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As Cursillistas we understand that when a fellow Cursillista says "De Colores", it signifies that they are in a state of grace. This term is usually said as a greeting when in the presence of other Cursillistas. How blessed are we to share the Lord's graces with each other!

The Lord has certainly poured His graces on the Rockford Cursillo. At the Ultreya Grande, I presented the redesigned Rockford Cursillo website. Through the website you can now sign-up to receive e-mails about upcoming events such as Ultreyas in your area, School of Leaders meetings and other Cursillo information. Just click on the "Newsletter" button and sign-up.

On March 27, the Aurora Ultreya was re-started and, thanks to the hard work of Holy Angels Cursillistas, there was a wonderful turnout. Ultreyas will be held every other month at 7pm at Holy Angels Parish. Come join us if you're in the area.

In April, Al Johnson and I had the opportunity to make a presentation about the Rockford Cursillo movement at the Specialization Day, a day set aside for those who are in the Ministry Formation Classes in Rockford. Through this event, I found out that there are Cursillistas in the southwestern part of our diocese (Erie & Prophetstown) who have attended the Peoria diocese to live their Cursillo. If you're in that area, please spread the news about the very active Cursillo Movement in the Rockford diocese.

On May 11, we hosted a luncheon for all our priest and deacon Cursillistas, in appreciation for all they do for the Rockford Movement. Currently we have 50 priests and 26 deacons in the diocese who are Cursillistas and the numbers are still growing. PRAISE BE TO GOD!

Coming soon, thanks to Melissa Olexa, we are going to have our 1st Rockford Cursillo Cook Book. If you have any of the recipes used on the weekends give Melissa a call at 815-871-3430, she would love a copy to put in the book.

Finally, Fr. Kramer was kind enough to sign the contracts for the upcoming 2012 Cursillo weekends before retiring. We have been blessed to have Fr. Kramer's long-time dedication with the Rockford Cursillo Movement and are grateful to him for his leadership. St. Mary's celebrated their 125th Anniversary Celebration party on June 18, coinciding with Fr. Kramer's retirement.

There are a lot more graces in store for us. Are you willing to let the Holy Spirit get you involved? No one can do everything but everyone can do something. Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring that Friend to Christ!

DE COLORES! 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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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.

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.

Emergency Phone for Cursillo Weekends
Friday Saturday & Sunday 815-732-7383

Dates to Remember

Men Oct. 6-9, 2011

Rector: Ray Oleferchik

Asst Rector: Tom Shannon

Team meetings: Aug 21, 2011 Aug 28, 2011

Sept. 11, 2011 * Sept 25, 2011 Oct. 2, 2011

*Commissioning at St. Mary's in Maple Park

All meetings at St Charles Borromeo except commissioning

Women Nov. 3-6, 2011

Rectora: Linda Abramowicz

Asst Rectora: Sandi Clarey

Team meetings: Aug 28, 2011 Sept. 11, 2011 *

Sept 18, 2011 Oct. 9, 2011 ** Oct. 23, 2011

*Commissioning at St. Mary's in Maple Park

**All meetings at St Mary's Maple Park except Oct. 9 in Oregon

School of Leader July 21, 2011 In Hampshire

School of Leader Sept. 15, 2011 In Hampshire

Great Lakes Men Conference Oct. 15, 2011

School of Leader Nov - TBA In Hampshire

2012

Ultarya Grande VII Jan. 28, 2012 location - TBA

English Weekends

Men Apr. 12-15, 2012

Women Apr. 26-29, 2012

Spanish Weekends

Men Apr. 19-22, 2012

Women May 3-6, 2012



Friendship Grouping Areas

Oregon

Location: St. Mary's Church

Women: Tuesdays at 6:15 pm

Men: Sundays at 7:00 pm

Sycamore

Location: St. Mary's Purple House

Men: Mondays at 7:00 pm

Hampshire

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Church basement

Men: Saturday at 7:30 am

Virgil

Location: Sts. Peter & Paul parish rectory

Men: Mondays at 7:00 pm

Belvedere

Location: St. James Parish Center

Men: Saturdays at 8:00 am

Loves Park

Location: St. Bridget's Parish Center

Men: Mondays at 7:00 pm

Aurora

Location: Holy Angels

Women: Wednesdays 8:30 pm Contact Laura Wright

630-859-0781 dewright14@hotmail.com



MEET YOUR SECRETARIAT

Treasurer Fermin Garcia

I was born in Urireo, Guanajuato, Mexico. I am the 9th of 12 children. Also I am the youngest of 3 boys.

