

THE FOURTH DAY

May - 1975

SPEAKING TO GOD

"... I now understand and approach prayer as communication in a relationship of love, a speaking and a listening in truth and in trust. Speaking to God honestly is the beginning of prayer; it locates a person before God. I believe that the primary 'giving' of love is the giving of oneself through self-disclosure. Without such self-disclosure there is no real giving, for it is only in that moment when we are willing to put our true selves on the line, to be taken for better or for worse, to be accepted or to be rejected, that true interpersonal encounter begins. We do not begin to offer ourselves until we offer ourselves in this way, for love demands presence, not presents. All my gifts (presents) are mere motion until I have given my true self (presence) in honest self-revelation."

He Touched Me by John Powell, S.J.

A BIG WARM WELCOME!!!

to all our new Cursillista brothers and sisters. We welcome you with the love, joy, and peace of our Brother, Jesus Christ, and we will continue to pray for the perseverance of your fourth day!

Our new sisters who made the 24th Women's Cursillo are:

Sr. Myra Bonifas - Hazel Crest	Deborah Marks - Maple Park
Elizabeth Brennan - Villa Park	Darlene Meegan - Roselle
Mary Brinkerhoff - Rolling Meadows	Angeline Melendez - Downers Grove
Joan Buck - Joliet	Patricia Nevin - Midlothian
Mary Burnell - Chicago	Lori Newsham - Wheaton
Gerry Czarnecki - Elk Grove Village	Dolores Olenek - Bloomingdale
Irene Davis - Manhattan	Lorraine Pagni - Darien
Helen Dean - Glen Ellyn	Clara Passi - Northlake
Diane Duffy - Bloomingdale	Mary Putnam - Hazel Crest
Mary Ann Goysich - Naperville	Betty Reed - New Lenox
Arlene Graff - Roselle	Linda Siebolds - Villa Park
Sr. Janice Hoffman - Hazel Crest	Sr. Justina Steffen - Hazel Crest
Margaret Joubert - Kankakee	Margo St. Julien - Midlothian
Sr. Cortona Koenigs - Hazel Crest	Joanne Yackley - Naperville
Joan Lippe - Hazel Crest	

DE COLORES!

Our new brothers who made the Men's 39th Cursillo are:

Robert Anderson - Lockport
Fr. Joseph Arackal - Lombard
Robert Balla - Elk Grove Village
Frank Becker - Elwood
William Bettis - Joliet
Michael Boyle - Winfield
Len Czuba - Chicago
Joseph DeLascio - Bloomingdale
Charles Dolezal - Roselle
John Doody - Park Ridge
Robert Gleason - Joliet
Martin Jean - Roselle
Robert Lambert - Joliet
John Leonas - East Hazel Crest
Roland Lesniewski - Roselle
Herald Longton - Joliet
Thomas Lukaszewski - Wheaton

Frank Marsala, Sr. - Glen Ellyn
Bert Martinez - Glendale Heights
Patrick Meegan - Kansas City, Mo.
George Merrill - Addison
Ronald Mueller - Bloomingdale
Thaddeus Palus - Lombard
Peter Panozzo - Bloomingdale
Louis Perillo - Wood Dale
Nicholas Polito - Burbank
Terrence Quirk - Addison
William Scherer - Chicago
Victor Siedleski - Glendale Heights
Joseph Stanfa - Hazel Crest
Kevin Sullivan - Oak Forest
Tim Walsh - Villa Park
Tim Yep - Carol Stream

DE COLORES!

SECRETARIAT NOTES

New officers were elected at the secretariat meeting Thursday, May 1. They are: Jim McGrath, President; Elizabeth Franklin, Vice-President; Carol Simler, Secretary; Bill Hesse, Treasurer. Also, two new members were elected: Bill Coughtry and Carolyn Kane. We congratulate them and offer our prayers and palanca for a fruitful and grace-filled year! We wish to thank George Marczewski, President, and John Stolfa, Vice President, for their work and contribution not only to our secretariat but also to our Cursillo Movement in the Joliet diocese. Thanks for all your hard work, George and John!

The following is a list of Cursillos for the remainder of 1975 and the approved schedule of Cursillos for 1976:

<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>MEN</u>
#25 June 19-22, 1975	#40 July 17-20, 1975
#26 September 18-21, 1975	#41 November 20-23, 1975
#27 March 25-28, 1976	#42 April 22-25, 1976
#28 June 24-27, 1976	#43 August 19-22, 1976
#29 October 21-24, 1976	#44 November 18-21, 1976

CURSILLO COMMITTEE NOTES

The following people have agreed to take on the duties of the Cursillo Kitchen Committee. Their job will be to coordinate the kitchen for each upcoming Cursillo. They are: Dee Timko, Chairwoman; Joan Roller, Dorothy McGrath, and Tom Carbine. A big thanks to each of you for accepting this much-needed responsibility!

We want to thank Ron Hutchinson and Chris McGrath who picked up our new cots in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Thanks much for all the time and work involved!

POST-CURSILLO COMMITTEE NOTES

Leaders' School - "The first session of Leaders' School was held on Tuesday, March 11, 1975, and was attended by 35 cursillistas. Leaders' School sessions will continue every Tuesday night at the Cursillo Center from 8 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. Each session begins with the Leader's prayer, followed by leaders' group reunion, a doctrinal talk, a technique talk, and an open discussion on both of the talks. Following the discussion period the session concludes with a chapel visit.

Within the next two to three weeks section meetings (pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, post-Cursillo) will be implemented into Leaders' School.

Our goal is to form Christian community through shared prayer and to study, in depth, all the facets of the Cursillo Movement using in sequential order The Study Guide for Cursillo Leaders. We began our study with The Purpose of the Movement and are now studying Group Reunion.

