

BLESSED

Dave Bergeron

I recently attended the men's retreat weekend and words cannot fully express how great it was. It had been a difficult week at work and by Friday I wasn't really feeling up to going on the weekend. A co-worker and wonderful friend had passed away on Sunday and all week at work the mood and atmosphere was, to say the least, very difficult. I knew Billy was home with God but it didn't make it any easier. I really didn't want to go, but somehow found myself going.

I need to thank God and so many people for a wonderful weekend. God knew where I needed to be, even if I did not. I was renewed seeing old friends and by making new ones. It is great to have so many brothers in Christ. The talks were wonderful and uplifting. The theme, *forgiving ourselves and others*, was perfect and reminded me that no matter how many times we fall, we must faithfully pick up our cross and follow God wherever he may lead us. The sharing and time spent with so many men filled with The Holy Spirit was terrific. God knew where I needed to be. I know I am truly blessed for everything I have in my life.

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IN THANKSGIVING

Deacon John Bledsoe

I've started my article from Pass Christian, MS, sitting on my bunk bed which has been my home for the past 10 days. When I called down to ask about volunteering in the Katrina recovery, the lady I spoke to told me they would 'put me up' in the *Sacred Heart Cursillo Center* if I decided to come down. After hearing her say that, how could I not say YES!

I've entitled my article, "In Thanksgiving," for two reasons. First to thank everyone who sponsored the 30 men that made the men's Cursillo this month. I hear the weekend was great (as usual) and I really missed not being there for the closing. I also hear that we have 35 women confirmed for the women's weekend, and a waiting list! I encourage those of you who tend to wait until you know for sure if there will be a weekend, not to wait. Get those applications in *now*. Who knows, we might not have to wait until April 2007 for the next weekend!

My second reason is for the opportunity to come down here to Mississippi and to volunteer my help with the rebuilding of this area. My time here is a life changing experience and I look forward to sharing this with all of you in a future article or letter. As I look around at the devastation and loss of homes for so many thousands of people here, my heart is broken for them. The little that I have accomplished in the short time I've been here is minimal. But added to the efforts of about 100 others that have come and gone at this one center while I've been here, it amounts to a lot. In the second home I've been working in, the woman that owns it stops by every morning to unlock the doors and then later in the day comes back again just to say, "Thank you for helping me get my home back in shape for me and my son." Today was the seventh day in a row that she has done this. I tell her that I receive as much (or more) as she does. Today I received a big hug from her and an invitation to stop in to

see the house after it is completed. I look forward to it because I will be back and hopefully with lots of cursillistas! After all, that is what we are about.

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May	June	July	Aug	Ultreya Calendar
19	16	21	18	DIOCESAN Ultreya - 7:30 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Holyoke, MA
11	8	13	10	Local Ultreya - 7 p.m. (2nd Thursday) St. Stanislaus, Chicopee, MA

May 26-29 Women's Cursillo Weekend, Holy Name Parish, Springfield
Registration Friday 7:15 p.m. - Palanca by Saturday - Closing 7 p.m. Monday

Clip and Save Dates

Announcements:

Cursillo Mass scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at 7:00p.m. at St. Theresa's in South Hadley.

Cursillo Mass scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's in South Hadley.

