VOICE

January 2019 Central Indiana Cursillo Community

From The Lay Director's Desk…..

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CICC Lay Director

I've been pondering the word "Encounter" …we see and hear this expression so often in Cursillo! The definition of encounter in the dictionary that applies best to Cursillo is the "unexpected or chance meeting with someone or something" – I'd like to think that these are those "close moments" when God either bursts into our lives or gently reassures us that He is with us and that He Loves us!

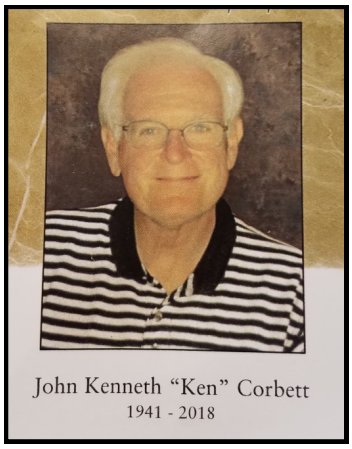
All of Cursillo revolves around this kind of encounter – and Christ is at the center of it - at National and Regional Encounters that I have attended, and especially in the Precursillo (make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ), the 3-day Cursillo Weekend that facilitates the Encounter with self, Christ and Others, and in the Postcursillo where encounter is elevated to the supernatural in the on-going conversion of the Cursillista through friendship in Group Reunion and Ultreya! And in all these, we experience Grace at work in our lives!

Due to the unexpected nature of Encounter we cannot make it happen – but we can make ourselves available to experience it ourselves and facilitate it for others…

As we begin this New Year, perhaps we can consider how we make ourselves available and receptive to God's Grace and Love in our lives and how we can be a channel of God's Grace to others…Friendship is a good place to start😊

Christ is Counting on You!
De Colores!
Jennifer

In Loving Tribute…



The following article was written by Ken Corbett and presented to the Secretariat for group discussion at our last meeting on November 13, 2018. Ken passed away ten days later and entered his 5th day on November 23, 2018.

ACTION…….APOSTOLIC ACTIVITY……..EVANGELIZATION

"You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit." (John 15: 16) As we know, the Cursillo is for the Postcursillo; therefore, there is a mission, as assignment. Go forth…., does not mean to go to a new world, but to go a new way to the same world that we came from, and in which we live. It is a matter of bearing fruit, but with an incarnated Truth in us, so that all our actions can be evangelical and "bear fruit." Our life in Christ should become a communitarian witness. (Leaders' Manual; Postcursillo, page 145)

The Gospel offers us the chance to live life on a higher plane, but with no less intensity: "Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others." When the Church summons Christians to take up the task of evangelization, she is simply pointing to the source of authentic personal fulfillment. For "here we discover a profound law of reality: that life is attained and matures in the measure that it is offered up in order to give life to others. This is certainly what mission means." Consequently, an evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral! Let us recover and deepen our enthusiasm, that "delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing, even when it is in tears that we must sow… And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervor, who have first received the joy of Christ."

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Though it is true that this mission demands great generosity on our part, it would be wrong to see it a heroic individual undertaking, for it is first and foremost the Lord's work, surpassing anything which we can see and understand. Jesus is "the first great evangelizer." In every activity of evangelization, the primacy always belongs to God, who has called us to cooperate with him and who leads us on by the power of his Spirit. The real newness is the newness which God himself mysteriously brings about and inspires, provokes, guides and accompanies in a thousand ways. The life of the Church should always reveal clearly that God takes the initiative, that "he has loved us first" (1 Jn 4:19) and that he alone "gives the growth" (1 Cor 3:7). This conviction enables us to maintain a spirit of joy in the midst of a task so demanding and challenging that it engages our entire life. God asks everything of us, yet at the same time he offers everything to us. From: The Joy of the Gospel (Pope Francis) pages 15, 17, 18)

Piety, Study and Action. This is Cursillo simplified and the best visual that I have seen in my years of being a Cursillista is the "Tripod" or "Three Legged Stool." Hopefully, you were presented this concept on your Cursillo weekend. If any one of these items that we committed to is weak the stool concept shows that the stool will not be upright and is unable to function as a stool.

