

MENS TEAM #306:

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Not Pictured: Jennifer Aragon and Fr. Francis Fernandez

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 5-8 **MEN'S WEEKEND**
- Wed., Oct. 11, **School of Leaders**, Cursillo Center, Mass 7 pm, Meeting 7:30 - 9 pm.
- Oct. 19-22 **WOMEN'S WEEKEND**
- Sat., Nov. 4, **Region 8 Encounter**, 8:00 am – 5:00 Mass at Cursillo Center. (Friday night prayer with Cursillistas arriving from afar)
- Wed., Nov. 8, **School of Leaders**, Cursillo Center, Mass 7 pm, Meeting 7:30 - 9 pm.
- Sat., Nov. 18, **Return Ultreya** at St. John the Apostle after 5 pm Mass.
- Wed., Dec. 13, **School of Leaders**, Cursillo Center, Mass 7 pm, Meeting 7:30 - 9 pm.
- May 17-20, 2007 **MEN'S WEEKEND**
- Jun. 7-10, 2007 **WOMEN'S WEEKEND**

Region 8 Encounter

On Sat., Nov. 4, the Ft. Worth Cursillo Community will be hosting the Fall Region 8 Encounter at the FW Cursillo Center. An Encounter is a regional gathering of Cursillistas for prayer, sharing, fellowship and talks on the Cursillo Movement. The Encounter will start at 8:00 am and conclude with a 5:00 pm Mass. Also, the night before, starting at 6:30 pm Fri., there will be opening prayer and fellowship as Cursillistas from other areas arrive. The Cursillo Movement in the U.S. is divided into 12 Geographic Regions. Fort Worth is in Region 8, along with Dallas, Austin, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Houston, Houma-Thibodaux, Laredo, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, Del Rio, Tulsa and Victoria. Attend to be refreshed and renewed for the Cursillo Movement work of helping others to find a deeper relationship with Christ. For more info or to get a Registration form, contact from Terry Verbois. The fee to attend is \$45.

School of Leaders is for ALL Cursillistas. Meetings are the 2nd Wed. of the Month at the Cursillo Center: 7 pm Mass, 7:30 – 9 pm Meeting

Ultreyas are part of our 4th Day. Attend ANY of these regular Ultreyas:

St. Ann's in Burleson:

Last Saturday of the month after 6:00 pm Mass, (alternating with St. Bart's). Potluck. (Next one: Sept. 30). Call Billie Trenshaw..

St. Bart's in Ft. Worth:

Last Saturday of the month after 5:30 Mass, (alternating with St. Ann's). Potluck. (Next one: Oct. 28). Call John Hunter.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Keller:

2nd Friday at 7:30 pm. Potluck. Call Mary Munson.

St. Stephen's in Weatherford:

1st Saturday of the month after 6 pm Mass. Potluck. Call Dan Martin.

Cursillista Parish Reps

Holy Family: Celine Aaron, Penny Hardy

Holy Redeemer: Newman & Stacey Gonzalez

Most Blessed Sacrament: Mary Jean Nagy

Our Mother of Mercy: Lorenzo & Lana Wilborn

St. Andrews: Erica Rodriguez

St. Ann: John & Billie Trenshaw

St. Bart: John & Carol Hunter

St. Catherine of Sienna: Mo El-Abd

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Mary Munson, Mary Rios

St. Francis (Lancaster): Irene Cox

St. Joseph: Bill & Margo McNeill

St. Jude (Mansfield): Paul Johnson

St. Mary (Graham): Dick & Lea Anne Gilley

St. Mary the Assumption: Angie Brady

St. Matthew: Celeste Stegall

St. Patrick: David Heywood

St. Paul: Larry Peplenski

St. Peter: Angie Plumley

St. Rita: Clyde & Charlene Hymel

St. Stephen: Dan Martin, Jim Hickey

St. Thomas: Becky Lopez

Ministry Fair Display Board

A 'What is Cursillo?' display board (3 sides – Science Fair type) is available for your Parish's Ministry Fair. Contact Mary Jean.

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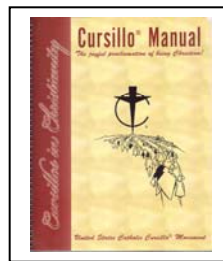
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Manual Replacement

A updating of the 1999 '3-Day Manual' is now available. It is titled 'Cursillo Manual' (instead of '3-Day Manual') to emphasize that the Cursillo Method is more than the 3 Days of a Cursillo Weekend. The updating reflects a 1998 John Paul II request that all religious orders and ecclesiastical groups revisit their origins to renew their unique foundational charism given to them by the Holy Spirit as a gift to the Catholic Church. The Cursillo Movement has responded by working closely with Eduardo Bonnín, founder of the Cursillo Movement in Mallorca, Spain, to refresh the understanding of the original intent and the details of the Cursillo Method. The updating took years of effort by Movement Leaders, the National Secretariat and Palanca of many Cursillistas.

