

Remembering Fr. Tom Kolar

Fr. Tom Kolar died this past weekend after many years fighting Parkinson's Disease...he was the first Spiritual Director of the Twin Cities Cursillo. I first met Fr.. Tom Kolar on October 29, 1969. He was the Spiritual Director on Twin Cities weekend #3 my Cursillo weekend. I have many memories of Fr.. Tom and I would like to share a few of them.

1. At the end of that first weekend as he handed out the Cursillo crosses he put mine in my hand and whispered to me "...Christ is counting on you." He gave all of us our mission in the 4th Day with that statement.
2. I remember how alive he made the Church as he gave his talks on the weekend. He spoke about the "messy" saints who never looked in person as good as they did on their holy cards and how hard it was for many of them to live the life of a saint. He always made the Sacraments Rollo meaningful in such a way that one wanted to use them as frequently as possible.
3. As director of the Drama Department at St. Thomas Academy he frequently made the costumes used in the plays and even made vestments for the Mass for himself and other priests. One time, in a bright white vestment with a large golden sun and rays emanating (taken from a Matisse painting), he celebrated Mass for the Cursillistas at Giles and Joanne McConville's hobby farm in Wisconsin. It was a rare sight to see him in his colorful vestments out in the field with all of us in front of him and the cows behind him.
4. He loved the stage and appeared in several plays at the Chimera, White Bear Lake Playhouse, and The Theater in the Round in Minneapolis. Several of us went to see him in Hedda Gobbler at the Theater in the Round and he had the part of a lady's man. His first realization that we were there came as he was addressing a woman on stage and we were there behind the lady in the front row.
5. He was an excellent cook and would have couples to his apartment on St. Thomas Academy to dinner frequently. If he came to your house or you came to his he always wore his suit and collar as he felt it was a uniform for him to be proud to wear.
6. 1969 was a year that many new things were happening liturgically in the Church. He encouraged the congregation in saying many of the responses and even to share the prayers as he said them. He drew the line, however, at the congregation saying the Doxology with him. He said, "...I went to school for many years for the privilege of saying that prayer and I am jealous of it..."
7. He was the "cement" that held the fledgling Cursillo Movement together for the first years of its existence in this archdiocese. He insisted that the spirituality of the movement be consistent from weekend to weekend and that there was normally no reason to "fix" something that wasn't broken.
8. There was only one Ultreya in the early days and we would all go weekly to St. Thomas Academy for grouping (not many permanent groups were in force) and a Mass in the chapel. Father Kolar would celebrate (or concelebrate) the Mass and his homilies would bring the readings of the day to us and make them meaningful.

I know that there are many others who have their own memories of Fr. Tom and will agree that the Cursillo Movement in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis could not have had a better Spiritual Director for its beginnings in 1969.

Steve Judd, weekend #3

CURSILLO WINTER RETREAT -- THE HEALING POWER OF FORGIVENESS

How often should we forgive one another? Seventy times seven times was Jesus' reply to those who asked him this question. Unless we forgive one another from the heart, the healing power of forgiveness cannot touch the deepest part of our lives.

Forgiveness is a journey of the heart, but what happens when the mind puts up a roadblock? Who among us has not experienced or caused hurt feelings because of some petty incident, a few angry words or the other extreme, abuse? Who has not been caught up in a web of alienation? We may feel someone owes us an apology. We cannot see our need to apologize to another. We cannot forgive ourself. We may not even know what happened. We wait for the other person....

Come, hear what the Christ the King Retreat Center Leaders have to share with us about 'The Healing Power of Forgiveness'.

Mark your calendar for January 3-5, 2003.
Cost is \$100. \$65 for commuters. (Funds available for those unable to pay.) Send your reservation and \$20 to Mike Hadel, 1060 Ryde St, St. Paul 55103.

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"MANY ARE INVITED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN"

Matthew 22:14

This is the Gospel reading for Sunday, October 13th. Matthew's wedding feast features a King whose judgment appears quite harsh. He invites a crowd of people, some did not reply, others seized the King's slaves and mistreated them. Then the King throws out one poor neighbor because he does not have the right clothes. What Matthew seems to be doing in this Bible story is addressing the challenges of discipleship. True disciples of Jesus boldly respond to God's invitation. They are prepared, not hesitant when the invitation comes.

