

The Story of Creation

On the first day God created the cow. God said, "You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer. I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. Let me have twenty years and I'll give back the other forty."

And God agreed.

On the second day, God created the dog. God said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give back the other ten." So God agreed (sigh).

On the third day God created the monkey. God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you a twenty year life span."

The monkey said, "How boring, monkey tricks for twenty years? I don't think so. Dog gave you back ten, so that's what I'll do too, okay?"

And God agreed (again).

On the fourth day God created man. God said, "Eat, sleep, play. Do nothing, just enjoy, enjoy. I'll give you twenty years."

Man said, "What? Only twenty years? No way man! Tell you what, I'll take my twenty, and the forty cow gave back, and the ten dog gave back and the ten monkey gave back. That makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God. "You've got a deal."

So this is why for the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, enjoy, and do nothing; for the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family; for the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain our grandchildren; and for the last ten years we sit in front of the house and bark at everybody.



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LAY DIRECTORS' LINK

Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. MATHEW 10:40

"Jesus instructions in Mathew 10 were directed to the twelve apostles, but they also apply to ordinary Christians, like ourselves. Jesus was laying the format of discipleship for generations yet to come. If we look closely at the gospels, we see that everyone who professes faith in Jesus is called to become Christ. Tax collectors, Roman Centurions, prostitutes, the Samaritan women, the thief on the cross are just a few of the cast of unlikely characters whose faith leads their neighbors to faith". Elizabeth-Anne Stewart

Evangelization can be simple acts of kindness or compassion. A cup of cool water in the heat of the day is just as good as a feast. The care of one human being for another means that God is at work in a world of division and hurt. Listening when someone needs to talk, helping the sick and the elderly, being kind to those who service us, be patient on the highways, etc.

We are not to hold out for big signs and many conversions. We are to look for the smallest indication of acceptance from people afraid to believe that their hopes and dreams could be realized. In our journey in this world, we minister to one another by doing the little things that provide comfort to those on the road. We never know if we are entertaining a prophet, an angel, or just another person trying to make their way.

Nevertheless, Jesus is present in all of them.

As we travel on this journey of being Lay Directors, we have discovered that they are many Cursillistas that quietly and without want of recognition serve this movement doing jobs that few of us even realize. We don't have the space to mention everyone, but from time to time we would like to thank these wonderful servants of the Lord. This month we would like to thank Greg Scherer for all the work he does with the trailer, Gordon Walker for always helping with any project and Bud Heutmaker for the years and years of service helping us find facilities for upcoming "weekends". There are many more of you out there and hopefully we will get the opportunity to thank you in this same way. In the meantime just know that you are appreciated more than you might realize.

July looks like another busy month, with the commissioning of our September Coordinators, Jim Dircks and Mary Petros at Leader School on the 9th and then on to Louisville for the National Encounter starting the 11th (no Study Group this month) and Secretariat on Tuesday the 23rd.

We pray for you, please pray for us,

Gene & Jean

LEADERS' SCHOOL

When: 2nd. Tuesday (~~The 1st Tuesday~~). **This month only!**
July 9, 2002, 7pm

Where: Library, Benilde-St. Margaret

Leaders' School is looking forward to "springing" the old Cursillo new growth with all the fresh energy of our new Ultreya reps, section heads, and featured Ultreya-of-the-month attendees. As the weather turns hot, heat up your spiritual life by attending Leader School at the Benilde-St. Margaret school library.

This months' highlights:

1. The featured Ultreya for July is the Southwest Servants.
2. Deacon Al Schroeder will be with us as we commission Mary Petros, Jim Dircks, Joan Lana, and Monica Roe.
3. The *Leader's Manual* Study Group will not meet in July. Please plan to attend the next meeting in August (the 2nd. Tuesday in August).
4. August will return us to our normal schedule. Deacon Rod Palmer will do the doctrinal talk.

We invite you to come and join your fellow cursillistas at Leader's School. Continue to learn 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.

Lost and not yet found !

Angie Rogers called in and said that Cursillo is missing a couple of items.

1. One (1) chalice including a cover with a small cross
2. One (1) Pix with a red cross

These were not available for the Spanish weekend (weekend #239). Therefore it is believed that these items were lost on weekend #238 or earlier. They may have been left at St. Joseph's in Lino Lakes or St. Peter's in North St. Paul. If you have seen these items or if you remember seeing them last fall, please contact Angie at 952.934.1671.

