

THE FOURTH DAY

DE COLORES!

APRIL 15, 1974

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

The evening of March 3rd brought us 33 new Cursillista sisters. The openness and warmth that they expressed refreshed all of us as they witnessed and shared a part of their weekend with us. We thank them for refreshing us -- for showing us the Christ in them -- and we welcome them enthusiastically and sincerely.

CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN!!

HAPPY EASTER!!

HAPPY NEW LIFE!!

HAPPY SPRING!!

It is in the light of His Resurrection that Christ's passion and death strengthen us and fill us with hope. So much of God's world we see in nature dies in the winter and remains dead until the time we celebrate Christ's new life -- His Resurrection. We see new life sprouting all around us -- life begins anew and I'm reminded again of how good God is! He gives us so many opportunities to begin again. We can begin again -- renew ourselves -- at this time of the year simply by being aware of the new life around us. In hope and joy we can celebrate and share in Christ's Resurrection every time we begin again -- every time we are aware of new life.

SECRETARIAT NOTES

The secretariat has had two regular and two working meetings since The Fourth Day was last published. It was decided that if an applicant has not been able to attend a Cursillo, he or she will be notified and accepted at future Cursillos for a period of six months. After that time, the applicant will be required to fill out another Applicant's Form.

A new booklet, "Your Fourth Day" by Al Blatty is now available, will be given to all new Cursillistas, and will be sold at Ultreyas for \$1.00. It is a very well-written and informative booklet.

A critique form for each team member to fill out was used after the last women's Cursillo, and will be used at all future Cursillos, to replace a critique meeting.

Howard Reed, Cursillo Co-ordinator, has compiled a very thorough 107-page Rector(a)'s Manual for use during the 72 hours of the Cursillo. He is also working on a Secretariat Member's Manual which will contain the Constitution, lists of officers and members, diocesan Cursillista priests, Cursillo literature, required supplies, and information on Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, and Post-Cursillo committees and activities. THANK YOU, HOWARD!!

In his spare time, SUPERHOWARD prepared a proposed schedule of Cursillos for the remainder of 1974 and for 1975. It has been accepted by the secretariat, and is as follows:

<u>KIND</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SELECTION OF RECTOR(A) BY:</u>	<u>ACCEPTANCE BY RECTOR(A):</u>	<u>1ST TEAM MTG. SCHEDULED WEEK OF:</u>
Woman's	7/11-14, 74	4/4, 74	4/18, 74	5/5, 74
Men's	8/22-25, 74	5/2, 74	5/16, 74	6/9, 74
Woman's	10/24-27, 74	7/13, 74	8/3, 74	8/11, 74
Men's	11/21-24, 74	8/1, 74	8/15, 74	8/25, 74
Women's	2/27-3/2, 75	11/14, 74	11/28, 74	12/8, 74
Men's	4/10-13, 75	1/2, 75	1/23, 75	2/2, 75
Women's	6/19-22, 75	3/13, 75	3/27, 75	4/6, 75
Men's	7/17-20, 75	4/10, 75	4/24, 75	5/4, 75
Women's	9/18-21, 75	6/12, 75	6/26, 75	7/6, 75
Men's	11/13-16, 75	8/14, 75	8/28, 75	9/7, 75

A presentation as to the purpose of Leaders School and proposed means and methods of operation was submitted to the secretariat for consideration. Significant points covered in the presentation were:

- a. Purpose - to educate new and old Cursillistas about the Movement.
- b. Means of providing relief of some of the burden on the secretariat and committee members.
- c. Outline and techniques in accordance with Chapter 13 of "Questions and Problems".
- d. Committees and sub-committees, now a part of the secretariat, should be included in the Leaders School set-up. This would make for better communication between committees.
- e. New Cursillista's situation, a post-cursillo area of responsibility -- the school to provide a six-week course of orientation.
- f. Other possibilities -- Cursillo team meetings held as a part of the Leaders School. Also, working meetings of the Secretariat held as a part of the school.

When specific details as to the course outlines become available, they will be subject to review by the secretariat.

The problem has arisen, particularly with women's Cursillos, of large numbers on a team. Some of the feedback heard from new Cursillistas was that they felt overwhelmed by team, particularly in the conference room. It was agreed, as a matter of policy, that the number of team members at each table would be limited to two. Also, to the extent possible, the team members who give rollos would not be designated as table leaders. With the normal maximum of eight tables in the conference room, this would limit the number of team members in the conference room to a maximum of sixteen plus the rector(a) and his/her assistants.

