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Report for the Diocesan Convention

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(We have increased our Secretariat by two new members, and are getting ready to increase it by two new members that attended the May 2006 weekend. This is very exciting to us and will help the growth of the 4th day Community.)

Summary of Activities during the last year:

Even though 2005 was a real challenge for our Cursillo Community, a lot of excitement has taken place in the past year. As indicated in last year's report, we canceled two weekends, a 4th Day Training, and held no Ultreya Reunions. Then in July of 2005, the Northern Indiana Cursillo Community hosted the National Cursillo Team at St. Anne's in Warsaw. Before that in February of 2005, monthly newsletters were written and mailed to each 4th Day Community member as a way of trying to communicate and reestablish the Cursillo 4th Day Community. Many prayers were offered, and through God's guidance, many wonderful and exciting things began to happen. During the hosting of National, we had the privilege and honor of having both our own Bishop Little and Bishop Bane not only attend the evening, but both shared with us their feelings regarding Cursillo. Between them, National Committee, and our LORD we were about to set out again by reminding all 4th Day Community how CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU !!! We continued to pray for God's help in the revalidation of our Cursillo movement. After meeting with Bishop Little as Lay Director; through our faith in God and our faith in Bishop Little, we set a weekend date to strive for. Ultreyas began being held at least quarter1y, and a 4th Day Training was scheduled for October. There were no new 4th Day members attending the workshop, but several of speakers still presented their talks, and we had a good renewal day. We kept on scheduling Ultreyas, and the attendance began to improve.

A lot of prayers were answered with the forming of the team for the weekend. When meeting with Bishop Little, a rector and corector were chosen, both of whom accepted the responsibility and more prayers were answered during the team forming and formations held to prepare for the weekend. Even though the weekend was held over the Mother's Day weekend; it was a tremendous success with nine participants and a wonderful God filled team. Four of the nine participants contacted us regarding the weekend after reading the Information I send to the Bishop each month to appear in his newsletter. The whole weekend was very full of God's presence, and there was a lot of excitement about the rest of our lives the 4th Day. The Reunion Ultreya was held after the weekend, and was very well attended. A 4th Day Training session was scheduled for August 12th at St. Anne's, and we had 3 new 4th Day Community participants there. Two of which have already given their talks to prepare them to serve on team for the upcoming weekend.

Also since the weekend, Kokomo has started their Group Reunion Ultreyas again scheduled for the last Monday of each month. We also have a Central Ultreya scheduled for September 24th at the park in Plymouth.

Several new committees have been reestablished and everyone that has been contacted has said "YES" to God and how can I help.

We have another weekend scheduled for February 2007. It was previously scheduled for December 2006; but due to a scheduling conflict we moved it to February 2007. There is another spring weekend scheduled, but the date will not be announced until after the February weekend. With God's Grace, this too will be HIS weekend to prepare us for the rest of our lives the 4th Day!!!

Our main goal for this year was to restart our Cursillo Community, and by the Grace of God, and the support of Bishop Edward Little, meeting with him and for his wisdom and prayers we are on the way to re-birth. With our prayers to continue to guide us in HIS ways, and with the encouragement and support of Bishop Little wonderful things will be taking place in the Northern Indiana Diocese Cursillo Community.

Below you will find our Mission Statement; and attached a copy of the Pastoral Plan. It was decided in the meeting with Bishop Little that the Pastoral Plan would be placed into action this year especially since it has been a restart up year.

Northern Indiana Cursillo Community

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Episcopal Northern Indiana Cursillo Community (NICCO) is to transform, people and environments into the Image of Jesus Christ. Through joint Apostolic Action and in The Power of the Holy Spirit, we seek concrete ways to implement the Great Commission as we go into the world proclaiming the Gospel.

Our goal is to better inform our 4th Day Community and parishes and keep them abreast of our upcoming events in order to build a stronger 4th Day. We are also requesting parishes to open their doors to us to host meetings, reunions, workshops, Ultreyas, etc. We are really looking for ways of increasing our interactions in all parishes, particularly in finding participants (and perhaps focus on the younger population) for the weekends. It is Steve's and my intention to visit as many parishes as possible, and spread the good news of our Lord and Saviour, and to introduce as many people as possible to the Cursillo movement.