New Cursillistas !

The tc-Cursillo leadership has modified its guidelines regarding working on a future weekend. If you have recently made a weekend, you can now work a weekend after 6 months from the date of 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.

Evening of Renewal

Thursday, August 29, 2002
Hosted by the Northeast Ultreya at
St. Peter's in North St. Paul
2590 N Margaret St.
North St. Paul, MN

Registration begins at 6:00, with Mass at 6:30 followed by dinner and a presentation by Fr. Charlie Lachowitz. Our theme for the evening is 'The Harvest.'

Call Barb Waldorf at 651-770-8339 to register. Registration deadline is Monday, August 26.

St. Peter's is located just a few blocks north of Highway 36 in North St. Paul, at the corner of Margaret St. North and 15th St. From Highway 36, turn North on Margaret St. North. Turn right onto 15th St. for access to the parking lot.

Attention, Attention !!

Your important witnessing message to the Cursillo community could go here!! IT COULD HAPPEN.

If you are witnessing at an upcoming Ultreya, consider writing it down and sending a copy to the Kindling Editor for future publication.

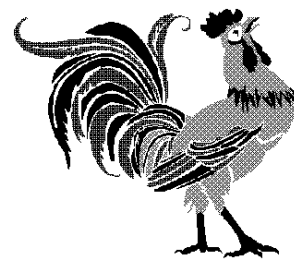
I have witnessed some marvelous talks at the Ultreya I attend. Believe me, they are worth inspiring the rest of the Cursillo community.

Possible Changes for the Midwest Ultreya

Because of poor turnout at the Midwest Ultreya, this Ultreya is addressing the issue of low attendance and may close. The final meeting may be held in September or October.

If you are interested in helping Tom, he can be reached at 952.943.9790.

thank you



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CURSILLO WEEKENDS 243 AND 244

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

MEN'S, SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2002

DIRECTOR: JIM DIRCKS

WOMEN'S, SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2002

DIRECTOR: MARY PETROS

(YOU MUST HAVE MADE WEEKEND 236 OR EARLIER AND BE GROUPING AND ATTENDING ULTREYA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WORK.)

CURSILLO WEEKENDS 245 AND 246

St. Mark's in Shakopee

MEN'S, NOVEMBER 14-17, 2002

DIRECTOR: DICK CLARK

WOMEN'S, NOVEMBER 21-24, 2002

DIRECTOR: MARY KLEHR

(YOU MUST HAVE MADE WEEKEND 238 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, and on the 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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Utrevas Dates for July

4	St. Cloud, St. Benedict's, St. Joseph	7:00 pm
5	Northeast, St. Peter's, North St. Paul, Potluck	6:30 pm
5	North Minneapolis, No Ultreya this month !	
12	Northern Lakes, St. Joseph's, Lino Lakes	7:00 pm
12	Midwest, IHM, Minnetonka	7:00 pm
12	Restful Waters, St. Dominic's, Northfield	7:30 pm
13	St. Paul Midway, St. Mark's, St. Paul	8:00 am
13	Highland Park, St. Gregory's, St. Paul	7:00 pm
13	Northwest, St. Henry's, Monticello	7:30 pm
13	Spanish-Speaking, St. Stephen's, Minneapolis	7:30 pm
	Even months are at Our Lady of Guadalupe	
	Odd months are at St. Stephen's	
14	Western, St. John's, Excelsior	7:00 pm
20	Jacob's Well, Holy Name, Medina	7:00 pm
20	MN Valley, Risen Savior, Burnsville	7:00 pm
21	Deaf Community, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Mpls	11:00 am
21	Korean, Korean Catholic Church, St. Paul	2:30 pm
21	SW Servants, St. Michael, Prior Lake	7:00 pm
28	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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Ultreya Magazines Wanted !

How is spring cleaning coming? I know; you didn't need the reminder. However, do you have any Ultreya magazines that you are ready to toss out? If you do, Secretariat is anxious to get those old magazines and reuse them.

Collect any old Ultreya magazines that you have and bring them to Leader School, drop them off with your Ultreya rep. at your next Ultreya meeting, or give them to any Secretariat member. We thank you in advance.

Events and Changes for July:

North Ultreya: A potluck and Ultreya is planned for a 6:30 start on July 5th at St. Williams.

Leader School: For July, Leader School will occur on July 9th; Beniilde closed the 1st week of July.

Study Group: No meeting in July.

Secretariat: Will meet on July 23rd.