

MY JOURNEY CONTINUES

Deacon John

The beginning of our new "School of Leaders" is fast approaching – September 14th at 7:00 PM, St. Patrick's chapel will start the first meeting. At last count we were around 40 Cursillistas and climbing. My first thought was *not* to sign up, after all I've been around *FOREVER!* After listening to the agenda last month at our meeting I've thought a lot about this commitment and Irene & I have signed up! I have been on quite a few weekends and every one of them I came away with something new that I learned so I am sure I'll learn (or re-learn) something new at this School of Leaders.

A lot of work, thinking & prayers have gone into setting up this "New" opportunity by our lay director, Mike Riley and his committee. I'm sure we will all be very pleased with their work and get a lot of new direction for our continuing journey.

I hope to see a lot of "new" faces as well as many "old" faces in the coming months as we learn more about our journey.

De Colores

WOMEN OF FAITH

Calling all female Cursillistas!!! I have a block of tickets reserved for the Women of Faith Conference this coming November in Hartford. It is November 11th - 12th. The cost is \$89 and includes box lunches on Friday and Saturday. It starts on Friday from 10-3:30 and then goes Friday evening 7-10pm. On Saturday it is 9-5. If you would like to see a video clip of the event please go to womenoffaith.com and click on Events and then Hartford CT.

Please let me know if you are interested and if you have any friends that you would like to bring with you. I have a block of seats reserved, so it is first come first served. If interested, please contact me ASAP.

Instead of thinking of it as time away from your family... consider that maybe the best thing you can do for your family is to take time for yourself. You just might find that it will help you to be a better mom, wife and friend.

Love and prayers, Kathy Held (413) 525-1634 or held5@charter.net

YOU HAVE FAITH

You are gifted beyond imagination.

You were created in the image of God.

You are love.

God speaks through you to others.

You are one.

You are who you are.

The more you are compressed.

The Stronger you become.

You have faith.

You are gifted beyond imagination.

You are who you are.

Wendell S. Mitchell

(father of Dottie Mitchell who began her Cursillo journey May 2011)



CLIP OUT & SAVE!

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	CALENDAR
16	21	18	16	DIOCESAN Ultreya - 7:30 p.m. (3rd Fri.) Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Holyoke, MA
8	13	10	8	Local Ultreya - 7 p.m. St. Stanislaus, Chicopee, MA (2nd Thurs.)

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www.cursillowmass.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Everyone should have received an invitation in the mail. If you have not replied, there is still time to join us. And we are looking to hear from you even if you are not planning on attending so we can gather your email information for Cursillo email announcements that are sent out once a month.

Please consider attending Wed., Sept. 14th 7pm at St. Patrick's Chapel, Main St. South Hadley.

Bring a friend and Continue the Journey.

RSVP to Linda at Lmenard2347@verizon.net or call Faith St. Onge 322-9635

A DAY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CURSILLO...

...its history, how teams are formed, details of a 3-day weekend, ways to get involved in post-Cursillo and more! Come by yourself, with a friend or gather your group and spend the day together sharing and learning.

FORMATION SCHOOL will be held at St. Thomas Community Center in West Springfield on Saturday, Oct. 15 OR Sunday, Oct. 23.

It will run 9am-3:30pm

Bring a bag lunch, we'll supply beverage and dessert.

Open to all Cursillistas.

Great formation for yourself and/or your group or if you're just looking to learn more about Cursillo. Team members include: Donna Gaudrault, Tom Lamondia, Judy Lloyd, Katie Orellana, Dorene Pennell, Jim Ripa & Faith St. Onge.

Please register by Oct. 8

Dorene Pennell at 467-3724 or email: dorene@pipmail.com

FELLOW CURSILLISTAS,

Come have breakfast with our own Professor Paul Mariani, as we all know, Paul holds the Chair in the English Department at Boston College. Paul will highlight the **Right To Life Breakfast at the Log Cabin** in Holyoke, MA on Sunday morning, October 16th at 10 am. The famous Log Cabin's Breakfast and Paul's comments will last about two hours and will be over before noon. Paul has a strong commitment and belief in the sanctity of life and his message will be an inspiring one on how we can protect the most innocent among us, The Unborn.

Tickets are \$20.00 ea. Tables of 8 or 10 are available for reservation. Tickets may be obtained from Dick & Ellen Onofrey at 413-568-7964 emonofrey@yahoo.com or Fred & Heleane Glidden at 413-533-4803 fhglid@comcast.net
Thank you for your support. *De Colores*

*The word of God is living and effective,
able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart*

Heb 4:12



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DEAR FRIENDS,

Fr. David Joyce

During these days, we're in that time of the Liturgical Year we call "ordinary" - not Christmas, not Easter, not Pentecost, not the preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent, just "ordinary time". And the Sunday liturgies during this time call us to grow in our Christian life in "ordinary" ways - responding to the needs we encounter, taking time to be with the Lord in prayer; in short, just doing what needs to be done. For us, the Cursillo weekend was Christmas, Easter and Pentecost all wrapped into one; living the Fourth day is "ordinary time". We're troubled at times that many in our Cursillo family have dropped out, have seemingly lost interest. I suspect that their reasons are many and varied. Nevertheless, our hope is always to reignite that interest, to find the key that gets people involved again. Meanwhile, we put all of this in God's hands, confident that He who sustains us in our "ordinary time" is also working in the lives of all our brothers and sisters to draw them to Him through their own "ordinary time".

And now, my friends, Fall is nearly upon us. Isn't it strange that so many of us, long out of school, consider this to be a time of gearing up again? Maybe it's a concern for our young people and our hope for their education, our hope that one day they'll take our place. I'll bet your parish could use some help in its religious education and youth ministry programs. And I'll bet that you're just the one who could offer that help!

