

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Msgr. David Joyce

What a wonderful time of year this is - new life is everywhere! Trees come to life, flowers begin to bloom, our brother and sister bugs begin to make their appearance, birds build nests in places where we'd rather they didn't, young mothers pushing baby carriages show off their beautiful new children. The sun's rays begin to warm up bones that are old and cold. Thank you, God, for Spring!

Our Church, too, shows such wonderful signs of new life. I'm one of the priests who assists our bishop by administering the sacrament of confirmation. What an honor to confirm these young men and women. Dressed to kill, they respond with a resounding "yes" when asked if they accept in their own lives the commitment their parents made for them at their baptism. Pray for them: that in their journey of faith they persevere and continue to say "yes" to God's call. In our parish, and in many others, countless young children will receive the Eucharist for the first time this Spring. Their joyful and shining faces bring us all back to the day of our own First Communion, as Jesus enveloped us in a "hug" and shared his own life with us (and continues to do so!). Many among us were present last week, with our brothers and sisters of other faiths (or of no faith) to affirm the sanctity of life at the annual pro-life dinner. How good God is to us all.

On Memorial Day weekend, a group of women will experience their faith in a new way, for some in a life changing way, and not just for them, but for their friends and families too. By God's grace, they will experience the Cursillo. Pray and sacrifice that their hearts will be touched, so that they in turn, can touch others.

Finally, we look forward to the summer, and maybe to "slacking off" a little bit - another gift of God to us. Whether you stay nearby or travel afar, may you be rejuvenated, and know again God's love - ever new - within.  
*De Colores*

## LAY DIRECTOR cont

preparing and serving meals, forming or joining a permanent group, hosting an Ultreya (it's not that hard, believe me) and attending our upcoming School of Leaders: Continuing the Journey this fall. If all this seems too daunting, please just start by making a small commitment to join us at the Friday night Ultreya and bring a friend. We need to see you as much as you may need to see us. Let's keep our Cursillo flame in this Diocese burning bright!

So, I appeal to all of you new cursillistas and your sponsors, to make attending the monthly Ultreya one of your first "actions". Veteran cursillistas, renew the gift which started many of you on your journey to a more Christ centered life. Former team members and rectors, renew the wonderful community you helped develop on your weekend, by going to Ultreya or joining the School of Leaders: Continuing the Journey. Let's make sure the next time I see you at a closing I won't be saying "Good to see you! Where have you been! We've really missed you".  
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*"Give us this bread always." John 6:34*

CLIP OUT & SAVE!

May	June	July	CALENDAR
20	17	15	DIOCESAN Ultreya - 7:30 p.m. (3rd Fri.) Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Holyoke, MA
12	9	14	Local Ultreya - 7 p.m. St. Stanislaus, Chicopee, MA (2nd Thurs.)
Fri, May 27-30, 2011		Women's Cursillo Weekend - Holy Name, Springfield	
Mon. May 30		CLOSING 7PM Holy Name	
<b>Visit our website for applications, latest updates and to register your email address for notices and reminders <a href="http://www.cursillowmass.org">www.cursillowmass.org</a></b>			

## Welcome to our Parish....

We are looking for people to host a Cursillo Mass at their parish. You will need to arrange it with your pastor, set a date and time, fellowship and refreshments afterwards have been offered but not necessary, get your group or a few other Cursillistas to help. If you are interested contact Mike Riley at janemriley@comcast.net or 636-7605 for more details.

## Action Opportunity

Would you like to help set up/break down for the upcoming Women's Weekend? We'd love to have you. Set up is Friday, May 27th 3-5pm, breakdown is Mon., May 30th. Call Linda Menard at 533-8870 for details.

