

Northern Indiana Cursillo Community

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This past year has been a challenge for our Cusillo Community. We canceled two weekends, canceled a 4 Day Training. Then in February of 2005, we made the decision that we really needed to pray and work to reestablish ourselves as a thriving community. We began sending monthly newsletters.

A Family Reunion was held at the All Saints Episcopal Church on Wawasee Lake on April 16. It was truly a joyful evening, we grouped, ate, visited, and ended the evening in song and prayer. We will be holding several of these throughout the coming year to reunite us all in the community of our Lord. Look for them in your location. Come renew acquaintances and let us all group together. Bring new ideas of how we can increase involvement in the Community, enjoy an evening of praising our Lord in song, prayer, and of course breaking bread together (eating).

In May an Ultreya was held and everyone was invited by reminding the to bring back the joy in their life. We also reminded all to REMEMBER CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!

In July we hosted the National Cursillo Committee at St. Anne's in Warsaw and it was a huge success. We were given a shot in the arm by National, and are continuing to pray for the revalidation of the Cursillo Community.

In October on the 8 we are planning to hold a 4 Day Training, and have our Indianapolis Cursillo Community to come and join us. The day will be held at St. Anne's in Warsaw.

We have a weekend scheduled in May at Wawasee Retreat Center. We are in the process of selecting team members, and praying for God's guidance in sponsoring our participants for the weekend. We will then play for another 4 Day Training to be held next summer and a fall 2006 weekend will be planned. We hope to have at least 4 Ultreyas during 2006 and at least two to three "Family Reunions".

As mentioned earlier, we have been mailing Newsletters out on a monthly basis, and will continue that each month this year. The postage for the mailing is \$ 140.60 each month, and so far all of the printing costs, cost of the paper, and envelopes have been donated by Angie Forde and Steve and Lee Gast.

The cost of hosting National was approximately \$618.00 with many donations coming from members of our Community.

As you can see, by the Grace of God, we are working toward a revalidation our Cursillo Community. We are very fortunate to have the support of Bishop Edward Little and have been both honored and privileged to meet with Bishop Little for his wisdom and prayers.

Praise God for The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana!

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Gast