

One of the many benefits of being part of a Cursillo Team experience is that you get to read the 3-Day Manual prepared by the United States National Secretariat for the Cursillo Movement. In preparing for their talks, each team member who is assigned a talk uses the outlines suggested for their talk. The other team members also read each outline so that they can properly critique the talks. All of this leads to what is said in the manual about Formation, the second leg of our tripod: "Formation is that process through which we come to know God better and to discover what God wants of us. This process includes, but is not limited to, reading books and attending seminars. In order to be of full value to us, it must, by its very nature, include the experience of life itself, and the application of what we learn to life situations. Formation is necessary to lead us to take action in our lives."

So in this newsletter, instead of offering you book suggestions to draw you closer to God, you will be offered one primary source for reflection – Google!! While many of you may have computers, and some not, the world seems Internet connected. For those who can pursue that connection, here are a few sites that have attracted various members of our Cursillo community.

1. Sacred Space (home page). Maintained by the Irish Jesuits, you are invited to make a 'Sacred Space' in your day. For ten minutes, as you sit at your computer, you will be guided in that day's prayer and scripture. A session of prayer includes six stages: The Presence of God, Freedom, Consciousness, The Word, Conversation, and Conclusion.

2. www.pray-as-you-go.org This site is offered by the British Jesuits and has a daily prayer for your MP3 player. You can also listen to the music and gospel reflection offered for each day on your computer.

3. visionviewpoint@benetvision.org Joan Chittister's books offer spiritual nourishment to many. This website and benetvision.org provide in-depth information on a different theme each month. Last month it spoke of developing a cosmic heart and this month's theme is the fifty days of Easter.

4. Divine Mercy During the past men's and women's Cursillo retreats, the Divine Mercy Chaplet was offered as prayer. There are quite a few links on this site (just Google "Divine Mercy"), including one to YouTube where you can listen to two decades of the chaplet being sung.

Again, you are invited to share your own "computer favorites" and email them to me at Eileen_mary@comcast.net where they can then be shared with our broader Cursillo community. As we rejoice in the rising of our Savior, may we also rejoice in all the ways we can draw closer to God.

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June	July	Aug	Ultreya Calendar
21	15	20	DIOCESAN Ultreya - 7:30 p.m. (3rd Fri.) Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Holyoke, MA
10	8	12	Local Ultreya - 7 p.m. St. Stanislaus, Chicopee, MA (2nd Thurs.)

May 31, Mon. Women's Closing, 7p.m. Holy Name Parish, Springfield

Upcoming Cursillo Masses
All are welcome, bring the family and friends!

Wed., June 9 7pm St. Patrick's 33 Main Street, South Hadley
Tues., Sept. 28 7pm Mary Mother of Hope, 840 Page Blvd., Springfield
this is the correct date - last month was incorrect

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www.cursillowmass.org

JUST A REMINDER ON PALANCA.....

Palanca for the Women's weekend comes out on Saturday, May 29, 2010. It can be delivered to the back door of the Holy Name 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!

NEW LAY DIRECTOR cont.

Secretariat, and have participated and helped organize Leaders School.

I say all this because this resume means only that I have embraced Cursillo and it has embraced me. It's as much a part of my life as anything I have or do, and it has enriched my life in every way. It has really been my real confirmation as a Catholic and my education as a Christian.

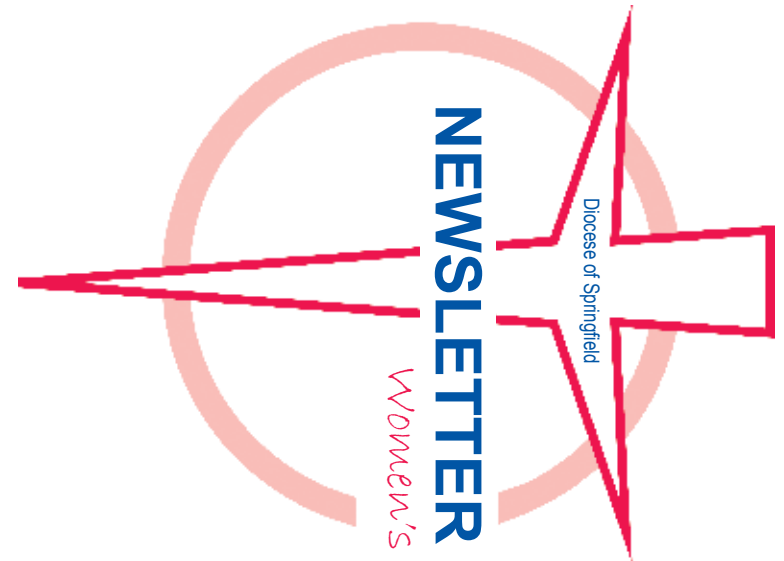
My hope in taking on this role is to continue to make the Cursillo movement in this Diocese the catalyst for those Catholics who want or are searching for something more in their faith and to continue to provide the nourishment to help them continue to serve God in their own special and unique way while inspiring others to live the true Christian life by their example.

