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Pre-Cursillo Committee

The Pre-Cursillo Committee shall study and propose to the Secretariat the plan of establishment and extension of the Cursillo Movement in the diocese. It is responsible for maintaining, filing, accepting and processing applications for candidates. It shall provide instructions to sponsors and candidates for the Cursillo weekends, and shall prepare candidate documentation for the Cursillo Committee to use in preparing for the weekend. Questions of eligibility of prospective candidates are to be referred to the Spiritual Director and the Lay Director. The Committee assists in implementing the Pre-Cursillo phase of the movement (according to the official literature) especially in the study of environments to be evangelized.

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Cursillo Committee

The Cursillo Committee will formulate and implement all that is required on the three day Cursillo. It shall develop and present a list of prospective team members to the Spiritual Director who will share these names with the rector of each team; will develop and present a list of possible Cursillistas to the Spiritual Advisor, for the purpose of selecting a Rector; will propose dates and locations for the weekends, and will make all the physical preparations for the weekend.

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Post Cursillo Committee

The Post-Cursillo Committee will foster the growth of Cursillistas in the Diocese by promoting the essential means of perseverance, including Group Reunions, Ultreya's, and Cursillo Retreats; will establish standards and procedures for managing them, including the responsibility for suggesting dates and locations for the Retreats. It shall solicit articles for the newsletter and will distribute pertinent publications for the information and orientation of the Cursillistas. The Committee shall establish and maintain data concerning the progress of the Movement and will supply the Secretariat with this information.

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*The Lord will speak peace
to those who turn to him.*

Psalm 85:5

CLIP OUT & SAVE!

May	June	July	Aug	Ultreya Calendar
15	19	17	21	DIOCESAN Ultreya - 7:30 p.m. (3rd Fri.) Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Holyoke, MA
14	11	9	13	Local Ultreya - 7 p.m. St. Stanislaus, Chicopee, MA (2nd Thurs.)
May 25, Mon. Women's Closing, 7p.m. Holy Name Parish, Springfield				
June 3, Wed. Cursillo Mass - families welcome. 7p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary, 256 State St. Rt. 202, Granby, MA				
Sept 23, Wed. Cursillo Mass - families welcome. 7p.m. TBA				

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VIGIL FOR CURSILLO

Held 1st Friday of every month or the first full day of a Cursillo Weekend when one is scheduled in the month (only one vigil a month) 8AM-9PM each person taking one hour. St. John the Evangelist Church, Main St, Agawam. This is ideal Palanca or Group Action, call Barbara Weissbrod 532-5474 to sign up. Thank you.

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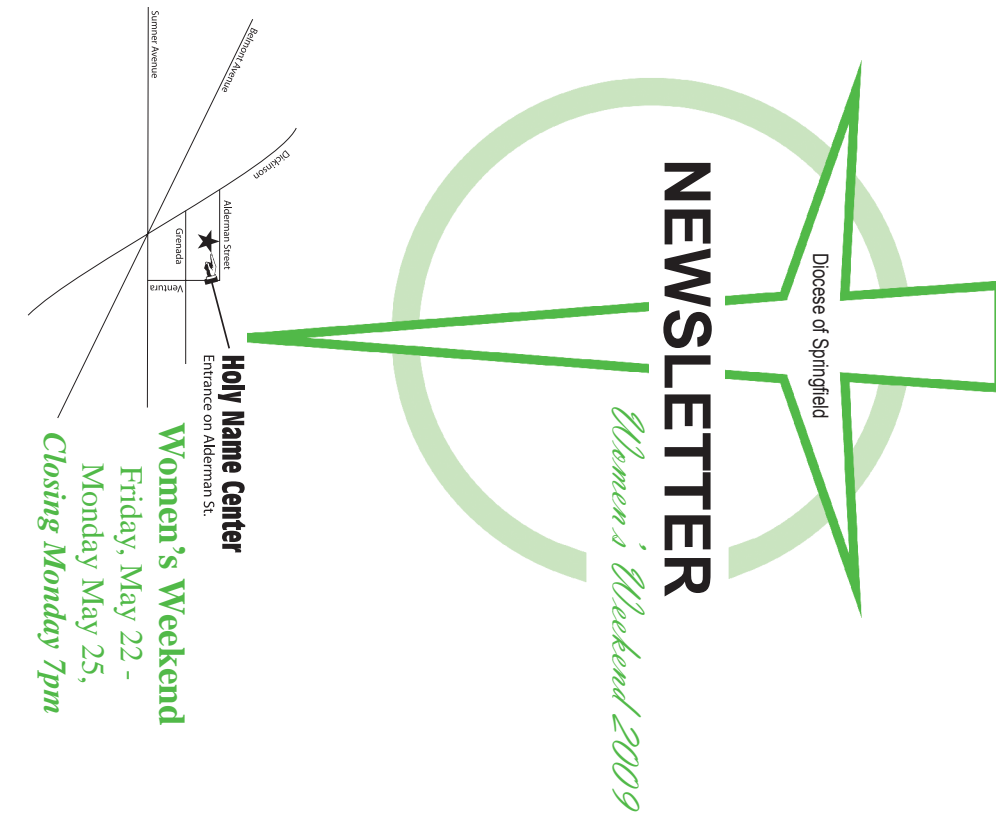
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"friendship group" will spin off from there.