Matthew's parable takes aim at the invited guests who turn their backs on God's generosity and promises of faithfulness. They abuse their relationship with God thinking that God will continue to ring the dinner bell. The successful banquet includes people who want to be there and who are willing to do their part to make it successful. The invitation goes out to everyone, but not everyone is willing or able to participate. Let us respond to your invitation willingly, O Lord.

In Cursillo we have many invitations - we invite all 4th Dayers to Leaders School. As you know, as of September our new Leaders for the School of Leaders are Bob Bruton and Dick Clark. Their commissioning is Oct 1st, along with the November weekend Coordinators Mary Klehr and (one busy guy) Dick Clark; Lana Jones who will be joining John Gunelson in the Pre-Cursillo section of Secretariat will also be commissioned that evening. Another invitation we would like to see you accept is to the Grand Ultreya on November 7th. It is at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis and Archbishop Flynn will celebrate the Mass. After mass we will share refreshments and meet our fellow Cursillistas. Because of limited parking it is suggested that we gather at our churches and car pool. It would be great to have a big gathering of 4th Dayers for the Archbishop.

Some other invitations you might consider would be coming to Working Group/Study Group on the 2nd Tuesday of the month or working on a weekend team, becoming an Ultreya Rep or taking a position on Secretariat - these invitations go out to everyone. Some 4th dayers that have answered the invitation since the first of the year are Jim Harasyn our Kindling Editor who replaced Gordy Palzer, Tim Weldon who replaced Paul Joyce in the Cursillo section, Mary Petros who replaced Ann Hadel in the Music section and Monica Roe who replaced Lynda Stewart in the Post-Cursillo, and of course, Lana Jones who replaces Lorie Archambault. We are grateful that these folks accepted the call and we thank these wonderful 4th dayers that they replaced. I'm sure you noticed that it took two good men to replace one great woman, Julie LaClare.

We pray for you, please pray for us.

Gene & Jean

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

When: 1st. Tuesday
October 1, 2002, 7pm

Where: Chapel, Benilde-St. Margaret

This month's highlights:

1. The featured Ultreya will be Highland Park.
2. The November Cursillo Coordinators and new section leaders will be commissioned.
3. Dick Clark will do a technique talk wrapping up the content of the Leaders' Manual.

In September, the School of Leaders discussed potential topics for future doctrinal and technique discussions. Consensus seemed to suggest that focus should be on getting and keeping the Fourth Day active in the movement and pursuing its objectives. The next Kindling should be more specific about an overall topic and contain a schedule of future talks. Watch for more insight into what we will be doing.

As always, however, 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 to the Working Group meeting on the 2nd Tuesday, October 8, at 7:30 pm in the library at Benilde-St Margaret.

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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.

Grand Ultreya!

Mark November 7th on your calendars. There will be a Grand Ultreya at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. We start at 6:30 pm with Song, grouping, and a witness talk. Mass at 7:00 pm with refreshments following.

Let's fill the Church! Carpool with your Cursillista neighbors. If you missed the Grand Ultreya a couple years ago, you will NOT want to miss this one!

CHANGES

Southwest Servants. This month only, Ultreya will be held on Saturday October 19 at 7:00 PM, not on the usual third Sunday.

New Cursillistas ! Work on a weekend 6 months after making your first weekend. If you are interested in working a weekend, please contact your Ultreya rep; names and phone numbers are listed in the *Kindling*.

Past Weekend Photographs

Do you still have a photograph from one of these weekends? # 11, # 89, # 90, # 91, # 92, # 98, #105, #107, #113, #120, #121 #126, #137, #139, #143, #159, #160, #169, #226, #231, #235 #237, #238, #241

Pictures **will not** be returned - so please send a copy. Please contact Sue Leahy at 952-440-2364 to confirm if a copy is still needed.

"The Laborers Are Few"

While I was prayerfully considering whether or not to agree to be the co-chair of Leaders School, I heard Father Charlie Lachowitz of Presentation preach a wonderful homily in response to Governor Ventura's Proclamation of Indivisible Day on the Fourth of July. The essence of his talk was that we Christians are holding back and letting non-Christians take God out of everything and replace Him with liberal philosophies that are contrary to Gospel teachings.

