

DEAR FRIENDS,

Msgr. David Joyce

How perceptive we are when we depend on the Holy Spirit. Some, (including myself), were wondering if we would have enough candidates for the upcoming October Men's Cursillo. Others (with more faith) were certain that the Holy Spirit would come through - they were right! Tom Rodriguez and his team will do a wonderful job as they open themselves to the Spirit, and lead a faith filled weekend.

Today's Gospel (September 21), the story of the workers in the vineyard, is essentially a story about God's mercy and generosity - we can depend on Him. In fact, we must depend on Him. If everything we have and everything we are is God's generous gift to us, then all we can do is expect it and accept it. And it's in that spirit that we approach the October Cursillo - an abundance of prayer in the hope that our prayer will be answered.

Traditionally, an important part of that prayer for our Diocesan Cursillo Family has been and continues to be the Vigil - held on the First Friday of every month, except the month when a Cursillo weekend is being held. In that month, our Vigil is held on the Saturday of the weekend.

I'm happy to report that from now on, our Vigil will be held at Christ the King Parish in Ludlow. Many thanks to Fr. Ray Soltys and his parish for their hospitality, and many thanks as well to our long-time hosts, St. John's Parish in Agawam, and their pastor, Fr. Tomasz Parcynski. Christ the King has perpetual adoration in a small chapel in their social center. Joining with them will enable us to have our Vigil without worrying about normal parish activities - funerals, weddings, etc. - and St. John's won't have to worry about us - a win/win! It would be wonderful if we could increase our numbers. Special thanks to all those involved in organizing this Vigil for so many years.

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THE ULTREYA

taken from the National Cursillo Center, TX

"... they were all together in one place." (Acts 2:1)

Ultraya is a word of invitation to build community and to journey beyond while infecting others with the joy of Jesus Christ in the different environments of life. The Ultraya is a festivity of the community that celebrates the reality of different people in common-union, living their Christian experience with all. The Ultraya is a Group Reunion where contact is made between brothers and sisters who live and give their life for what is fundamental to being Christian. It is the place where what was said at the Cursillo is lived.

The Ultraya is the gathering of the Groups or the Reunion of the Group Reunions. The Groups and their members participate in it for the same reasons they go to the Group Reunions: to share what everybody and every Group lives. They do not go to Ultraya to acquire knowledge or to receive instructions.

The purpose of the Ultraya is to encourage living the faith, facilitating that the best of each person reaches the most people possible, through friendship and personal testimonies, so that each person feels loved, understood, supported and appreciated as a person. The Ultraya is the moment in which life enters the Ultraya and the moment the Ultraya enters into life, remov-



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Oct	Nov	Dec.	CALENDAR
17	21	19	DIOCESAN Ultraya - 7:30 p.m. (3rd Fri.) Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Holyoke, MA
8	12	10	Secretariat 7-9pm (2nd Wed.) St. Patrick's Chapel, South Hadley, MA
Fri. Oct. 10, 7:30 pm			Sponsor's Liturgy - St. John's AGAWAM Open to all
Oct. 10-13			Men's Cursillo Weekend - St. John's AGAWAM CLOSING 6:30pm Monday 13th
Sat. Oct. 11			Cursillo Vigil - Christ the King, Ludlow 8:30am - 8pm
Visit our website for applications, latest updates and to register your email address for notices and reminders www.cursillomass.org			

ing fears from those who might have them and bringing forth understanding and confidence to live in Grace and bear witness to the Love of God in the environments in which we move, in the moveable square meter in which each of us lives.

The genuine Ultraya is one of the few places and occasions where the person who is in the process of conversion can really see that he can be the best without feeling better than the others. This unique and evangelical sensation can only be attained by those who are becoming fully human and fully alive Christians.

Therefore, the Ultraya should exhibit through its method and proper atmosphere that while a human can always become more fully human, more fully alive and a better Christian, we can never become more than what we truly are, children of God.

In concluding, the Postcursillo is designed to facilitate the nurturing of those three essential encounters that took place during the Cursillo so that they grow and develop into true friendship — friendship of the individual with himself, with Christ, and with his brothers and sisters.