When I was 14, I came to the USA. That's when my journey began. I arrived in DeKalb IL, where one of my sisters lived. My first job was working in a restaurant as a dishwasher and then I advanced to a cook. A year later, at the age of 15, I started to take ESL classes to learn English. While taking the ESL classes my skills improved, and my opportunities for jobs increased. I was able to find a better paying job in a factory and continue my ESL classes at night.

As a young adult, I did typical things such as soccer, baseball, basketball and hanging out with my friends. I guess you could say I was getting to know the American life. As I learned the American way of life, I never forgot God. I attended services at a church around the corner from where my older brother lived, which as I recall, was a Christian church. No matter what language, there is no barrier in worshiping God. As I attended this Christian church, I was practicing my Catholic faith.

One day when I was visiting my brother, I found the love of my life, who became my wife at the age of 20. Her name is Maricella. When I meet my wife, a lot of good things began to happen. I got a better job and I attended Iowa State University to finish my meat science career. That's when I started to work in Rochelle for Hormel Foods and I am still employed there today. Thanks to God, I have been working there for 24 years. My wife and I have been married for 24 years. After 18 years, we committed our marriage to God in the church. God blessed us with 3 beautiful daughters who are 24, 22 and 12 years old.

Now after 32 years, I feel closer to God, especially after attending Cursillo in the fall 2008. Who would have thought that I would be serving God in such a glorious, rewarding way through our hectic lives at work, family, and social life. There is always time for our Lord. He gives us the strength to accom-

plish everyday challenges. He has given me knowledge of serving Him as a Eucharistic Minister, Master of Ceremonies at Mass and being involved in church activities.

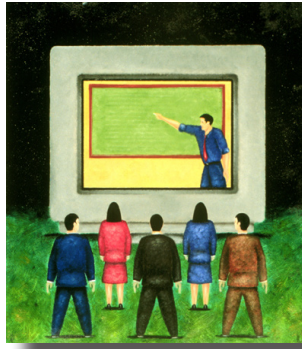
Post-Cursillo Coordinator Denise Camaioni

I was called by God to make my Cursillo in the spring of 1998. Since then God has blessed me with many opportunities to grow in my faith by allowing me to serve Him through my job as an oncology nurse as well as through Cursillo. I currently am a member of St. Galls parish in Elburn, IL where I also sing in the guitar choir for Mass.

In November 2010, I was blessed to serve as Rectora for the 83rd Women's Cursillo. It was through this commitment that God called me to serve as the Postcursillo Coordinator. I thank God for this opportunity to serve Him and am excited to help spread the message of Cursillo throughout the Rockford Diocese and beyond. De Colores and Ultreya, my friends in Christ!

Spanish Lay Director Tomas Pizano Molina

Yo Tomas Pizano Molina naci en Mexico, D.F. el 03/01/1954, siendo 4to de 9 hermanos en una familia de tradicion catolca fui Bautizado, confirmado, hice mi 1a. comunion, casado por la Iglesia desde hace 34 anos, Dios me bendijo con 3 hijos Jose Antonio, Cynthia y Tomas Jr., el tercero me lo presto solo por un mes. pero El Senor me ha Bendecido con 5 hermosos nietos y uno mas que si el Senor lo permite ya viene en camino Fui Monaguillo cuando tenia 12y 13 anos en el pueblo de mis padres el Senor Antonio Pizano Rios ya fallecido y mi madre Isabel Molina Tapia Estoy en este pais desde el ano de 1979, actualmente estoy viviendo en Sycamore IL. Estoy viviendo mi cursillo desde el ano 2003y desde entonces estoy al servicio en la Parroquia de Santa Maria en Sycamore IL; donde funjimos como Capitanes de la Liturgia mi esposa Josefina Pizano y yo. He estado colaborando en el M.C.C; donde el Senor me ha llamado, y si El lo permite seguire



SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Another year has passed since my last article on the School of Leaders and over this past year we have made great strides. I truly feel the Holy Spirit is pointing us in the right direction. We have spent much of the past year concentrating on Post Cursillo and the importance of Ultreyas. I am happy to say we now have active Ultreyas in McHenry, Aurora, DeKalb, Sycamore and Oregon. We still need to establish one in the Huntley/ Hampshire area. That will come in time.

