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### There is No Other Plan!

*You will receive the power when the Holy Spirit comes to you and you will be my witnesses .....to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*



It is said that change is inevitable, growth is optional. Lets' reflect on some events of this past month. The season has shifted from spring to summer. Communities are recovering from major storms. The school year and graduation season are in the rearview mirror. Vacations, plans for kids now home from school, and trips to the cabin are in full swing. Many parishes are welcoming new leadership, as priests begin assignments in different parishes. In Twin Cities Cursillo, we welcome over 40 new Cursillistas from recent Spanish weekends. The team for the August weekends has begun formation. God is good....All the time!

Amid the changes that we are often hesitant to embrace, we can find consistency and solid footing in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 reminds us of the fruits of the Holy Spirit "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Priceless gifts to be sure. Life-changing gifts when we accept, use and cultivate them in our lives. Our faith walk becomes stronger, and we become more aware of the grace and sustaining power of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit lives inside us, we have everything we need to be that witness Jesus has called us to be. OK, we know the task, but what is the plan from here?

In the June 2011 National Mailing, Eduardo Bonin, founder of Cursillo was quoted regarding the mentality of Cursillo to proclaim that "The best news of the best reality, (is) that God in Christ loves us. This news is communicated by the best means, which is friendship." This mentality has its roots in Pre-Cursillo.

We are each called to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ. Using the gifts of the Holy Spirit makes reaching out to others less daunting. Our call is to witness and to invite. The Holy Spirit will ensure that candidates are ready to attend weekends at the appropriate time, just as the Holy Spirit prepares us to be sponsors. As agents of change, we push ourselves to have confidence in God and in the gifts that he has given to us and to others. This allows us to evangelize in our environments – defined as that 3 foot bubble that surrounds us at all times. The beauty of the Cursillo Movement is that God sends us companions to journey with us.

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**Twin Cities Cursillo  
Vision Statement is:**

"As a community committed to spiritual growth through Christ we strive to transform our every day world"

**Twin Cities Cursillo  
Mission Statement is:**

"We are a Catholic community committed to growing closer to Christ through prayer, study and service. By living the gospel we invite others daily to join us on our life long journey"

## Message from Our Spiritual Director

### GOD AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Have you heard about the Virginia politician who wanted references to God injected into the Declaration of Independence? Or about the activist from Massachusetts who urged making the Fourth of July a quasi-religious holiday? These proposals were made 235 years ago. If made today they would probably be swiftly denounced by the Anti-Defamation League, American Civil Liberties Union, the “politically correct” and a slew of editorial pages.

The politician who wanted to stick God into the Declaration of Independence was its author, Thomas Jefferson. Indeed, the document adopted unanimously by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, refers to God not once, but four times.

It was Jefferson’s great colleague and rival, John Adams of Massachusetts, who thought the Fourth of July should be an occasion of joy and worship. “It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty,” he wrote to his wife Abigail from Philadelphia.

In linking religion to American liberty, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were not bowing to the political correctness of their time. They were articulating a core principle of American nationhood: Religious faith and the civil virtues it gives rise to is as indispensable to a democratic republic as freedom of speech or the right to own property.

*Religion can survive in the absence of freedom – but freedom without religion is dangerous and unstable.* “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity,” George Washington reminded the country in his Farewell Address, “religion and morality are indispensable supports.”




Liberty with faith, a secular state nourished by a religious society, was the formula the founders devised. They sought to combine the Enlightenment’s emphasis on reason, learning and pluralism with the Judeo-Christian ethic of responsibility, justice and morality. What resulted was a nation that is, on the whole, more diverse, more free, more tolerant, more prosperous and more religious than any before or since.

It would have astonished Jefferson, Adams, and their colleagues to witness the hostility to religion that pervades modern liberalism and the domains where it holds sway: Hollywood, public schools, contemporary art and the elite colleges.

On Independence Day we should remind ourselves of another truth the men and women of 1776 held to be self-evident. American liberty and democracy do more than tolerate religion – they depend on it!

Fr. Al Backmann

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## There is No Other Plan!

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God uses our groupies and other 4th dayers to remind us of His gifts, and to encourage and challenge us beyond our self-imposed limitations and excuses. Cursillo helps us to not only live the Good News, but to become the Good News for others within the normal moments of our everyday lives.