In our Friendship Group Reunions, we have a commitment to share how we are doing in our walk with Jesus through the use of these spiritual tools of Piety, Study and Action. In the years that I've been in a weekly Group Reunion, it has been my experience that the stool has a tough time standing upright, mostly because of the Action leg being short. Oh, we all have some things that we are doing that help others and we think that is what Action means. So, in my opinion, we need to replace the word Action with the word Evangelization for a better effect.

My point being, I don't think we see Action as Evangelization and, I think, we somehow need to make that point in our Group Reunions and in the 3 – Day talks.
Hopefully, this will promote some **good and productive** discussion…

DeColores,
Ken Corbett
10/19/18

Ken made Cursillo #34 in 1974 and sat at the Table of St. John. He and his wife Judy worship(ed) our Lord and Savior at St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis. Ken was a fixture in the Cursillo movement for many years, and was serving as the CICC Parish Rep Coordinator on the Secretariat at the time of his death. Ken lived his 4th day vibrantly, sharing the Good News with and touching the lives of many – within and outside of the Cursillo Movement.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

New Secretariat Members

School Of Leaders

De Colores! My name is Mike Nulph. I made Cursillo #97. I sat at the table of Our Lady Mother of Mercy. My wife, Gina, and I worship at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and live in Westfield, IN. We have 5 adult children and 2 grandchildren, and we are spending most of our time lately adjusting and trying to figure out how to be empty nesters.

I am excited and energized to have been called upon and given the opportunity to chair the CICC's School of Leaders committee. This will not be my first go around with being a part of the School Of Leaders, however, as I served on the same committee several years ago with a wonderful group of people. Unfortunately, life had other plans for me and time constraints forced me to step away for some time. Since then I have continued to work on teams and remain very active with in the CICC as well as my own 4th Day journey, and I have even had the glorious privilege to serve a team of men and candidates as Rector. With many of these experiences behind me, I heard the call to serve the CICC in a renewed capacity by chairing the School Of Leaders. I have told many people that I heard the words of the Holy Spirit through Erv Gulley's voice when he made a plea for the School Of Leaders at last fall's Reunion Ultreya. Those words urged me to discern and solidify the calling I had heard.

The School Of Leaders within the Cursillo movement is a vital function to not only maintain the engagement with the movement for its members, but it truly is the cornerstone of the movement and the basis for what Eduardo Bonin began as the development of the Cursillo 3 day weekend. So I am very much looking forward to begin the development of a revitalized School Of Leaders for the CICC and the Cursillistas we serve. We have much work to be done and a lot of ground to cover, but I will be dedicated to developing a School Of Leaders program that will energize and build the future leaders of our CICC movement in Central Indiana.

I very much look forward to working with many of you in the future, and am excited for this new beginning.

God Bless you all.

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My parents instilled within me the love and passion for music when I was in my early teens. I carried the passion into college when I graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a BS in music and earned my MA in music from Ball State University. I taught music in the public schools for 27 years and now continue to share this passion with the students at St. Mary Catholic School in Alexandria, IN., where I have been for the past 11 years. My husband Joe and I worship at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Tipton, Indiana, where I also cantor and accompany on a regular basis.

Cursillo and the CICC have given me an opportunity to enhance our movement by serving as Music coordinator for the CICC. Our Cursillo community is a great network of people, whom I continue to get to know, to grow with in our faith and to share the love of God and music. We all have talents that we have to share for God and with each other through Cursillo.

Please continue to pray for me, as Music coordinator and for all Cursillistas that as we live our Fourth day, we may thank God for the great opportunity to be of service to Him and one another.

God Bless one and all – DeColores!
Becky Rice

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Palanca

De Colores to you all! My name is Patty Brooks and I am the Palanca Coordinator for CICC. As a cradle Catholic, my faith has often ebbed and flowed throughout my life. Cursillo however has helped that "ebb" to be a more steady and consistent "flow." Thanks be to God through the Holy Spirit!

