

FINDING BALANCE

Patricia Budd

My experience at my Cursillo weekend was one that I was not expecting. I thought it would be like any retreat for I have been on many. To my surprise I saw a great change inside of me of accepting where I was in relationship with God and that I did not have to work so hard. I was sick on the weekend but there were so many supportive people that it seemed ok to even be sick. I felt at home and welcomed and really loved by individuals I had never met in my life.

I did go on a teen encounter when I was younger and that was empowering and now this experience has left me finding the balance in my life as wife, grandmother, student and child of God. I really liked the morning and evening prayer and Cursillo inspired me, by the Holy Spirit, to pray the liturgy of the hours as I had done when I was much younger. I enjoy the office of readings and it's spiritual reading. It has components of piety, study and action. You are praying, you are learning about the love and mercy of God, you are praying for others and you are praying with the church.

My sponsor, Dr. Marshall, is a great individual who heals the wounded through counseling by action of the Holy Spirit. He has always encouraged me to have hope and is a great Cursillo role model. I am in a mental health counseling masters program and play therapy certificate program at Capella University and a student in a graduate program of spiritual theology and formation at Avila Institute. I do have a lot on my plate. Cursillo helps me to have a correct balance through a life of prayer, study and action. I am on the prayer line for Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Northampton and in the rosary and divine mercy group where I live. I want to keep God active in my life personally and professionally and have met a lot of other people like myself who want to bring faith and spirituality to their work lives. I look forward to helping others heal through the Holy Spirit as a mental health counselor. Cursillo is a supportive movement with reunions and ultyreas, you would think I would never miss my Cursillo group but I do. We are one big family for we are all daughters and sons of God and of His church. *De Colores*

VIGIL FOR CURSILLO

The vigil for the Women's Weekend will be held
Saturday, May 24

Please call for details and times, we want to make sure all the hours are covered and are hoping to have the church 8:30-8pm.

Please consider volunteering for *one hour* at St. John the Evangelist church, Main St., Agawam. This would be a wonderful Action for your group and for yourself, or palanca for a loved one. Call Irene Breton 572-1103 or Faith St. Onge 322-9635 Thank you and *De Colores*

We are looking for **volunteers to help with setting up for the Women's Cursillo weekend on Friday the 23rd 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.

RSVP to jason.a.george@comcast.net



CLIP OUT & SAVE!

June	July	Aug	Sept.	CALENDAR
20	18	15	19	DIOCESAN Ultreya - 7:30 p.m. (3rd Fri.) Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Holyoke, MA
11	9	13	10	Secretariat/Leaders School 7-9pm (2nd Wed.) St. Patrick's Chapel, South Hadley, MA
Fri. May 23, 7:30 pm		Sponsor's Liturgy - St. John's AGAWAM Open to all		
May 23-26		Women's Cursillo Weekend - St. John's AGAWAM CLOSING 7PM Monday 26th		
Oct. 3-6		Men's Cursillo Weekend - St. John's AGAWAM CLOSING 7PM Monday 6th		
Visit our website for applications, latest updates and to register your email address for notices and reminders www.cursillowmass.org				

We are once again updating our Cursillo list and trying to fill in missing data. Below is a list of teams that we are missing the candidate's list for. If anyone has a list from the weekend or any other updates, please send a copy to Mike Riley at 87 Pine Grove Dr., South Hadley, MA 01075 or janemriley@comcast.net Also, if you want to add your email to our e-blast list, please send to dorene@pipmail.com