In order not to disrupt the cloistered community atmosphere which prevails within and between the individuals at the tables, it was also agreed that no individuals other than those who are involved in the conference room should be permitted to enter the conference room during the summary/poster sessions. This policy will be in effect at the 36th Men's Cursillo.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee is made up of seven Cursillistas, all former rectors or rectoras, and one Cursillista priest. The people who make up this committee, which is part of the Pre-Cursillo committee, are: Howard Reed, Myrt Finn, Dolores

LeBeau, Gene Schubert, Don Franklin, Don Bleuher, Jean White, and Fr. Louis Antl. It is their responsibility to approve applications and send out acceptance letters, and to select rectors and rectoras and present the list to the secretariat for approval.

It has been decided that a maximum of 35 candidates will be accepted for any Cursillo -- any number after that will be notified of future Cursillos for a period of six months.

The criteria for selection of rector(a) is as follows: They must have 1. Made a Cursillo at least two years prior to nomination. 2. Worked on a Cursillo, full time, within the past two years. 3. Been assistant rector(a) and/or worked on five Cursillos, two of which were full time in the conference room. 4. Regular Group Receptor. An up-to-date card file is kept, with every Cursillistas name on a card, along with a record of the number of Cursillos each person has worked, and in what capacity. It is from these cards that a selection of five persons is chosen for each Cursillo and submitted to the secretariat for approval.

LEADERS SCHOOL

On doctor's orders, Pete Gonzalez submitted his resignation as Rector of Leaders School. He still will be a part of Leaders School, but not as Rector. Leaders School now has a Rectora (Hoo-Ray for women's lib!) -- Mary Kay Schmitz.

Leaders School needs you. Don't worry about whether or not you consider yourself a leader. If you have made a Cursillo, you are welcome. Come and share Christ with us. Help us grow toward Jesus. Our current text book is "The Work of the Cursillo and the Work of Renewal" by Steven Clark. During the evening, a layman presents a talk which is discussed by all. (Monica Delaney will be the lay speaker on April 24th.) Then a priest gives a talk. The evening also affords a good opportunity to seek Spiritual Direction.

O, DEAR LORD, THREE THINGS I PRAY. TO SEE THEE MORE CLEARLY, LOVE THEE MORE DEARLY, FOLLOW THEE MORE NEARLY, DAY BY DAY.

Leaders School meets every Wednesday except the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the Loretto Club in Joliet. Please try to attend -- you'll be glad you did.

SECRETARIAT NOMINATIONS

There are three members who will be leaving the secretariat in June because their terms have expired. Nominations are being accepted to fill these vacancies until April 25th. The only qualification for nomination is a Cursillista's eagerness and willingness to commit himself or herself to work in the Spirit of Christ for at least two years. The regular monthly secretariat meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. The working meetings, when needed, are held in conjunction with the Leaders School. If you have names for nomination, please call or write to Howard Reed, Cursillos in Christianity, 310 Bridge St., Joliet, 60635, 815-723-3405, before April 25th.

The people on the secretariat are divided into three working groups -- Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, and Post-Cursillo. The Post-Cursillo is divided into three areas -- Ultreyas, Communication, and Publication. The heads of these committees are secretariat members, but willing Cursillistas are needed to help do the work. It's difficult for the heads of these committees to know who is interested in doing a particular kind of work. We are told there are people who are willing to work and are waiting to be asked. Many calls are made to various Cursillistas --

some of whom are able to commit themselves to a particular committee, and others who must decline because of other involvements. We are asking for your help. Instead of waiting to be asked, please, if you feel as though you can help in any way, volunteer your services to one of the committee heads. Their names and numbers are as follows: Marilyn Fennell, Pre-Cursillo - 312-968-0275; John Stolfa, Cursillo - 312-858-2370; Linda Marczewski, non-secretariat member in charge of Ultreyas - 312-858-2966; Jim McGrath, Communication - 312-355-4165; Joanne Fanella, Publication - 312-834-5602.

ULTREYA

Many thanks to Marilyn and Dick Hitterman and all who helped them, for hosting the Ultreya at St. Mary's in Downers Grove on March 23rd. The evening was filled with the Spirit of Christ, and the many who attended went away inspired and renewed.

The next diocesan Ultreya will be held at St. Dominic's in Bolingbrook on April 20th at 8:00. Pat and Bill Wilkin will be host couple. To get to St. Dominic's, take Rt. 53 into Bolingbrook to Briar Cliff Road, which has a stop light on the corner. Turn east on Briar Cliff for about one mile. The church is on the left. Hope to see many of you there.