I am a born and bred Hoosier, but lived in many east coast and southern states after graduating from Purdue University. When I returned to Indiana with my son and daughter, we settled in Indianapolis and attended Christ the King parish for several years. Not too long ago (since my children are now adults and on their own) I moved back to my home parish of St. Mary (Alexandria) where I am living Cursillo #103! I volunteer there serving in adult faith formation and as a Eucharistic Minister and Reader.

On the professional side, I have worked in computer book publishing, computer software training, and technical communications field for over 30 years.

Since I was introduced to the Palanca Coordinator role for CICC last Fall, I have found this role to be a truly amazing and humbling experience. I have learned and reflected on how our Lord Jesus took time to pray to strengthen Himself and those around Him. Our Blessed Mother also prays for us and we humbly ask her to remember us in her prayers. There are also so many amazing examples of saints and fellow Cursillistas who pray for all of us and who strive to be Christ-like examples in this world.

As I continue to pray for all Cursillistas and candidates, I want to encourage us all to increase our prayers, offerings, and sacrifices for the Cursillo movement. Let us all strive to "be a friend and bring a friend to Christ" through our prayers and actions for Catholics in central Indiana and throughout the world. De Colores!

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Hello, my name is Beth Van Der Burgt and I am new to the Central Indiana Cursillo Secretariat. I made Cursillo #60 at St. Bernadette in 1996. I have also been privileged to serve on many Cursillo teams, and was the Rectora of Women's Cursillo 105 in 2016. I was honored when asked to serve our Cursillo community as a part of the Secretariat. My role is ever developing and changing as a part of Cursillo communications.

If you haven't noticed, our Cursillo website has recently received a face lift. Take a visit to the link here: https://www.cursillo-cicc.org. Our website is a vital tool for all Cursillistas. It provides the equipment for us to remain active in the movement. Through the website, you can sign up to help in the kitchen on a weekend, send Palanca, learn more about being a sponsor, find an Ultreya, know your parish representative, download an application, and much much more. If you need an event or have any input about the website, please feel free to email me at website@cursillo-cicc.org.

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Palanca Letters: How You Share Your Gift to Loved Ones

As I outlined in the Fall 2018 article on palanca, you express palanca (or provide a "lever" of faith) through your actions such as intercessory prayer, sacrifices, or works of mercy. You use a palanca letter to communicate to the candidate or the team member those actions that you offered up. Now, let's understand how and when you share your palanca with the recipient.

As soon as the sponsor knows of someone attending a weekend, that sponsor should contact the family members and friends of the candidate to encourage them to do some palanca—telling them to keep that palanca as a surprise for their loved one. Encourage them to pray, sacrifice, and offer acts of mercy as well. Involve as many friends and family members as possible. The sponsor should then request that the family members write a palanca letter or send an email about the palanca offered up.

In a palanca letter, you share your gifts with a candidate or team member and explain about the experiences and offerings made on behalf of the recipient. Letters can also include reflections, scripture passages reflected on, or special prayers recited on their behalf. Remember that there is no need for gifts or books since the palanca is the action. Your encouragement to the candidate for their faith journey and your loving sacrifices will give them "food for their journey."

Sponsors should ensure that the team can organize the palanca letters to candidates as early as possible. Keep in mind that you can: * Send your palanca via the palanca@cursillocicc.org email address; or give the palanca to the sponsor to bring on Thursday when they bring the candidate.

Note: When sending email palanca letters, be sure to indicate the name of the recipient(s) in the email. Any palanca emails should be sent prior to Friday noon to help out the team.

* Submit palanca letters for multiple candidates. You can make copies or indicate to the team that the letter can be duplicated for all candidates and team members.

All Cursillistas are encouraged to write palanca letters to the candidates. Watch for emails that list the names of candidates and team members. Even if you don't know anyone attending the weekend, please offer palanca and send palanca letters. When I attended my Cursillo weekend, it was truly humbling for me to see all the palanca offered up throughout the world for my weekend—in so many different languages!

We are all on this faith journey together and need the support of prayers from our loved ones and even for those whom we don't know. Let's all "be a friend" and build up the body of Christ through our palanca and palanca letters. Let's build up solid disciples for Christ. Thank you for your support of the candidates and team members!