- If a group exists for a certain period of time, but does not seem to be meeting the needs of the members, do not consider this a "failure!" I myself have been in about 7 different groups over my years in Cursillo. Time constraints, shared interests, family obligations have all played a part in my choice of a group. I can guarantee you, however, no group failed to enrich me. However, people move away, work schedules change, family obligations vary, and it is crucial that we do not see it as failure, but an opportunity to grow in still another direction.

- Everyone has something to offer! There is no hierarchy of holiness in Cursillo, no master's degree being given out as a part of a competitive drive to outdo your fellow group members. Rather, sharing what works for you is helpful, since it can show the way to the rest of the members.

Look for additional articles on this theme. Better yet, share what has worked for you! It gives us all hope!
De Colores



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WOMEN'S TEAM

Friday, May 22 - Monday, May 25

Holy Name Parish, Springfield

Rector	Diane Farrell	Evangelization	Barbara Gaughan
Assistant Rector	Linda Menard	Leaders	Kathy Held
Spiritual Advisors	Sr. Marlene Mucha,	Environments	Claire Remillard
	Fr. John Connor, Jimmy Ripa	Christian Community	Kate Rucci
Ideal	Judy Lloyd	Ninth Member	Marcia Scagliarini
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Holiness	Cindy Whalen	Cha	Martha Ramondetta
Formation	Janet DiPietro	Cha	Joanne Van Kruiningen

CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	CITY	SPONSOR
Jill Bodnar	East Longmeadow	Sue LaMondia
Barbara Brunelle	Monson	Kathleen Nowak
Nancy Clark	Westfield	Patty Deshaies
Teresa Coutu	South Hadley	Claire Dizek
Anna Cruz	Chicopee	Denis St.Laurant
Diane Davitt	East Longmeadow	Bella Andrukonis
Kara DeVoie	East Longmeadow	Shauna Dobek
Linda DiMichele	East Longmeadow	Kate Rucci
Ann Marie Dunn	East Longmeadow	Margaret Kelliher
Kathy Fila	Agawam	Berry Ablicki & Bonnie Elmer
Nicole Fusco	Wilbraham	Bob & Margaret Kelliher
Robin Gordon	Longmeadow	Eileen Fowler
Patty Harrington	East Longmeadow	Tom & Sue LaMondia
Therese Hastings	Springfield	Nelson Letendre
Megan Hebert	South Hadley	Patricia Monroe
Gayle Karnik	Longmeadow	Pat Foley
Judy Kelliher	Somerville, MA	Kathy Held
Kathy Klimoski	Agawam	Margie Riley
Melanie LaFlamme	Belchertown	Marianne Triggs Smith
Beverly LeClair	Orange, MA	Bonnie Elmer
Pauline Loiselle	Springfield	Carol Driscoll
Maria Malmborg	Springfield	Joe Malmborg
Maureen Marotte	Springfield	Nancy Maloney/Sally Markey
Anglea Oliver	East Longmeadow	Kate Rucci
Ellie Perrier	Holyoke	Nicki Perrier
Annette Plourde	East Longmeadow	Rose Stella
Kristen Rahilly	Agawam	Judy Bates
Kathy Reilly	East Longmeadow	Jene Connor
Carol Rogers	Holyoke	Tom & Fran Wilhelm
Karin Spencer	East Longmeadow	Judy Bates
Lu Ann Staniszewski	Palmer	Tina Cookish
Denise Wurszt	Wilbraham	Shauna Dobek