Methodologically speaking, there is no doubt that the key to this process of friendship building is the last encounter — friendship with the others. Not only the others that encompass all but especially the friendship with those who are intimately involved in our conversion process, those in our Group Reunion and Ultraya.

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POST-CURSILLO committee is looking for a volunteer to help with the Cursillo Vigil. Barb Weissbrod has officially retired from this latest ministry of making calls to fill Adoration. Her service to God and Cursillo has been a blessing to all of us since the early 70s. Barb is a mentor to those of us who have journeyed with her, inspiring us to serve with the same spirit and enthusiasm she consistently shows. She has made Cursillo her apostolic action, giving years of faithfulness and hard work to the movement in many capacities and she continues to be a bright light in our Cursillo. We love you, Barb. Thank you for your many years of service and may God continue to bless you. For more information on volunteering call Irene Breton 572-1103 or Faith St. Onge 322-9635.



Palanca to St. John's in Agawam
Men's Weekend
Fri. Oct. 10-13, 2014
Closing 6:30pm Mon 13th!

Men's Weekend Fall 2014

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MEN'S TEAM

Friday, Oct. 10-13, 2014

St. John's, Agawam Closing *NEW TIME* 6:30pm Mon.

Rector	Tom Rodriguez	Action	Scott Flanagan
Assistant Rector	Jason George	Leaders	Bob Wade
Spiritual Advisors	Fr. Tom Shea	Study of Environment	Ted Muszynski
	Deacon Bob Farrell	Christian in Action	Steve Morrissey
Ideal	Dan Rodriguez	Ninth Member	Tom Domenichelli
Layperson in the Church	Jeff Morgan	Head Cha	Dan Van Kruiningen
Piety	Bo Kelliher	Cha	Andrew Hogan
Study	Greg Dobek	Cha	Paul Podmore

CANDIDATES

Candidate drop off is by **7pm** on Fri., Oct. 10th

CANDIDATE	CITY	SPONSOR
Robert Bolden	E. Longmeadow	Kiesha Bolden
James Capurso	E. Longmeadow	Bernard Marshall
Dan Cohen	Springfield	Bob Farrell/The Kelliher
Darin Cook	Springfield	Brendan O'Neill
Ed Cottrill	Greenfield	Jae Helenek
John Coty	Belchertown	Gil Dacosta
Jeff Doe	E. Longmeadow	Mike King
Michael Hanna	Longmeadow	Lou DellaCroce
Pat Hegarty	Belchertown	Pat Sears
Jeffrey Krause	Agawam	Michelle Temple & Nelson Letendre
Garry Landry	Indian Orchard	Mike King
Todd Lempke	Southampton	Mary Lempke
Chad Meyer	E. Longmeadow	Kari Meyer
Walter Miffitt	Belchertown	Gil Decosta
Kevin Murdock	Springfield	Bob Farrell/Tom Lamondia
John Murray	South Hadley	Tom Gaudrault
Phil Myers	Chicopee	Linda Menard
Ben Nascembeni	Springfield	Sr. Betty Matuszek
Alberto Navarro	Springfield	Mike King
Dan Prats	Chicopee	Julie Prats
Dave Southworth	Springfield	Larry Egan

MEET YOUR RECTOR - Tom Rodriguez

Hello! My name is Tom Rodriguez. I am humbled and honored to be the rector of the 2014 Men's Cursillo Weekend. I would like to take this time to tell you a little about myself and share a few pre-Cursillo and 4th day moments.

I live in Westfield with Cherrie, my best friend and wife of 33 years. We have one daughter, Loni, who is age 27 and lives in Quincy working as a

Physical Therapist.

In the summer of 1996 I reached out to Lenny and Maria Rodriguez. I sought their counsel because I was dealing with some inner personal struggles. On paper they are distant relatives; in reality they are two of the most special people that I have been blessed to have in my life. Due to this reason, when I was "told" by Lenny that I was to make a Cursillo that October, I did what I was told to do.

