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TWIN CITIES CURSILLO

February 2002

LAY DIRECTORS' LINK

"The Lord is my Shepard - I have everything I need." Psalm 23:1

Sheep are not smart - they tend to wander into creeks for water, then their wool grows heavy and they drown. They need a Shepard to lead them to calm water.

So it is that us, like sheep, need a Shepard. We need a Shepard to care for us and to guide us - AND we have one. One who knows us by name.

As we head into our new roles as Lay Directors - there is no doubt we need a Shepard. When we said yes to the call - we honestly had no idea of what being a Lay Director was all about. We maybe thought we did, but, turns out we did not have a clue. However, after being the Assistants this past year, it has been quite a learning experience. We knew that we would be going to many meetings, they told us not to plan on anything else on Tuesday nights, because that would be "Cursillo" night. We heard that we would be going to some regional meetings so that was no surprise.

After watching the Pressellers for this past year we are beginning to realize how much help and support we are going to need, just to come close to the high standards they set in being Lay Directors. We definitely will need a lot of prayers from the 4th day - and of course what we have learned from our past team coordinators - we need to remember to turn it over to the Holy Spirit.

Another thing we learned this past year in our travels to regional and national is we have the greatest 4th dayers in the nation, if not it the world. We need the 4th dayer's support and the 4th day needs to know that we are here to serve them as well as Him.

As we move into the year 2002 we can tell you how encouraged we were at the Cursillo gathering at Christ the King Retreat Center - it seemed to put us in the right spirit to get the year off in a proper way. It was great to spend the weekend with nearly 100 Cursillistas, being renewed spiritually in such a beautiful setting. We are looking forward to the Spanish Weekend this February at Our Lady of Guadalupe and we need extra prayers for a Vietnamese weekend this June, it wasn't on the schedule but the Holy Spirit decided it should be - it's still in the planning phase but looks like it could be at the "Home of the Good Shepard", which we thought was quite fitting. There will be further announcements regarding these weekends as the planning moves along. Please plan to join us at the regional meeting at Fairbault this April 26th.

We pray for you, please pray for us!

Gene & Jean

LEADERS' SCHOOL

When: Tuesday,
February 5th, 2002, 7pm
Where: Library, Benilde-St. Margaret

Leaders' School is looking forward to stoking-up the old Cursillo wood-stove with all the fresh energy of our new Ultreya reps, section heads, and featured Ultreya-of-the-month attendees. As the weather turns nippy outside, our hearts continue to burn with love for the Lord inside the cozy new library at Benilde-St. Margaret.

February highlights:

1. The featured Ultreya for February is the North Ultreya.
2. We will commission the April/May coordinators. Deacon Dave Huijbregtse will be available to perform the service.
3. The Secretariat is scheduled for February 19th.
4. Dick Clark will speak on chapter 7 and 8 in the study manual. Is this the same Dick Clark who was in New York a few weeks ago? Come and see!

The *Leader's Manual* Study Group continues to meet the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on February 12, in the Benilde/St. Margaret's Red Knight conference room.

We invite you to come to join your fellow cursillistas at Leader's School. Start your new year by learning more about cursillo.

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Don't forget to visit the Cursillo web site for additional Cursillo information. You will find dates, and maps for the monthly Ultreyas. The 2002 calendar is also available. We are working at updating it monthly.

Work on a Cursillo Weekend

Want to recall the special feeling of love and kindness shown to you on your Cursillo weekend? Become a part of a team.

A year after your weekend you may apply to work a Rollo, Palanca, or Kitchen team. The coordinator will place you as he or she sees fit. The applications may be picked up at Ultreya or Leader School. Your Ultreya representative must sign the application. During the six weeks prior to the weekend, you are asked to attend formation meetings at Benilde high school. A special spiritual bonding occurs during this time.

The love and warmth you experienced on your initial weekend is renewed each time you work. You may work one team each year.
Decolores!!!

