

joliet diocesan cursillo newsletter

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May the love of our
Lord be with you this
Holiday Season!

To: The Cursillestas of the Joliet
Diocese
From: The Cursillestas serving on the
Candidate Selection Committee
Subject: HELP!

Get to know us; we are:

Len Czuba--Lombard (chairman)
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We gather together on a regular basis to pray, study and discuss--what else--
Candidate Selection. We are sometimes overworked, always underpaid, and often misunderstood. For example, our main concern is not to make sponsors better form filler outers but better sponsors. But somewhere along the line the message is not getting thru.

To help "clear the air" here are the guidelines we operate under:

First the musts: there are only 4

A. The candidate must be Roman Catholic (The Ultreya Magazine carried a very good article on the "why" behind this rule. August 80 issue). The 72 hours are not ment to convert a person but to strengthen and build on the Christ centered faith the candidate already has.

B. The candidate must be 21 years of age or older. The Cursillo calls for a mature decision on the part of the candidate to accept the call of Christ within his/her everyday life.

C. There must exist the potential for support of the candidate after the weekend. It is always up to the new Cursillesta to freely choose to use the supports of Group Reunion and Ultreya. It is up to the sponsor to make the person aware of the value of Group Reunion and Ultreya, and help the new cursillesta find a group where he/she is comfortable.

D. The husband as spiritual head of the family must attend the weekend first. This is a "must" that gets a lot of flak. But experience has shown that women are more understanding of a husband turned on to the Lord by a Cursillo weekend, than the husband is when the roles are reversed.

Second the shoulds:

A. The candidate should be or have the potential to be a leader within his/her environment. The reason for the existence of the Cursillo Movement is to renew the whole world by bringing Christs' message of Love into every environment. The candidate should have been selected as a leader within the environment the sponsor is trying to Christianize.

B. The candidate should not be under any unusual stress. Again, the Cursillo weekend is not ment to solve marital or emotional problems.

C. The candidate should be open to the message of Christs love and the call for committment which he/she hears on the weekend. This is the job of the sponsor before the candidate is asked to attend a weekend.

We meet 2 weeks before a Cursillo weekend (usually at St. Pius X, Lombard) to go over the candidate applications. There must be a minimum of 15 candidates approved at or before this meeting or the Cursillo weekend will not be held. Two weeks before the weekend gives us just enough time to notify the candidates who will be going. To keep the Rector(a) and the team hanging in the dark about if the weekend will be held or cancelled is not right. Please help us by getting the completed candidate forms to Cursillos in Christianity

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Mail them well before the 2 week deadline.

We realize that no set of guidelines will ever cover all circumstances. Therefore we are always willing to listen and give prayerful consideration to any exceptions. Please help us by both prayer and action. Pass on to us any information about proposed candidates which would help us. Mail the completed application in early--avoid the last minute rush. Then pray for us when we meet 2 weeks before the weekend.

Thank you--
The Candidate Selection
Committee

A special Thank You to Bishop Imsch for celebrating Mass with us October 18th.-- It was truly a beautiful evening.

And special thanks to Howard and Betty Reed and all the beautiful people who helped plan, set up and clean up afterwards.



We wish to welcome the new Cursillestas from the Womens' 40th Cursillo. They Are: Pat Adams, Shirl Berkey, Francesca Cardinallo, Diane Flaum, Cheryl Greenup, Betty Hadley, Geri Marcus, Kathy Mazurek, Mary McFadden, Carmen Oldani, Barbara Orth, Jean Roach, Linda Schaaf, Connie Schnepf, Jean Sczech, Kathy Siebold, Dale Simpson, Pat Smurawski, Greta Strittmatter, Florence Valios.

Also joining us are the men from the 56th Cursillo. They are: Robert Fallon, Dan Novotny, Miki Serena, Ed Krch, Robert Jackson, Jim Lynch, Bob Karl, George Bianchi, Jim Dunne, William Eisele, David Czuba, Don Ruettinger, William Worden, Eugene Sapinski, Daniel Smczynski, David Weber, Rich Reff, Jim Pauley, David Tate, Gerold Elwood, Jeff Olsen, Jerry Highlawd, Mike Harres, Uwe weichering, Arthur Muehlhausen, Leonard Krawczak, Tom Moniz. We welcome all of you and will pray for your Fourth Day!



Congratulations to Nancy Mueller and Patt Faber on their election to the Secretariat. Nancy was elected to fill out the term of Linda Marczewski who had to resign for personal reasons. Patt has been elected to a full 2 year term on the Secretariat. (Dec. 80-Dec.82) Thank you Linda for all the time and effort you have given to the Secretariat. Your presence will be missed.

Letters, we get letters, we get stacks and stacks of letters. Our diocese gets requests for Palanca from all over the world. From Seoul, Korea--"We are in need of your prayers and spiritual offerings." From Western Australia, "We seek your prayerful support." From Freiburg Germany, "We beg you from our hearts for your prayers and for your written letters." From Nova Scotia, Italy, British Columbia, England, Argentina, Mexico, and many many dioceses in the USA. For many years, a handful of people from our diocese have been fulfilling these requests. Now that more and more requests are coming in, we need your help. Will you as an individual or as part of your Group Reunions Activity agree to periodically write a Palanca letter on behalf of the Joliet Diocese? You may commit yourself to one a year or as many as one a month.

Our brothers and sisters around the world may come to know the love of Jesus through your love.

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The 1st Spanish speaking Cursillo to be held in the Joliet Diocese will be December 11-14, 1980 for men. January 8-11, 1981 for women. Both will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center. Palanca is requested. Everyone is invited to attend the closings.



ULTREYA
December 6, 1980--St. Walter Parish
140 W. Pine, Roselle
(2 blocks west of Roselle Rd. on Pine)

January 3, 1981--St. Mary Magdalene
127 S. Briggs, Joliet
(Briggs exit off I-80--3 blocks North)

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