



NICCO News Notes June 2009

...But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

Ephesians 4:7, 11-12

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ

Do you remember your Cursillo experience? The sense of timelessness and isolation from the world? Where you spent a weekend with God's people who were leading you closer to Christ? An inch was a 15 minute break and a myriad of bells called you back? Seeing Jesus in every team member who couldn't do enough for you? Your every want and need taken care of? The Holy Spirit was surely in that place.

Then the weekend was over and you were reluctant to leave because you wanted that mountain top experience of being with God's people to last forever. When you left there the world with all its cares and strife would be waiting for you. 4th Day gives you the tools for the rest of your life. After all that is what 4th

Day is - the rest of your life. 4th Day is the center piece of the Cursillo movement. 4th Day represents living out our Baptism Covenant. This is reinforced through groupings and Ultreyas.

Our Northern Indiana Cursillo community seems to be shrinking and we are attempting to revive it. Won't you help us? We hope to get small groups started in various areas and are planning Ultreyas in areas close to you. Our next planned Ultreya is July 19 at Trinity Church in Logansport. Please join us for the Servant Community meeting and/or the Ultreya and come back home. Please bring a friend with you.

Cursillo's purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders. The leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church environment. Leadership, in Cursillo, does not mean power over others, but influence on others; all of us need to be aware that we can exert a positive influence on those around us.

LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT!
The Servant Community met March 14, 2009 to reorganize for the next Cursillo weekend, which will be June 3-6, 2010. One could feel the power of the Holy Spirit as each person came eager and ready to serve Jesus. The Pre-Cursillo Committee is anxious to receive your applications. Applications are included in this newsletter. Louann Smith is ready to accept applications. The Three-Day

committee concentrated on guidelines to strengthen our commitment to Christ. The Fourth – Day committee planned the first Ultreya, which was held after the 2:00 Servant Community meeting on May 16, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Ann's in Warsaw, Indiana. The Communications Committee is anxious to communicate with you, but you need to meet them half way and send those survey sheets back! In our economy we need to be frugal. The committee believes they could send out newsletters to everyone if they had the e-mail addresses of those with e-mail so we can afford to send the remaining ones through the post office. They also have great ideas to enhance our website so keep watching! The highlight was the fellowship with Jesus and the other Cursillistas and the doctrinal and technique talks. Cheryl Ostermeier reminded us of the integral part Servant Community plays in the life of the Fourth Day and Father Michael Fulk reminded us how the “Rule of Life” should give balance to our lives. Remember that everyone who has made a weekend is on every team and every Servant Community Committee; they just have different jobs to do. Yours may be the most important job of all—TO PRAY! Pray for the weekend, for Secretariat, for the Servant Community, and for discernment for which job Christ wants you to do.

Alice Miller

On May 16th. there was a combined Secretariat, Servant Community and Ultreya meeting at St. Ann's in Warsaw. Following are highlights of

that meeting.

Highlights of Secretariat

After the opening prayer by Father Michael Fulk, our Spiritual Director, devotions by Cheryl Lakin, and reports, we discussed proposed policies. Editorial note: Bishop Little had directed Secretariat to write new by-laws, which were simple and concise. Using the sample by-laws which we received from the National Secretariat and the expertise of Spiritual Director, Father Rich Miller, the National Episcopal Cursillo President, and a representative from the National board, Mary Corey, our Lay Director, led us through the new by-laws at the January Secretariat meeting. National had advised us to put in the by-laws only those items that should be carved in stone. The changeable items should be policy. At our last Servant Community meeting the Three-Day Weekend Committee and the Fourth Day Committee had proposed policy necessary for their committees. Although Servant Committee is an essential element in the Cursillo movement, it does not make policy; therefore, the Secretariat needed to vote so the proposed policy, edited by Father Michael Fulk, could become policy. After a lively discussion, it became policy. Meeting adjourned.