De Colores!
Patty Brooks

By the time you are reading this article, Cursillo Team #120 will have completed its first month of team formation. That said, I hope that my prayers to be more like "Mary" than "Martha" were answered. I can honestly say that the process leading up to formation was not what I had envisioned when I said "Yes" to Jennifer Burger. After making my Cursillo weekend almost 14 years ago and having been on numerous teams, I knew how MY weekend as rector would look like. It would be perfect. However, one thing after another, it became clear that I was missing the proverbial boat. This was not about me! This was about doing what we say to the candidates at every weekend: "LETTING GO, LETTING GOD"; "DON'T ANTICIPATE!"; "PRAY, PRAY, PRAY". God had the last laugh.

It was in this moment that God whispered to me something that was already in my heart. I shared to the core team the theme for the weekend: Glorious Unfolding by Steven Curtis Chapman. I encourage you listen and meditate on the words. I am sure you will be able to hear scripture from Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans I have for you,"* declares the LORD, *"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* But it also embodies my favorite scripture verse from James 1:2 *"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."* God answered my prayers by bringing a trust and peace to my heart. For those who know me, I choose a "word" for the year in lieu of new year's resolutions. It helps to provide a mindset and focus to how I will approach the new year. SIMPLY is my word for 2019 and could not be more appropriate. The Cursillo method is not a simple process and can take years to "Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a friend to Christ". However, it is the work, challenge, and duty of each cursillista to keep the movement alive. I pray for those candidates. The time is now to make that ask. Share with the candidates God's promises for each of them and, just maybe, at the men's weekend there will SIMPLY be the glorious unfolding.

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The Cry Of My Heart

When lay director, Jennifer Burger asked if I would consider being Rectora for team 110, I knew immediately where I would find my answer. The answer would come while sitting before Jesus at our Adoration Chapel. While visiting the Lord at the chapel, it was time, to listen, to ask questions, to listen more and to pray more. Through the discernment process every reason possible to say no came to mind, and with every reason I gave, Christ continued to answer me as he always does with why do you question yourself, I believe in you. His answers began to gently nudge me to say yes. At every chapel visit for the next few weeks he would give me a sign, a word, something to ponder and pray about, letting me know he was in fact calling me to say yes. My reluctance lead me to a specific scripture as I searched for answers, the scripture comes from Proverbs 16:9 “In his mind a man plans his course, but the Lord directs his steps.”

No truer words could be spoken in regards to my decision, from the time I said yes through team member selection, to the selection of our song and theme for the weekend. Just when I think I have it all figured out and we take a step backwards or sideways, he always slows me down all while encouraging me to “Trust and let go as this weekend is his weekend, we are just his human facilitators”. How awesome is our God as he humbles us and fills us with his grace to serve and let him direct us as we journey with him on our Cursillo weekends and through our daily lives?

Formation for team 110 begins in just over two weeks, it is exciting to be a part of the Lord’s plan for team 110 and to follow as he leads us to our weekend in March. May all the team members rejoice in the one another’s gifts as he has called and sent all of us to serve the candidates of Team 110. May we all follow the words from our theme Song (Cry of my Heart),. “Let me follow you all the days of my life.”

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Cursillo

More Upcoming Ultreyas

Lafayette Ultreya

Saturday January 26,2019
7-9pm
Meet in the lower level of the St. Lawrence Lafayette Parish Hall.

Start your New years off with fellowship and food ,
January 26 ,after 5:30 mass Saint Simon and Holy Spirit at Geist are having an Ultreya at Saint Simon the Apostle.
8155 Oaklandon Road , Indianapolis Indiana 46236
Please bring a dish to share ....
Please bring a friend ...
Looking forward to seeing you ...