Many of you have heard that we have made some changes over the past year. In order to have a vibrant Cursillo movement in our diocese, we must have an active School of Leaders. All of the literature I have read stresses the importance of the school. Therefore, in order to be involved in a leadership roll on a Cursillo weekend you must be involved in the School of Leaders. Our school is now turning to training. We have already reviewed the essence and purpose of Cursillo and are now going through kitchen, liaison, chapel, music, and rector/a training. This should give all of us a true understanding of what it takes to head these areas of the weekend. I am always looking for ideas for topics at our meeting. So, if you have an idea please let me know and I will work it into our schedule.

Our new web site is now up and running. If you go to the School of Leaders section you will find some of our past workshop posts. We presently have five of the lay talks posted and two workshops on the movement. I encourage everyone to review these workshops, especially if you are giving a talk.

At the time of this writing we just finished our May meeting. We had over 60 Cursillistas attend the meeting! I was truly in awe. Over the past four years we have struggled to get our attendance up. I was lamenting that fact to Manny Garcia at a secretariat meeting and he asked me if I was praying for the school. I said yes, I pray a chaplet of divine mercy every day. He nicely told me that wasn't enough. He said; "You need to say a rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament every week." I believe God, not Manny, was challenging my commitment to the movement. So starting that week, and every week since, I pray a rosary in adoration for the school and the movement. This is a commitment I plan to keep. Manny came up to me after the meeting and said: "I thought you were having trouble with attendance?" I told him it was the power of prayer. A new Cursillista came to her first meeting in May and said this afterwards; "My fourth day finally made sense after seeing so many people dedicated to this movement." I ask you all to please keep the school and the movement in your prayers. I also ask you all to come to our meetings.

DeColores!

Don White



CURRENT DIRECTION OF SPANISH CURSILLO 2010-2011

Spanish Secretariat attended Cursillo of Cursillos (February 2010)

Our realizations...

- "God willed the Cursillo movement, it did not just happen"
 - "It is a working three-day weekend highly recommended for willfully committed and dedicated Cursillo leaders, and the current and/or prospective ones"
 - CofC has only been presented in English in 2009 in FL & TX
 - "The worst enemies of a movement are those who become its promoters without understanding it." Dostoevsky, Structure of Ideas
 - We realized the need for a School of Leaders that would guide our movement as a whole to discernment on each of our personal vocations in the Church and in particular, service to the Church and our environments through leadership in the Cursillo movement Decisions after prayer, study and discernment ACTIONS taken
- 1. Secretariat made a decision to place a pause on the weekends in the Spanish-speaking side of the movement in order to establish a SOL that would unify the mentality of its leaders, give formation on the methodology of the movement and Church teachings.*
- c. The realization that we could NOT focus on implementing a SOL and the formation of leaders; as well as the "clean-up" of the ornaments placed on the tree of Cursillo, while planning 3-day, being a "Cursillista factory" or bring "drive-by Cursillistas" without unity in mentality and weekends as well. The pause to the weekends was made with the candidates in mind and the understanding that we could not continue If the School is effective, then through its members the Ultreyas will be effective. There cannot be authentic Groups, Ultreyas and Schools without leaders who fully understand the Movement's purpose and method, and who are committed to it as their Christian vocation." Leaders Manual & National Newsletter methodology in the purpose of the movement and in faithfulness to the Christ. The Cursillo movement in Spanish was becoming too "human" (artificial) and leaving Christ aside, rather than as the center.
 - d. We were not being Servant Leaders; rather we were "directors".
 - e. Three Day weekends were the center of the movement, rather than the conduit to the 4th day. We heard expressions such as, "I go work a weekend, so that I can charge up my spiritual battery", "I get so much out of working the weekend".

a. Realization of Ultreyas not following the essence and finality of the Ultreyai. Bible study, charismatic prayer sessions, "mini-retreat"

ii. Not promoting apostolic leadership; only a few individuals were "the leaders"—division between "leaders and followers"

iii. Focus was on the "numbers" and not the iv. Ultreyas were being utilized by some clergy for other agendas or platform to reprimand their parishioners b. Realization that "The School is to the Ultreya what the team Leaders are to the Cursillo Weekend." June 2007

Area Ultreyas



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 alafdrjohnson@gmail.com

Aurora: Bi-monthly at Holy Angels. Contact Marty Lachat 630-204-7920

ROCKFORD CURSILLO WEB UPDATE



The Rockford Cursillo website has been updated recently and now is using "Constant Contact" to stay in contact with Cursillistas. If you check on the newsletter button you can be notified of dates important to you. Please take the time to go online and add your information and become closer connected to the movement. The address 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>

OMCC World organization: <http://www.orgmcc.org>

Rockford Diocese website: <http://www.rockforddiocese.org>

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

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Ultreya *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.*