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Journeying Together

There is no doubt that living a Cursillo weekend may have been the starting point of your journey with Christ. Yet for others it may have been a confirmation of being on the right path. What ever the case, maybe we as Cursillistas need each other to continue on in this journey.

The three day weekends are where we usually cross paths with others from all over the diocese. We build community by recognizing the love of God in others, by their actions, their talents and their way of proclaiming the kingdom of God. We not only help the candidates see and come to know God, but we also help one another (those on the service teams) without knowing and expecting it.

Having worked many weekends, I have come to understand that faith can mean different things to different people, depending on where they're at in their journey. Each Cursillo weekend has its own personality. And I truly believe that the teams formed for each weekend are put together by the Holy Spirit. Those that come were meant to be there for a reason - to help each other. As Deacon John Nelson said at the School of Leaders on Nov. 17, "God calls us all the time to help one another." We need to help and pull one another along on our journey by being a friend and praying for each other.

Over the years Cursillo has brought forth many people of different backgrounds, whether it be race, economic, social, educational or professional status. We as Cursillistas are destined to cross each others' paths, to support one another, to grow together and to build up the kingdom of God. Just as there are many spiritually amazing Cursillistas, there are also many in need of prayer.

How are you willing to get to know and help your fellow brother and sister Cursillista? Through Cursillo weekends? Ultreyas? School of Leaders? Other Cursillo events?

You may not be the one in need of direction but you may be the only one that can help another to move forward in their journey.

Peace,
Brenda Morones



Secretariat meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Mary's in Sycamore.

The Secretariat of the Rockford Diocese helps the Cursillo Movement to function and achieve its purpose. It is charged by the Bishop to implement the Movement properly according to norms and guidelines established by the National Secretariat. All Cursillistas are urged to support the Secretariat by prayer and palanca.

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Dates to Remember

2012

Cursillo Weekends

School of Leaders	January 19	Hampshire
Ultreya Grande VI	January 28	St Mary's - Oregon
School of Leaders	February 1	St Mary's - Maple Park
School of Leaders	March 15	Hampshire
School of Leaders	TBA	St Mary's - Maple Park
School of Leaders	May 17	Hampshire
School of Leaders	TBA	St Mary's - Maple Park
Men's fall weekend	Oct. 25-28, 2012	St Mary's - Oregon
Women's fall weekend	Nov. 8-11, 2012	St Mary's - Oregon

Other Dates

Ultreya Grande VI
January 28 9 am - 4 pm
St Mary's - Oregon



Friendship Grouping Areas

Oregon	Virgil
Location: St. Mary's Church	Location: Sts. Peter & Paul
Women: Tuesdays at 6:15 pm	parish rectory
Men: Sundays at 7:00 pm	Men: Mondays at 7:00 pm Belvedere
Sycamore	Location: St. James Parish Center
Location: St. Mary's Purple	Men: Saturdays at 8:00 am
House	Loves Park
Men: Mondays at 7:00 pm	Location: St. Bridget's Parish Center
Hampshire	Men: Mondays at 7:00 pm
Location: St. Charles Borromeo	Aurora
Church basement	Location: Holy Angels
Men: Saturday at 7:30 am	Women: Wednesdays 8:30 pm
	Contact Laura Wright 630-859-0781
	dewright14@hotmail.com

Directions to St. Mary's Community Center Oregon, Illinois
Take Rt. 64 to Oregon. Parish Center is on Rt. 64 at Mongan Drive,
a mile west of town on the north side of the road.
Phone for Cursillo Weekends Friday Saturday & Sunday 815-732-7383



INVITATION TO ALL CURSILLISTAS TO WORK UPCOMING WEEKENDS

For all Cursillistas who would like to come back and serve on a three-day weekend, the Rockford Diocese holds Cursillo weekends twice a year, one each spring and fall for men and for women. All weekends are held at St. Mary's Parish Community Center, 881 N. Mongan Drive, Oregon, IL 61061 (on the northeast corner of Rt. 64 and Mongan Drive).

