

DEAR FRIENDS

Msgr. David Joyce

As I write this brief article, many of us are wondering about the Men's Cursillo Weekend, October 11-14. Will we have a sufficient number of candidates to hold the weekend? My hope and my conviction is that we will, but still, - I wonder.

That wondering points out to me the importance of sponsorship. All of us in the Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Springfield need to renew our commitment to search out, invite and sponsor candidates. This isn't an easy job, because, as we have come to understand, the sponsors' tasks don't end with the Cursillo weekend. No, as sponsors, we commit ourselves to helping our candidates begin to live their fourth day by introducing them to the Cursillo community, and doing all we can to make sure the new Cursillistas are comfortable in their "new life."

A daunting task indeed, but a necessary one, if Cursillo is going to remain an active force for good in our Diocese and for our members.

So, please, give some consideration to these thoughts and then look around your parish, among your family, friends and co-workers, to see, if through you, God might be calling someone you love to make a Cursillo. You'll be doing a great favor for the potential Cursillista, and for the Cursillo community as well.

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CURSILLISTAS IN ACTION

Jason George

The Men's Cursillo Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 11-14, 2013. We are looking for **volunteers, male and female, to help with setting up for the weekend on Friday the 11th 12-2pm.** The set-up takes about 2-3 hours depending on participation. The more volunteers, the faster we are done. Any portion of the set-up time you are available will be a great help.

We will **also need help** for the tear down and then set-up for the closing. Give us a call for the time.

If you have been wondering what you can do to keep your commitment to Cursillo strong then this is a great way to satisfy your call to "ACTION" and ideal for a Palanca sacrifice.

Please remember that CHRIST is counting on you and so are all the team members and candidates.

If you have the time and would like to HELP please RSVP to Dan Van 781-258-1380 cell or 413-579-5395 home or myself as soon as possible at jason.a.george@comcast.net

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*The Men's Cursillo Team and Candidates
will be hosting the next Ultreya.
Join us in welcoming the new candidates
Friday, October 18 at 7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament parish hall, Holyoke.*



CLIP OUT & SAVE!

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	CALENDAR
18	15	20	17	DIOCESAN Ultreya - 7:30 p.m. (3rd Fri.) Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Holyoke, MA
9	13	11	8	School of Leaders/Secretariat 7-9pm (2nd Wed.) St. Patrick's Chapel, South Hadley, MA
12*	9*	6	-	Monthly Vigil for Cursillo St. John's, Agawam, MA (sign up info below)
Fri. Oct. 11th 7:30 pm Fri. Nov. 8th 7:30 pm		Sponsor's Liturgy - St. John's AGAWAM Open to all		
Fri. Oct. 11-14		Men's Cursillo Weekend - St. John's AGAWAM CLOSING 7PM Monday 14th		
Fri. Nov. 8-11		Women's Cursillo Weekend - St. John's AGAWAM CLOSING 7PM Monday 11th		
Visit our website for applications, latest updates and to register your email address for notices and reminders www.cursillowmass.org				

VIGIL FOR CURSILLO

at St. John's Church in Agawam on the first Friday of
February, March, April, May, October, November and December.

**On the month with a Cursillo Weekend,
it is held the Saturday of that weekend.*

Thirty-nine years ago the first Cursillo vigil was held at the Monastery in West Springfield. And, in the beginning, the vigil on a Cursillo weekend was held for 24 hours! Bless the men who took the wee hours. In those days, we were holding 2 men's and 2 women's weekends a year. We realized how abundantly God was blessing us, so we felt we should hold a vigil every month asking Our Loving Father to guide and strengthen the Cursillo Movement in Western Massachusetts. And so, the Cursillo Vigil began ~ and has continued without interruption for 39 years thanks to the dedication of Dot Dineen, Barbara Weissbrod and Irene Breton who have faithfully made hundreds of calls throughout the years. God has heard our prayers! Our Cursillo Movement is alive, and well, and vibrant ~ but we still have some difficulty enlisting candidates. We want to *share the gift*.

Please consider volunteering for one hour at St. John the Evangelist church, Main St., Agawam between 8am - 9pm. **Call today for the upcoming Men's Weekend - Vigil will be held Saturday, Oct. 12 and we want to make sure all the hours are covered.**

We have a request from the faithful volunteers that have been keeping this going for some new volunteers. This would be a wonderful Action for your group and for yourself, or palanca for a loved one. Call Barb Weissbrod at 532-5474 or Irene Breton 572-1103 or Faith St. Onge 322-9635.

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Palanca to St. John's in Agawam
Men's Weekend
Fri. Oct. 11 - Oct. 14
Closing 7pm Mon. 14th!

THE CURSILLO COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 1207
HOLYOKE, MASS. 01041-1207

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MEN'S TEAM

Friday, Oct. 11 - 14, 2013

St. John's, Agawam

Closing 7pm Mon.

