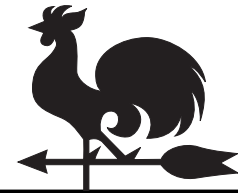


Next Ultreya: February 9
Next Steering Committee Meeting: February 18



February 2008

EASTERN AREA CURSILLO COMMUNITY **The 4th Day News**

When I recall the gifts I have receive throughout my life I find it difficult to remember what most of them were. Oh sure, there is a few things like the Miller arc welder my Dad gave me on my 21st birthday that I continue to use. And then there's that funny Christmas gift my daughter gives me every year that I enjoy, "shampoo" (it's one of those gifts that just keep on giving!).

But then there is that one very special gift that I will never forget; it's a gift I received from a dear friend; it's called Cursillo. And because of this one simple gift given to me so many years ago, I am able to recall ALL the many gifts in my life called grace. And most importantly, I remember very clearly who gives this grace to me. My Lord Jesus Christ!

Please give the gift of Cursillo, it's perhaps the greatest gift you will ever give to another person.

Deacon Scott Whitehouse

February 9th Ultreya

Where: Holy Cross in Champaign

Time: 7:00 p.m.

- The evening will begin with either a Mass or a Communion Service.
- A short witness talk will be given by Tony Nickrent on the theme of Christian Love. Tony made his Cursillo in 1988, our first Cursillo in the Champaign area.
- Following the talk we will have small group discussions.
- To help celebrate the Feast of St. Valentine, please bring a chocolate snack or a red snack to share.
- We will also make palanca favors for the Women's February Cursillo. If you have supplies that you would like to share with the group to make favors, please bring them (bookmarks, prayer rocks, etc.).
- Sign up sheets to help on the weekend will be available.
- You are always invited to bring a guest.
- Babysitting can be available if you contact Mickey at micnic1@gmail.com or 586-1435.

Please come and join other fellow cursillistas as we gather for a **large group reunion**. The founder of Cursillo said "*We don't have group reunions so that people will come to Cursillo, but rather we have Cursillos so people will be part of the group reunions.*"

New EACC Spiritual Director appointed

Deacon Hank Hart retired as EACC Spiritual Director in December of 2007. We are grateful to God for giving us the loving guidance of Deacon Hank for many years. Thank you Deacon Hank for giving your life to serving God, and us, in the Eastern Area Cursillo Community!

Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Beebe has appointed Deacon Bob Ulbrich to the position of EACC Spiritual Director. Deacon Ed Mueller continues as our Assistant Spiritual Director.

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary this year, we look ahead with great anticipation at what God will do in and through us. We have seen God do mighty things in the last 20 years. What awesome things can we dare to ask for in the years ahead! De Colores!

Keep these 3 people informed of e-mail and address changes:

Guy Christopher (records), gtchrist@hotmail.com, Phone: 217-586-3768

Lee Ann Galaway (newsletter), leeg@aocs.org (work), Phone 217-489-3831

Joan Jordan (e-mail prayer chain), jjordan2@mchsi.com

Thank you Dean's Blueprint for printing our newsletter!

EACC 2008 CALENDAR

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| February 7 | Application deadline for Women's Cursillo |
| February 9 | Ultreya |
| February 21-24 | Women's Cursillo #875 at St. Pat's |
| March 8 | Day of Renewal at Holy Cross |
| April 12 | Ultreya |
| May 10 | Ultreya |
| May 22 | Application deadline for Men's Cursillo |
| June 5-8 | Men's Cursillo #892 St. Thomas More HS |
| June 14 | Ultreya |
| July 12 | Ultreya |
| August 9 | Ultreya |
| September 13 | Ultreya |
| October 9 | Application deadline for Women's Cursillo |
| October 11 | Ultreya |
| October 23-26 | Women's Cursillo #905 at St. Pat's |
| October 30 | Application deadline for Men's Cursillo |
| November 8 | Diocesan "You Are Called" Conference in Peoria—Watch for details later in the year. |
| November 13-16 | Men's Cursillo #906 at Holy Cross |
| December 13 | Ultreya |

New Date for Men's Cursillo!

The men's Cursillo weekend in November has been moved to November 13-16 to avoid conflict with the "You Are Called" Conference in Peoria on November 8. The cut off for candidate applications will be October 30.

INSIDE: Tips on how to be a great sponsor.