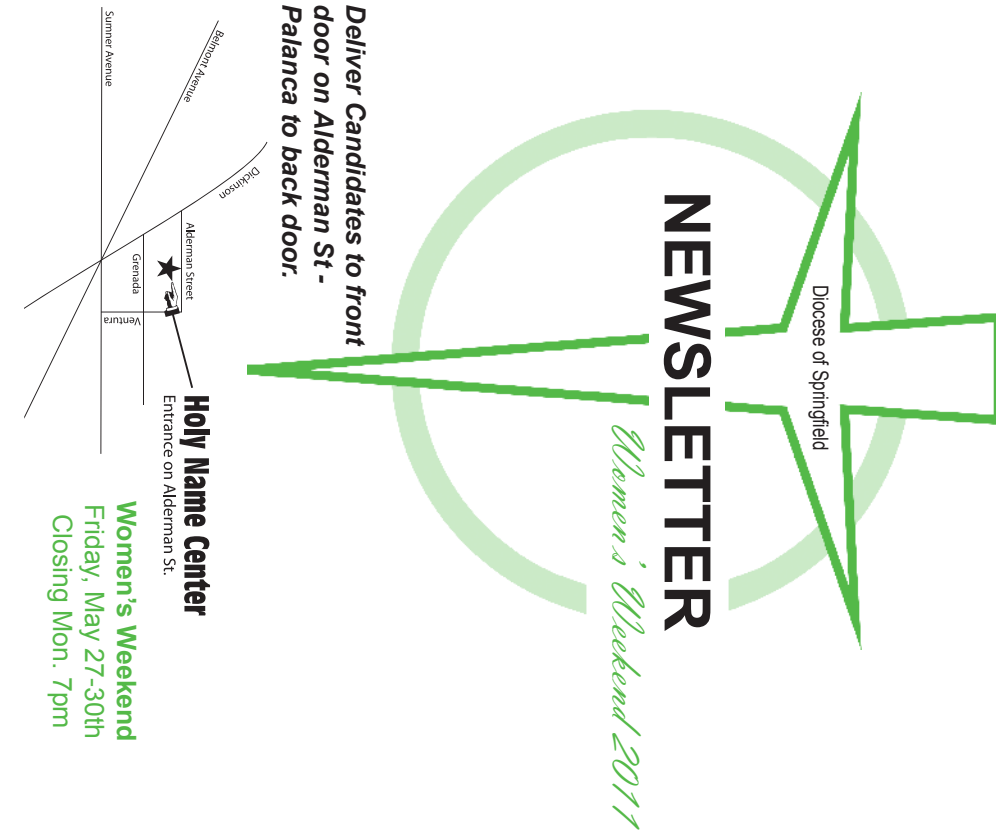
**Share...** your reflections, 4th day, moment closest to Christ, poems, etc. with our community. It is a wonderful opportunity for you - to put your thoughts on paper and for others - you never know who will be touched by what is shared. Our newsletter needs you. Email articles to dorene@pipmail.com *Thank you*

## 32nd Jericho Golf Tournament

**Wednesday, June 29 - Oak Ridge Country Club, Feeding Hills**  
Shotgun Start 11:30, Lunch 11-12, Hors D'oeuvres 5pm, Dinner 6pm, cost \$110. Contact Jericho / Nicole Beaulieu 413-538-7450

## Palanca Opportunity ONGOING VIGIL FOR CURSILLO

Held the 1st Friday of EVERY MONTH  
Each person is asked to take one hour on the 1st Friday at St. John the Evangelist church, Main St., Agawam. **On the month with a Cursillo Weekend, it is held the Saturday of that weekend, so call today for the upcoming Women's Weekend -Vigil will be held Saturday, May 28.** 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



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## WOMEN'S TEAM

Friday, May 27 - Monday, May 30

Holy Name Parish, Springfield

Rectora	Eileen Trznadel	Action (Evangelization)	Irene Haughey
Assistant Rectora	Jan DePietro	Leaders	Terry Laviolette
Spiritual Advisors	Msgr. David Joyce	Study of the Environment	Joyce Rosati
	Faith St. Onge	Christianity in Action	Kristin Rahilly
Ideal	Joanne Van Kruiningen	Ninth Member	Dorene Pennell
Layperson in the Church	Claire Pouliot	Head Cha	Barbara Gaughan
Piety (Holiness)	Josephine Sears	Cha	Kit Collamore
Study (Formation)	Berry Ablicki	Cha	Annette Plourde

### MEET YOUR RECTORA - Eileen Trznadel

My name is Eileen Trznadel and I have been afforded the blessing of acting as the Rectora for the upcoming Women's Cursillo Weekend. What a joy it has been to be with this marvelous Team of women who are so invested in their faith and love of Christ. They are an amazing group with a multitude of talents who are unified by their commitment to sharing God's love through Cursillo. God is so good!

I have been married to my husband, Michael, for almost 30 years. We have three children. Our oldest, Andrew, is married to Kristin and they are the parents of our three year old granddaughter, Emily, who is an amazing mix of her parents' wisdom and sense of humor. Our second oldest, Steven, who is presently serving in Iraq, is father to our spunky six year old granddaughter, Guinivere. Our youngest, Christine, lives and works in New Hampshire.

I was actually influenced by Cursillo long before I formally made my Cursillo Weekend. My parents, Abe and Marge Collamore, made their Cursillos in the early 1970s and my five siblings and I came to know many wonderful people and were given a little insight into the blessings of Cursillo. But, as with many youngsters, I didn't really get it.

It wasn't until 1996 that I made my Cursillo at St. Bridget's in Amherst where I sat at the table of St. Michael. It was then that I began to understand the true value of this movement and the goodness and joy that a commitment to spreading God's love can bring to our lives and the lives of others.

