



**Green Bay Diocese Cursillo
Spring 2025 Newsletter #2
Women's weekend # 270 will take place at
St. Joseph (Quad Parishes - Green Bay)
From May 1 thru 4, 2025**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR REFLECTION

De Colores my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus!

I've recently been appointed to serve as one of the two Spiritual Directors of the Cursillo Movement of Green Bay, and I humbly thank you for the great welcome I've received. Not many people realize that Deacon Brian Albers and I were ordained on the same day. We became friends during our years of formation, and I look forward to joining him in serving you.

You have not been paying attention if you do not know that 2025 has been declared a Jubilee Year of Hope. We are all called to become Pilgrims of Hope according to Pope Francis. To be called a pilgrim, one must make a pilgrimage, or embark on a journey to a sacred place for a spiritual benefit. Many people are planning to travel to Rome to walk through one of the Holy Doors opened by the pope. Did you know that you could also become a pilgrim in Northeast Wisconsin, by traveling to one of the three destinations designated by our bishop? Did you know that you may earn a plenary indulgence for making this journey? Did you know that you can receive these indulgences daily, and, apply them to loved ones whom you have lost?

I recently shared this with someone who has taken this to heart. At last count she has made north of fifty pilgrimages, offering the plenary indulgences for family and friends she has lost. She's even asked that they be applied to the person who needs it most in our local cemetery. Talk about hope!

I encourage you to become a Pilgrim of Hope, but don't procrastinate. The next Jubilee year will not happen for another twenty-five years!

Your Friend in Jesus!

Deacon Todd Raether

ASSISTANT DIOCESAN CURSILLO COORDINATOR MESSAGE

DeColores!

When I lived my Cursillo back in 2005, I remember being struck by the palanca I received. Not only the friends and parishioners who indicated they were doing palanca for me on the weekend, but all the various U.S cities and even some worldwide locations who had movements that were praying for me. We enjoyed reading those letters, some written in foreign languages, and wondered at the amount of prayers, rosaries, and other sacrifices being done. The waves of friendship from people who might never meet me but yet cared about me hit me hard.

In the years after, I continued to meet friends through Cursillo activities. My circle of connection grows each year. I recently decided to attend a Regional Cursillo Encounter in Illinois for Region V. After some study to prepare, I learned that the US is divided into 12 regions, each with a Regional Cursillo Coordinator that services those dioceses and their Secretariats. There is also a National Cursillo Coordinator who works with all the regions in the US. The world is divided into 5 regions, and we are part of the North American and Caribbean region. All to say that

Cursillo is larger than the Diocese of Green Bay, larger even than the United States. We are a worldwide movement, all living our 4th Day.

The Encounter I attended was being hosted by the Spanish Secretariats of the region (there are three language Secretariats: Spanish, English, and Vietnamese). Because of the three languages, all the speeches, songs, and prayers at the Encounter were translated into three languages. Imagine the Our Father in three languages at the same time! The music the first night was very energetic and we sang the DeColores song with the original Spanish words sung by the first group of men who created what we now know as Cursillo, or mini course. Those first Cursillos were created through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit by a small group of laymen and priests, including Eduardo Bonnin, considered the Father of Cursillo, Fr Sebastian Gaya; and Bishop Juan Hervás, considered the first Bishop of Cursillo. They developed a new way to evangelize which we now call Cursillos in Christianity. If you would like to do further study, the web address for the World organization is <https://omcc-cursillos.org/en/> and the National is <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/>

What started in Mallorca, Spain in the 1940s continues today. Although there was sometimes a language barrier among some of the 120 of us attending the Encounter, we spoke the common language of “DeColores”, we had on our cursillo crosses, and we shared abrazos. Everyone had a smile and the joy of the Holy Spirit was alive around us all. It didn’t matter your origin, we were all friends (somos amigos) who had Cursillo in common. The charism of Cursillo is friendship, an apostolic friendship, and we represented that to each other. We heard reflections for some of the Spanish group who had attended a World Conversation in Mallorca. They also noted the ease of being with the other cursillistas, regardless of their language while at that event.

Cursillo is a universal language, we are all friends in Christ. As the Spanish group chanted back and forth: Christ is counting on us - All the time!

Jill Heacock
Assistant Diocesan Cursillo Coordinator
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PALANCA LETTERS

Your Palanca for the weekend is critical for success. Remember that Palanca, the “lever”, is your prayer and sacrifices for the intention of the weekend. The Palanca letters are merely the conveyance of your Palanca of prayers and sacrifices. You are reminded that if you generate a Palanca letter from your computer, please take a moment to read the letter to check for updates and that the gender (WOMEN) is correct. If possible, it is very helpful if the Palanca letters are alphabetized. This saves a lot of time when sorting the letters.

