

LIVES CHANGED FOR CHRIST

The Lord reaches out to people in many ways, and leads them to conversion and a more abundant spiritual life. We are all called to evangelize, which is a key goal of Cursillo. Some of our members are involved in an evangelization process called "Alpha". This is a 10-week course that accepts adults over the whole spectrum of spirituality from atheist, to active church members. Those seekers looking for a deeper spiritual life partake of the weekly meals, teachings, and small group discussions.

A young man named Mike LaVallie aged 28 had been raised a Catholic, but went to church mainly because of his family. During discussions with his Christian girlfriend, he found he could not explain why he believed certain things. He also looked around at some of his family and friends who followed the Word of God and prayed daily, and asked himself: "Why did they do it?" Going into the Alpha course, he had questions like "Why should I believe there is a God?", and "Why trust in something that seems surreal?". He said "What happened next has been the biggest life changing event ever". He went from not trusting the stories he heard during the course teachings, to discovering some incredible people who had similar questions. He found a feeling of love and saw the drive and light in others. He was given an insight, a trust, an understanding, the truth.... "I was shown the Word of God, and it has shown me the truth." Now he finds himself on a deeper search for God, even evangelizing at times, because he's so excited about it, with a sense of never-ending love. Mike concluded by saying "God is real and I found him! I pray that you can find him too! May God bless you all."

One woman found the course "Changed My Life". She considered herself a Christian, always doing the "good girl thing" including regular Mass and Bible reading. But there was still emptiness, a "God hole". Something was missing, and she came to realize it was the Holy Spirit. Overcoming an initial reluctance, she began looking forward

Welcome Cursillistas, Weekends 247 & 248

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to the gatherings. She soon kept her Bible and a notebook on the kitchen table, and whenever she had a few spare minutes, she could hardly wait to read more passages and write them down. In the weeks before the Holy Spirit retreat she had felt depressed, and so all alone. But she decided to put all her troubles into God's hands. During the retreat, God spoke to her. She has been faithful to this direction, and is now filled with the Holy Spirit, and her life has changed tremendously. "Having the Holy Spirit in oneself really changes the way you think, talk, and do things." She now has a peace and contentment, always yearning to find books to read to strengthen her faith. She is no longer ashamed to tell about her experience. She highlights Ephesians 2:10 'God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus, he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do.'

If you have more questions about the Alpha Course, check out the national web site at www.alphausa.org or the Twin Cities homepage at www.alphausa.org/twincities.

Dick Hertel, Minnesota Valley Ultreya



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COME, ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, COME TO THE WATERS; ISAIAH 55:1

The Easter Vigil service is special to us, we have each sponsored three candidates in R.C.I.A. What is really special is when our candidates haven't been baptized. We are so envious as they are very aware of the importance of baptism and they will remember the occasion.

Our priest at Risen Savior gave a homily regarding baptism by bringing out two sport jerseys. One was a U.S.A. hockey jersey and the other a Minnesota Viking jersey. He said, "If you played sports and received one of these it means you have made the team. Same as if you were in a drama or play, you would wear a costume to indicate your part in the play. Imagine, if you refused to practice or rehearse, but just sat on the sidelines, went to the parties, marched in the parades while everyone else played the games or acted in the play. This would not be acceptable to your coach or teammates. The jersey or costume means you must do your part".

He went on to say "However, many of us didn't play sports or act in school plays. The one jersey we have all worn is our baptismal jersey. We didn't have to try out for this, we are all part of this (team) through our baptism. Our baptism jersey reminds us what our coach (God) says to us, you are my beloved son, my beloved daughter, in you I am well pleased."

He finished up by saying "To do our part as Christians, wearing our baptismal jersey, we must reject apathy, indifference, be our brother and sister's keeper, pray for the sick, be with the friend who is grieving, the friend who is financially strapped, and mentor the neglected child or the lonely elderly person. We must realize we carry the power of God into these situations."

So as a part of this Christian team, what is God going to call us to do? We think we should WEAR OUR CHRISTIAN JERSEY PROUDLY.

We're off to Wichita, KS on April 25th for the Regional Meeting, it's not too late if you would like to join us. Reminder to keep June 22nd on the calendar for the big summer picnic at Cleary Park for a day of fun and games with a Mass later in the day. Don't forget your palanca for the May weekends and thank you for your prayers for Gene's surgery (March 31st)



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SCHOOL OF LEADERS

When: First Tuesday of the month.
April 1, 2003, 7:00 pm

Where: Library, Benilde-St. Margaret

This month's highlights:

1. Featured Ultreya: Western
2. Topic: Leaders' Manual review - PostCursillo, given by Dick Clark

As always, you are invited and encouraged to come and join your fellow cursillistas at the School of Leaders. Continue to learn more about Cursillo and to be a part of setting its direction in the Twin Cities. You are also invited to come the Working Group meeting on the 2nd Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 PM in the Red Knight room at Benilde-St Margaret.

New leaders commissioned in March:
1) May coordinators, Tom Repucci and Beth Hassel, and 2) the new Pre-Cursillo co-chair, Tom Mahowald.

Deacon Joe Frederick spoke on "The Psychology of Sin". Sin is the common denominator of people needing help. Scripture provides many answers as to why things go wrong in our lives and many words of encouragement when our failings get us down. We are accepted! We are secure! We are significant! People are searching for such answers and encouragement but don't know that they are available in scripture. It's our job to try to point the way. Christian counselors are available to help who can address not only psychological problems, but also psychospiritual needs. Netting it all down, "Jesus is the answer, what's the question?"