Three days later, I read an editorial in the St. Paul Pioneer Press by Cal Thomas titled "Scandals reflect lack of ethical standards in America". He said that, "if we do not teach our children the importance of ethics and good morals and model such things before them, they're not likely to display them automatically." He continued "our politics suffers from a shortage of people who put character and country before career and personal gain."

Two days later, I accepted the Leaders School job with a mission and a vision. The mission is to challenge you, the Fourth Day, to be more active Christians in your everyday lives. The vision is to do this by: 1) having Leaders School pick meaningful topics for discussion such as how to get the Fourth Day more active in grouping, sponsoring candidates and volunteering for teams, 2) communicating the topics to you in advance through the *Kindling*, 3) encouraging attendance at and participation in Leaders School, and 4) summarizing the topic discussions back to you through the *Kindling*.

We cannot ignore what is happening around us. We cannot put our response to God at the bottom of our priority list. We must remember that while "the harvest is plenty, the laborers are few." Let's Keep The Fourth Day Simple, an older Cursillo publication, says that "the (Cursillo) Method is basically a method of perseverance; perseverance in keeping the conversion experience ongoing, and in living what is fundamental to being a Christian, namely, commitments to piety, study, action and being in Christian community. The former will be achieved when the latter is being lived."

May God bless each and every one of you in your daily responses to His calling.

Bob Bruton

Upcoming Events

Cursillo Fall Meeting. The regional Cursillo fall meeting is scheduled for October 4-6 in David City NE. If you are interested, please contact Kathy and John Springer, 1410 E 15th Crete NE 68333, 402.826.2699 or ks90710@alltel.net

National Cursillo Spain trip 2002. National Cursillo has been planning a pilgrimage to Mallorca, Santiago de Compostela and Madrid in preparation for our 50th Anniversary of the Cursillo movement in the United States.

There are 75 seats, one-third are already taken. The group will leave Miami on November 16th and return November 24th. The cost is \$1450. Plan on seeing how Majorca and Oneida Pearls are made. Please contact Tom Sarg at 214.339.6322, or tomsarg@gte.net.

More details regarding these events are available on our web page; go to www.tc-cursillo.org and click on bulletin board.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CURSILLO WEEKENDS 245 AND 246

St. Mark's in Shakopee

MEN'S, NOVEMBER 14-17, 2002

COORDINATOR: DICK CLARK

WOMEN'S, NOVEMBER 21-24, 2002

COORDINATOR: MARY KLEHR

(YOU MUST HAVE MADE WEEKEND 241/242 OR EARLIER AND BE GROUPING AND ATTENDING ULTREYA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WORK.)

CURSILLO WEEKENDS 247 AND 248

St. Bartholomew's in Wayzata

MEN'S, FEBRUARY 13-16, 2002

COORDINATOR:

WOMEN'S, FEBRUARY 20-23, 2002

COORDINATOR:

(YOU MUST HAVE MADE WEEKEND 243/244 OR EARLIER AND BE GROUPING AND ATTENDING ULTREYA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WORK.)

FUTURE WEEKENDS THAT ARE BEING PLANNED:

249	ST. AMBROSE WOODBURY	5/1/2003
250	ST. AMBROSE WOODBURY	5/8/2003
251	ST. MICHAEL STILLWATER	9/11/2003
252	ST. MICHAEL STILLWATER	9/18/2003

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.

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Ultreyas Dates for October

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
11	Northern Lakes, St. Joseph's, Lino Lakes	7:00 pm
11	Midwest, IHM, Minnetonka	7:00 pm
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	7:00 pm
19	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
20	Korean, Korean Catholic Church, St. Paul	2:30 pm
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

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Dear Cursillo family:

De Colores!

We want to thank all of our Cursillistia brothers and sisters who have shown care and love and sympathy in one way or another at the time of our Mother's death and funeral.

Your prayers and/or attendance at Mom's wake service or funeral were especially appreciated.

Mom's 104 1/2 years on this earth were years of total dedication to the will of God. She accepted her last illness and approaching death with a sense of joy because "eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it entered into the human imagination what wonderful things God has in store for those who love Him".

Mom died peacefully and will spend heaven doing good things on earth. Once a mother, always a mother.

Fr. Frank Pouliot
Fr. Gene Pouliot