

THE GOOD NEWS

March 2010

MARCH ULTREYA

Place: Our Lady of Hope

Date: March 18, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM

Theme: Our Burdens Can Make Us

Stronger

Scripture: Exodus 32: 7-14

Led by: Pat, Florence, Betty, Sandy, Ardis,

Claire and Shirley

Refreshments: Everyone! Please bring finger foods or snacks to share.



AREA 4 ULTREYA

- ❖ *Church of the Epiphany*
- ❖ *Our Lady Star of the Sea*
- ❖ *Our Lady of Hope*
- ❖ *Our Lady of Lourdes*
- ❖ *Prince of Peace*
- ❖ *Sacred Heart/St. Gerard Mission*
- ❖ *The Basilica of St. Paul*

Country Prayer for Lent

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A mass was held for February's Ultreya with Father Ray O'Leary presiding. The first reading, Deuteronomy 30:15-20, as well as the Gospel, Luke 9:22-25, talked about choices. Father Ray tied the readings together and explained that our whole life is choices and all choices have a price. Jesus made a choice and paid the ultimate price; however, it was a choice that He had to make. Choices are made on a daily basis. Father Ray told the story of a Bishop who was thrown into jail because he would not consent to King Henry VIII's divorce. All the people told the Bishop to give in to King Henry so that his life would be spared. The Bishop said he would relent if the people could answer a question. The people studied and came back in a week ready to answer the Bishop's question: "What profit is there to gain the whole world, yet lose or forfeit yourself? (Mark 8:36)" The Bishop made the choice to stand by his beliefs and paid the price - his life.

SPRING WEEKENDS—Please do palanca for team and candidates. Deliver to the office no later than the Wednesday before the weekend. Candidates from our Ultreya for the March weekends: Raymond DiMaria, George LaCasse, Walter Petrucci, Judith Petrucci, Patricia Whited.

Men's #85 - March 4-7, 2010 (Peter Balsam, Rector)

Women's #93 - March 18-21, 2010 (Kathy Ilkka, Rectora)

Men's team: Paul Bartholomew, Greg Lilly, Rick Cavallari, Joe Losch, Dale Neely, Deacon Tom Tagye

Women's team: Judy Neely, Mary Barbery

It is not too early to start preparing your prospective candidates for the fall weekends. If you need a copy of the "Cursillo - What Is It" booklet for your prospective candidates, please contact Patti or Mike at 322-6920 or pattiwillems@cfl.rr.com.

Dates to Remember: 4th Day Reunion & School of Leaders: April 17th - Sts. Peter and Paul
 School of Leaders: May 22 - St. Patrick (Mount Dora)
 School of Leaders: August 21 - St. Margaret Mary
 4th Day Reunion & School of Leaders: November 6 - St. Margaret Mary

PALANCA INTENTIONS: Mondays - National, Regional, and Diocesan Secretariats
 Tuesdays - Schools of Leaders
 Wednesdays - Cursillistas in the United States
 Thursdays - National Cursillo® Movement's Apostolic Actions
 Fridays - Cursillo Weekends
 Saturdays - OMCC and NACG Executive Committee

God Bless You!

Your Ultreya Area #4 Coordinators

Patti and Mike



It is **YOUR NEWSLETTER** and hopefully it fulfills three necessities: to **INFORM, INSPIRE AND EVANGELIZE**. So, if you need to tell the Area 4 Cursillistas of a particular event, this is the place to do it. If you have seen, read, or had an inspirational moment you wish to share with others, this is the place. If you had an evangelization moment that will help others in their efforts, this is the place to share it. **The Newsletter Committee is always looking for your help to make this a useful publication.** Please contact Betsy or Cathy if you have something for the Newsletter. You can submit articles to Betsy at RGNeerland@aol.com.

GET READY, SET, BLOOM!

**Excerpted from the National Cursillo Newsletter
February, 2010
CURSILLO DE CURSILLOS, WHAT IS IT?**

Our Cursillo Movement's Leader's Manual (LM) clearly elaborates on the evolution of the Cursillo Movement, which did not begin by accident. It evolved after a series of events. None of these events were focused on the development of a Cursillo Movement, but all of them led to its development. To view each of these events is an opportunity to witness God's handiwork. It will become quite evident that the Cursillo Movement did not just happen - God willed it to be. The book also declares the great task of building the Kingdom of God is here and now. This task requires audacious and courageous Christians with personality, firm in their convictions and at the same time docile to the guidance of the Holy Spirit; men and women of the century (laity) who leaven their environments with their witness of life, because they are fully convinced that it is more important "to be" than "to do" (LM Prologue).

The country of Spain painfully suffered from the Spanish Civil war from 1936 to 1939, the most calamitous anticlerical persecution in the Christian history, and which was immediately followed by the Second World War. Consequently, on February 6th, 1940 in Rome, Pope Pius XII gave an address and stated, "It is the duty of the parish priests to look at the dual aspect of his parishioners to form a clear and carefully detailed picture of his community. i.e.: on the one hand the population of the faithful, especially its outstanding members .. and on the other hand, the groups that have moved away from the practice of Christian Life. They are the sheep that belong to the parish; lost sheep, and also for these and even for them particularly, you are responsible custodians, my dearest children, and as good pastors you must not dodge any effort or work to find them and win them over again, nor must you indulge in any rest until all of them have found safety, life and joy in the return to the fold." (My Spiritual Testament", p.28-29, by Eduardo Bonnín). Inspired by the Pope's address, Mr. Eduardo Bonnín started a thorough study of the scenario and atmosphere in the most concrete way: "From all this in 1943, the "Study of the Environment" was born and it was the beginning of the origin of all that came afterwards." ("My Spiritual Testament", p.30, by Eduardo Bonnín).