Women's Team • Cursillo #875

February 21–24, 2008

Rectora: Lee Ann Galaway

Board Advisor: Phyllis Johnston

Spiritual Director: Deacon Scott Whitehouse

Assistants: Shelina Brewer, Linda Jacobson

Auxiliaries: Jennifer Adair, Ann Alt, Ryan Britton, Diane Cousert, Christine Schwenk

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| Friday | 8:40 a.m. | Ideal | Bridget Peters |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctifying Grace | Msgr. Albert Hallin |
| | 1:25 p.m. | Laywoman | Linda Tamburini |
| | 2:40 p.m. | Actual Grace | Dcn. Richard Smith |
| | 6:40 p.m. | Piety | Julie Bezdon |
| Saturday | 8:30 a.m. | Study | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sacramental Grace | Dcn. Scott Whitehouse |
| | 2:45 p.m. | Action | Laura Mohrbacher |
| | 4:45 p.m. | Obstacles to Grace | Rev. Leland Collins |
| | 6:45 p.m. | Leaders | Janet Whitehouse |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | Environment | Pam Krisman |
| | 9:35 a.m. | Life in Grace | Dcn. Andy Heckman |
| | 11:05 a.m. | CCIA | Madeline Gibson |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Total Security | Lee Ann Galaway |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Fourth Day | Kathy May |

Women's Cursillo • Weekend Events

These Palanca events are at St. Patrick's in Urbana

■ **The Commissioning Family Mass**—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19

■ **Candidate Registration**—7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 21

■ **Sponsor's Hour** (All are welcome to come!)—8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 21

■ **Be part of the visual expression of God's extreme love and amazing grace—Apostolic Hour (Candlelight)** at 8:00 p.m. (Social at 7:00 p.m.) Saturday, February 23

■ **Come praise God with us as we witness the mighty works of His Holy Spirit among us—Clausura (Closing)** at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 24

Do you have a personal testimony about your Cursillo experience that we could share (anonymously) as we speak to different groups about Cursillo?

If so, please contact Phyllis Johnston (Secretariat Lay Coordinator), 217-344-8125, phylj1@msn.com; Mickey Nickrent (Secretariat Asst. Lay Coordinator), 217-586-1435, micnic1@gmail.com; Dick Baxley (Secretariat Representative), 217-867-2686, rdbaxley@hotmail.com.

Thank you!

God may use your testimony to draw someone to Himself through Cursillo.

How to be a great Sponsor!

Your role as a sponsor of a candidate is extremely important. While we want to sponsor many, it more important to *sponsor well*. Here's how:

Prior to the Cursillo weekend

- 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.

Sign 'em up!

The application cut off for the Women's Cursillo is Thursday, February 7. This helps us make adequate preparations for the weekend. 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. Applications should be sent to: Eastern Area Cursillo Center, P.O. Box 7043, Champaign, IL 61826-7043. Applications may be picked up or turned in at the Mass/Communion Service prior to team meetings (from the head leaders table) and at Ultreyas.

Peoria Diocese Cursillo Year of Prayer and Palanca

DeColores all Cursillistas

Here we are in a new year of Grace—2008. As we approach Lent, and the weeks leading up to Easter, March 23rd, let me urge all of us to continue our “Year of Prayer and Palanca” Your centers, your leaders, and many of you have been kind in remembering our petitions and I urge your continuation right thru Easter. We have much to be grateful for with 44 years of Cursillo in our diocese. Thousands have been renewed, even converted because of this great gift of the Holy Spirit. As we continue forward we need the help of the Holy Spirit. Please pray:

Holy and merciful Father, You have called us to this task of serving you and each other in your ministry of Cursillo. Help us to remember that it is not us, but you who accomplishes great things. Help us to trust in your faithfulness and the promise of your great love that you will answer these petitions from your willing servants. As we try to follow the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, give us patience in faith; trust in hope; insight in wisdom; energy in the joy of the Spirit; and love through which all of these flourish.

We ask that you provide for each and all Cursillo centers within the Diocese according to those needs which are common to all and unique to each. We offer these petitions and various sacrifices of palanca in humble supplication.

For our Bishop, Daniel Jenky, that he will be strengthened and guided in his role as leader of all the Cursillo enters, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

That our clergy and lay leaders will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and be obedient to his inspiration, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

For additional committed Priests, deacons, ministers and religious to support our spiritual and sacramental needs, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

That each Cursillo center will find consistent and adequate facilities in which to hold our renewal weekends, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the holy men and women needed to perform the tasks for running and supporting our programs, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Holy Spirit will guide generous hearts and capable leaders to assist us in the process of moving, remodeling, building, and debt repayment, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

That Cursillistas will be inspired to invite others to experience their Cursillo, and that they may find people with ready hearts prepared to accept your call, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

For hearts filled with gratitude from the many gifts we have received in your loving grace through Cursillo and our brother and sister Cursillistas, we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

Father, we ask that you continue to bless us, hear our humble petitions, and accept our meager sacrifices in the name of Jesus Christ, your son, and through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, the mother of your Son.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and in the hour of our death, Amen

Let us pray to the Lord!

