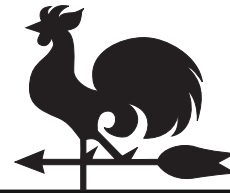


Next Ultreya: August 9
Next Steering Committee Meeting: August 18



August 2008

EASTERN AREA CURSILLO COMMUNITY

The 4th Day News

Not to decide is to decide

A woman was about to take a shower. She stood with one foot in the shower and the other foot on the bathroom rug. While in this awkward position she thought to herself, "This is a good picture of my life." She had long wanted to commit her life to God, but she never could quite do it. She had kept one foot in and one foot out. Now the time had come to decide. She paused for a long time, then taking a deep breath she said aloud, "I choose you Lord!" With that, she stepped into the shower. It was like being baptized.

This story made me think of the many people who have experienced a Cursillo weekend and receive one of the four hundred newsletters we send out to our Cursillo community each month. Is there an area in your relationship to the Lord where you are failing to be decisive, keeping one foot in and the other foot out?

Deacon Ed Mueller

Ultreyas

August 9 • Our August 9 Ultreya will be at Holy Cross in Champaign. We will begin at 7:00 pm with either a mass or a communion service. Bring a snack to share.

September 13 • Mark your calendars! The September Ultreya is being hosted by Jeff and Lisa Volker at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Gibson City. We have been invited to join their 5:00 pm mass. We will have a potluck and Ultreya after mass.

Ultreyas are a great way to introduce a potential candidate to Cursillo.

Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ.

Do you remember this from your Cursillo weekend? Now is the time to **look** around you—at work, at home, in your neighborhood—for **those who need God**. They're out there. **Pray** that God will open your eyes and heart to see them. Ask Him for the courage and time to make friendships with those who need God's love and grace. He will answer! Be aware of the actual graces He gives to bring this friend to Christ. It may take several weeks or months to build good communication and trust between you and your friend, your candidate.

Sign 'em up now!

Sending in your candidate's application early helps build enthusiasm for the weekend and encourages the team. It also helps us make adequate preparations for the weekend. The application cut off for the Women's Cursillo is Thursday, October 9. The cut off for the Men's weekend is October 30. Applications will be accepted after the deadline, as space allows. The fee for the weekend is \$80. A non-refundable deposit of \$20 is due with the application. Sponsors—make sure applications are filled out completely, including your information on the back side/page 2.

Applications should be sent to: Eastern Area Cursillo Center, P.O. Box 7043, Champaign, IL 61826-7043.

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Thank you Dean's Blueprint for printing our newsletter!

EACC 2008 CALENDAR

August 9	Ultreya
September 13	Ultreya • Gibson City
October 9	<i>Application deadline for Women's Cursillo</i>
October 11	Ultreya • Restoration Urban Ministries
October 23–26	Women's Cursillo #905 at St. Pat's
October 30	<i>Application deadline for Men's Cursillo</i>
November 13–16	Men's Cursillo #906 at Holy Cross
November 22	EACC Dinner Dance
January 4, 2009	Ultreya • Theme: Epiphany

Childcare for Ultreyas may be arranged by calling Mickey Nickrent (217-586-1435) prior to the day of the Ultreya.

"You Are Called" Conference Canceled

We have been blessed the last several years to host the Diocesan "You Are Called" Evangelization Conference with the purpose of providing resources and encouragement to fulfill our baptismal commission in "preaching the Gospel to all creation." We regret to announce that this year's "You Are Called" Conference, Youth Rally and Hispanic Congress will not be held this year as previously planned for November 8, 2008. While our commitment to evangelization is as strong as ever, we have determined that to be the best stewards that we can be with current resources, we need to redirect our efforts in evangelization toward new avenues of ministry that will better encompass our total commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.

*The Office of Evangelization,
Catholic Diocese of Peoria*

Your role as a Sponsor is extremely important!

Prior to the Cursillo weekend

- Pray. Pray. Pray!
- Get to know your candidate.
- Introduce them to Cursillo by bringing them to an Ultreya.
- Explain the philosophy of the Roman Catholic Cursillo to candidates who are not Catholic.
- Have husbands and wives submit applications at the same time* when possible.
- Never allow money to be an obstacle. Call a Secretariat member about the financial concerns of your candidate.
- Make sure applications are filled out completely*—sponsors are to fill out the back side of the application.
- Be prepared to be a means of Actual Grace to help your candidate* overcome obstacles and concerns that arise about the Cursillo.
- Support the Cursillo team*—do Palanca, write Palanca letter to team.

During the Cursillo Weekend

- Bring your candidate to Registration.*
- Attend Sponsor's Hour.* IF you cannot be there, you must find someone to go in your place.
- Help out during the weekend*—Building set up/clean up, Palanca Chapel, Kitchen, Entertainment, and/or Music!
- Attend Social and Apostolic Hour on Saturday evening.* IF you cannot be there, you must find someone to go in your place.
- Attend the Clausura* (Closing) and take your candidate home. IF you cannot be there, you must find someone to go in your place.
- Write general Palanca letters to team and candidates.
- Allow your candidate the space to have their own Cursillo experience. Do not attempt to make contact with them during the weekend.

After the Weekend—The Fourth Day

- Make a special effort to make contact with your candidate on the Monday after the Cursillo weekend, their first "fourth day."*
- Bring your candidate to the Tuesday after meeting.*
- You, the sponsor, need to *plan to stay the Tuesday after for the special meeting for sponsors.*
- Invite your candidate to Ultreyas and to help out with weekend activities for at least the first year.*
- Encourage your candidate to get into a group reunion* and find a group that works well for them.



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