



July 2008

EASTERN AREA CURSILLO COMMUNITY

The 4th Day News

Where do we go from here?

We have recently completed our men's Cursillo weekend #892. It was a wonderful, faith-filled weekend with many beautiful rollos and other spiritual experiences. My father, Deacon Ed Ulbrich, often commented at the end of each Cursillo that "This was the best ever!" Such an experience begs the questions 'Where do we go from here?' and 'What do we do now?' Let me share with you the following idea.

Have you ever received an unexpected gift from someone you don't know? Have you ever given without expecting in return? These are values that underlie a movie titled, *Pay It Forward*. In the movie, a little boy has an idea about how to change the world. He simply proposes that one person do a good deed for someone they don't know, and then ask the second person to do a good deed for someone else in return. The boy called the action "paying it forward." Eventually, the original good-deed-doer will receive a good deed of his own. The process was so simple, people, at first, did not believe it could work. But many people were pleasantly surprised when it did.

This is the type of generosity that Jesus asked His Apostles to exercise as He sent them out to minister. The Apostles had learned so much and received so much from Jesus. Now it was their turn, as witness to all, to put into practice these things. Now it was their turn to exercise the authority Jesus had given them to drive out unclean spirits and to cure diseases and illnesses. Now it was their turn to 'pay it forward.'

The Apostles were to be leaders of the church Jesus was establishing. They would be the ones to make sure the saving work of Jesus would be carried on. Using the variety of gifts Jesus bestowed on them and the diversity of their personalities, these few men would be the first to lead others in the mission of preaching and teaching the gospel made known to them by Jesus.

So, taking Jesus and the Apostles as our models, let us have the courage to trust in the Lord and be witnesses to the joy and hope of the gospel. Let us sow the seeds of justice needed in our time to free the oppressed and heal divisions among us. Let us dare to live generously, not looking to be rewarded, but, with humble hearts, 'paying it forward' in thanksgiving for all that we have received.

Thank you Lord for answering our prayers for Cursillo #892.

Deacon Bob Ulbrich

Ultreya • July 12 • Pesotum

The July Ultreya will be held on July 12th, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Philomena Catholic Church in Monticello. We will begin with mass, performed by Fr. Bruce Lopez. The theme of our July Ultreya is Freedom. Please bring a snack to share. The church will provide lemonade, coffee, and iced tea. Our hosts will be Ted and Jan Gill.

Directions:

St. Philomena's address is 1301 N Market St., Monticello. From I-72 take the Market St., Monticello exit and turn left at the end of the exit ramp. After crossing over the Interstate you will turn right at the stop sign and go into town. Go past Kirby Ambulance (on the right) and Forest Preserve Park (on your left). The church is just past the park on your left.

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

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EACC 2008 CALENDAR

July 12	Ultreya • Monticello Theme: Freedom
July 25-26	Peoria Diocese Renewal Conference— Called To Be Holy
August 9	Ultreya • Theme: Study
September 13	Ultreya • Gibson City
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

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

Our Cursillo community is in **need** of a couple of **30-cup coffee makers**. If you would like to donate one, contact Lainey Hewing (217-485-5244) or Libbey Spannagel (217-832-9594). **Thanks!**

With Sympathy and Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Rosemary Coffey on the death of her daughter Kathleen Lyons.

Our sympathy and prayers also go out to the family of Kay Gregor.

To submit a message of sympathy or congratulations for a Cursillista or their family contact: Lee Ann Galaway (e-mail: leeg@aocs.org (work), or phone 217-489-3831).

Men's Cursillo #892

St. Thomas More High School, Champaign, Illinois, June 5-8, 2008

Row 1: Larry Hewing, Deacon Bill Read, Tim Spannagel, Deacon Bob Ulbrich, Russ Jacobson

Row 2: David Zola*, Deacon Hank Hart, Don Rudder, Kevin Polonus*, Dick Baxley, John Minor, Tony VandeVenter, Paul Sarantakos, Deacon Scott Whitehouse

Row 3: Tony Nickrent, Leo M. Wood, Ken Bohac, Pete Schumacher, Jim Meyer, Pat Comfort, Nate Baxley*, Chuck Bennett, Jeff Cooper*

Row 4: Dan Hewing, Bruce Killian*, Steve Tamburini, Rick Bugera*, Mark Bezdon, Ryan Williams*, Ron Eagan*, John Maloney
*candidate.



Bulletin announcement to submit for your church bulletin.

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 fall weekends are: 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).*

Mail Applications Now for Fall!

It's not too early to sign up your candidate for a fall Cursillo. Be sure the application is filled out completely! Begin using the bulletin announcement (at right) now.



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