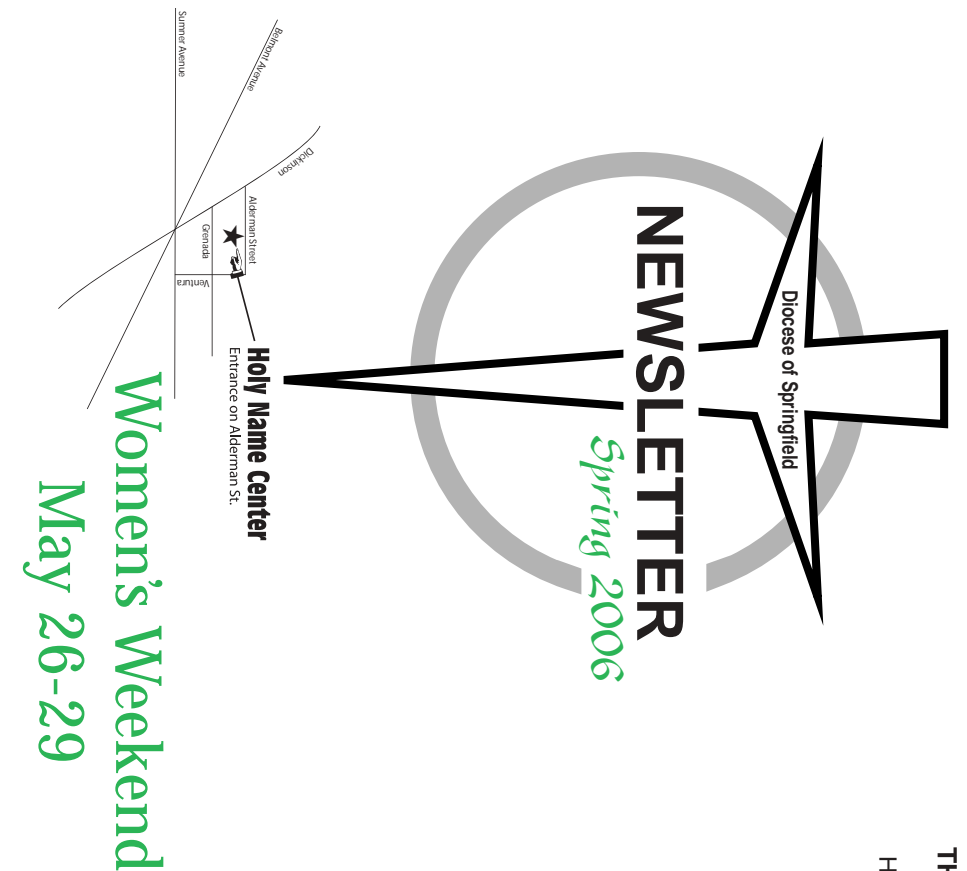
These Masses are a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the Eucharist. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to pray together for our sick and suffering members, to pray for those who have died, and to pray in thanksgiving for our blessings. It also provides an opportunity to come together at a time other than Friday evening. *Hope to see many of you there!*

A Meditation on a Seminarian's Witness

James Alderson

I cry out to you my God.
My heart is heavy and burdened.
You, Oh God, lighten my burden with your never ending love.
I feel the warmth of the love of your Spirit filled servants.
Their hands reach out in faith.
Embracing everything in my past.
And all things to come.
I taste the salt of my tears,
Your words empower me,
"You are the salt of the earth."
Be still you say, their love is my love,
wrapped in truth and compassion.
Oh my God, I lie prostrate at your feet,
My heart close to the soul you breathed into me at birth.
Full of repentance and humility I stand before you.
I feel your loving embrace, the warmth of your breath on my ear, as you whisper,
"Be still my son, I am filled with joy."
You have called me, Oh God.
I answer with fervent prayer and service to your Beloved son, Jesus, and our beloved mother, Mary.

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WOMEN'S TEAM *Fri. May 26-29, 2006*

Holy Name Parish, Springfield

Rectora	<i>Fran Wilhelmi</i>	Ninth Member	<i>Marge Collamore</i>
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Spiritual Dir.	<i>Sr. Cathy Leary</i>	Laity	<i>Berry Ablicki</i>
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Cha	<i>Barbara Gaughan</i>	Christian Comm.	<i>Dorene Pennell</i>

MEET YOUR RECTORA - Fran Wilhelmi

When we made Cursillo, we were told that "Christ is counting on you!" and our reply was, "and I on Him." Isn't this awesome! Being the hands and feet for Christ and bringing others to know and love Him through Cursillo.

When I tried writing this article, my mind went blank and I asked for help. God never closes the door. Once I started writing, the words just flowed out. Talk about the power of the Holy Spirit!

The little things we do in our lives, the people we meet and those we haven't met, can make such a difference in our world. When I think back to how Cursillo has helped to open our hearts and listen to His word, I see our ideals change as we grow, and what a gift this has been to me and to all of us. At times our journey has had its peaks and valleys, but God always sends His angels to help us along the path. And many of these angels are you, the Cursillistas!

My name is Frances Wilhelmi and I made my Cursillo in 1976 and I have no idea what table I sat at. But I do know that one of my spiritual advisors also made this same weekend, Cathy Leary, who I am so pleased to have on team. I am married to Tom Wilhelmi for 46 years (and I keep reminding him that they are 46 *happy* years so he doesn't forget.) We have 2 daughters, Mary Frances who is married to Edward and lives in Belchertown, and Ginger who resides in PA. I am happy to say that Mary Frances has accepted the invitation as a candidate on this weekend. WOW!

