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May the peace of God be with you all! My name is Brenda Morones and as of August I became the new Lay Director for the Diocese of Rockford Cursillo Movement. For those of you who don't know me, I lived my Cursillo in the fall of 1994 at St. Catherine's in Genoa. Since then I have worked in both the English and Spanish side of the movement.

For the last 3 ½ years I've been attending the Secretariat meetings. At first it was just to learn more about how the movement worked. Then I became more involved when I offered to update the bylaws. The Pastoral Plan followed. I also attended Region 5 Encounters. In 2009 I was voted in as the Assistant Lay Director. In the fall I was asked to be the Rectora for the women's spring weekend. As I was planning for the weekend I was then asked to consider taking on the role of being Lay Director. I'm not saying this to be proud. In fact, looking back, it has been an amazing journey. The Lord has been guiding me every step of the way. At times it brings me to my knees to see how He has moved everything round in my life so I can be His servant, His instrument. He has prepared me in such a way that taking on the role of Lay Director feels like the next natural step to take. I look forward to serving not only the Lord, but also the Cursillo community in the next three years.

The Cursillo Movement is a lay ministry and one that needs to move forward. Secretariat has taken some steps to make this happen. One step was to speak to Bishop Doran about the movement and get his help to promote the movement throughout the diocese. Another step was to redesign the Cursillo website. We are also focusing on how to get Ultreyas up and running regularly throughout the diocese. This is where we need your help.

I understand just how busy everyone can be nowadays. I myself have a family and a career, as well as being involved in other church ministries. But if everyone can pitch in with a little time and talent then the load will not be so heavy for one person. As I mentioned above, it is amazing what God can and will do to those who say yes to Him! Trust in Him and His graces will fill your soul.

If you can help out in anyway with Ultreyas in your area or in any of the phases Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, Post-Cursillo, please contact the School of Leaders Chairperson, Don White, by phone at 847-683-2005 or email dwhite@foxvalley.net. He'll be happy to fill you in on things you can do.

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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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

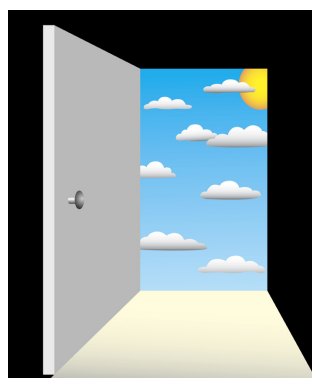
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Cursillo Weekends

English Men	March 3 - 6
English Women	Apr 28 - May 1
Spanish Men	June 2 - 5
Spanish Women	June 9 - 12

Other Dates

Ultreya Grande VI,



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



SCHOOL OF LEADERS

My, how time flies! By the time this article is published I will have almost completed my three year commitment as the head of the School of Leaders. We have come a long way over the past three years, but still have a long way to go. I have been asked and have accepted to stay on as the head of the School for another three year term. I look forward to serving this movement for another term.

At this point, we have completed work shops on all of the lay talks. I plan to get them posted on the web site sometime soon. We are now going through the three phases of Cursillo: Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, and Post-Cursillo. This should take us through the rest of the year. We will be concentrating on Post-Cursillo to start. This is an area the English side of the movement needs to expand.

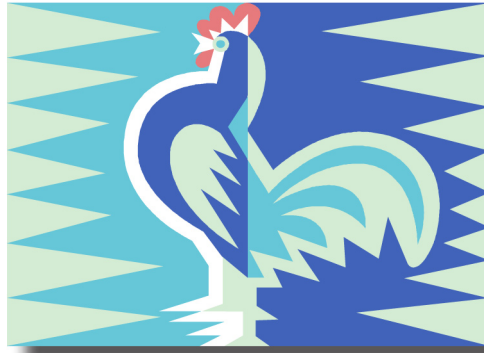
I recently finished reading a small book entitled "How to Program a School of Leaders." The following statement really struck me: "We should look for the humility that expresses itself in a holy awe of the work of Cursillos and which does not attribute Cursillos success to the technique of men but to grace". It reminded me of Acts 5, 33 - 40. In it a Pharisee named Gamamil warns the Sanhedrin; "But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them; you may even find yourselves fighting against God." I truly am in awe of this movement, and I know it is the work of God. Each Cursillo weekend, a group of strangers come together on Thursday night. By Sunday, they have been transformed through the grace of God! What an awesome manifestation of his presence on earth!

I look forward to seeing you at the School of Leaders meetings in Hampshire. If you wish to be notified of the upcoming dates, please send me an email at dwhite@foxvalley.net.

My God bless you and your families.

DeColores

Don White



Ultreya Grande VI

January 29

9 am - 4 pm

St. Bridget's Parish Center

704 Clifford Ave, Loves Park IL

The Rockford Cursillo has had five Ultreya Grandes over the last five years and we hope to make this one the biggest yet. If you have not been to an Ultreya Grande, it is a bilingual gathering of both communities of Cursillistas that has drawn over 300 people the last few years. This year's will be held at St Bridget's parish center in Loves Park.

It starts with sign in at 8-9 am and at 9:00 we pray, hear scripture and then break into English and Spanish communities to cover topics of interest to each group. The English community will be lead by the School of Leaders. We will have a witness by a new Cursillista couple and then we will be given a chance to talk in small groups about how Cursillo has impacted our lives.

*We then have Mass, which will be followed by lunch. The afternoon features the combined group and we will have a witness by Margaret Johnson on the **1985 hijacking of TWA flight 847**. She will talk about Deacon Ray's and her faith during those 17 days and how it changed her family's relationships forever. We will also have a spiritual talk given by a religious and we will end with some dances.*

There will be great fellowship, music and good food. Spread the word and join us on January 29th for the sixth annual Ultreya Grande! From 9:00a.m., through 4:30p.m., with bilingual Mass at Noon. Please RSVP so we can have enough food.

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

To RSVP or more information about the day contact: Al Johnson 815/877-3546 Email: AlfredRJohnson@gmail.com or Barb Hayes 815/728-0918 r2b2hayes@comcast.net



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).

Men's Weekend March 3 - 6

Rector: Lou Hutches 630-896-4022

lhutches1@att.net

Assistant: Tom Gallenbach 630-898-1497

tomjenniferg@msn.com

Team Meetings 1:00 pm in Rm. 216 at Holy Cross school in Batavia, except as noted.

January 9

January 16

February 13

February 20

February 27 Commissioning at St. Charles Borromeo in Hampshire

Women's Weekend April 28 - May 1

Rectora: Mary Fiedler 815-344-9003

iwud2@yahoo.com

Assistant: Milica Glaw 815-344-2074

milica51@comcast.net

Team Meetings 1:00 pm at locations noted

February 27 Commissioning at St. Charles Borromeo in Hampshire

March 6 at St. Mary's Parish Center, Oregon IL

March 20 at Holy Apostles, McHenry

April 10 at Holy Apostles, McHenry

April 17 at Holy Apostles, McHenry



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 Chuy8844@msn.com

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>

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