

THE GOOD NEWS

July 2010

JULY ULTREYA

Place: Our Lady of Hope

Date: July 15, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM

Theme: Piety Talk

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



MAKE A NOTE! For Cursillo

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Sts. Joachim & Anne,
Parents of Our Lady
Feast Day July 26th



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates to Remember:

August 21—St. Margaret Mary—School of Leaders
October 7-10—Men's #86 (Jon Bean - Rector)
October 21-24—Women's #93 (Sue Milton - Rectora)
November 6—St. Margaret Mary—4th Day Reunion & School of Leaders
November 13—Babe Chick Dinner

20th NATIONAL CURSILLO® ENCOUNTER

The 20th National Cursillo® Encounter will be held Thursday, July 29 – Sunday, August 1, 2010, at Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Missouri. The keynote speaker will be Fr. David M. Knight.

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

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.

JUNE ULTREYA

The theme of the June Ultreya was “Mean What You Say” and was led by the grouping of Liz, Joanne, Maureen and Patti. The evening began as Chuck led us in song, They’ll Know We Are Christians; which was followed by a prayer to make God’s love the foundation of our lives and help guide our daily actions. The reading Matthew 6:7-15 says that repeating the same words over and over like a magic incantation is no way to ensure that God will hear your prayer. It’s not wrong to come to God many times with the same requests - Jesus encourages persistent prayer; but he condemns the shallow repetition of words that are not offered with a sincere heart. We can never pray too much if our prayers are honest and sincere. Before you start to pray, make sure you mean what you say. Jesus gave us a model to keep in mind as we pray. Jesus provided a pattern to be imitated as well as duplicated. We should praise God, pray for his work in the world, pray for our daily needs, and pray for help in our daily struggles.

Maureen gave a powerful witness about her faith journey. Maureen made her weekend in 1998 at Mission Beach in Okinawa, Japan. She was a cradle catholic, with a Pre-Vatican II mother who believed that you should never stray from the church because the church will never steer you wrong. Her husband Jay was Baptist and began going through RCIA while they were engaged. It was then Maureen realized how little she knew about her faith. Shortly after they were married, Jay was welcomed into the Catholic Church. While Maureen was very involved, Jay was a pew sitter. Jay was forced to leave the Air Force after he developed epilepsy; however, he began working for the Air Force. Living in Japan, Maureen was a stay at home mom with two children and joined the Catholic Women’s Group, basically to avoid the Jehovah Witness who continually knocked at her door. It was here that she learned about Cursillo and after some prodding, she and Jay made their weekend. Jay went from a pew sitter to becoming very involved in the church, which spurred the family. They left Okinawa and moved to England where there was no Cursillo group. After Jay passed away suddenly, Maureen was left with 4 children and 60 days to pack up and leave. She moved back home to Daytona where she floundered. Coming back to the church, Maureen once again began to become involved and found support in the church community where she eventually found a job as OLOH’s Religious Education Director. She continues to take Diocesan classes, where more than being able to answer questions about faith, she has learned how to develop a relationship with God. She continues to live her fourth day with the goal of trying to help her religious education students, as well as her own children, develop a relationship with God.

Jasmine provided the spiritual reflection. An alumna of Embry Riddle, Jasmine’s job requires a lot of travel and airplanes have become a home away from home. Her spiritual reflection paralleled plane travel with the Catholic faith.

1. Fasten Your Seat Belt - Pray Out Loud Praying, like a seat belt, gets us in an upright position. Prayer should not be babbling, as God knows what we need before we ask him. Reverence should precede prayer. The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between our knees and the floor. “I am too blessed to be stressed!” While obtaining her master’s from Loyola, Jasmine became a fan of Karl Rahner. Rahner, a German theologian and major influence on 20th century Roman Catholic thought, urges people to “pray in the everyday...around the circumstances of our often routine lives. Everything depends on how we bear this every day. It can make us humdrum - but it can also make us free from ourselves as nothing else can. By praying, one learns to pray.” Jasmine bears everyday by marveling at something once a day; whether it is the sunrise, the sunset, a rain storm, a flower, or how her hand fits perfectly in Dow’s.

2. Securing Your Oxygen Mask - Eucharist Eucharist, a verb, allows us to adjust our spiritual masks for the week; Eucharist is a deed. Christ’s body is not only on the table, but at the table.

The three things Jasmine left us with: 1. Pray your life out aloud. 2. Marvel at something once a day. 3. Remember Eucharist is a verb. Jasmine concluded with the Oscar Romero Prayer (SEE PAGE 6).



