

The 4th Day News

EASTERN AREA CURSILLO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



~ *The Fourth Day starts tomorrow and continues for the rest of our lives.*



APRIL 2017



NEXT ULTREYA:

Sat. April 22nd @ Holy Cross Church, Champaign, IL

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:

Mon. April 17th @ Holy Cross Church, Champaign, IL
at 7:00 pm

2017 WOMEN'S CURSILLO #1114 WEEKEND:

June 8-11, 2017 @ St. Patrick's Church, Urbana

2017 DANVILLE PRISON CURSILLO:

Saturday, September 9th - Monday, September 11th



JUST SAY YES TO CHRIST

It's been almost 30 years since Cursillo came to the Champaign area and one of the first spiritual servants was Deacon Hank Hart.

Deacon Hank worked hard as do so many others to build up Christ's kingdom.

One time while at a Cursillo in Pesotum where I was the Rector, we were scrambling to prepare for Mass and as he passed by me he said, "Hurry! Go set up for Mass." OH NO!!! I didn't have a clue about setting up for Mass. But, I got it done. And he taught me something that we all start somewhere no matter where we are in life, especially spiritually.

Deacon Hank challenged me, and many of us to have the courage that when asked to do something for Christ just say YES.

De Colores Deacon Hank, we love you!

Deacon Scott Whitehouse

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APRIL ULTREYA



The April Ultreya will be Saturday, April 22nd. It will be held at Holy Cross Church in Champaign.

Mass begins at 5:30 pm followed by a potluck dinner in the parish center. Drinks and tableware will be provided.

The Face of Mercy DVD will be shown. Pope Francis has inspired millions by urging the world to embrace Mercy. The essence of this call is revealed in The Face of Mercy, an extraordinary new documentary film narrated by Jim Caviezel.

THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY ULTREYA.

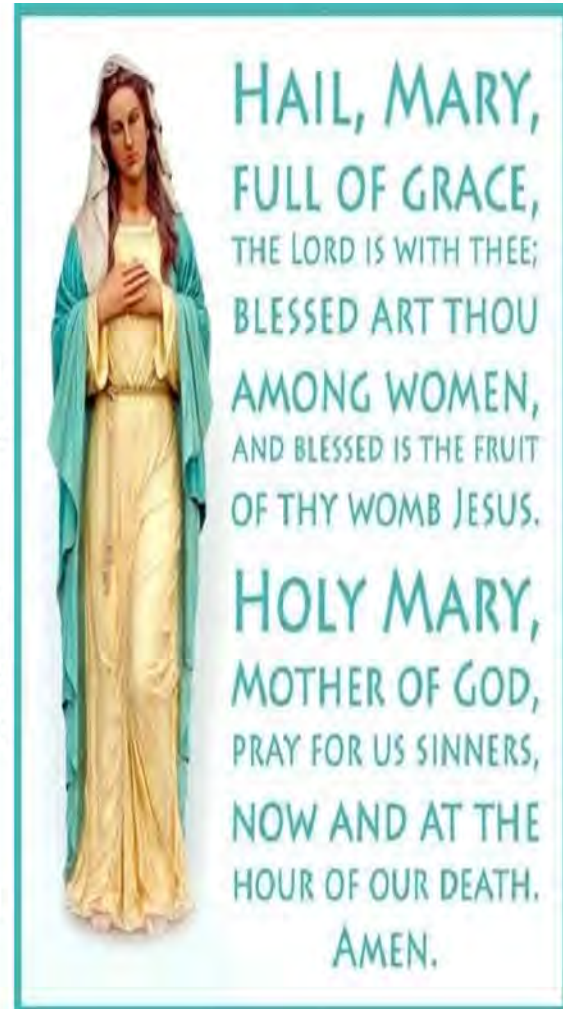
MAY ULTREYA

The May Ultreya will be Saturday, May 13th at St. Matthew Church in Champaign.

Mass begins at 5:15 pm. Following Mass there will be a potluck dinner in the parish center. Drinks and tableware will be provided.

Our speaker for the evening will be Deacon Bill Scott from St. Matthew parish. We will have a Marian theme and honor the mothers present at the Ultreya.

This is a Family Ultreya. There will be music and activities for the children.



This was written by a Cursillista from our Eastern Area Cursillo Community:

For several years, I have been repeatedly requesting that someone, anyone, please mention at the Clausura Mass why they chose a specific saint as their table name.

I attended the February Clausura Mass, and Cursillo #1107 was the first team to actually pull through and do it. As a result, I would like to write a short article for the upcoming newsletters. I would like to include the reasoning regarding their saint choices. I think Cursillo members who could not attend that amazing and touching Clausura, would enjoy learning a little about our saints and about the men who chose them.

The following are three of the six tables.

Saint Jerome (Table Leader: Michael Smith)

I chose St. Jerome as the name for our table for many reasons, but most of which was because it was he whom I chose as a saint name when I was confirmed. In my brief study, the life of St. Jerome just blew me away. His commitment to his faith and to study was big for me. I hated studying in school but as I have gotten older I have come to appreciate study, especially in my faith life.

St. Jerome's bravery also struck me. He was very bold in his beliefs and wouldn't back down. He would go toe to toe (even with the Pope) in regards to the beliefs of his faith. I think often now of how many times I have cowered when my faith was challenged by non-believers in private and in public. I look to St. Jerome to find courage to defend my faith, albeit in a compassionate way, as I grow older.

St. Jerome also undertook great challenges like translating the Bible into Latin. Often time, it's easy to back down from challenges in this hectic world we live in, especially when it comes to our faith. In the past, I would have never thought of teaching, lecturing, ushering or being on a committee at church, but as St. Jerome has modeled for me, I realize that not only is my faith NOT a private thing, but that I need to get involved! That's part of being a Catholic AND a Christian. His life was so rich and dedicated to the faith and this is in part why I chose St. Jerome to be the name our table.

Saint John the Apostle (Table Leader: Kelley Davis)

I picked Saint John the Apostle because John was the only one of the twelve apostles who was present with Jesus when He was crucified. Jesus trusted him so much that he made John the guardian of His mother.

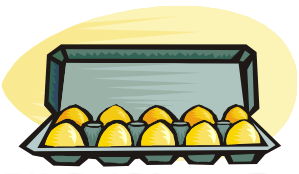
John wrote 5 books of the bible including the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation. Saint John is the patron saint of love, loyalty, friendships, and authors.

Saint Father Brochero (Table Leader: Pepe Seufferheld)

Argentinian Saint Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero became a Roman Catholic priest in 1866. He was affectionately known as the "Gaucha Priest" or the "Cowboy Priest" because he traveled long distances on the back of a mule to reach the people he served. He dressed in a sombrero and poncho, and carried only an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, his mass kit, and his prayer book.

Saint Father Brochero worked especially closely with the poor and sick and was active during the cholera epidemic of 1867. His was so intimately associated with his flock, that he eventually contracted leprosy. He became blind and deaf by the end of his life in 1914. His last words were, "Now I have everything ready for the journey."

The pope used the following words to respectfully describe what the pope felt he found in the ideal pastor. Pope Francis said that Saint Father Brochero had "the smell of his sheep."



Kitchen Miracle #2

De Colores! Cursillo-folk asked and so Cursillo-folk receive...another Kitchen Miracle!

The second Kitchen Miracle occurred in a small church kitchen. The Kitchen Crew was packed cheek to jowl tight, so we moved most of the prep to the serving tables in the next room. However, we still needed to hard boil 48 eggs for the breakfast. Two of the Kitchen Angels filled a large pot with the eggs and water, and set it on the gas burner to boil. Angel #1 turned the burner to high. Angel #2 double-checked the gas height because Angel #2 becomes slightly compulsive when under pressure. Both Angels #1 and #2 left to continue prepping in the adjoining room.

Now everybody knows the truism that a watched pot never boils. Nevertheless, we did peek periodically because we really did need those eggs to boil up. After a minor eternity crawled by, we still saw no steam rising to indicate eggs boiling.

Frustrated, Angel #2 slammed into the kitchen to give the pot of water a really good stare-down. After assuming the proper glare position (legs braced aggressively, eyebrows beetled darkly over crazy-eyes, and tightly balled fists planted firmly on hips), she noticed that the burner was actually turned off. This was confusing, considering that she had seen it turned on high by Angel #1, and then double-checked the level herself.

Angel #2 felt her blood pressure rise as she moved the irritatingly cold pot to the side to give the errant burner its share of a really good stare-down. That's when she noticed that a kitchen towel had fallen under the pot and was tucked into the back of the burner.

Somehow, the towel did not catch fire when we turned on the burner or while we double-checked the high level. Miraculously, at some point, when none of the Kitchen Crew were actually in the kitchen, the burner was turned off.

We narrowly missed burning the kitchen down. We are certain that the burner was turned off by a real Kitchen Angel who was carrying out another Kitchen Miracle.



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resurrection of
our Lord!

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