Women's 86th Cursillo April 26-29, 2012
Barbara Hayes - Rectora Liz Campana Assistant

TEAM MEETINGS

Meeting	Date	Time	Place
#1 *	February 12, 2012	1:00 pm	St Charles Borromeo
#2	February 26, 2012	1:00 pm	St Charles Borromeo
#3	March 18, 2012	1:15 pm	St Charles Borromeo
#4	April 01, 2012	1:00 pm	Church of Holy Apostles
#5	April 15, 2012	1:00 pm	Oregon (Men's clausura)

Men's weekend #96 April 12-15, 2012
Jim Callahan - Rector

Meeting	Date	Time	Place
#1 *	February 12, 2012	1:00 pm	St Charles Borromeo
#2	February 19, 2012	1:00 pm	Holy Angels, Aurora
#3	March 4, 2012	1:00 pm	Holy Angels, Aurora
#4	March 11, 2012	1:00 pm	Holy Angels, Aurora
#5	March 25, 2012	1:00 pm	Holy Angels, Aurora

* COMMISSIONING

Other dates
School of Leaders
Hampshire

January 19, 2012

Area Ultreyas

The Spanish word "ultreya" means "onward." It was a shout of enthusiasm by the first pilgrimage to the shrine of St. James of Compostela. And so we use that term to mean that which encourages all of us who attend the Ultreya to continue, to persevere in our Christian life as apostles for Jesus Christ. The purpose of the Ultreya is to keep the spirit and friendship of a Cursillo ongoing in order that it may be a motivating force for all of us to live the ideal and to evangelize. Ultreya is the place where friendships are built within the larger community. The Ultreya in its totality is the sharing of our Christian life.

- It is a community that makes itself visible in gatherings where they come together in an attitude of progressive conversion.
- It is a community united in one faith, one Lord and one baptism.
- It gathers to facilitate the living and sharing of what is fundamental to being a Christian.
- It also serves as an opportunity to come in contact with the larger Christian community and to help those who may not have formed a permanent friendship group.

McHenry: 3 times a year at The Church of Holy Apostles
Contact Rich & Barb Hayes, 815-728-0918 r2b2hayes@comcast.net

Oregon: 1st Sunday in June and December, 7:00 pm, at
St Mary's Parish Center Contact Linda & Ron Abramowicz 815-986-8554 Abramz6@comcast.net

DeKalb: 2 times a year, 7:00 pm, at NIU Newman Center
Contact Tom & Lori Kedzie 815-751-9644 lorikedzie@gmail.com

Rockford: May, September & January, 7:00 pm, at
St. Bridget's Parish Center (Loves Park)
Contact Al Johnson 815-877-3546 alafrdjohnson@gmail.com

Aurora: Spanish 2nd Sunday of the month, 7:00 pm, at St. Nicholas,
Daleiden Center Contact Jesus Morones 630-844-9544
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SCHOOL OF LEADERS

A wise priest once told me, "You are either growing or you are dying. You can not remain the same." It reminded me of John Ch 5 vs 15, when Jesus said; "I am the vine, you are the branches." Branches must continue to grow. If not, they will wither, die and be cut off from the vine. Cursillo teaches us that we must continue the study of our faith if we are going to continue to grow. That is one of the many things I find so fascinating about Christianity. You can never stop learning. There is always another layer to peel away.

The same thing can be said about the Cursillo movement. It was a gift to the church given to us for a reason. But unless we know and understand it, we can not use it. If we only learn and understand some of it, we will not use it properly. God has given the church many tools to bring others to Him and I believe that Cursillo is one of the most powerful. But, as in the use of all tools, one must study it, know it and understand it before it can be used. Cursillo is no different. We must continue to study and strive for a deeper understanding of the movement if we are going to keep the movement vibrant and growing. So I urge everyone to continue to study and grow in their knowledge and understanding of the movement.

One way that I have found helpful is the national web site www.cursillo.org. Under the School of Leaders section there are many short articles and work shops about the movement. It takes about ten minutes to read one. I have been reading them during lunch at work. So try to find some time in your day to continue your growth in the movement. Speaking of growing, the School of Leaders is continuing to grow. Attendance at our meetings has been great and many new Cursillistas have been coming. I continue to dedicate my weekly rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament to the movement and the School of Leaders. My adoration partners, Bill and Peggy Freeman, say the rosary with me and I ask everyone to continue to pray for the movement and the school.

Because of the requirement that in order to be involved in a leadership role on a Cursillo weekend Starting in February, we will be holding a School of Leaders meeting at St. Mary's in Maple Park. The meetings will be held on alternating months from those held in Hampshire. They will be on Wednesday nights from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The exact dates and topics can be found on our web site. This will give more Cursillistas an opportunity to become involved in the school. We are also looking to start a school in the McHenry area. If anyone is interested in facilitating these meetings please let me know. May God bless you and keep you.

DeColores Don White



MEET YOUR SECRETARIAT...

