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Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples.

Matthew 28:8



As June comes in, we finally are getting to see some warmer weather. One of the gifts of Minnesota is that if you wait long enough, the weather will eventually change! The changes of the seasons bring the life cycle into focus. The plants come to life in the long anticipated spring after we have endured the cold, harsh Minnesota winter. Last year's seeds start a new plant and flowers bloom to allow pollination for the survival of the species. Most plants grow beautiful flowers to attract insects to help in spreading the pollen. They need the insects so they may grow seed, so the plant may die, and be replaced by new seed the next year.

The bee is an insect that helps with the pollination process. The trouble is, the bee does not know it needs to help the flower. The bee's purpose in going from flower to flower is to gather the nectar and pollen and take it back to sustain the hive. What the bee does not realize is that while it is gathering its own food, it is also pollinating the flowers it touches, impacting the environment for all of us.

Without the bee, the flower cannot exist. Without the flower, the bee cannot exist. In effect, they need each other to survive. So too do we need each other in our journey with Jesus. We need to help "pollinate" and energize each other with the good news of Jesus!

Each day we interact with other people who see us and they will be affected by what we do, how we act, and will notice who we choose to spend our time with. Each morning, we have the option to choose our attitude and idol for the day. If we choose Jesus, every interaction will leave some of our "Christian Pollen" with the people we meet.

What kind of pollen are you leaving with others? Is it pollen with an upbeat Christian message or is it a message that tears away at attitudes toward Jesus? Is it a pollen of indifference or hope?

As we enter summer the weather brings us out of our houses and may allow for more interaction with other people. We can look at these opportunities to be like the bees and spend our time "pollinating" others with Jesus in our pre-Cursillo garden environments.

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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

OUR CHRISTIAN DUTY

On appointed election days citizens go to the polls and exercise their freedom to vote for people of their choosing to plot the course that the country will follow for the next several years. Many of the decisions that will be made in the next three years can, and probably will, affect us and our families for many years to come.

Our nation is faced with a number of critical questions that need to be addressed. How will our nation respond to the issue pertaining to the dignity of all human life? How will our State respond to the issue of defining the marriage act? What about policies to confront continuing poverty and dependency, joblessness and declining real income for many families? How will our nation respond to the divisive issue and growing hostility toward immigrants and refugees? How can we as a society combat continuing prejudice and discrimination, overcome the divisions among our people, provide full opportunity for all people and heal the open wounds of racism and sexism?

There are still many moral issues that we have to work through. I often hear that religion and politics don't mix. "Keep religion out of politics" is what I hear. The fact is that at times and in certain issues, religion and politics must mix, because many political questions touch upon faith and morality.

Education, sexuality, racism, war, abortion, poverty, marriage and divorce are such topics. Not all problems are purely political, nor are they entirely solvable by political parties or civil laws. The Christian has a conscientious duty to respond to good government and to bad government.

We fail as Christians and as citizens by not examining political issues conscientiously, judging them according to man-made laws and not God-made laws. If you want to check this out, please read paragraph 76 of the Vatican II Document, "The Constitution of the Church in the Modern World."

Another common argument, for example with abortion laws, is "You can't legislate morality!" A well known author, Father McCormick, says in one of his articles that is only a "half-truth." He said every society does legislate against acts it considers immoral. So, I guess the question is which morality are we going to legislate? He said that public officials who take the position that they are personally opposed to abortion but will not push for legal prohibition are neglecting a third option, seeking to persuade.

We have a right and a duty to continue to debate and to try to persuade others in the public forum. We can't simply be passive. Education is the effective means of persuasion. Rigidity and harsh treatment seldom seem to get the job done. Maybe it is because education takes effort. The answer to most problems seems to come from conviction and rational persuasion.

We all need to pray for those who exercise authority.

Fr. Al Backmann

Hold Teams 317 and 318 in Prayer

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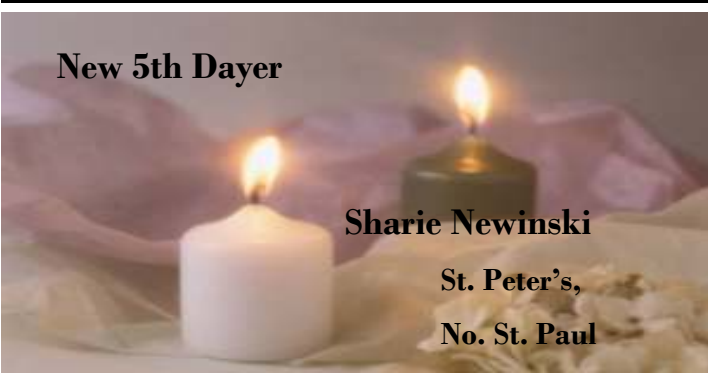
A number of parish ministries take the summer off and start anew in the fall. Twin Cities Cursillo will provide many opportunities to be “Jesus pollen” this summer. Check out the website for more details! Will you consider putting some of these opportunities on your calendar and utilize the “off season” in church ministry to attend or offer Palanca for some of the following?

- † School of Leaders at St. Patrick’s in Edina – 6:30 p.m. - June 7th, July 5th, and August 2nd
- † Evening of Renewal at Holy Name of Jesus in Medina on June 30.
- † Spanish 3 Day Encounter Weekends #317 and #318 June 16-19 and June 30 to July 3rd at St. Dominic’s in Northfield.
- † English 3 Day Encounter Weekends #319 and #320 August 11-14 and August 18-21 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton’s in Hastings.

We hope to see you this summer! May your time “pollinating others with Christ” be as productive as the bee is pollinating the flowers. Christ is counting on you!

God Bless,

Sonia and Mark Lager



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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DATES AND NEWS

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

1st Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30 pm

Location: St. Patrick's Church, Edina -St Martin's Hall
6820 St. Patrick's Lane

Topic: National & Regional Cursillo Insights
Lay and Assistant Lay Directors

**The School of Leaders is open to all
Come join your Cursillo friends**

Ultreya Dates and Meeting Times in June

ULTREYA	LOCATION	TIME	DATE
St Cloud	St Mary's Cathedral	7:00 PM	2
Northeast	St. Peter, No. St. Paul (Potluck)	6:30 PM	3
North Minneapolis	St William, Fridley	7:30 PM	3
Western/Midwest	St Hubert's , Chanhassen	7:00 PM	No Mtg
Spanish Community	Incarnation, Mpls.	7:00 PM	10
Restful Waters	St Nicholas, New Market	6:30 PM	11
St. Paul Midway	St. Mark's, St. Paul	8:00 AM	11
Northwest	St Henry, Monticello	7:30 PM	11
Deaf Community	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	11:00 AM	19
Korean	Korean Catholic Church St P	2:30 PM	19
Jacob's Well	Holy Name of Jesus, Medina	7:00 PM	18
MN Valley	Risen Savior, Burnsville	7:00 PM	18
Vietnamese	St. Joseph Hien	4:00 PM	26
Fairmont	St. John Vianney, Fairmont	6:30 PM	4

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

**Weekends (Spanish) to be held at St. Dominic's,
Northfield**

#317 Men's: Jun 16-19

Rector: Marco Flores

#318 Women's: Jun 30-Jul 3

Rectora: Magali Perez

**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

**Dates and locations for remaining 2011 Weekends
are on the Website 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. Applications are kept on file for one year from date of submission and approval. You must have made Weekends #313/314 or earlier to be eligible to work on the next Cursillo weekend.