In order to help Cursillo leaders with an intensive knowledge of the foundational charism, namely the mentality, the essence, the methodology, the strategy and the purpose of our Cursillo Movement, a special weekend called "Cursillo de Cursillos" was developed by Eduardo Bonnín. It is a working three-day weekend highly recommended for willfully committed and dedicated Cursillo leaders, and the current and/or prospective ones. They must know their Movement well in order to love and serve it faithfully and efficiently. This workshop is the replica of the regular Cursillo Three-Day Weekend, with more or less the same format, schedule, and length of time, except that each Rollo is followed by a careful discussion within each 'decuria' or table group. Sufficient time is also allotted for questions and answers at the end of each rollo. One member is assigned to represent their decuria in sharing the group's reflections, ideas and questions. This format worked very well and everyone grasped the main ideas of each Rollo adequately. Besides increasing their indispensable knowledge of the Cursillo Movement, the Cursillo leaders will have an opportunity during this workshop to make personal contacts, to strengthen and renew their friendship or to make new friends, to share and learn from one another many useful individual living experiences in discipleship and leadership, and in particular, to deepen their ongoing conversion through their encounters with God, with themselves and with others. Similar to the Three-Day Cursillo Weekend, the Cursillo de Cursillos must be a living experience for all Cursillo leaders.

The Cursillo de Cursillos is not unfamiliar with the Spanish-speaking Cursillo leaders, but it is to the English-speaking Cursillo community. The Cursillo de Cursillos was introduced in Spanish in 1966, but unfortunately, was not translated into English at the time. Some English-speaking Cursillo leaders in the United States and Canada had an opportunity to attend the first Cursillo de Cursillos in 2007 which was given in English in Mallorca, Spain. Then in July 2008, another was sponsored by the Canadian National Cursillo Movement in Waterloo, Canada, with a team of Cursillo leaders who had lived the experience earlier in Mallorca. In late October, and in early December 2009, a Cursillo de Cursillos in English was held in Miami, FL., and in Forth Worth, TX, respectively. These first workshops in English have greatly impressed the participants, whose inspiration has prompted them to wholeheartedly promote the Cursillo de Cursillos within their own community.

(To read the rest of the article, go to www.natl-cursillo.org.)



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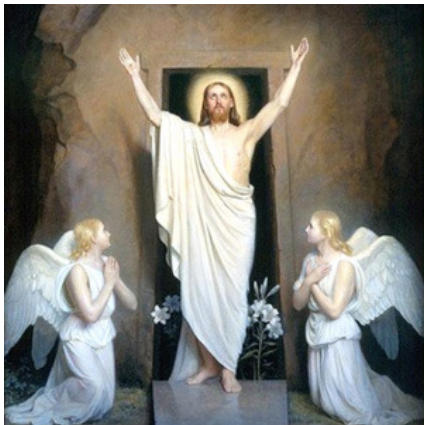
JOIN THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS AND OTHERS AT NOON EACH FRIDAY OF LENT TO WALK AND PRAY THE OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

Visit the website to see all other available programs for Lent! www.sanpedrocenter.org



MAKE A NOTE! For Cursillo merchandise, visit the DeColores Rainbow Store at www.decolores.com. It comes highly recommended for their prices, inventory and service!

PLEASE PAUSE AND PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING CURSILLISTAS



-  **Daniel Knight**
-  **Joanna Swart**
-  **Joyce Mead**
-  **Rae Sholette**
-  **Regina Cumbie**
-  **Joyce Dobrozensky**
-  **Herb Dobrozensky**
-  **Doris Jarvis**
-  **Ruthann Rose**
-  **Ellie Dorion**
-  **Marion Hecker**
-  **Bill Andrasco**
-  **Alice Andrasco**
-  **Jim Kisthardt**
-  **Joan Lilly**

KEEPING A HOLY LENT



- * Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
 - * Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life.
 - * Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.
 - * Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
 - * Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.
 - * Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
 - * Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
 - * Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism
 - * Fast from worry; Feast on divine order.
 - * Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
 - * Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
 - * Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.
 - * Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.
 - * Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
 - * Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
 - * Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.
 - * Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.
 - * Fast from facts that depress; Feast on realities that uplift.
 - * Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.
 - * Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.
 - * Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
 - * Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens.**

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI FOR LENT 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Each year, on the occasion of Lent, the Church invites us to a sincere review of our life in light of the teachings of the Gospel. This year, I would like to offer you some reflections on the great theme of justice, beginning from the Pauline affirmation: “*The justice of God has been manifested through faith in Jesus Christ*” (cf. Rm 3, 21-22). (To read the entire message, visit www.vatican.ca.)



Mike's Minute!

Cell phone versus Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go.....hmm.....where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think: where are my priorities? And no dropped calls!

Trust in the Lord and *PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens)