



NICCO
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Report for the Diocesan Convention

Secretariat Members:

Incoming Lay Director Mary Corey St. Andrew Episcopal Church Kokomo, IN. (Dec. 2008)
Environment (Applications) G. Stephen Gast St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Warsaw, IN (Dec. 2008)
Outgoing Lay Director & Newsletter V. Lee Gast St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Warsaw, IN (Dec. 2008)
Team Selection (Pre Cursillo) Cheryl Lakin St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Kokomo, IN (Dec 2008)
Alice Miller Cathedral of St. James So. Bend, IN (Dec. 2008)
Treasurer David Miller Cathedral of St. James So. Bend, IN (Dec 2008)
Ted Kimball Grace Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne, IN (Dec. 2008)
Palanca Chairman Medora Kennedy St. Andrew Episcopal Church Kokomo, IN (Dec 2008)
Kathy Hanna Trinity Church, Logansport, IN (Dec. 2009)
Jerry Hanna Trinity Church, Logansport, IN (Dec. 2009)
Spiritual Director Father Richard Miller Christ the King Huntington, IN (Dec 2009)

(We have increased our Secretariat 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 past year:

Even though 2005 was a real challenge for our Cursillo Community, a lot of excitement has taken place in the past two years. As indicated in last year's report, we canceled two weekends, a 4th Day Training, and held no Ultreya Reunions. Many prayers have been offered, and through God's guidance, many wonderful and exciting things are beginning to happen. We continue to remind our 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 continue to set our weekend dates and by the grace of God, continue to form team, and have participants. We had another weekend February 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th 2007. It was previously scheduled for December 2006; but due to a scheduling conflict we moved it to February 2007. Through much prayer, faith in our good Lord we ended up with 3 wonderful participants, one of which served on our October 2007 weekend in the Palanca Chapel. The February weekend was really God filled, and the group Reunion Ultreya was held on November 11th at All Saints and was well attended. The 4th Day training was held at St. Anne's Church, on March 24th and there were 2 participants that attended. It is intended that we have two weekends in 2008 also.

On October 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, another weekend was held. There were 6 participants in attendance, and this too was definitely HIS weekend. The Group Reunion will be held at All Saints on October 21st, and the 4th

Day Training will be on November 17th, 2007 at St. Anne's Church in Warsaw. We know there are several participants that are very interested in attending.

Kokomo continues to have their Group Reunion Ultreyas again – scheduled for the last Monday of each month. We also held a Central Ultreya scheduled on September 24th at the park in Plymouth. It was a cold brisk fall day, God was in the air, and the attendance was really very good. We had people from all around the Northern Diocese.

Several new committees have been reestablished and everyone that has been contacted has said "YES" to God and how can I help. We have also established a by-law committed to re write the current by-laws. Kay Miller has consented to chair this committee, with several good 4th Day helping her.

Our main goal for this year as it was last years was to re-start 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 a re-birth.

With our prayers to continue to guide us in HIS ways, and with the encouragement and support of Bishop Little wonderful things are happening and will continue to be taking place in the Northern Indiana Diocese Cursillo Community.

National Cursillo committee held one of their quarterly meetings in Indianapolis and several of Northern Indiana Diocese 4th Day were in attendance. The National Committee was so grateful for our attendance.

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 continue to be placed into action this year especially since it has been a re-start up year. Hopefully by 2008 we will have new by-laws and will begin to used to guide the 4th Day with decisions. We will also continue to keep the Mission Statement in effect and continue to follow in God's way.

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.

May 2006

Pastoral Plan

Please see attachment for Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Northern Indiana Cursillo Community signed by Bishop Little on 24th August 2001, and reviewed by Bishop Little on 30th May 2006 with no revisions needed per Bishop Little.

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 continues to be our intension, 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 two weekends, each parish that had participants attending (those who had no one on team), sending them each a letter and a prayer list. 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.

Describe your 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 February 2007. and also another weekend scheduled for October 2007. We will have held an Ultreya each quarter of the year 2008, with Ultreyas held June 4th, and another will be held in Sept. at the Plymouth Park. We held one Training session in October 2006; we have held one Training Session in 2007 with the second one being scheduled for November 11th. 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. The Newsletter is also sent by e-mail to those who desire to receive it. That has helped up remain in our budget.

This year we have started and will continue to implementation of the Pastoral Plan.

What are your 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 and incorporate the new By-laws in 2008.
3. To continue strengthening the Cursillo Community by holding two weekends in 2008 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 2008.
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, Priest-in-Charge, 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 songbooks. 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 \$800.00 dollars, and this will continue to be allocated.

Listed below is a breakdown of our anticipated expenses and income:

Expenses:		Income:	
NICCO # 43	\$1100.00	NICCO # 43	\$1500.00
NICCO # 44	\$1100.00	NICCO # 44	\$1500.00
4 th Day Training	\$ 150.00	Donations	\$1000.00
Ultreys & Reunions	\$ 200.00	Diocese	<u>\$1500.00</u>
Postage 6 Newsletters	\$1029.60		\$4000.00
Payment to All Saints for use of Chapel	\$ 400.00		
Scholarships for The weekends and Training sessions	<u>\$ 100.00</u>		
	\$4079.60		

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. We purchased our 50 new song books for a total of \$597.40 in 2007.

The cost of mailing is approximately \$171.60 each time the newsletter is mailed. 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 did give National \$800.00 this year for our contribution to them.

Respectively in His name,

Lee Gast
Diocese of Northern Indiana Episcopal Cursillo Lay Director