We also have 2 *beautiful* grandchildren, and I know everyone says that they also have beautiful grandchildren, but they really are!!! Sarah is 16, a junior at Belchertown High School, and Andrew is 15. You can tell I'm not prejudiced, they are such precious gifts from God and I treasure them all.

Talk about gifts and blessings! This team, these women, are so special and from our first meeting we could all feel God's presence. We have shared our love of God and our love for each other. They are truly my Sisters in Christ. When you read the team listing above you will understand. Need I say more!

I look forward to being the next Rectora for the Weekend and I ask for your continued prayers for the team and the candidates. Thank you for all the help you have given us and God Bless, we love you all.
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WOMEN'S WEEKEND CANDIDATES *Palanca by Sat. May 27, please*

CANDIDATE	CITY	SPONSOR
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Kathleen Bowler	Holyoke	Dianne Murphy
Donna Bresnahan	S.Hadley	Donna/Tom Gaudrault
Laurie Brunton	Chicopee	Tina Cookish
Dianne Chagnon	S.Hadley	Joe Cirillo
Jene Connor	E.Longmeadow	Ruth Connor
Lynne Conroy	E. Hartford, CT	Mike Grant
Leora Cosenzi	Springfield	Jane Gaines
Claire Dizak	Holyoke	Fran Wilhelmi
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Aida Gaouette	Chicopee	Claire Remillard
Jacqueline Gladu	S.Hadley	Lise/David Letellier
Kathy Guilbault	S.Hadley	Peg Johnson
Suzanne Helm	Chicopee	John Bledsoe
Cynthia Jackson	Holyoke	Linda Menard
Henrietta James	Ludlow	Kathy Nowak
Lorraine Lacasse	S.Hadley	Don Gagne/Gerry Lacasse
Mary Maiers	S.Hadley	Jean Czajka
Jayne Marsh-Babij	Chicopee	Arden Lowe
Frances Millane	Holyoke	Jim Murphy
Louise Millane-George	Holyoke	Jim Murphy
Diana Molina	Ludlow	Pat Desmarais
Doris Nadeau	S.Hadley	Lise Letellier
Joan Nadeau	Chicopee	Dianne/Jim Murphy
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Doris Quinn	Granby	MaryEllen Atchison
Deborah Robinson	Palmer	Deacon Bill Toller
Katherine Sliwa	Chicopee	Bonnie Kukla-Elmer
Joanne Sullivan	W.Springfield	Mary Jo Gallagher
Susan (Rook) Ulan	Westfield	Fred/Cathy Rook & Bledsoe's

RECIPE FOR PEACE *Geralyn Kelly*

Necessary Ingredients:

1/4 cup of honesty	1 tablespoon of friendship
3 cups of love	3 teaspoons of kindness
3/4 cup of freedom	3/4 cup of hope
7 cups of the human race	a pinch of equality

Soften the love so it will spread well. Combine freedom, honesty and friendship. chill until partially set. This will help to keep the ingredients together. Fold in hope. Now take the human race and sift out hate, greed, revenge, bigotry, and any other ingredients that will take away from the end product. Blend the sifted with the hope, love, freedom, honesty and friendship. Rotate under the sun until peace rises. When ready - serves all mankind.

NOTE FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR *Pat Triggs*

If you were among the many, many people who attended the Men's closing on April 23, I don't have to tell you what an uplifting and holy occasion it was! No matter how many times I have sat and listened to the candidates speak of their experience, it never gets "old" to me. It is as if I were hearing it all for the first time! And when I hear the words spoken, "What words hit home the hardest for you?" I can always recall a comment that strikes a chord for me. It is such a human condition to need to be reminded, and reminded again and again, of what my life's work is really about. The closing is a real gift, given freely, and such a blessing. There are people in the world who are spending thousands of dollars to try and get what we are given for free!

One of the goals of the Secretariat is to figure out how to keep our community connected in a way which will allow us to continue to be inspired by each other. Of course, our monthly Ultreya is one way. Another way is our newsletter, when we share our Fourth Day with our readers. Our Cursillo Masses provide still another opportunity. We are looking to you for some additional ways to keep us inspired! Do you have any thoughts and or suggestions for us? Please share them with us, as we are striving to insure that the "best kept secret" is no longer secret! You can call or write to me, to Deacon John Bledsoe, or any member of the Secretariat. My phone is 413-788-6535, my email is: ptriggs@juno.com

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