Scott Long

The newest member of the Secretariat

Scott been a wonderfully dedicated member of St. Bridget Parish for over 18 years. He is not only a lector and commentator at Mass, but a Eucharistic Minister as well. Scott has also been involved in other areas of stewardship. Exemplifying his devotion to our Lord, Scott is heavily involved in the Cursillo Movement where he is the men's Kitchen Team Trainer and now the Assistant Lay Director. He also is a Bible Study Facilitator at St. Bridget's. There is no doubt as to Scott's excitement to share God's word with others. This shows how important our Parish's mission statement of being a living water is to him. Scott also enjoys spending quiet time in the Lord's presence through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Most recently, Scott has not only accepted the invitation to join the Strategic Planning Committee, but to become a member of the Pastoral Council as well. On this Council, Scott is eager to promote the apostolic activity within our parish, and assist in continuing the formation of its vision.

Scott's ministry extends beyond the church. He has also lent his time and talent to St. Bridget School. There he has coached Soccer and Basketball.

Outside the Parish, Scott is an Architect. He and his wife, Angie, have 2 children: Tyler (a Junior at Boylan) and Hannah (a Freshman at Boylan). Though Scott enjoys reading and playing golf, his main enjoyment comes from spending as much time with his family as he can.



WELCOME FR. SYLVESTER A. NNASO!

Dear Cursillistas,
Fr. Nnaso has been appointed our new Spiritual Director by Bishop Thomas G. Doran since June 24, 2011. He was born and raised in Nigeria in West Africa. He joined the American family in the summer of 1998, and became a citizen of the United States in the spring of 2010.

He began his seminary formation in Nigeria at Seat of Wisdom Major Seminary, Owerri, and completed his formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, Michigan in 2002. Since his ordination to the priesthood of Christ by Bishop Thomas G. Doran in 2002, he has served at St. Mary Church in Woodstock, Marian Central High School in Woodstock, The Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry, and St. Mary Church in Byron. He was a member of the Diocesan Stewardship Commission, a member of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, and a member of the Rock River Valley Rotary Club. He is a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, and a Cursillista since the fall of 2006. He is currently the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Hampshire.

His academic accomplishments include double majors in Accounting and Latin, a Bachelor Degree in Philosophy; double Masters Degrees in Divinity and Systematic Theology, and a Doctorate Degree in Ministry.

His hobbies include traveling for missionary services, being with people, and playing tennis. Fr. Nnaso is a people's person by nature, has a great sense of humor, and is friendly. He is excited to be appointed your new Spiritual Director.

De Colores!

ROCKFORD CURSILLO COMMUNICATIONS

The Rockford Cursillo website is www.natl-cursillo.org/rockford. There you can view Roosters, weekend and team meeting information and download candidate and sponsor forms.

Webmaster is Brenda Morones: brndmoro@sbcglobal.net

Other informative web sites:

National website: <http://www.cursillo.org>

Region V website:

<http://www.cursillo-region-5.org>

OMCC World organization:

<http://www.orgmcc.org>

Rockford Diocese website:

<http://www.rockforddiocese.org>

The Rooster is published twice a year. If you want to add, modify or delete your name/address from the mailing list contact Al Johnson at alfredjohnson@gmail.com or 815-877-3546.

Changes to the Weekend

In an effort to increase the Spirituality of the Cursillo Weekend, we are going to implement a small change to how the weekends are set up. In reviewing the Spiritual Directors manual, it was found that the movement suggests and encourages the use of associate Spiritual Directors on Cursillo weekends. The following is an excerpt from page 12 of the Spiritual Directors manual; Deacons and Religious as Spiritual Directors "Two or more priests should always serve as spiritual directors in a Cursillo. However, the spiritual direction "team" can include other qualified persons, one as the associate spiritual director, such as deacons and religious brothers and sisters. In fact the inclusion of some spiritual directors other than priests enriches the Cursillo experience for the candidates. The non-priest spiritual directors can and should share in all the usual functions of the spiritual directors, with the exception of presiding over the sacraments and liturgies. In particular, they should be available with the priests throughout the 3 days for spiritual direction and they should give some of the meditations and talks. Clergy or religious should not give talks or perform duties that are the responsibility of the laity. In Cursillos for women it is especially helpful to have one or more women religious as spiritual directors. Many of the candidates will relate initially more easily to them than to priests. All spiritual directors should be specially prepared for this ministry by study and by experience. They should be aware of the need to refer the candidates to the priests for the sacrament of Penance."We will now be encouraging new rector and rectoras to seek and use deacons and nuns as associate spiritual directors. This will give the candidates a greater opportunity for spiritual direction on the weekend



Ultreya Grande VI

January 28 9 am - 4 pm
St Mary's - Oregon

Cost will be \$15.00 or \$25.00 per couple.

*To RSVP or more information about the day contact:
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