God Bless You!

Your Ultreya Area #4 Coordinators

Patti and Mike

GET READY, SET, BLOOM!

**Excerpted from the
National Cursillo Newsletter
June, 2010**

Dear brothers and sisters Cursillistas:

As we continue our journey toward the New Jerusalem, I would like to suggest that we, from time to time, take a moment to ask ourselves: What does it mean when we pray the part of the Our Father Prayer that says “Your will be done”? I contend that no one can obstruct or frustrate the fulfillment of God’s will. I also believe that we say this prayer in order to unite our free will, by God’s grace, with God’s will. Also, so that we who live, no longer live for ourselves, but that God’s free will may be fulfilled in all things. As Saint Paul testifies when he says: “This is the will of God, your holiness: that you refrain from immorality ...” (1 Thessalonians 4:3). And the

Lord himself says: “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him (on) the last day.” (John 6:40) And for this reason we devoutly make this prayer, not for the Lord’s advantage but for our own.

When we say, “Your will be done” we need to think about the faith, and the charity which is ours: by praying right about the Father’s will without hesitation. Hence our great faith, great devotion, and our sense of entire security, comes from knowing about His never-ending kindness, His wishing no evil. God is the one who, as Saint Paul says: “...wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:4). One must believe with unquestioning faith that God is more astute a judge and a caring provider than we ourselves ever could be. God is ceaselessly watching for what is good for our salvation. Therefore if we keep all of this quietly and firmly in mind, we shall bend our will to His at all times, taking no account of ourselves, imploring continually day and night that His will, which can never be mistaken, never change, and never be corrupted by any sentiment, may be done in us. For His will is the salvation of all.

Always De Colores
Victor Lugo
National Executive Director

Let us continue to pray and offer Palanca for each other, the 20th National Cursillo Encounter, and the National Cursillo® Movement.





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Summer Retreat: Keeping Alive the Easter Message

July 24, 2010, 9 AM – 3 PM, \$25 includes lunch

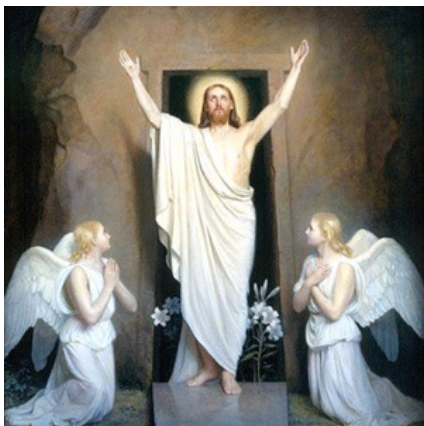
A one day retreat to look at our role as Easter people. How do we personally live the joy of Easter as we continue our journey this summer? Two conferences, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass and time for quiet reflection.

Speaker Fr. Vianney Cunningham, TOR

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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**
-  **Moya Meneely**
-  **Helen McCartin**



Mike's Minute!

THREE THINGS IN LIFE THAT, ONCE GONE, NEVER COME BACK

- 1. TIME**
- 2. WORDS**
- 3. OPPORTUNITY**

THREE THINGS IN LIFE THAT CAN DESTROY A PERSON

- 1. ANGER**
- 2. PRIDE**
- 3. UNFORGIVENESS**

THREE THINGS IN LIFE THAT YOU SHOULD NEVER LOSE

- 1. HOPE**
- 2. PEACE**
- 3. HONESTY**

THREE THINGS IN LIFE THAT ARE MOST VALUABLE

- 1. LOVE**
- 2. FAMILY**
- 3. KINDNESS**

THREE THINGS IN LIFE THAT ARE NEVER CERTAIN

- 1. FORTUNE**
- 2. SUCCESS**
- 3. DREAMS**

THREE THINGS THAT MAKE A PERSON

- 1. COMMITMENT**
- 2. SINCERITY**
- 3. HARD WORK**

THREE THINGS THAT ARE TRULY CONSTANT -

FATHER - SON - HOLY SPIRIT

**I ASK THE LORD TO BLESS YOU, AS I PRAY FOR YOU TODAY,
TO GUIDE YOU AND PROTECT YOU, AS YOU GO ALONG YOUR WAY.
GOD'S LOVE IS ALWAYS WITH YOU, GOD'S PROMISES ARE TRUE.
AND WHEN YOU GIVE GOD ALL YOUR CARES,
YOU KNOW GOD WILL SEE YOU THROUGH.**

OSCAR ROMERO PRAYER

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