Important Palanca Information! In an effort to streamline Palanca mailing, all Palanca for Cursillos will be sent to the Cursillo post office box and will then be brought to the Cursillo location to be distributed to the candidates. Please do not mail Palanca to the parish. Palanca is truly the act, not the letter, but it is nice for the candidates to actually receive the letter that someone took the time to write. (A reminder, Palanca letters for the team members are also important. It is a bit awkward if the candidates have a stack of letters to open and the team members at their tables only have a few letters to open.) So please send your Palanca to the Cursillo post office box, or if you like, Palanca can also be dropped off at the mailbox on the Cursillo trailer at the Cursillo location.

Our Post Office Box is:
Cursillos in Christianity
P.O. Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

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In an effort to support food pantries in the communities where we hold Cursillo weekends, the Green Bay Cursillo Community will hold a food drive in conjunction with the Women's closing and business meeting on May 4, 2025 at the Quad Parishes of Green Bay - St. Joseph site. St. Joseph Parish supports the Hope Center Pantry on Clinton Street in Green Bay. This is what Hope Center Pantry has to say about their mission:

Thousands of people in Green Bay, Wisconsin, face hunger. They struggled to put food on their tables in 2024. In fact, Hope Center Pantry served a staggering 16,406 people in 2024, according to pantry records. Hope Center Pantry, formerly operating as St. Patrick's Pantry, is a hunger-relief organization serving Brown County, Wisconsin, since the 1970s. In 2024, the pantry provided food to 4,817 clients, representing 16,406 when factoring in the number of household members. Hope Center Pantry collaborates with other social service organizations to find ways to break the cycle of poverty. We're making progress, but we still have work to do to end food insecurity for the people in the Green Bay area.

Hope Center Pantry believes that access to nutritious food is critical to good health and well-being. We strive to get food into the homes of people who need it.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item or a cash donation with you on Sunday evening to help stock the shelves of the Hope Center Pantry. Bins will be located at the entrance for you to drop your donation. Suggested food items to bring include:

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| Peanut butter | Canned Soup | Canned Fruit |
| Canned Vegetables | Canned Stew | Canned Fish |
| Canned Beans | Pasta | Rice |
| Breakfast Cereal | Baking Mixes | Instant Potatoes |
| Dried Fruit | Canned Juices | Pudding/Jello |

• Please • No glass items • Check the expiration date •

**Items collected on May 4, 2025 will benefit
Hope Center Pantry**

Contact Sally Gruber at grubersonelm@aol.com or (920) 989-2671 for more information.

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| Cursillo #270 Dates: May 1 – 4 , 2025 Location: St. Joseph, Quad Parishes, Green Bay | |
| Rector: Joan Van Eperen Ph: (920) 788-6417 Vice Rector: Sarah Rose Van Camp Ph: (920)419-4588 Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Dave Van Eperen Phone: (920) 716-5019 Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Randy Haak Phone: (920) 428-0114 | Proctor (kitchen) Mary Putzstuck Phone: (920) 707-6464 |
| EMERGENCY PHONE #'S Sarah Rose Van Camp (920)419-4588 Kim Gloudemans (920) 843-1353 | |
| Set-up Date: April 30 Set-up Time 7:00 p.m. | |
| SET-UP CHAIRPERSONS Keith Deneys (920) 676-7928 and Bill Van Nuland (920) 636-3804 | |
| DIRECTIONS TO ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, GREEN BAY LOCATED AT: <u>936 9th Street, Green Bay, WI 54304</u> Directions: From Appleton/Oshkosh: take Hwy 41 North, merge onto N Ashland Ave via Exit 163B, continue on Ashland Ave, turn left on 9th Street, turn right on 12th Ave, church will be on the left. From Manitowoc: Take Hwy I-43N toward Green Bay, merge not Wi172 W via exit 180, take the exit toward Ashland Ave/WI-32/Oneida St. Merge onto Pilgrim way toward Ashland Ave, turn left onto Ashland Ave/WI-32. Turn left onto 9th Street, turn right onto 12th Ave, church is on the left. St Joseph Parish address: 1224 12th Ave, Green Bay WI **St Joe's is a NUT FREE facility* Candidate drop off, kitchen and Palanca entrance is door # 5. | |
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| THURSDAY NIGHT CHAIRPERSON Annette Hoslet (920) 621-1320 | |
| Time: 6:00 p.m. | |
| FRIDAY CHAIRPERSON Pat Mongin (920) 819-3144 | |
| Breakfast 7:45 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. | |
| SATURDAY CHAIRPERSON(S) Carol DeYoung (920) 903-7996 | |
| Breakfast 7:00 a.m. Agape Meal 12:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. | |
| SUNDAY CHAIRPERSON Carol Thiel (920) 858-1431 | |
| Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m. | |
| CLEANUP CO-CHAIR Keith Deneys (920) 676-7928 and Bill Van Nuland (920) 636-3804 | |
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