Lu Kempf

Minnesota Valley Ultreya Changes

Mark and Sonia Lager, and Marty and Mary Pekarna are the new Ultreya representatives for the Minnesota Valley Ultreya. Congratulations! They are replacing Dave and Lori Miller.

The Children's Faces Project

These are America's Children: some smiling, some crying, some without features. They represent a portion of the 3000 children in our metropolitan area who don't have a place to call home. The average age of these children is 6 years old.

These children pay the price: physically, emotionally, developmentally, and academically. An artist, Nell Hillsley of Minneapolis, created the Children's Faces Project as a way to provoke thought and action about homelessness.

School age children draw pictures of children's faces of all colors and features. Volunteers at St. Mark's Cathedral then mount the pictures, along with some professional drawings on large panels, which are then available to churches upon request for a two-week period. They will also be displayed at the Capitol at the beginning of the 2002 session.

Isaiah, a social justice organization also supports this project. This organization works to increase the amount of affordable housing in all neighborhoods.

What does this project have to do with Cursillo members? We are urged to see Christ in everyone we meet. How do we meet people who are poor and homeless? Many of us live in neighborhoods where the poor can't afford to live. This is one way to raise our awareness of the reality of children who don't have stable homes to live in. Think about the possibility of your parish displaying the faces and focusing on the issue for a two-week period. For more information call Sylvia Winkelman at 763-533-8381.



5th Dayer
Robert & Virginia Nipp
Mary Brady
Josephine Hughes
Betty Menke

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CURSILLO WEEKENDS 239 AND 240

SPANISH-SPEAKING

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, S. ST. PAUL

MEN'S, FEBRUARY 14-17, 2002

WOMEN'S, FEBRUARY 21-24, 2002

(YOU MUST HAVE MADE WEEKEND 232 OR EARLIER AND BE GROUPING AND ATTENDING ULTREYA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WORK. ALSO FOR THIS WEEKEND, YOU MUST BE ABLE TO SPEAK SPANISH TO WORK IN THE ROLLO ROOM; HOWEVER, NON-SPANISH-SPEAKING WORKERS ARE INVITED TO SIGN-UP FOR PALANCA AND KITCHEN.)

CURSILLO WEEKENDS 241 AND 242

GUARDIAN ANGELS OAKDALE

MEN'S, APRIL 18-21, 2002

WOMEN'S, MAY 2-5, 2002

(YOU MUST HAVE MADE WEEKEND 234 OR EARLIER AND BE GROUPING AND ATTENDING ULTREYA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WORK.)

Jesus invites you to consider working one of these weekends. We are His hands and feet. Team applications are available at Ultreyas. 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.

Cursillo Winter Retreat

At final count, 97 people attended the Cursillo Winter Retreat at Kings House in Buffalo. The large group created some tight quarters, but also fostered a sense of closeness. In summary, the retreat was wonderful.

In the initial conference, Fr. Ray Prybis, OMI, introduced the nine basic Beatitudes and asked us to reflect upon which of these Beatitudes is touching us in our life. He encouraged us to read Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7 and think about what one thing would remain with us on our journey home if we were on that mountain listening to Jesus.

At the Saturday morning conference, Sr. Marjorie Klein, SSND, explained that the Sermon on the Mount gives us instructions for life. It gives us the be attitudes, not do attitudes though they will lead us to action. Because a "Blessing" is anything that enters into the center of our lives and expands our capacity to be filled with Christ's love, it may not always be painless, but will always bring spiritual growth. Sister Marjorie asked us to consider what blessings God has placed in our path lately and what is expanding us and our ability to love.

In the afternoon conference, Fr. Ray Prybis stressed that the Beatitudes suggest a complete reversal of human values. No more "eye for an eye" but rather "if a thief takes your cloak, give him your shirt too." He explained how some Beatitudes suggest that the central task in life is the fulfillment of God's will, while others promise future happiness with God, especially if their pursuit leads to persecution. He asked us to ponder what touches us most about the Beatitudes.