Highlights of Servant Community

Father Dan Martins from St. Ann's, Warsaw, using “Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring your friend to Christ”

demonstrated how that method is evangelism in his doctrinal talk. Kathy Hanna followed that with technique talk on Sponsorship, which is one way of bringing your friend to Christ. The most exciting report was from the Communications Committee. Ruth Joyce reported that they have the web site under construction and the Newsletter is being written. The Three Day Weekend Committee and the Fourth Day Committee now have policy in place for the up-coming weekend. The Palanca Chairperson continues to pray for all the current weekends. The Fourth Day Committee demonstrated their action by hosting the first Ultreya this year.

Central Ultreya

The first Central Ultreya of 2009 was held at St. Ann's, Warsaw on May 16, 2009 and hosted by the Fourth Day Committee. Julie Chandler, our witness speaker, shared how she lets the T-shirt she is wearing witness for Jesus. She gave several examples of her T-shirt ministry and brought T-shirts for everyone so we, too, could witness for Christ. We were all inspired by how a T-shirt message could get people whom she doesn't know to ask about Jesus. After our responses, Father Michael Faulk, responded with how her T-shirts are Evangelism. He tied all three talks together so beautifully that we were blessed to see how the Lord works in His mysterious ways.

Alice Miller and Fr. Mike Fulk

WEB SITE

The communications committee met

with Jon Adamson recently to discuss updating the web site. This will be a daunting task, especially if one doesn't know anything about web design. Watch for the new web site. If you haven't seen the current web site here is the address:<http://www.ednin.org/ednin/mod/resource/view.php?id=11> Be sure to check it often for new updates. If anyone has suggestions for what you would like to see on the web site please contact Ruth Joyce or Julie Chandler.

Meet the Secretariat

Starting in this newsletter we would like to introduce you to the Secretariat and Cursillo Committee. I have asked the Secretariat to submit short bios to be included in Meet the Secretariat. First we will introduce Mary Corey, lay director:

I made my Cursillo at NICCO #7 at Ancilla. I have served on the Secretariat as Secretary and as Lay Director. I worship with my church family at St Andrew Kokomo where I sing in the chancel choir and am on the prayer team. I have been a member of St Andrew since 1965. My children are: Mike and fiancée Liz who live in Mississippi and my daughter Nikki and her husband Rich who live in Angola with their two children: Tom (15) and Alyssa (4). I enjoy reading and being outdoors. I am currently working on my Master's Degree in Public Management at Indiana University. Working with Cursillo in any capacity is my joy and passion. Mary Corey

Prayer Warriors

If you would like to be included in the list of prayer warriors and are not getting emails please send Alice Miller, Davidalicemiller@aol.com, your email address.

If you or someone you know needs prayers, we will be starting a prayer list in the newsletter. If you feel uncomfortable knowing the list will be published, please know that first names will only be used. God knows who they are. Please pray for the following:

Dave
Nikki
Janelle

Cursillo Weekend June 3-6, 2010

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WE NEED SPONSORS AND PARTICIPANTS:

Prayer and study are keys to your initial preparation to candidate sponsorship. Think of those who are in environments that should be impacted (family, church, work, social etc.). Prayerfully consider these people. Ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ask yourself if you are willing to be the dutiful sponsor – the candidate's God Parent – now and always. The sponsor should also give witness himself/herself of an authentic Christian life – should live the message he/she is giving.

WHOM SHOULD I ASK TO BE A PARTICIPANT?

1. Is the person a baptized Christian?
2. Is he/she mature and responsible – can make their own decisions and are interiorly motivated?

3. Is there a potential as a leader, motivator, self-starter?

4. Does he/she live in and for Christian community and fellowship?

5. Are they in a position to receive the sacraments?

6. Are there psychological or emotional problems, or a moral life so disordered that it could not be remedied by a Cursillo? Is there stress in evidence that might be heightened by the weekend? IF the answer here is yes, the person should not attend.

7. Can you talk to them about Jesus Christ? You should be able to!

If you need a form to sponsor a candidate it is enclosed at the end of this newsletter as well as forms for team members and servant community members.

If you are interested in sponsoring a participant you may contact the Lay Director, Mary Corey, at 765-452-6702 or by e-mail at mcorey@iuk.edu or Lay Director-elect Julie Chandler at 219-662-7869 or e-mail julie-chandler@att.net.