"BE HAPPY IN THE MOMENT, THAT'S ENOUGH. EACH MOMENT IS ALL WE NEED, NOT MORE."
~ MOTHER TERESA

Lafayette Ultreya–St. Lawrence

Saturday, February 23, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

We will meet in the lower level of the Parish Hall

Lafayette Ultreya–St. Lawrence

Saturday, March 23, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

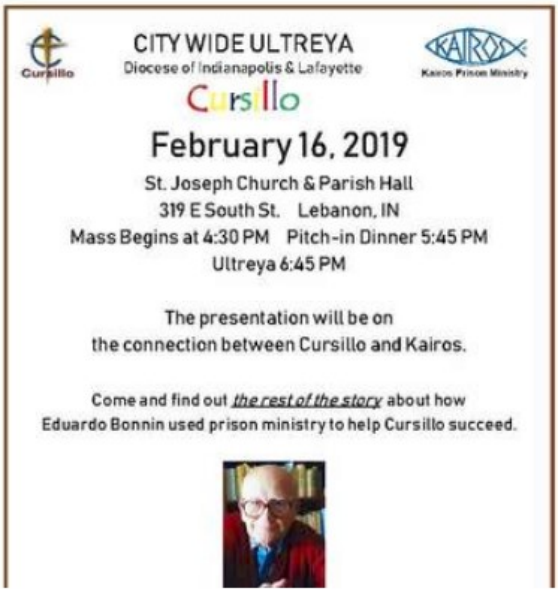
The March Ultreya is also a soup supper and we will meet in the upper level of the Parish Hall

Ultreya-St. Joseph Lebanon

Saturday, February 16, 2019, 6:45 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: St. Joseph's Catholic Church Lebanon IN

Mass at 4:30pm, pitch in dinner at 5:45pm and Ultreya at 6:45pm. The presentation will be on the connection between Cursillo and Kairos. Mark & Becky Scheller are the coordinators.



Would you like to host an Ultreya at your parish?

Your postcursillo chairs would love to work with you to make it an easy, fun and Spirit-filled event! We'd love to have Ultreyas all over to serve our Central Indiana Cursillo Community so please reach out to us at Postcursillo@cursillo-cicc.org so we can plan an Ultreya with you.

De Colores! Ellen & Steve Sanders

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ALL SAINTS CURSILLO ULTREYA

The All Saints Cursillo Community will once again be hosting a Cursillo Ultreya.

When: Saturday February 9th ***after the 4:30 p.m. Mass.***
Where: ***Fellowship Hall (directly east of the church)***
What: ***Fried Chicken, Soft Drinks and Tableware will be provided.***

Note: ***Please consider bringing a dessert or side dish to share***
Carry-In to begin at 6:00PM with Ultreya to start at 7:00PM sharp.

This is a great opportunity to **"Make a Friend, Be a Friend, and Bring a Friend to Christ."**

Please RSVP by Wednesday February 6th if you might consider attending.

You can contact me at 574-702-1800 or (text if you wish) or fts@slussers.com with questions

Peace in Christ –

Frank Slusser
All Saints Cursillo Parish Coordinator

Save The Date…….

Spring Grand Reunion Ultreya

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at
Saint Simon the Apostle Catholic Church
8155 Oaklandon Rd, Indianapolis, IN
Mass is at 5:30pm.
Our pitch-in dinner will be at 6:30pm
Ultreya will begin at 7:30pm.

*Note change of Churches

Attended Any Interesting Ultreya's Lately…

Thanksgiving Ultreya – Lafayette – November 17, 2018

A delicious Thanksgiving Dinner was served to approximately 40 Cursillistas and guests.

A variety of speakers came to share about hearing God's whispers in the little things of life. He's always there, especially when I chose to be aware of His presence. Some new Cursillistas shared on their Cursillo experience for them. We heard the reflections and gratitude of a new Deacon and on the healing experiences of a Cursilllista recovering from fractured bones in a foreign country.

All closed sharing what they were grateful for in the past year.

Visited Any Interesting Church's Lately…

St. Bartholomew Catholic Church
Columbus, Indiana

Catholic pioneers celebrated Mass and prayer services in their homes from 1820 – 1841 when the first catholic church was constructed.

The church history bears the experience of sharing pain and joy, love and rejection, hardships and victories of courageous men and women of deep faith.

St John Paull 11 National Shrine in Washington DC

The cultural center explores the role of the catholic church in history and society.

The center displays personal memorabilia, photos and artwork of the late Holy Father. And allows visitors to immerse themselves in the life and teachings of John Paul 11 Chapel for prayer in front of the relic of St John Paul 11.

We attended Mass at noon in the church. What a Blessing, Honor and treasured privilege.

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