The 'Cursillo Manual' is now available from the National Secretariat offices in Dallas for a cost of \$20.00 (or \$15.00 with a 'trade-in' of the '3-Day Manual'). It will also be available at School of Leaders Meetings.

The updated Manual has been revised through out to better communicate the Movement's original intent. Some examples are:

- Each Rollo's Chapter has been expanded and the example Rollo modified.
- An added section, in the 'Dynamics of the Cursillo' section, addresses Team Formation in greater detail.
- Some details of the Weekend Schedule have been modified.

Some Rollo's names have been changed (in addition to the previously announced return to '**Piety**', '**Study**' and '**Action**') and one brief Rollo has been added:

- 'Grace' is now '**Habitual Grace**';
- 'Laity' is now '**Lay Person in the Church**';
- 'Faith' is now '**Actual Grace**'.
- 'Study and Evangelization of the Environments' is now '**Study of the Environments**'
- 'Christian Community' is now '**Life in Grace**'
- 'Christian Life' is now '**Christianity in Action**'
- Before the last Rollo on Sunday, a brief (20 min.) Rollo called '**The Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo**' has been added.
- 'Group Reunion and Ultreya' is now '**Total Security**' and its length reduced by 15 min.

It is recommended that everyone desiring to continue to deepen their understanding of the Cursillo Method, obtain a copy and read it carefully. Our Community will start using it for the Spring 3-Day Weekends.

Dallas English Cursillo

If you made your Weekend in Dallas or live in Dallas, you might be interested in knowing that Estella Molina in Dallas (FW Weekend #401) is trying to get a monthly Ultreya going in Dallas. The group is currently meeting at the Cathedral in Dallas. If you want to help that Community get going again, call Estella.

From our Lay Director

Lord, Open the Eyes of Your Faithful
Today, I sat down to write something hopefully inspirational for the PIO. Before I opened my laptop, I prayed that God would give me the words and wisdom to say something significant and relevant to our Cursillo Movement and the Church in general. Well, as is always the case, the Holy Spirit had already done it, using a commentary recently written on a Homily (Outdoor Mass, Munich 9/10/06) given by His Servant, Pope Benedict XVI, to enunciate what was in my heart.

I think the ideas expressed, in the following commentary, are just what we Cursillistas have to take into consideration. In the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 10, verse 11 – 13 Jesus tells us about how good shepherds care for the sheep, so that the sheep knows their voices and follow them. Let us be good shepherds of the responsibilities, given to us by the Holy Spirit as Stewards of the Cursillo Movement, and defend its principles and authenticity, not letting false prophets destroy what God has so carefully created.

As always, your brother in Christ,
Tony Hernandez

Commentary referred to:
POPE BENEDICT HIT KEY REASON WHY CHURCH HAS LOST ITS VOCATIONS AND EMPTIED ITS PEWS (posted on spiritdaily.com, 9/12/06, by franky)

It was there in a statement made by the Pope. Speaking during his visit to Germany, Benedict XVI lamented how, if an African bishop goes to Germany, presenting a plea for a social program, he receives enormous help. Every door opens. But, said the Pope, when an African bishop goes to that same country (or, one might add, any Western nation) with a plan for evangelization, he meets with "reservations."

"Clearly some people have the idea that social projects should be urgently undertaken, while anything dealing with God or even the Catholic faith is of limited and lesser importance," said the Holy Father -- so tellingly, in this land of the Reformation, and speaking about the Church!

In a nutshell there is the root of the current crisis in the priesthood:

Many of our clerics are more social workers, or sociologists, than they are evangelists, more comfortable in the board room of a social agency than in a church where there is the laying on of hands. They prefer the academic, sociological approach to one that is spiritual.

And thus do we have priests who halt visitors from healing services, dissuade Bible studies, quash efforts to establish Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, dislike the Rosary, discourage deliverance, don't know how to bless a home, scoff at the notion of sacramentals, mock the claim of miracles, or simply ignore all of the above.

The same is true all over. And the Pope said that Western societies suffer a "*hardness of hearing*" because the air has been filled with the complications of science.

"Put simply," he said, *"we are no longer able to hear God -- there are too many different frequencies filling our ears."*

More than most realize, science has become the chief nemesis of God. What is said about God is often considered pre-scientific, "*no longer suited to our age,*" said the Pope - in the land of Einstein.