We are counting on you, in meetings, petitions in Mass, in group reunions, in your private moments of prayer.

Thanks so much.

Ron Thorne, Diocesan Lay Coordinator of Cursillo, Peoria Diocese

Pray every Thursday for EACC!

Please take a few minutes at 7:00 p.m. every Thursday evening to pray for growth and change in our Cursillo movement. Imagine what God could do and pray expectantly!

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16 NIV



Need Prayer?

Submit your prayer requests
(and answers!)

to our e-mail prayer chain,
e-mail Joan Jordan at
jjordan2@mchsi.com
or call 217-586-3477.

We appreciate Joan's service
to God and our Cursillo
Community in this ministry.

Bulletin Announcement

Use the following in your church bulletin. Ask your priest for an opportunity to share your Cursillo experience with your parish.

Are you ready for a “Short Course in Christianity”?

Then you are ready for a Cursillo weekend. For many, the word itself is a mystery. How do you say it? What does it mean?

Cursillo (pronounced “kur see yo”) is a Spanish word meaning “short course” and Cursillo in Christianity is therefore a short course in Christianity. The weekend experience begins on Thursday night and ends with Mass on Sunday evening. There are several “Cursillistas” (people who have made a weekend) in our parish. While Cursillo is sponsored by the Peoria Diocese, it is open to Christians of different faiths and from various Central Illinois churches and parishes.

Boring? Anything but! For many, it has been a life-changing weekend. For others, the Cursillo experience gave that quiet boost needed during times of spiritual drought. Cursillo offers many opportunities for continued growth after the weekend: small group reunions of Cursillistas that meet weekly, regularly scheduled times of fellowship and worship with the Cursillo community, and participation in a future Cursillo weekends as a team member. The recommended donation for the entire weekend is \$80 (assistance is available, if needed). 2008 weekends are: Women/February 21–24 (St. Pat's, Urbana), Men/June 5–8 (St. Thomas More HS), Women/October 23–26 (St. Pat's, Urbana), and Men/November 13–16 (Holy Cross, Champaign).

For more information contact: *(insert name and contact information for yourself or another local representative).*

We Need YOU!!!

The following positions on our EACC Steering Committee are vacant and need to be filled by you! To match your gifts of service to the appropriate position, contact the people listed below to learn about the responsibilities of their position.

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Tony Nickrent, 217-586-1435, micnic1@gmail.com

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Records:

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Get involved!

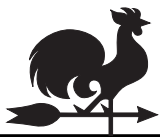
Come to the next Steering Committee Meeting* or call one of the Seretariat members:

Phyllis Johnston: 344-8125

Mickey Nickrent: 586-1435

Dick Baxley: 867-2686

*Next Steering Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 18 at Holy Cross Parish Center in Champaign. Everyone is welcome to attend!



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Return Service Requested

EACC

Day of Renewal

March 8, 2008 • 7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Holy Cross, Champaign

A day of spiritual renewal for all cursillistas will be held Saturday, March 8 at Holy Cross in Champaign. We will begin with their 7:00 morning mass in the church. After mass, we will go to the parish center for a light breakfast followed by the renewal talks beginning at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be included, as well as some entertainment, music, fellowship, prayer, discussions and a t-shirt. The day will conclude at 3:00 p.m. The suggested cost for this day is \$10. If this is a financial hardship for anyone who would like to attend, please don't worry about the fee. Early registration is strongly encouraged so we can have enough food and order enough t-shirts (sweatshirts are an additional \$10). We hope that many of you have already marked your calendars for the EACC Day of Renewal. This is an excellent way to enhance your Lenten spirituality.

Come, relax, enjoy and be refreshed.

EACC Day of Renewal Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Size ____ of t-shirt sweatshirt

Mail completed form to: Eastern Area Cursillo Community, P.O. Box 7043, Champaign, IL 61826-7043,

Registration needs to be received by February 26 (mail it by February 24). Registrations can also be sent to Dick Baxley via email at rdbaxley@hotmail.com. We will take late registrations and walk-ins that day, but there is no guarantee of a t-shirt. The \$10 fee should, accompany the registration form if possible. The fee may be paid at the door.

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**The deadline for
applications for
Women's Cursillo
is February 7.**