I have no special agenda in the next few years other than to make sure Cursillo functions and grows as God intends and to make sure we honor the Cursillo method as developed. But I desperately need your help (men, are you listening?) if we are to continue to offer this beautiful gift that we were given. Weekends don't happen by accident, nor do ultreyas, retreats, formation schools, etc. Each of these activities depends on the prayers and sacrifices of YOU. Please help me make sure Cursillo continues to be what it has been for the last 44 years in this diocese. Sponsor candidates, say YES when asked to be on a team, do Palanca for the weekends, volunteer to serve or prepare meals, host or at least attend our monthly ultreyas, serve on the secretariat or on the setup and break down teams for future weekends, there are so many ways you can put that call to action you heard on your weekend to work within Cursillo.

Christ is counting on YOU and so am I.

De Colores and May God bless all of us.

The Lord opened her heart to pay attention. Acts 16:14



NEWSLETTER

Women's Weekend 2010

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WOMEN'S TEAM

Friday, May 28 - Monday, May 31

Holy Name Parish, Springfield

Rectora	Linda Menard	Ideal	Terri Lambert
Assistant Rectora	Eileen Trznadel	Laity	Diane Hibbard
Spiritual Advisors	Catherine Leary, SSJ,	Holiness	Lori Fallon
	Fr. Tom Shea and Eileen Mariani	Formations	Sue Lamondia
9th Member	Dianne Murphy	Evangelization	Carol Tourangeau
Head Cha Cha	Rose Stella	Leaders	Barbara Ripa
Cha Cha	Peggy Garand	Environments	Karen Scahill
Cha Cha	Jo Rodriguez	Christian Community	Eileen Fowler

Visit our website for latest candidate changes / additions
www.cursillomass.org

CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	CITY	SPONSOR
Felicia Adamski	Longmeadow	Melanie LaFlamme
Dianne Blanchette	South Hadley	Irene & John Bledsoe
Lynn Boudreau	Springfield	Josephine Rodriguez
Ellen Brennan	Springfield	Lori Fallon
Deb Buendo	East Longmeadow	Shauna & Greg Dobek
Meg Cain	South Hadley	Irene & John Bledsoe
Ann Marie D'Arco	East Longmeadow	Berry Tardif-Ablicki
Shauna Diefenderfer	East Longmeadow	Jene Connor
Bev Doty	Holyoke	Dianne & Jim Murphy
Mary Jane Elgin	West Springfield	Marlene Buendo
Sue Goodwin	East Longmeadow	Kathy Reilly
Mary-Beth Henry	Weston	Jim & Barbara Ripa
Christine Herbert	Chicopee	Mary & Jeff Brazeau
Peg Jakutowicz	Turners Falls	Eileen Mariani
Dawn Lapierre	Belchertown	Betty & Leo Arel
Lori Madden	East Longmeadow	Ann Marie Duffy
Carmela Marzano	Agawam	Marlene Buendo
Gina O'Connor	East Longmeadow	Bella Andrukonis
Liz O'Neill	East Longmeadow	Kara DeVoie
Sheila Pecor	West Springfield	Diane Fradette
Karen Petrla	Holyoke	Mary Otto
Paula Sampedro	Longmeadow	Al & Joyce Rosati
Laurie Sullivan	Hampden	Kathy Reilly
Wendy Turer	East Longmeadow	Rose Stella/Sue LaMondia
Anne Vanti	East Longmeadow	Kristen Rahilly

MEET YOUR Rectora - Linda Menard

My name is Linda Menard and I have the privilege of being the Rectora on the next women's Cursillo weekend. What a joy it has been to be part of the Holy Spirit's plan for the selection of this amazing group of women. To watch them bond and grow as a team has been wonderful. What a blessing these women have been to me.

On a personal note, I come from a very large and loving family with 4 sisters and 4 brothers. I am the proud mother of my daughter Carrie. Three years ago Carrie married Allen, a young man with two adorable little girls. Samantha, age 9 and Taylor, age 8 are pure joy and love. I love being Grammy to these adorable little girls.

I have always been very active at my parish of Holy Cross in Holyoke. For the past 10 years I have been a Eucharist Minister. And for 20 years, I have enjoyed being in charge of the parish's Christmas Pageant and Easter Egg Hunt. I love working with the young people of the Parish, which has also included 30 years of teaching CCD and 17 years as Youth Coordinator.