The task that Jesus has placed before us is awesome but not always easy. He did not ask us if we wanted to witness, had time to witness, or would think about it and get back to Him! He said "you will be my witness." Just as Jesus commissioned the Apostles to compete his mission, he is expecting us to do His work. If we do not rise to the occasion, the work will be left undone. Christ is counting on you. He left no other plan.

We thank you for your continued friendship, prayers and efforts to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ.

God Bless,  
 Mark and Sonia Lager  
 Lay Directors, Twin Cities Cursillo

### IMPORTANT CHANGE NOTICE

There will be no July School of Leaders due to the proximity of a Holiday weekend

School of Leaders will resume as usual on Tuesday August 2nd

The scheduled speaker for that evening is

Fr. Al Backmann

### Prayer For Pre-Cursillo

Lord, grant that the sponsors be many,  
 That the candidates be willing, and  
 that the teams be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Giles McConville

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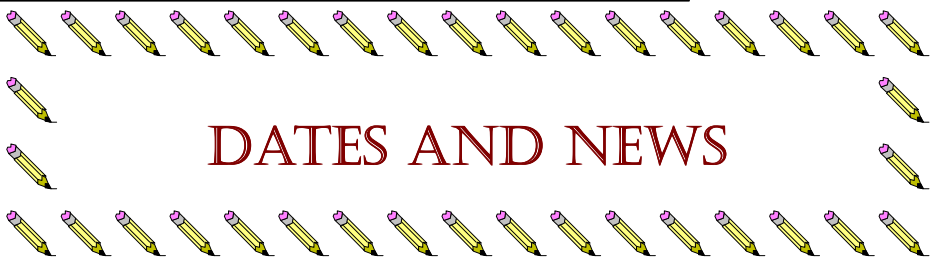
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## DATES AND NEWS

### SCHOOL OF LEADERS

**DUE TO PROXIMITY TO A  
HOLIDAY WEEKEND  
SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE MONTH OF  
JULY**

### Ultreya Dates and Meeting Times in July

ULTREYA	LOCATION	TIME	DATE
St. Cloud	St. Mary's Cathedral	7:00 PM	7
Northeast	St. Peter, No. St. Paul (Potluck)	6:30 PM	No Mtg
North Minneapolis	*St. Patrick's, St. Paul*	4:30 PM	2
Western/Midwest	St. Hubert's, Chanhassen	7:00 PM	No Mtg
Spanish Community	Incarnation, Mpls.	7:00 PM	No Mtg
Restful Waters	St. Nicholas, New Market	6:30 PM	9
St. Paul Midway	St. Mark's, St. Paul	8:00 AM	9
Northwest	St. Henry, Monticello	7:30 PM	9
Deaf Community	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	11:00 AM	17
Korean	Korean Catholic Church St P	2:30 PM	17
Jacob's Well	Holy Name of Jesus, Medina	7:00 PM	16
MN Valley	Risen Savior, Burnsville	7:00 PM	16
Vietnamese Mpls	St. Joseph Hien	12:00 PM	24
Vietnamese St Paul	St. Columba	3:00 PM	24
Fairmont	St. John Vianney, Fairmont	6:30 PM	No Mtg

\* One time location, time, and date change

### Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Weekends to be held at St Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
Hastings

- #319 Men's: Aug 11-14  
Rector: Tom Streefland
- #320 Women's: Aug 18-21  
Rectora: Nancy Curti

Weekends to be held at Holy Name of Jesus,  
Medina

- #321 Men's: Oct 20-23  
Rector: TBA
- #322 Women's: Nov 3-6  
Rectora: TBA

Dates and locations for remaining 2011 Weekends  
are on the Website [www.tc-cursillo.org](http://www.tc-cursillo.org)

**Please prayerfully consider sponsoring for these or any future weekends. Contact your Ultreya rep for apps and other sponsoring information.**

The new team applications are available at Ultreyas and on our web site. After completing the form, email to [cursillo-chair@tc-cursillo.org](mailto:cursillo-chair@tc-cursillo.org). Applications are kept on file for one year from date of submission and approval. You must have made Weekends #317/318 or earlier to be eligible to work on the next Cursillo weekend.