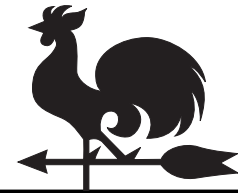


Next Ultreya: June 13  
Next Steering Committee Meeting: June 15



June 2009

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

### The Mystery of God

Isaac Newton was one of the greatest mathematicians and scientists who ever lived. Yet towards the end of his life he said of his achievements:

*“I do not know what I appear to the world, but to myself I appear to have been like a little boy playing on the seashore and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.”*

We have either celebrated or about to celebrate Trinity Sunday. So even when we think we understand the mystery of God, we are still only beginning. We are still only children on the shore. But Jesus has lifted the veil on the mystery, and so we know that our games have a meaning and that our lives have a goal.

We have a Father who cares about us; we have a Brother who died for us; and we have Spirit, a Comforter, who will guide us to the shores of eternity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
*Deacon Bob Ulbrich*

### Group Reunion—Thriving in the Fourth Day!

“Hi. How are you?” How do you answer that question? Do you answer with the routine, “Fine, how are you?” Do you consider how much the person asking that question really cares? How many times have people passed you before you’ve had a chance to answer? In the past couple of months the most positive—and honest—answers I could give were “okay” or “tired.” Sometimes life situations become very demanding, difficult and/or distressing. Our faith is challenged with each new day and on some days it’s challenged with each passing hour. We cling to the truth with what little energy we have left and frantically grasp for the grace to just “carry on.” And, in our wired and wireless society—technically more connected than ever before—we feel alone. Is this as good as it gets?

No! Jesus came so that we “may have life, and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10 NASB) When we put our faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord we become part of the body of Christ. (See Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12.) In 1 Corinthians 12:26 (NIV) the Apostle Paul says, “If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.” God created us to need each other and gifted us to help meet each other’s needs. The Cursillo Group Reunion is this kind of genuine, mutually edifying relationship. The Group is serious about living a life of grace marked by piety, study and action. We can be authentic and open because we can trust our fellow group members to keep what we share confidential. This type of Christian fellowship encourages us to maintain and increase our idealism, dedication, and spirit of love.

The Group Reunion card you received when you made your Cursillo is the outline for the group’s sharing. The Group Reunion is opened and closed in prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to be with us and fill us with His truth and love. We begin by examining the quality time we’ve spent seeking God and share how He has drawn us close to Him in that. Grouping holds

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### EACC 2009 Calendar

<b>June 13</b>	<b>Ultreya at Trinity Lutheran Church in Urbana</b>
July 11	Family Picnic at Hessel Park in Champaign, 4:00 pm
August 8	Ultreya TBA
September 12	Ultreya TBA
<b>September 15</b>	<b>Deadline for applications for the Women’s Cursillo</b>
October 10	Ultreya at St. Charles Borromeo, Homer
<b>October 22–25</b>	<b>Women’s Cursillo #935 at St. Pat’s, Urbana</b>
November 21	Ultreya TBA
December	No Ultreya

### Upcoming Ultreyas—Plan to join us!

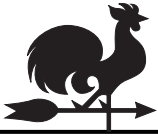
The **June 13th** Ultreya will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, at 701 E. Florida Ave. in Urbana (corner of Florida and Anderson Streets). We’ll begin at 7:00 pm. Please bring a snack to share.

The **July 11th** Ultreya will be our summer **family** picnic. We’ll meet at Hessel Park in Champaign at 4:00 pm. This will be a potluck—bring a meat dish and a side dish to share. Bring any outdoor games you have. Your family will enjoy games, food and fun with our Cursillo family!

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*“I have been grouping regularly since I made my Cursillo in 1995. There is no doubt in my mind that I am much closer to Christ due to regular grouping and the accountability to the Christian ideal. I love the ladies that I group with and look forward to sharing with them each week.”*

Cursillista Weekend #491



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*“Being around God-filled people helps me to remember to live my life as Jesus would want us to and energizes me to want to be more Christ-like. I feel like I have new friends whom I can trust. It means so much to us to group that we feel something is missing in our week if we don’t go.”*

Cursillista Weekend #823

**Group Reunions: how we Thrive! in our Fourth Day—see inside.**

**Group Reunion—Thriving in the Fourth Day!** continued

us accountable for intentional study of God’s Word by asking us to share what we are learning in our time of study. This is often the real source of encouragement and inspiration for others in our group—what builds them up and fills them up for the coming week. Our group also holds us accountable for being an apostle in our life circumstances. We share how God has used us to bring people closer to Him, as well the things we tried to do for God that failed. We encourage one another in the ongoing plans we (should) have for attempting to change our environment.

The Group Reunion is instrumental in helping us to seek God with our whole hearts. (See Jeremiah 29:13.) “Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.” (Romans 14:19 NIV) Mutual edification—building one another up—happens as you suffer, grieve, grow, and rejoice together. God uses this as a means of Actual Grace, and does so in amazing ways!

Grouping is a commitment—of time, honesty, confidentiality, and trust. There will be weeks when you haven’t given any time or attention to God and feel like there is no point in going to group. This requires a commitment to persevere in attending, regardless of how you feel. You see, it is when we least feel like grouping that we need it the most, and when we are most blessed for having grouped. And, most importantly, it’s a commitment of faith, to believing that your personal relationship with God will enable you to live above and beyond life’s present circumstances. It will take you from just “carrying on” to living purposely and victoriously in, through and for Jesus Christ. Choose to do more than simply “carry on” with life. Call one of the following Eastern Area Cursillo Secretariat members to find out how you can join or start a Group Reunion with fellow Cursillistas. Contact: Mickey Nickrent: 217-586-1435; micnic1@gmail.com; Dick Baxley: 217-217-867-2686, rdbaxley@hotmail.com; Kathy May: 217-355-2386; or MamaKHome@aol.com.

Join a Group Reunion, if you haven’t already, and learn to thrive in the Fourth Day of your life of grace!

NASB = New American Standard Bible  
NIV = New International Version

**Opportunities to Serve**

Many volunteers help make our Eastern Area Cursillo Community (EACC) healthy and active! We currently need volunteers to chair the committees that plan and coordinate various aspects of a Cursillo weekend, as well as ongoing ministries of the EACC. Chairpersons are part of the Steering Committee, which plans and oversees the Cursillo weekends and Ultreyas. As a chairperson, you will be working with other committee members in delegating the tasks to be done. Of course, we can also use volunteers willing to come alongside work with us! **We need your help in one of these areas:**

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Contact one of the following Secretariat members to let them know how you can serve God on our EACC Steering Committee—Mickey Nickrent: 217-586-1435; micnic1@gmail.com; Dick Baxley: 217-217-867-2686, rdbaxley@hotmail.com; Kathy May: 217-355-2386; MamaKHome@aol.com.

*“I did my Cursillo in March of 2006. I came to Cursillo with no expectations and an open heart. I was deeply impacted by the weekend and it catapulted me into the next phase of my spiritual journey. I was fortunate to have become involved right away in group reunions and have continued to group weekly since then. I drive 60 miles round trip to group every Tuesday night. When I first started grouping I made this trek alone but was very fortunate to have brought my best friend to Cursillo, so I now have a travel companion. If I did not feel that I was benefitting greatly from this group, I would not still be diligently attending 3-1/2 years later. I have become an integral part of a small faith community with my group mates. This group of women shares my faith and my desire to forge ahead in my faith journey. They also hold me accountable. I have to think about piety, study, and action, every week, because I have to report what I am doing on my own to further the kingdom of God. Sometimes something someone says during group will stick with me all week and lead me to somewhere or someone I would not have encountered on my own. I know that these women love me and will be there for me no matter what. I urge all Cursillistas to become active in the Cursillo community and help change the world!”*

Sister in Christ, Cursillo #823