At the Sunday morning conference, Fr. Jim Deegan, OMI, did a great job of making us see the Beatitudes as the foundation and being "poor in spirit" as the cornerstone of the Sermon on the Mount. Being "poor in spirit" means being totally dependent on God and realizing that all we have is a gift from God. Being "pure of heart" relates to how we do things. Words are windows into the heart. There are four ways of praying and the same four ways of speaking:

- Adoration "I respect you"
- Thanksgiving "Thank you"
- Contrition "I'm sorry"
- Petition "Please, this is what I need"

So, if you want to know your heart, listen to your words. If you want to change your heart, reflect on what you say. If you want to change others or indeed the world, let your words be filled with the Spirit of Jesus. Father Jim also told us that forgiving is integral to a pure heart and that, if you want to be a slave, just harbor your resentments.

These talks led to great discussion and reflection, yet we had time for mass each day, a scriptural rosary, the sacrament of reconciliation, an anointing service, much singing and much socializing. In a special, unscheduled event, we remembered September 11th.

For those of you who were there, we inadvertently omitted Steve and Pat Szarke from our attendance list. They live at 1001 Montrose Blvd. in Buffalo, MN 55313 and can be reached at 763-682-4814. For those of you who might want to come next year, Patti Cicchese and Ann Gow will be the co-coordinators.

Bob Bruton

Cursillo No. 239 and 240

Our Lady of Guadalupe

South St. Paul MN

Men

Feb. 14-17

Women

Feb. 21-24

Rollo

Coordinator	Hugo E. Artola	Maria (Piti) Capouch
Asst Coordinator	Tito Ortiz	Mary Sol Nawrocki
Proctor	Paul Waldorf	Mary Ann Kosel
Spiritual Directors:	Pd. Lorenzo Hubbard	Fr. Frank Freid
		Deacon Martin Jaques
		Rosa Jaques
Rollo Musician	Zacarias Olivar	Anne (Anita) Attea
Rollo Musician	Florentino Vasquez	Mary Moren

Ideals	Paul Gomez	Candace Linares
Grace & Sacrements	Pd. Lorenzo Hubbard	Fr. Frank Freid
Laity	Majin Sanchez	Patricia Bukovich
Faith	Fernando Ortega	Martin Jaques
Holiness	Miguel Linares	Connie Fourre'
Formation	Enrique Lizama	Pat Ploehn
Evangelization	Zacarias Olivar	Mary Sol Nawrocki
Obstacles	Padre Tom Merrill	Rosa Jaques
Leaders	Miguel Olvera	Anne (Anita) Attea
Environments	Tito Ortiz	Gloria Montes
Christian Community	Juan Linares	Angelica Rodriguez
Christian Life	Fernando Ortega	Martin Jaques
Reunion & Ultreya	Hugo E. Artola	Maria (Piti) Capouch
Auxiliary		
Auxiliary		

Palanca

Coordinator	Mike Moren	Esilda Narvaez
Palanca Team		Celia Hiland
		Lynda Stewart
		Dorothy Franzen
		Kathleen Ruhland
		Caroline Ortiz
		Juanita Moran

Kitchen

Coordinator	Art Thole	Jan Meyer
Kitchen Team		Betty Lucas
		Lisa Quinn
		Barb Waldore
		Donna Klaers
		Kristine Kubes
		Jan Farrington
		Sonia Lager
		JoAnn Coller
<u>Liaison:</u>	Tito & Carolina Ortiz	Tito & Carolina Ortiz

DIRECTIONS:

From the Northwest: 694 East, 35E South, 94 East, 52 South
 From the Northeast: 694 West, 35E South, 94 East, 52South
 From the Southwest: Take 494 East, 52 North
 From the Southeast: Take 494 West, 52 North
 Once on 52, take the MN156/Concord Street heading East.

More complete map directions can be obtained at:
www.tc-cursillo.org and click on Cursillo Weekends.