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for last minute candidates and changes
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MEET YOUR RECTOR

Bloom Where You Are Planted. This was a very powerful saying I heard often during my Cursillo Weekend in November of 1997. It struck me because, number 1: I didn't want to be at St Brigid's in Amherst making my Cursillo. Number 2: I didn't know a soul there. Number 3: even though Bob had made his Cursillo the month before and loved it, I was not a retreat-type woman. However, since I had been planted there, I was determined to make the best of it. I thought the blooming part was pretty but maybe a little out-there! I never realized how deep those roots would grow or how far they would travel or what kind of flower they might produce.

My name is Diane Farrell and I am the Rectora for the Women's 2009 Cursillo Weekend this May. My husband, Bob, and I were married in St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow on October 24, 1975. We moved into our home, a street away from the church we were married in, the following year and still reside there. We have one son, Brad, who made his Cursillo in 1998 after returning home from the Navy.

Little did I know in 1997, how that phrase would come to guide and comfort me as I travel on my path of life. Almost 12 years and 6 teams later, here I am. Since God has planted me here, I will try to bloom in his light. I have always believed the saying 'If God takes you to it, he will take you through it.' It has now become my mantra for the last year, ever since, Deacon John Bledsoe tapped me on the shoulder. I pray it daily. I feel Jesus has been my guide in selecting every member of this team. I knew we could not bloom unless he watered and fed us with his light. We have laughed and cried together. We have prayed and nurtured each other. We are a team ready to show the new babe chicks the way to *Bloom where they will be planted.*

Please pray for us as the time grows near, and please know, you will be in our hearts and in our prayers.

De Colores

NOTE FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Pat Triggs

There is always a sense of great renewal following the closing of a Cursillo weekend, and this past men's weekend was no exception. For those of us fortunate enough to be there, and to hear the powerful witness of the new Cusillistas, it is the proverbial "shot in the arm" and the opportunity for us to renew our own commitment made last year, 10 years, or 40 years ago!

The School of Leaders, the group of experienced Cursillistas who have chosen to focus on the Cursillo as their Evangelization/Action, recently met to discuss how to insure that the Cursillo Movement stays alive and well in our Diocese. One topic which kept surfacing was how can newer Cursillistas be helped to maintain the fervor and spirit which is so evident at the end of a weekend? We know that the "isolated Christian" suffers from being alone, and that together, we can do so much more than any one of us can do individually. The logical path is the formation and participation in a group which is comfortable for you. This is not to be confused with saying that all spiritual formation only happens in a group, but rather that we are encouraged and supported by others who share our desire to deepen our Faith and Christian life. Since there is no "one-size-fits-all" approach, we brainstormed to identify a variety of ways which Cursillistas can accomplish this. We came up with some suggestions which are the result of years of trial and error among the

group.

- Keep the focus on grouping, and not a focus on social aspects. Nothing finishes a group off faster than relying on social activities as the main "glue" to keep the group together. That does not mean that your group does not do social things together, just that it is not the primary reason to get together.

- Establish some guidelines for your group. It is essential to be respectful of time so that each person may have an opportunity to contribute. Have a guideline that when a person is speaking, no one interrupts to give his/her own example of how to approach a situation. Decide on a general format so that the group does not drift off into tangents which may be interesting, but not appropriate for the group.

- Identify the best way for your group to pray; structured, spontaneous, prayers of petition, are all ways to strengthen the group. Some wish to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, some prefer less structure, remember, there is no one "right way" to do this.

- Determine the commitment to the group; nothing squelches enthusiasm like absence!

- After the establishment of your group, identify a group action; for some it might mean going on retreat together, for others, it might mean an agreement to all do palanca once a day for a month for each other, another might gather together to participate in meals for the homeless once a month.

- Consider an "environmental group" with others who share your immediate environment, whether that is your workplace, your neighborhood, even members of your family!

- Consider an "open grouping" which is held at a regular location, on a regular date, which is open to all. Men in Holy Cross Parish in Springfield have had this method for years. It allows new members to come into an established group and often, a smaller cont.

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Edward Blaney (4/8/09)
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