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR.....

Mike Riley

As we enter September I hope each of you had a chance to enjoy this summer and to take time to recharge your "batteries". I am reminded at this time that our spiritual life also needs to be recharged from time to time. Cursillo offers a number of ways for a "recharge" to occur. First, beginning on September 14th at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick's in South Hadley, we will be starting what many of us have been working on so diligently for the past year, a chance to "Continue the Journey...the School of Leaders". I think we've communicated to you enough about the School of Leaders so if you're looking for a way to "recharge" the spiritual energy you were blessed to discover on your Cursillo weekend, and if you want to help sustain the growth of the Cursillo movement in this area, there is no better place for you than to "Continue the Journey."

We are also getting prepared for our Men's and Women's Cursillo weekends next Spring. We are very pleased to announce that Rector Tom Domenichelli will be assisted by Matt Lavallo, and Rectora Jan DiPietro will be assisted by Rose Stella. Thank you all for committing your time and energy in the next year to the Cursillo Movement. May God bless you and may the Holy Spirit guide you in your responsibilities.

Dorene Pennell has generously volunteered to head our one-day Formation School this fall. We have reserved the dates of Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 23rd at St Thomas in West Springfield. Participants may choose to attend one of these dates. Each session will start at 9am and run until 3:30pm. This school, which we have run in various forms for the last 10 years or so, was revised last year to a one-day session with great success. It is open to anyone who desires to know a little more about the Cursillo, the method and the purpose.



Thanks also to Dave Bergeron and Leslie Brown for volunteering their time and energy to run the Men's and Women's Cursillo Retreats this February and March. More information will follow, but please keep both of them in your prayers as they assemble their team and develop their theme. Each year these retreats give the Cursillo community yet another outlet to continue our spiritual journeys.

In addition to these activities, our Diocesan Ultreya, for which we continue to see an increase in attendance, is always available on the third Friday of the month at Blessed Sacrament in Holyoke. Please consider joining us, even if you haven't been in years. You are always welcome and our informal gatherings afterward provide a great way of sharing your Fourth day and enhancing the Cursillo community.

Finally, a word about sponsoring candidates. Please don't wait until the weekend is about to occur to invite someone to make a Cursillo weekend. Sponsoring should not be a spur of the moment decision. It should be done only after serious, thoughtful discernment by *both* the sponsor and the potential candidate. Remember, Cursillo is *not* a problem solver and is *not* for everyone. The weekend should be offered to those who can truly influence others to follow Christ's message. As a sponsor, don't forget YOU have a responsibility to see to it your candidate is informed about the weekend (except Palanca) before he attends; that you are there for them at the closing, and that you accompany your candidate to Ultreyas and support their Fourth day.

Please enjoy each and every day and God Bless you all.

De Colores

SHARE THE GIFT

Faith St. Onge

Do you remember your Cursillo weekend and all those wonderful, can't-be-described feelings? Remember those times in chapel ~ how close you felt to Jesus ~ and to the other men/women sharing your weekend? Remember the laughter and the overwhelming joy that lifted your spirit? You probably thought more than once, "I'm so glad I'm here! What a gift my sponsor has given me!" There it is ~ the magic word ~ *gift!*

This gift of Cursillo gives us acceptance into a loving community of Christian people who will support and pray for us, and we receive a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Honestly, isn't this worth sharing with others? Look around you. Isn't there a family member, a neighbor, a friend, someone you see at mass, or someone at work who might be open to receiving the gift of the Cursillo experience?

Over the years, more than one person has told me they are reluctant to take on the responsibility of sponsoring, because they are not quite sure what it would involve. Well, all applications for Cursillo come in two parts: one filled out by the applicant and one for the sponsor. There are guidelines and instructions to help you in sponsoring. Also, there is a small booklet (39 pages) from the National Cursillo which should answer your questions. Usually the booklet is sent to the sponsor after he or she sends in the candidate's application. However, you can obtain this booklet at any time from any member of the School of Leaders, Secretariat or at an Ultreya.

Once you have given the special gift of Cursillo, it is expected that you will

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cursillowmass.org for applications

support your new Cursillista by taking them along with you to the Ultreyas, so that they may become a welcomed member of the larger Cursillo Community. Your enthusiasm will be contagious. (Sometimes having a candidate may renew or increase the sponsor's enthusiasm.) In the first three months after the Cursillo, there will be three reunions for all the new Cursillistas and the team will take an active part in helping to support the new people.

Remember back to your own Cursillo weekend and that sturdy three-legged stool of Piety, Study and Action? (Some called it Holiness, Formation and Evangelization) You will recall that Action (Evangelization) assures us it just makes good sense to share something so grace-filled and joy-filled, and possibly life-changing as the Cursillo weekend.

Help me, Lord, to share the gift.

De Colores

Feel often during the day the need for prayer and pray. Prayer opens the heart, till it is capable of obtaining God Himself. Ask and seek and your heart will be big enough to receive Him and keep Him as your own.

~ Mother Teresa

~ IN MEMORIAL ~

JOHN DOYLE May 2011
Weekend - Oct. 1974

DEACON JACK O'BRIEN May 2011
Weekend - Oct. 1971
Teams - Oct. 1974, Oct. 1975, May 1980

MARY ELLEN PERRY May 2011
Weekend - March 1980
Team - Nov. 1982

MARGUERITE "PEGGY" GAUL May 2011
Weekend - June 1972

REV. PAUL ARCHAMBAULT July 2011
Weekend - Oct. 2000

DEACON TOM CALLAHAN July 2011
Weekend - Oct. 1979
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