Rector	Matt Lavallee	Action	Joe Ciejka
Assistant Rector	Tom Rodriguez	Leaders	Jason George
Spiritual Advisors	Fr. Bill Lunney	Study of Environment	Pat Sears
	Deacon Tom Gaudrault	Christian in Action	Tom Lamondia
Ideal	Jim Ripa	Ninth Member	Dan Rodriguez
Layperson in the Church	Joe Salvon	Head Cha	Lou Della Croce
Piety	Dan Cosenzi	Cha	Ernie Oliver
Study	Mike King	Cha	Joe Fallon

CANDIDATES

For updates/changes go to www.cursillowmass.org

Candidate drop off is by 7pm on Fri., Oct. 11

CANDIDATE	CITY	SPONSOR
Jack Canavan	Springfield	Mike King
Dre Cotto	Springfield	Wendell Mitchell
Larry Eagan	Longmeadow	Pat Sears
Rick Fiske	Ludlow	Bob Farrell
Scott Flanagan	Enfield, CT	Mike King
Alan Forcier	S. Hadley	Barbara Forcier
Ron George	Leicester, MA	Jason George
Ray Ginepro	Granby	Ed Okseniak
Andy Hogan	Springfield	James Brunault
Jim Janczulewicz	Springfield	Mike Perkins
John Kras	S. Hadley	Dianne Chagnon
Cornelius Lunney	Holyoke	Jason George
Tony Mercieri	Monson	John Kirwan
Chris McDonald	Springfield	Mary Ann Maloney
Jeff Morgan	Longmeadow	Pat Sears
Jeff Platenik	Springfield	Mike King
Dave Rossmiller	Springfield	Jeffrey Scott
Ed Sabourin	Indian Orchard	Dan Cosenzi
Victor Sanchez	Springfield	Kathy Canavan
Bob Sullivan	W. Springfield	Wendell Pennell
Frank Wotton III	Holyoke	Barney Marshall

Just Added:

Craig Freeman

Shelburne Falls

Jae Helenek

*Encourage one another
and build one another up.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11



MEET YOUR RECTOR - Matt Lavallee

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew, Ch.18; 20)

How blest I feel to be part of this Cursillo Community. This community has taught me so much and has provided wonderful opportunities for me to learn about and practice my Christian faith. For those that don't know me, my name is Matt Lavallee and I am the Rector for the upcoming Men's Cursillo I wish to thank my wife, Linda, for bringing me to Cursillo and sponsoring me back in April of 2002.

I live in South Hadley with my wife Linda, and amazing children, Brenden, Mary and Norah. I remember at my closing back in April of 2002, when thinking about how I would answer the question "What am I going to do with it", meaning the experience of Cursillo, I thought of my family. That was the environment I could have an immediate and lasting impact on. I wanted to do God's work in my home environment. Through practicing the method of Group Reunion and Ultreya I have continued to journey onward through many different 4th day experiences. For me it was that first Cursillo experience in April of 2002 that simply allowed the seed to be planted.

Having the opportunity to serve with this year's team of genuine and humble followers of God is a true gift that I will remember forever. As a team, we have placed our trust in God and we sincerely thank you for your prayers and willingness to "Bring a Friend to Christ" by sponsoring a candidate for this year's Men's Cursillo. Through the Grace and Love of God I continue my journey onward because I try and remember that "Christ is counting on me and I on Him."

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PALANCA . . . for the Men's weekend comes out on Saturday, Oct. 12. It can be delivered to at the rear of the kitchen located on the left side of the social center before noon if you want your candidate to get your palanca early. IF that is not possible, of course you can deliver it any time during the weekend.

Just a reminder..." PALANCA is prayers and sacrifices on behalf of the Cursillo." The ChaChas will only be able to deliver those notes and posters which describe prayers and sacrifices. Remember, if you have a picture, flowers, or a gift for your candidate, save it for the trip home, not during the weekend time. This helps to avoid misunderstandings and hurt feelings among the candidates. Thanks for your cooperation on this matter!

Dear Fellow Cursillistas

Mike Riley

Bill and Theresa D'Amato, two long-time Cursillistas who made their Cursillos in another diocese, suggested to the Secretariat that we put together a Sponsors' Liturgy specifically designed and dedicated to those individuals or groups sponsoring candidates for the upcoming Cursillo weekends. ... *What a great idea!!*

Based on their suggestion, we are inviting the *entire Cursillo community* and are strongly asking each candidate's sponsor for the upcoming Men's and Women's weekend to attend this Liturgy. The teams and candidates will not

be in attendance as they are getting set for their weekend and we should avoid telling the candidates beforehand of this Liturgy.

The Men's Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday, October 11th while the Women's will be celebrated on Friday, November 8th. Each Mass will start at 7:30pm at St John's the Evangelist Church in Agawam and will be celebrated by Monsignor Joyce. It will last no more than one hour during which Bill and Theresa will give a brief talk on Cursillo sponsorship and each sponsor will be presented a candle as a symbol of their obligation and responsibility to their candidate both during and after the weekend. The Cursillo community will be there to support and pledge Palanca to those sponsors and their candidates.

So, to those sponsors (or designated surrogates), after you drop off your candidate at the social center, you can simply go next door to the church and wait for the Liturgy to begin *promptly at 7:30. We need to be finished and out of the parking lot by the time the team and candidates come over to the church for the stations of the cross.*

We thank Bill and Theresa for their suggestion and leadership in putting this together. We think this is a marvelous and prayerful way to start the weekend and begin our Palanca. We very much look forward to seeing all of you on October 11th and November 8th to pray for the success of both of these wonderful faith filled weekends.

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SIGN UP . . .

We now send out Cursillo Email Notices and Updates.

If you or someone you know hasn't signed up, please send your email address to dorene@pipmail.com
Spread the word, thank you!

Share the gift, SPONSOR

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In Celebration of Faith St. Onge's 80th Birthday

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Diane Daigle
Marie Murray
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Faith St. Onge

in Honor of Sally & Marty Markey's 50th Wedding Anniversary

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