To say that my Cursillo weekend was a life changing experience would be an understatement. In short, with the realization that Christ has always been by my side, I was able to overcome the struggles that had been plaguing me at the time.

Letting go and letting God is the key to that change. My 4th day of course, can still be filled with struggle and problems, however with the help of the Cursillo community and Christ Jesus I am confident these issues too, can and always will be resolved.

For the past seven months I have been blessed to be in the company of some special men. What a gift it is to be part of a group of men striving to have a closer relationship with God. These men answered 'yes' to the challenge of bringing others closer to Christ. I know they are up to the task; and why wouldn't they be? They are the best team ever assembled! OK, maybe I am a little biased.

Thank you and *De Colores*

LAY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Donna Gaudrault

Another Cursillo Weekend is upon us again!!! When reflecting back on my Cursillo weekend in 1992 the words "speak Lord your servant is listening" was a phrase that I have repeated many times.... silently as well as aloud. My name is Donna Gaudrault and I am pleased to be writing this article as one of the new lay directors of this wonderful Cursillo movement here in the Diocese of Springfield. Since beginning my journey after my Cursillo weekend, life has changed 360 degrees. Within that 360 degrees lies a center which I try very hard to fill with our brother Jesus. I have taken full advantage of all that Cursillo has to offer...grouping...Ultreya's...team experiences...Secretariat...Formation and Leaders Schools...serving meals etc., and have been rewarded by meeting some amazing people and formed many long and lasting friendships, especially a relationship with Jesus.

We have a wonderful Men's Cursillo Team in place and they all have been working hard with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to ensure a "Prayer Filled" experience for all of the candidates who will be attending this Men's Cursillo weekend, October 10-13 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam. There will also be a sponsors' Mass held on October 10 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's for anyone interested in joining us. The people that are sponsoring a candidate are invited to drop your candidate off at 7:00p.m.; then head over to the Church for the sponsors' Mass which will be celebrated by our Spiritual Director, Msgr. David Joyce.

We have several opportunities to serve our brothers this weekend if we are not on Team...

Sponsor: *Make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ.* It is never too late or too early to sponsor someone for the weekend. If there is room we will fit them in. Please send in your applications to: The Cursillo Committee, PO Box 1207, Holyoke, MA 01041-1207. Applications can be found on our website: www.cursillomass.org

Set-up: The Cursillo Committee is looking for many volunteers which are needed for set-up on October 10, for the Cursillo weekend. We want to ensure that all of the tasks are accomplished behind the scenes to enable us to have a "Great Start" for the Team and candidates as they begin their weekend. Please contact Rick Robar @ kelly791@comcast.net or (413) 687-3627.

VIGIL: This month's Cursillo Adoration Vigil will be on Saturday, October 11 8:30am - 8pm at a *new location* - Christ the King Parish, 41 Warsaw Ave Ludlow, MA 01056. This is a critical piece to our weekend and needed to lift up the Candidates and Team in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Such a gift to all who participate and all who benefit from the prayers! Please consider volunteering for just *one hour*. This would be a wonderful Action for your group and for yourself, or palanca for a loved one. If you are interested, please contact Irene Breton 572-1103 or Faith St. Onge 322-9635.

Palanca: As always, we ask you to remember that we need your Palanca. It can be dropped off at St. John's Parish Center any time after 3p.m. on Friday, October 10. Please try and get your Palanca dropped off as early as possible to enable the Cha Cha's to organize and deliver when needed.

Closing: The Cursillo Committee is also looking for volunteers to help with the cleanup and break down of the weekend. If you are able to assist please see Rick Robar when you arrive at the closing and he will give you direction or contact him kelly791@comcast.net or (413) 687-3627 for more information. We are going to try something new for this closing and move it up by 30 minutes. **This means the closing will begin at 6:30 p.m.** to enable our Candidates to get home a little earlier.

Let us all take a moment and ponder... "speak Lord your servant is listening"... perhaps you will be guided to respond to one of the above opportunities. We look forward to seeing everyone at the closing.
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In honor of
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from Andrea McGuinness
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Jim and Dianne Murphy's
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to bring others
to Christ!*



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