Too many priests are ashamed of an unabashedly mystical approach because of the science that swirls and dominates, that creates so many frequencies (literally), around us, is what Benedict -- himself an intellectual - was saying.

Such is also true of numerous theologians, deacons, and nuns, who are afraid of seeming to be superstitious, when this is certainly nothing that *Christ* would have feared. He came down to pull down such strongholds. He came down to show the actual force of the Lord.

Einstein himself believed in miracles and professed a great fascination with "*the Nazarene,*" as he once put it. This great scientist, who was educated in a Catholic school, was quoting as saying

"No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual Presence of Jesus." He goes on to say, *"His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life."*

But that is not the attitude of modern science and it is modern science that has pervaded our education to such

an extent that even our clerics don't really believe in much that cannot be documented in a bell jar.

Too many priests are like social workers in religious trappings - tolerating religion only out of the sense that the public does not want to shed the rituals of tradition.

As a result, the Church has allowed itself to become deadened in certain areas and this is perhaps why other denominations remain. Until it livens up, there will be Pentecostals.

In Africa, in India, in Poland, in the Philippines - where vocations and the faith are so strong - there is no such problem. There are deliverances. There is public discourse on the faith. There is the belief in apparitions. People don't just get lectured, they get healed!

Teach this in the rest of the world, preach this, and watch the difference. Teach the path to miracles.

Superstition? You don't have to go beyond what Christ did. Was He superstitious?

Just imitate Him -- and watch both the pews and seminaries fill to overflowing (or at least begin to).

[Ed. Note: The full text of Pope Benedict's Homily, is at: www.vatican.va, Germany Trip, Homilies, 2006, 10 Sept. Holy Mass]



Close Moment: Memories

By Roy Shelton

Last night our grandchildren spent the night with us, Sydney 10, Maddy 8, and Maggie Mae 6. If you have never experienced the wonders of keeping three lovely, lively girls busy until bedtime, try it sometime. The girls decided to keep busy by concocting some kind of mixture they called their new shampoo. Watch for it at your local Wal-Mart!

During their stay, I started taking pictures (as I always do) and they asked me why I was always taking pictures of the family. I told them that I was trying to preserve memories. They asked what that meant. So I explained that each day, hour and minute we live, we are making

memories. I told them that when they grow up, we will have pictures to remember moments in their lives. The next morning Enrie and I attended funeral services for S/Sgt. Eric Caban, who lost his life in Afghanistan. Eric was the nephew of Anita Almondovar (Cursillo #402). I didn't know anything about Eric other than he was a casualty in the war against terrorism. But listening to his family speak of him, I found out that he loved his family so much that he had left the service because he knew it worried his family so. He tried civilian life for a while but still so strongly felt the call to serve his country that, after speaking to his older brother, he went back to the military. Eric's younger brother Edwin spoke of the closeness of the family and the special relationship he had with Eric, relating a time when Eric had 'taken care of' a group of 8th graders who had ambushed Edwin in a school hallway. Edwin also shared a poignant story of growing up and sharing a room with

Eric, and how they never failed, before falling asleep to say, "Good night, God bless" to each other. The funeral service was packed with family and friends. To me this spoke so much of the Cabans – of their goodness, faith and loyalty, and of the love they always had in their hearts for their friends. After the service, Eric was carried (not wheeled) out of the church by 8 members of his unit, followed by Eric's family. The family was escorted within 'a box' of ten military escorts. This spoke volumes of the appreciation and respect this country has for Eric's ultimate sacrifice and the sorrow of his family. When we got home, I went over in my mind the events of the day and how memories play a very important role in our lives – they are God's gift to us as a way of holding on to as much as we can of the moment. When we are gone, memories are God's gift to those we leave behind.

In the Moment

We master time when we are serene,
when we choose our absolute priority,
and when we live in the present
Evelyn Underhill

In quietness and trust,
I yield myself this moment
To the Presence that gives me life,
To the Reality that existed before the
earth was made,

To the Spirit that came and comes as
fire,
To turn around our lives and make
them new.

Burn within me God!
Let me feel Your Fire
Burn warm with Love!
Burn bright with Joy!
Burn hot to consume all that makes me
doubt Your Power in me, Your Love
through me.

Burn away my barriers to
completeness.
Burn away my limited consciousness,
Inbred by habits of thought,
by opinions of other,
by seeming necessities that have
become my master.

Burn away my slavery to fear,
Teach me within, the looseness of
listening, the rhythm of trust.

Grace Adolphsen Brame