Men's Rector	Asst Rector	Year	Women's Rector	Asst Rector	Year
Ingalls, John	?	Jun-62	Ingalls, Dolores	?	Dec-61
Boudreau, Robert	?	Oct-62	Carey, Mary (Deceased)	?	Jan-63
Carey, William	?	Mar-63	Carey, Mary (Deceased)	?	May-63
Carey, William	?	Jul-63	Carey, Mary (Deceased)	?	Oct-63
Bresnahan, Patrick	?	Dec-63	Roberts, Patricia	?	Sep-64
Carey, William	?	May-64	Carey, Mary (Deceased)	Triggs, Patricia	Apr-65
Bresnahan, Patrick	?	Jan-65	Triggs, Patricia	O'Connell, Nancy	Apr-67
Carey, William	?	Jan-66	O'Connell, Nancy	Marden, Nancy	Jan-68
Melley, Dan	O'Neill, John	Jan-67	Marden, Nancy	Dudley, Ginger	May-68
O'Neill, John (Deceased)	O'Connor, Justin	Sep-67	Dudley, Ginger	Sullivan, Gladys (Duffy)	Apr-69
O'Connor, Justin (Deceased)	Dineen, Jack	Apr-68	Sullivan, Gladys (Deceased)	O'Connor, Patricia	Sep-69
Dineen, Jack (Deceased)	Gilpatrick, Ronald	Jan-69	O'Connor, Patricia	Koontz, Gini	May-70
Gilpatrick, Ronald	Marden, Al	Sep-69	Koontz, Gini	O'Neill, Shirley	Oct-70
Marden, Al	Pelkey, Don	Apr-70	O'Neill, Shirley	Melley, Ellen	May-71
Pelkey, Don	Collamore, Abe	Sep-70	Melley, Ellen	Doyle, Joyce	Oct-71
Collamore, Abe	Mariani, Paul	Apr-71	Doyle, Joyce	Grandpre, Polly	May-72
Mariani, Paul	O'Neill, Ed	Sep-71	Grandpre, Polly	Gilpatrick, Simone	May-72
O'Neill, Ed (Deceased)	Paleologopoulos, Paul	Jan-72	Gilpatrick, Simone	Pelkey, Jean	Sep-72
Paleologopoulos, Paul	Onofrey, Richard	Apr-72	Pelkey, Jean	O'Neill, Kay	Feb-73
Onofrey, Richard (Deceased)	Bledsoe, John	Aug-72	O'Neill, Kay (Deceased)	Bledsoe, Irene	May-73
Bledsoe, John	Kelly, John	Jan-73	Bledsoe, Irene	Collamore, Marge	Oct-73
Kelly, John (Deceased)	Triggs, Robert	Apr-73	Collamore, Marge	Joyce, Carol	Mar-74
Triggs, Robert	Glidden, Fred	Sep-73	Joyce, Carol	Lavelle, Mary	May-74
Glidden, Fred	Kane, Vin	Jan-74	Lavelle, Mary	Boyle, Tess	Oct-74
Kane, Vin	Pierce, Paul	Apr-74	Boyle, Tess	Pappas, Jo	Feb-75
Pierce, Paul	St. Onge, Richard	Sep-74	Pappas, Jo	Weissbrod, Barbara	May-75
St. Onge, Richard (Deceased)	Maloney, Anthony	Jan-75	Weissbrod, Barbara	Mariani, Eileen	Oct-75
Maloney, Anthony (Deceased)	Lavelle, Bernard	Apr-75	Mariani, Eileen	Kelly, Lu	Feb-76
Lavelle, Bernard	Peirce, Henry	Sep-75	Kelly, Lu (Deceased)	Quinn, Joan	May-76
Peirce, Henry (Deceased)	Rodriguez, Lenardo	Jan-76	Quinn, Joan	Callahan, Kathy	Oct-76
Rodriguez, Lenardo	Maloney, Fran	Apr-76	Callahan, Kathy	Hogan, Kathleen	May-77
Maloney, Fran (Deceased)	O'Neill, John, JR.	Sep-76	Hogan, Kathleen (Deceased)	Blair, Lee	Oct-77
O'Neill, John, JR. (Deceased)	Stenstrom, David	Apr-77	Foley, Mary	Kelly, Kathy	Mar-82
Stenstrom, David	Callahan, James	Sep-77	Gehring, Nancy	Lord, Judy	May-87
Callahan, James	Cleary, Vincent	Mar-78	Lord, Judy	Focosi, Kathy	Mar-88
Flury, Norm	Pat McGeer	Mar-87	Kakley, Kathy	Dame, Lynn	Oct-89
Murphy, Jim	Johnny Johnson	Jan-88	Dame, Lynn	Johnson, Peggy	Oct-90

Palanca to St. John's in Agawam
Women's Weekend
Fri. May 23-26
Closing 7pm Mon. 26th!