My Fourth Day started 32 years ago when I made my Cursillo weekend in April of 1978 and sat at the table of St. Theresa. Over the years I have had two permanent groups, the last one for over 20 years. These friends have helped me with my holiness, formation and evangelization and have been there for me in the good and bad times. My Fourth Day has also included being on four teams, each team helping me to grow a little bit more. Another area of growth has been my participation on the Secretariat and the School of Leaders.

My Fourth Day has had its ups and downs but right now I am on a Cursillo high with being the Rectora for the next Women's Cursillo weekend. Please keep the team in your prayers as we put the finishing touches on the weekend.

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NOTE FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Pat Triggs

Well Dear Friends, as many of you know, I am stepping down as the Lay Director in June. It is very difficult for me to express how honored and humbled I have felt to serve our Cursillo Community in this way for over 5 years. I can assure you, that as I received my crucifix from my rector in October, 1966, and responded "And I on Him!" it would NEVER have occurred to me that I would follow in the footsteps of those who have served the Cursillo Community so well before me.

Like so many things in this life, the Lay Director's job is not what it looks to be! Honestly, it is a very unglamorous job, filled with behind-the-scenes details: cheerleading, showing up, persevering, etc. What I did not anticipate is how the role would shape me in ways I did not expect! The opportunity to immerse myself so thoroughly in the lives of countless Cursillistas has brought me new awareness of the spectacular presence of the People of God here in the Springfield Diocese. Through the genius of our founders, the Group Reunion has been offered to us as a means of Holiness, Formation, and Evangelization. It took me years, literally years, before I could fully comprehend the immense value of this gift. (Take heart, those of you who think Cursillo is a good thing, but are not quite sure how it is going to play out in YOUR life!) In my role, I have had the opportunity to group regularly with our Secretariat members, those who serve on the School of Leaders, my permanent groups, those attending Ultreyas, Formation school, etc. At one time in my life, I held back, not sure of what I had to offer during these times. Fortunately for me, I knew enough to know that I wanted what I kept seeing in the people I encountered, and figured that if I stood close enough, maybe it would rub off on me! (It kind of reminds me of what my mother, and countless other mothers and teachers have advised: Choose your companions carefully!) So for me,

this is not an ending, but a continuation of the journey I am on. Maybe in your life, you are also at a crossroads, needing to decide what is the next step in your life. Take advantage of what our Cursillo Community offers us to help us on the way. I look forward with anticipation to continue living out this extraordinarily blessed adventure with you!

We are exceptionally blessed to have someone of Mike Riley's stature to step forward to fill this position. His commitment to Cursillo is unwavering, his wide experience in the Cursillo community involving every aspect of the Movement including Secretariat, Ultreya, teams, Formation School, School of Leaders, and retreat teams has more than prepared him for the task. I am so grateful and pleased that Mike will be leading us as our new lay director. I ask you to join with me in praying for Mike as he begins this new challenge.

De Colores

NOTES FROM YOUR NEW LAY DIRECTOR

Mike Riley

As Pat mentioned, I will be assuming the role of Lay Director for the Cursillo Movement on June 1st. When asked if I would consider it, I did what we all learned on our weekend, pray on it and leave it in the hands of God. Well, it didn't take long before I got an answer and it came on the occasion of the Men's retreat in February when I was reminded of the words my rector and spiritual advisor said as I received my cross on my Cursillo, Christ is counting on YOU.

I thought of the five plus years that Pat Triggs has devoted to this great movement and how much she deserved to put down her responsibilities and focus on herself and her family. Pat, thank you so much for leading this movement and for your unselfish 40 plus years of involvement in Cursillo, you are an inspiration to all of us.

For those who don't know me, I made my Cursillo in April 1982 at St. Brigid's parish in Amherst. Since that special weekend, I have been on 7 teams with various responsibilities. I have given talks, been a Cha Cha, 9th member, Assistant Rector and in May 1990 had the blessing bestowed on me to be a Rector. In addition to involvement on teams, I have also helped run the men's retreat, numerous Ultreyas, been on the

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~ IN MEMORIAL ~

Jack Dineen (4/25/2010)
Weekend ?

Teams:

Feb. 1971, Oct. 1971,
Rector Feb. 1973,
May 1975, Oct. 1980

Robert Glidden (5/2010)
Weekend Oct. 1992

VIGIL

for Cursillo Weekend

Sat. May 29th 8am-9pm

Volunteers needed to spend an hour at St. John the Evangelist church, Main St. Agawam
Please call Barb Weissbord at 532-5475 to sign up.

Great palanca...
group action...

Thank you!



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Lay Director

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