We hope that you are planning to attend Leaders' School, and we are looking forward to seeing you there on Tuesday nights. De Colores!"

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Jim Dougherty, Spiritual Director

Ultreya

The next two coming up are: Saturday, June 7 - St. Anne, Hazel Crest
Bill and Marge Coughtry, host couple

Saturday, July 5 - St. Matthew, Glendale Hgts.
Dick and Ellie Mroz, host couple

REMINDER: Diocesan Ultreyas are always the first Saturday of the month and they begin promptly at 8 P.M. with Mass. Be sure to mark your calendars!!

WOMEN'S CURSILLO

Team meetings for the 25th Women's Cursillo (June 19-22) are being held each Monday, 7:30 P.M. at the Cursillo Center. The rectora is Mary Bazan, with Grace DiFrisco and Dee Timko assisting. Spiritual Director is Fr. Rene Hayes. The team could always use your palanca, along with general and personal palanca for the weekend - so please send those cards and letters to palanca chairwoman Carol Simler, 434 E. Highland Avenue, Villa Park, Illinois 60181, or send them to Cursillos in Christianity, 310 Bridge Street, Joliet, Illinois 60435.

PRAYER PLEAS

Rebirth - Carolyn Giles passed to our Lord on March 6.

POSTSCRIPTS AND OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

"Dear Brothers and Sisters: Frank and I are now living in Florida. We enjoy receiving the Fourth Day. The nearest Cursillo is about 120 miles from here. We both are in good health, thank God. We do miss the Cursillo meetings and our friends...Peace and God bless you all."

Frank and Mae Waliczek
488 N.E. LaSalle Road
Port Charlotte, Florida 33952

Thoughts from a new sister in Christ:

This happiness that I've found cannot be described on earth.
I know it's from the great Beyond, and it's been since Jesus' birth.

This happiness that I've found is just beyond compare.
O Jesus, how I love you, and this I want to share.

This happiness that I've found has come from deep within
Because you gave your life for us and made us free from sin.

Dolores Olenek

Rev. Edward Reidy, formerly of the Diocese of Joliet, professed first vows in the Congregation of Holy Cross on August 11, 1974. While wishing Father Reidy God's blessings in his priestly work in the Congregation, we give his address so that his friends may correspond with him:

The Rev. Edward Reidy, CSC
Stonehill College
North Easton, Massachusetts 02356

Convento São Francisco
68100 Santarém
Pará, Brazil

Lent - Easter, 1975

Dear Friends,

Though you may get this after Easter, I want you to know that my thoughts and prayers were with you all through Lent, for a Happy Easter in the Risen Lord. I'm composing this on Ash Wednesday.

The last you heard from me, I was about to leave for Brazil. I am happy to announce that I actually made it to Santarém by January 8, via Miami and Belem. To find me on the map of Brazil, follow the Amazon westward from the Atlantic.

Yes, this is tropical monsoon country, and we are a couple of weeks into the rainy season. Along with some sunshine, we get about 75 inches of rain in about 6 months. Our nights get down to about 80 degrees, and sunny days up to about 90 degrees.

I can count my blessings during my first month here. The Lord has given me good health, for which I thank Him. He has helped me make progress in Portuguese. When I get better, I'll get a job, probably near Easter. There is time for private and community prayer, and Mass with our Brothers here is a daily joy. Recently, I passed my written test for a driver's license. I still have to practice on a stick-shift jeep for my road test.

Keeping my word, I have been answering the many letters I receive here. Thanks again to all who wrote.

To make things simple, I now use my baptismal name, John Joseph, which is on my passport and other documents. But if you write to Frei Louis Antl, I'll get it.

If anyone wishes to send a donation, from now on please address it to: Rev. Louis Antl, O.F.M., Franciscan Missionary Union, 1434 W. 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois 60609. Father Innocent will send you a Thank You note. Checks payable to the Franciscan Missionary Union will still go to my account. All personal messages to me should be sent separately to Santarém. Please note that I am not begging, but I realize that some of you would like the above information.

Many thanks for all your good wishes and prayers. I keep all of you in my prayers, too. Special thanks to the ladies at St. John's in Joliet, who have typed, duplicated, and mailed this newsletter. God love you all!!

In Christ's love,
Fr. Louis B. Antl, O.F.M.
(Frei João José, ofm)

If you have any information or suggestions, thoughts or writings, for The Fourth Day, please call or write me. All and anything will be greatly appreciated!! Call or write Marilyn Hitterman, 4140 Seeley Avenue, Downers Grove, Ill. 60515 - 312-964-3795. The next newsletter will go to press July 10, so please call or write me before then.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In case you didn't notice, there was no Fourth Day for April. There was some trouble in getting our mailing labels on time, so it was my decision to postpone this newsletter until May. The Fourth Day will come out every other month from now (May).

It has been my feeling for some time now that there has been an over-emphasis and extra publicity paid to certain duties of a Cursillo (i.e. speakers, etc.) not only during team meetings, but also in The Fourth Day. Through much thought and prayer, it is my opinion that the new cursillistas of each Cursillo be spotlighted, and not the particular members of a team who, only by the grace of God, have those "special" responsibilities. If we are to humbly and sincerely do the work of Jesus Christ here on earth, then we shall become as He in the washing of the feet. He needed praise only from His Father. So, what I intend to do is to publicize the names of the leadership of each Cursillo, and later, the names of our new brothers and sisters. Also, I will give the name and address of the palanca chairman in order to allow those of us who wish to send written general or personal palanca to do so. I would certainly publish whatever a rector or rectora requested, but it is my hope that we would put the focus where I believe it should be - on Christ and the "new sheep in His flock".