Bob Bruton and Dick Clark

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Don't forget to visit the Cursillo web site for additional Cursillo information.

We pray for you, thanks for praying for us....

Gene & Jean

Team Members for Weekends 249 & 250

Position	Men #249	Women #250
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Kitchen Team	Phil Schweitzer	Dianne Hockert
Kitchen Team	Jerry Elfert	Louise Babatz

Volunteer Position Available

Are you looking for something to do for Cursillo? Need to add something to your volunteer resume? Well do I have an opportunity for you!

After a year and an half as your Kindling Editor and webmaster, it is time for me to step down and give one of you the golden opportunity to be the Kindling Editor and website webmaster. These positions do not have to be done by the same person, although it seems to work good that way; they can be done by separate people. Start Date: Dec 2003 or TBD.

Also, if you are good at editing, the communications team can use you also. I don't have any editing positions open right now, but you never know.

If you are interested, please contact Jim Harasyn at 763.425.7979 or kindling@tc-cursillo.org.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CURSILLO WEEKENDS 249 AND 250

ST. AMBROSE IN WOODBURY

MEN'S, MAY 1-4, 2003

COORDINATOR: TOM REPUCCI

WOMEN'S, MAY 8-11, 2003

COORDINATOR: BETH HASSEL

(YOU MUST HAVE MADE WEEKEND 245/246 OR EARLIER AND BE GROUPING AND ATTENDING ULTREYA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WORK.)

FUTURE WEEKENDS THAT ARE BEING PLANNED:

251	ST. MICHAEL IN STILLWATER	09/11/2003
252	ST. MICHAEL IN STILLWATER	09/18/2003
253	ST. JOSEPH IN HOPKINS	11/13/2003
254	ST. JOSEPH IN HOPKINS	11/20/2003
255	ST. HUBERT IN CHANHASSEN	02/12/2004
256	ST. HUBERT IN CHANHASSEN	02/19/2004
257	ST. JOHN'S IN SAVAGE	04/22/2004
258	ST. JOHN'S IN SAVAGE	04/29/2004

Jesus invites you to consider working one of these weekends. We are His hands and feet. Team applications are available at Ultreyas, and on our web site. They should be filled-out and given to your Ultreya Representatives immediately. Applications are kept on file for one year from date of submittal and approval.

More Volunteers Needed

1 or 2 couples needed for the purpose of Liturgical equipment maintenance (pick-up and cleaning). Please contact Jean Burns at 952.892.7095.

One Individual needed to maintain the Cursillo photo album, and to collect pictures for the album after future weekends. Please contact Sue Leahy at 952.440.2364

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Schedule for upcoming School of Leaders meetings

Date	Featured Ultreya	Discussion Topic
04/01/03	Western	Leaders' Manual review - PostCursillo - Dick Clark
05/06/03	Spanish Speaking	How to restore trust in the church - Father Stan Maslowski
06/03/03	Southwest Servants	Conducting an authentic 3 Day Cursillo - Gene and Jean Burns
07/01/03*	Northwest	Leading from within - Father Marty Shallbetter
08/05/03	Northern Lakes	Witness talk on May weekend - team member
09/02/03	Highland Park	Technique talk by Cursillo Section on an area of concern. * Commissioning this evening

Ultreyas Dates for this April

3	St. Cloud, St. Benedict's, St. Joseph	7:00 pm
4	Northeast, St. Peter's, North St. Paul, Potluck	6:30 pm
4	North Minneapolis, St. Williams in Fridley	7:30 pm
6 **	Northern Lakes, St. Joseph's, Lino Lakes	7:00 pm
	Midwest, IHM, Minnetonka	No longer active
11	Restful Waters, St. Dominic's, Northfield	7:30 pm
12	St. Paul Midway, St. Mark's, St. Paul	8:00 am
12	Highland Park, St. Gregory's, St. Paul	7:00 pm
12	Northwest, St. Henry's, Monticello	7:30 pm
12	Spanish-Speaking, St. Stephen's, Minneapolis	7:30 pm
	Even months are at Our Lady of Guadalupe	
	Odd months are at St. Stephen's	
13	Western, St. John's, Excelsior (Rosary at 6:30)	7:00 pm
26***	Jacob's Well, Holy Name, Medina	7:00 pm
19****	MN Valley, Risen Savior, Burnsville	7:00 pm
20	Deaf Community, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mpls	11:00 am
	Korean, Korean Catholic Church, St. Paul	No longer active
19 *	SW Servants, St. Michael, Prior Lake	7:00 pm
27	Vietnamese Community, St. Joseph Hien, Mpls.	1:30 pm

Weekly Open Groups:

Northwest, St. Henry's, Monticello, Tues. 6:00 pm
Spanish Speaking, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sat. 9:00 am

* Change to the 3rd Saturday of the month.

** Northern Lakes has moved to the First Sunday of the Month.

*** Change to the 26th; this month only

****MN Valley is not meeting in April and May. Potluck 6:30 PM 5-17

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Northeast Ultreya changes

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Jacob's Well Ultreya

Jacob's Well Ultreya Will not meet on April 19th (Holy Saturday). Instead it will meet on Saturday, April 26th. Please mark your calendars. If there are any questions, please contact Eileen Stewart at sumbigstew@aol.com