Before the last weekend, I wrote to each parish that had participants attending (those who had no one on team), sending them each a letter and a prayer list. I enclosed a self addressed envelope for them to return the prayer list and many did. Each time a newsletter is mailed, I personally write each Parish Priest or Priest in Charge requesting their help in communicating to the 4th Day Community.

As you can see by the Grace of God, we are working toward a revalidation of our Cursillo Community.

Program plans for the coming year:

To continue to revitalize the 4th Day and continue holding weekends, Ultreyas, Family Reunions, and Training Workshops etc. We held our first WEEKEND in May of 2006 and since we had not held one in two years we were very thrilled, and we had a wonderful God filled weekend. We have a weekend scheduled for November 30th and also another weekend scheduled for May 17th 2007. We will have held an Ultreya each quarter of the year 2005, with Ultreyas scheduled for June 4th, and another will be held in Sept. at the Plymouth Park. We held one Training session in October 2005, and we will hold one on August 12, 2006. With the help and guidance of Bishop Little, and our parish priests input, and listening to our Lord, our goal is to continue to strengthen our 4th Day Community, giving them the necessary tools to carry God's words out to others not only in the community, but in our every day environment.

Communication will still be a major issue. A Newsletter will be mailed at least every second month, but if there is other information to be communicated, one will go out monthly. This month when the Newsletter

went out, the offer was extended for the Newsletter to be emailed to anyone wishing to receive it that way. This year we have started and will continue to implementation of the Pastoral Plan.

Long range hopes and plans?

1 . To continue the Revitalization of the 4th Day Community and including more new and old blood on both the Servant Community and Secretariat. 2.To continue the Implementation of the Pastoral Plan. 3.To continue strengthening the Cursillo Community by holding two weekends in 2007 and if the need arises, to increase the weekends to three. 4.To have enough participants so that two 4th Day Training Workshops can be held in 2007.

5.Have funding to purchase 50 new copies of a new songbook. 6.Mail at least 6 to 12 Newsletters annually to continue to communicate to the 4th Day Community and to the Parish Priests, PriestinCharge, and Sr. Wardens.

7.To continue the building of a strong community, to carry the word of our Lord and Saviour to the world, and be a servant for our Lord. 8.To visit the parishes in the diocese and explain Cursillo, but only after receiving the invitation from the church.

Funds Accounting: Our budget request was \$1500.00. This request would only cover approximately half of the cost of the mailing of the Newsletters, but in addition we really need to purchase new song books. There have been no charges for the paper, ink cartages, or envelopes for mailing the newsletter, and if God be willing, these will continue to be donated. Our money will be used to strengthen the 4th day community. We also donate to National each year in the amount of \$500.00 to \$800.00 dollars, and this will continue to be allocated. Listed below is a breakdown of our anticipated expenses and income:

Expenses:		Income:	
NICCO#42	\$1100	NICCO #42	\$1500.00
NICCO#43	\$1100	NICCO#43	\$1500.00
		Donations	\$1000.00
4th Day Training	\$150	Diocese	\$1500.00
Ultreys & Reunions	\$200		\$4000.00
Postage 12 Newsletter	\$2059.20		
Songbooks	\$1000.00		
	\$5609.00		

We can and will be able to meet our expenses by only mailing 6 Newsletters in 2007. By doing that, we would cut our expenses to \$4040.00. It will be our goal to increase our Donations from the 4th Day Community by providing them their needs, and perhaps stimulating their desires of what Cursillo can and will do for the Northern Indiana Diocese.

The cost of mailing is approximately \$171.60 each time the newsletter is mailed. We have received \$1500.00 dollars in donations this year, and income from the weekend in the amount of 1725.00 and the total expenses were \$1246.47. No expenses have been incurred from the training session, or any of the Ultreys. We had notified National that we would be reducing our donation to \$500.00 which was the

amount we were to receive from our diocese, but due to the donation we have increased it to \$800.00 as we have given in the past. Respectively in His name; Lee Gast Diocese of Northern Indiana Episcopal Cursillo Lay Director