The May Ultreya and every diocesan Ultreya thereafter, will be scheduled for the first Saturday of the month. On May 4th, Kay Quarry will be hostess for an Ultreya held at Mayslake Retreat House. Fr. Louis Antl will celebrate Mass at 8:00.

On June 1st, Betty and Joe Kalita will host an Ultreya at St. Jude in Joliet.

There also are Ultreyas which are held regularly in different areas of the diocese. St. Raphael in Naperville holds an Ultreya on the 1st Friday of every month at 8:00. In Mokena, there is one held every Monday evening at 8:00. In Glen Ellyn, for the early birds, there is one every Saturday morning after the 7:00 A.M. Mass. It is held in the school basement.

Linda Marczewski has volunteered to be in charge of organizing all future diocesan Ultreyas. If you feel as though you would like to host one in your parish, please let her know. Her number is 312-858-2966.

MEN'S CURSILLO

The 36th Men's Cursillo will be held the weekend of April 25-28 at St. Francis Academy, 1200 Larkin Road, Joliet. The Rector is Bob White. Jim McGrath and Mike Caine are his assistants, and Fr. Joseph Shimanek is Spiritual Director.

The team assignments are as follows:

Kitchen Chairman - Jim Roller

Palanca Chairman - Ron Coley

Ideal - Ron Hutchinson

Laymen in the Church - Bill Diesing

Actual Grace - Fr. Kevin Shanley

Piety - Jim McGrath

Study - Bill Wilkin

Sacraments - Fr. Joe Shimanek

Action - Jim Burton

Obstacles to Grace - Fr. John George

Leaders - John Sommers

Environment - Dick Belmonte

Life In Grace - Fr. Louis Antl

Christian Community - Paul Brachle

Total Security - Bob White

4th Day - George Marczewski

It is hoped that there will be a good turn-out for the Clausura. Directions for getting to St. Francis are as follows: From the north, via Rt. 53, turn right at the junction of Rt. 7 (this is Theodore Street). Proceed west on Theodore to

Larkin Road. Turn left and proceed to Ingalls Avenue. Turn left and proceed for about one block. The school parking lot will be to your left.

From the north, via Rt. 59, at Plainfield take Rt. 30 to the left and proceed to the outskirts of Joliet (Crest Hill shopping center will be to your right.) Turn right into Larkin Road and proceed to Ingalls Ave. Turn left and proceed for about one block. The school parking lot will be to your left.

From the south, west, or east (or north, if you come via Rt. 55), the best way is to get on Rt. I-80 and proceed to the Larkin Road, North Exit. Once on Larkin Road, proceed to Ingalls Ave., turn right and proceed for about one block. The school parking lot will be to your left.

PALANCA

Please remember to send in your palanca for the 36th Men's Cursillo. Although personal palanca is very good and makes one person feel very loved and special, please don't forget to send general palanca. You can make many people feel very loved and special through a letter, poster, poem or benner that is addressed to all the candidates. Send your palanca now to Cursillo in Christianity, 310 Bridge Street, Joliet, 60635.

PRAYER PLEAS

Bob and Paul Nathe's father has been seriously ill for some time.

Julie Mennecke and Helen Carnes are recuperating from surgery.

Nancy Bruss is recuperating from a stay in the hospital.

Patt Faber has been ill for several weeks.

Ed Svoboda's father passed away in March.

Elaine Oltman's mother is quite ill after surgery.

Luci Svoboda's mother is recuperating from eye surgery.

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The deadline for the next issue of The Fourth Day is June 10th. If you have something you would like to put in, please call or write to Joanne Fanella, 507 S. Yale, Villa Park, 60181, 312-834-5602. Please remember that if you have any ideas or suggestions for improving the newsletter, they are very welcome. Also, the cost of a first class mailing has risen to 10¢ per letter, as you all know. Any contribution to defray this cost will be gratefully appreciated. Please send your contributions to Cursillo in Christianity, 310 Bridge St., Joliet, 60635.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 20 - Ultreya, St. Dominic's, Bolingbrook
- April 25 - 28 - Men's Cursillo
- April 28 - Clausura, St. Francis Academy, Joliet
- May 4 - Ultreya, Mayslake Retreat House
- June 1 - Ultreya, St. Jude, Joliet

There is a Cursillo picnic being planned for the end of July!!