Women's Weekend Spring 2014

*He does not ration
His gift of the Spirit.*

John 3:

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WOMEN'S TEAM

May 23-26, 2014

St. John's, Agawam Closing 7pm Mon.

Rector	Joanne VanKruiningen	Action	Judy Muszynski
Assistant Rector	Kathy Held	Leaders	Marie Anne Buffam
Spiritual Advisors	Judy Lloyd	Study of Environment	Berry Ablicki
	Fr. John Hurley	Christian in Action	Ellen Donahue
Ideal	Louise George	Ninth Member	Eileen Trznadel
Layperson in the Church	Leora Cosenzi	Head Cha	Leslie Brown
Piety	Diane Daigle	Cha	Kiesha Bolden
Study	Virginia Thomas	Cha	Diane Davitt

CANDIDATES

For updates/changes go to www.cursillomass.org
Candidate drop off is by 7pm on Fri., May 23rd

CANDIDATE	CITY	SPONSOR
JoAnn Balakier	Agawam	Kathy Klimoski
Geri Basile	Longmeadow	Joyce Rosati
Deb Bogoff	Montgomery	Linda Menard
Melissa Brady	E. Longmeadow	Maureen MacPhail
Elizabeth Capurso	Longmeadow	Bernard Marshall
Marcia Devenitch	E. Longmeadow	Alaena Podmore
Kathy Doe	E. Longmeadow	Joyce Rosati
Cyndi Drenthe	E. Longmeadow	Alicsia O'Connor/Bella Andrukonis
Linda Duguay	South Hadley	Sheila Fitzell
Sheila Dupre	E. Longmeadow	Jill Keough
Andrea Fortier	Feeding Hills	Msgn. David Joyce
LuAnne Geoffrion	West Hatfield	Virginia Thomas
Vida Gircys	S. Hadley	Diane Daigle/Faith St. Onge
Linda Gralenski	Erving	Eileen Mariani
Rita Griffin	Ludlow	Joyce Ottomaniello
Ann Hobert	Holyoke	Leslie Brown
Ellen Labonte	Chicopee	Terri Stuetzel
Mary Lempke	Southampton	Janet Dwyer
Valerie Manning	Agawam	Michelle Temple
Kari Meyer	E. Longmeadow	Alaena Podmore
Sr. Melinda Pellerin	Springfield	Virginia Thomas
Penny Piazza	Longmeadow	Kathy Canavan
Ana Posada	Chicopee	Diane Daigle/Faith St. Onge
Elaine Scott	Chicopee	Diane Daigle
Carole Venne	E. Longmeadow	Kristen Rahilly
Francine Gleason Weinandy	Agawam	Mike King
Claire Whelihan	Holyoke	Lorraine & Ted Grant

MEET YOUR RECTORA - Joanne VanKruiningen

May the God of hope fill you all with joy and peace as you trust in HIM, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Hello, my name is Joanne VanKruiningen. Happily I can say I have always had a strong sense of faith which was instilled in me by my parents. Attending mass was a natural extension of home. Growing up in West Springfield, I attending St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. After high school, I attended Simmons College in Boston which was a very big deal as I was very much a homebody. I wasn't sure I would last being away from home, but I found peace and comfort in attending mass at the Emmanuel College chapel which was right across the street. After college I stayed in the Boston area for almost 20 years.

My Cursillo journey began in May of 2001 at St. Basil's in Methuen MA. I enjoyed my weekend and would never have guessed it would lead me here. I moved back to Western MA in 2006 when I married my husband Dan after a fateful meeting "over the fence." Gradually I became involved with the Western Mass Cursillo community and it has truly been a gift in my life. I am constantly amazed by the wonderful people I meet through Cursillo and I continue to try to bloom where God has "re-planted" me.