I am in a permanent group and although it has changed several times over the years, I cherish the relationships that I share with all these women. Our permanent groups are so important in keeping us focused on what truly counts in this life.

Michael made his Cursillo in 1997 and we have been on this wonderful journey together, sharing friends, commitments, and spiritual growth as we seek out opportunities for bringing others the joy of a Christ centered life.

Thank you all for the support of prayers and actions that are helping to make this weekend and the Cursillo Movement a success. *De Colores*



## CANDIDATES

For updates/changes go to [www.cursillomass.org](http://www.cursillomass.org)

CANDIDATE	CITY	SPONSOR
Genevieve Bates	Three Rivers	Gloria Skowyra
Melanie Benoit	South Hadley	Berry & Rick Ablicki
Jazebel Bermudez	Springfield	Sr. Betty Matuszek
Denise Blanchette	South Hadley	Diane Blanchette & Deacon John Bledsoe
Marie-Anne Buffam	Westfield	Judy Lloyd
Tracy Chafe	Enfield, CT	Roger Chafe
Barbara Chiappetta	Belchertown	Patti & Paul Pierce
Lynn Congo	West Springfield	Terry Laviolette
Angela Cordi	Suffield, CT	Sr. Betty Matuszek
Mary Jean Daly	Springfield	Terry Laviolette
Sandra Dolley	Ludlow	Kathleen Nowak
Pat Giardina	Cheshire, MA	Diane Hibbard
Elaine Karalekas	Ludlow	Kathleen Nowak
Jill Keough	East Longmeadow	Wendy Turer
Chris Kervian	East Longmeadow	Jene Connor
Charlotte Kirkitelas	Ludlow	Barbara Brunelle
Mary Elizabeth Kirwan	Danvers, MA	Kris & John Kirwan
Debbie Lewandowski	Belchertown	Patricia Desmarais
Linda Mariani	Agawam	Joyce & Al Rosati
Maureen Martens	Hopkinton, MA	Bella Andrukonis
Eva Minor	Springfield	Nelson Letendre
Dottie Mitchell	Springfield	Leora Cosenzi
Joanne Ortigas	West Springfield	Barbara Gaughan
Anne Marie Salvon	Longmeadow	Joe Salvon
Jill Shaw	East Longmeadow	Judy Bates
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Janet Sessions	East Longmeadow	Beth Karpells
Virginia Thomas	Springfield	Mary Ann Maloney
Jenny Voight	East Longmeadow	Tracy Martin
Regina Wurszt	Ludlow	Bella Andrukonis

**PALANCA . . .** for the Women's weekend comes out on Saturday, May 28. 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.

## NOTE FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Mike Riley

As we approach the upcoming women's weekend I just wanted to say a few words regarding the recent Men's closing. For those of you who attended, it was a very special evening. For me it was one of those closings where the candidates really seemed to "get it" and that the message delivered by the Holy Spirit through the team and the entire community was deeply felt. All closings are great, and each affects us in a different way, but this one especially touched me because of the honest and profound reactions each one of the men felt. Great to have you! God bless and I hope to see you at the Ultreya on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> and the women's closing on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Attending a closing is one of the great ways to stay connected to the Cursillo community. Seeing old faces and renewing the friendships of many who, while involved in great ministries, have not been as active in Cursillo as others may be. However, I did notice that I said far too often to many of those who were there, "Good to see you! Where have you been! We've really missed you".

As we get ready to welcome a wonderful new group of women into our community, I would like to ask each of you who read this newsletter to make a commitment in the next six months to attend at least one of the monthly Ultreyas we hold on the third Friday of each month at Blessed Sacrament in Holyoke. In my short tenure as your Lay Director, I have observed that while we have a steady group of individuals committed to our Ultreyas and the number of those committed has increased, we need to keep the attendance growing. We need you.

In order to keep Cursillo ongoing, fresh and vibrant, I'm asking all of you to think about stepping up your involvement so we can continue to pay forward this blessed gift. Stay connected through sponsorship, participation on teams,

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### ~ CONTRIBUTIONS ~

*In Memory of Dick St. Onge who love Cursillo, In Thanksgiving for Msgr. David Joyce and Merry Christmas for Faith St. Onge from Irene and John Bledsoe*

*Christmas Blessings to Irene and John Bledsoe from Faith St. Onge*

*For Cursillo from Joseph Wooller*

*In Honor of Faith and Dick St. Onge and The Bledsoes from Cathy & Fred Rook*

*In Memory of Ernest J. Ross Jr In Memory of Millie Coughlin from The Collamores*

*for newsletter mailing costs from Oscar Nepomuceno*

### ~ MEMORIALS ~

*Bill Killian - (4/27/11) Weekend - Feb. 1977*

*Donations can be made at any time, send to: Cursillo Committee PO Box 1207, Holyoke, MA 01041*



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