to 4 mph is tops for nearly all of us, that is until now.

Yesterday a guy named Felix Baumgartner reached nearly 834 miles per hour – outside a vehicle of any kind. He had help from gravity, however, as he accomplished the feat by jumping out of a balloon gondola hanging 24 miles above the earth

Travelling significantly faster than the speed of sound, Baumgartner successfully fell then parachuted safely to earth in about 4 minutes 20 seconds from 128,100 feet above the ground. A human being, with a lot of help from a large ground crew, did something that no one would have thought possible until someone did it. We have a significant ground crew plus the greatest supporter of all, the Lord himself. Most of us will never be called to break the sound barrier by jumping out of a 24 mile-high gondola, but all of us can make a friend, be a friend and then bring that friend to Christ and we are called

to do just that. And each of us can accomplish

this in our own unique way. No one can be a friend exactly the way you can be a friend. You are irreplaceable. Following the Cursillo method we learned on the weekend you can gather men and women eager to experience the weekend. Before you know it, the Cursillo mail box will be brimming with completed applications and the Secretariat will soon be faced with the delightful challenge of scheduling enough weekends to accommodate them all.

I watched the video of an amazing sky diver fall to earth and land softly, standing upright having descended 24 miles in a little over four minutes. I believe gathering eager applicants for a weekend is just as possible.

## **EPIPHANY PARTY!**

### Saturday, January 12 St. Peter's Church

Think of this as an invitation to come to table, drink, dance, and sing and to get hugged and hug a lot of new and old friends. If you attended one of these in the past few years, you are coming back for more. If you have not attended one you have been missing a great treat and we have been missing you. It is going to be held the evening of 12 January, 2013, after the 4:30 PM Mass at the St. Peter's Church "Life Center" in Huber Heights, Ohio and it is only going to cost you \$15 per person. St. Peter's is located at 6161 Chambersburg Road in Huber. [For you GPS users, the ZIP code there is 45424.]

We need a "head count" for logistic reasons by 29 December, 2012. You can send your money to Mary Igel by the 29<sup>th</sup> by mailing it to 5620 Honeyleaf Way, Dayton, OH 45424. Or you can call her by the 29<sup>th</sup> at 937-237-0036.

Aside from the hug benefits, this is one of the best deals in town! Your \$15 will cover hor's dourves, a sit-down dinner, wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee and a desert as well as dancing.



# PRECURSIILO A MESSAGE FROM CLARENCE GILLES

If you have not sponsored a candidate for a while, it may be time for some self reflection. All of us need to do this once in a while to continue our walk with Christ. Circle (A or B) Be honest with yourself.

I have asked some friends but they are not ready.

They are comfortable where they are at.

I have not asked any friends or acquaintances lately.

Am I am comfortable where I am at? Am I being too complacent?

I have asked friends and acquaintances but they do not want to make a commitment to grow in their faith and fear change.

I have not asked friends and acquaintances lately.

Have I avoided making a commitment to
share the good news?

I have asked some friends and acquaintances lately but they do not want to take time.

I have not asked acquaintances because I do not know them well enough. Is it that I do not want to take the time and do the work of sponsoring someone?

I have asked some friends lately but they are busy serving Christ in other capacities. They do not have time or feel a need to get to know Him better.

I have not asked others because I am busy serving Christ in other capacities. I do not feel I am involved enough in Cursillo to invite others. Have I forgotten how Cursillo impacted my life? When you reflect on the above scenarios, you may recognize the obstacles that came to mind when you were contemplating your weekend. A Cursillo weekend changes lives and friendships. Just asking someone to Cursillo and openly sharing our faith seems to bring us close together spiritually. In our journey with the Lord, we seem to go through progressive steps. Once we stop moving forward, we become complacent with our unchallenged lives and leave it up to others to spread the Gospel. Are we listening to the homilies each week? Are we paying attention to where the church has asked us to go? Are we becoming complacent just like our friends who have not responded to or heard the call? Are we right back where we started although at a new Spiritual level?

The Lord asks us to plant the seed by offering our friends and acquaintances an opportunity to enter into a new relationship with Him. All seeds are planted with a question, because questions, especially direct questions, require a response. The mind takes in the question, and no matter what the response is. The seed has been planted. Questions are the answers to growing the Cursillo and Christ's church.

Remember seeds can grow only when planted into the mind of your friends through a direct question. Good works and pleasantries prepare the ground to plant the seeds, but seeds are not planted by good works in and of themselves. They tend to be scattered and only a few take root. The seed is planted deep through questioning. The Lord can plant seeds in minds, but we as his disciples are his lips. We are asked to plant seeds so that our friends and acquaintances have an opportunity to think about making a Cursillo.

Decolores Clarence Gilles

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs.	s. Nov. 1 NW Saints Ultreya at St. Ignatius 7:30 p.n			
Sat.	Nov. 3	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.	
Mon.	Nov. 5	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m	
		St. Peter's Huber Heights Ultreya	7:30 p.m.	
		Urbana Ultreya @ St. Mary's	7:00 p.m.	
Thurs.	Nov. 8	NW Saints Ultreya at St. Ann's	7:30 p.m.	
Sat.	Nov. 10	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.	
Sun.	Nov. 11	Piqua Ultreya @ St. Mary's	6:30 p.m.	
Mon.	Nov. 12	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.	
Thurs.	Nov. 15	NW Saints Ultreya @ St. James	7:30 p.m.	
Sat.	Nov. 17	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.	
Mon.	Nov. 19	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.	
Thurs.	Nov. 22	HAPPY THANKSGIVING		
Sat.	Nov. 24	St. Francis DeSales Ultreya, Lebanon	8:30 a.m.	
		St. Mary's Aurora, Ultreya	8:00 a.m.	
Mon.	Nov. 26	Sacred Heart Ultreya	7:00 p.m.	
		St. Ignatius Ultreya	7:30 p.m.	
Tues.	Nov. 27	South Dayton Ultreya, Incarnation	7:00 p.m.	
Tuesday Dec. 25		Merry Christmas		
Tuesday Jan. 1st Happy New Year				
EPIPHANY PARTY SAT. JANUARY 12				
ST. PETER'S CHURCH HUBER HEIGHTS				