The Holy Spirit has brought together an amazing team who impress and inspire me each week. We are excited to introduce a new group of women to Cursillo and the joy of the living in God's love. Please pray for the team and the candidates on the upcoming weekend. *De Colores*

PALANCA . . . for the Women's weekend comes out on Saturday, May 23. 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.

DEAR FELLOW CURSILLISTAS

Mike Riley

Last year the Secretariat decided to introduce a Sponsors' Liturgy specifically designed and dedicated to those individuals or groups sponsoring candidates for the upcoming Cursillo weekends. Since these Sponsor's Liturgies were so successful, we have decided to include them as a permanent part of each weekend we hold.

Therefore, we are inviting the entire Cursillo community and are strongly asking that each candidate's sponsor for the upcoming Women's weekend attend this Liturgy. The teams and candidates will not be in attendance as they will be getting set to start their weekend. **The Women's Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday, May 23rd at 7:30p.m. at St. John's Church in Agawam.** The service will last no more than one hour and will include a brief talk on Cursillo sponsorship. Each sponsor will then be presented a candle as a symbol of their obligation and responsibility to their candidate both during and after the weekend. We invite the entire Cursillo community to attend this beautiful service to support to the sponsors and pledge Palanca to their candidates.

So, to those sponsors (or designated surrogates if you are not able to attend), once 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 at 7:30.

Late last year the Secretariat asked Pat Triggs to form a committee to identify and select a new Lay Director to succeed yours truly, effective June 1st 2014. After four years of service, it is time for Cursillo in the Springfield Diocese to get new leadership with a fresh set of eyes and a renewed purpose to con-

tinue to grow and support those who are committed to the movement.

I am very pleased to announce effective June 1, 2014, Rose Stella and Donna Gaudrault will serve as Co-Lay Directors. I firmly believe that the Holy Spirit has touched both of them in the same way it touched me when I said YES to God's call four years ago. I am very, very excited for the movement as we enter this new era. Rose and Donna will do a fantastic job and we are blessed that they each answered the call.

The past four years have been a joyous experience for me while working with so many Christ-filled and committed Christians. Please know that although I will no longer be taking an active part in the leadership, I will not be going too far. I look forward to seeing you all at Closings, Ultreyas and group.

Thank you all again for your prayers, support and enthusiasm. Christ is counting on US! *De Colores*

DEAR FRIENDS

Msgr. David Joyce

How exciting it is to see our May Women's Weekend filling up - it seems we might even have a waiting list! This tells us we have a healthy movement in Cursillo - people willing to take on the responsibility of sponsorship, others willing to take leadership roles on teams and in all the other Cursillo activities. Let's not forget to give thanks to God for the blessings we currently enjoy. Not the least of these blessings has been Mike Riley's leadership role as Lay Director of Cursillo in the Diocese for the last four years, and the team of Donna Gaudrault and Rose Stella who will soon take on this role. Special thanks to these three - to Mike for all that's been accomplished during his tenure, and to Rose and Donna for their willingness to step up to the plate and share the job of Lay Director.

Thanks to all for all you do for Cursillo, and to God for all He does for us. Please keep Joanne VanKruiningen and her team in your prayers as they prepare for and carry out the Cursillo, May 23 to 26, and don't forget - PALANCA!

De Colores

~ CONTRIBUTIONS ~

In honor of Irene and John Bledsoe for Christmas and the gift of their friendship from Faith St. Onge

Merry Christmas to all from Jeanne and Marc Gaudette

In Memory of Dick St. Onge, Joe Murray and Dona Kane from Irene & John Bledsoe

In Memory of Fr. John Johnson Anonymous

In honor of Faith & Dick St. Onge and Irene & John Bledsoe from Cathy & Fred Rook

In Memory of Clare & Bob Cary from Margaret & Robert Keliher

In Honor of Rick Robare entering into the Catholic Church from Dorene & Wendell Pennell

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