



**Marie
Trombley**
Lay Director

Dear Cursillistas:

As I write this to you, I am thrilled that the fall weather has kicked in. I love October!!!! In addition to the joy of celebrating our 36th anniversary, I also enjoy the crispy mornings where you can see your breath when you breathe, I love the beautiful fall colors that God displays for us, the Halloween decorating, and pumpkins!

As I think about all of you and our movement, I wonder about our mission for each of us as individuals and as a movement. What is it that makes me who I am? Maybe what I need to do is define my personal mission statement (current goals and ideal) and work toward it.

Over the last few months, I feel like I have been floundering my prayer life has been 'old hat' kind of stale at best; my relationship with Jesus is not always put first lately; study has been to read only novels of late; and evangelization well, I have been just 'doing my thing'. What have I been doing to bring myself closer to my personal mission statement? Oh man, what IS my personal mission statement? I really need to reevaluate, think about what is important to me and spend my time on that.

I know what I want to be a Godly person, a holy person. I know that I want to be a Godly wife, mother, and granny. I really do! But, I don't always act like it. I

know that when I do certain things and work in certain ministries, God does smile on me and He is pleased as I am doing His will. I want to do my work well and help people each day, but I also want to be recognized by my supervisors and receive more pay for what I do. I want to make a comfortable, humble home for my family, and yet I also want to have a new bedroom set and a new picture window in the living room. I would like to hug and cuddle my grandsons more often, but when they are visiting I also want them to go outside so I can read or sew. I want a better prayer life, but I sabotage myself by not getting up earlier each morning to pray. The more I look at myself, the more contradictions I see!

I am always shocked and humbled when someone says to me, "You're the go-to person every time I need prayer!" How can this be when I can't even set aside time for my daily prayer and someone wants me to pray for them! Oh God help me to be a better Christian, a better friend. I say I want to serve God, but there are some days when I don't want to deal with anyone's problems. I can be giving, and at times I cannot. I can say good things and mean them, and at another times, I can say something mean. I think I am a good listener, and then sometimes I don't want to listen any longer. I want to attend Ultreya and have a good experience, but then again, I don't want to take the time out of my busy schedule to do so. At this point, I feel as though I am losing confidence in myself.

I am beginning to realize that

no one has totally pure motives in all that they do every minute of every day. All of us have periods of doubt and times when we falter about everything from our jobs to our families, to even out faith. You may have one of the all-time great mission statements. Mine has been 'to try to do the best I can because God looks at my faith and my attempts, not at my plans.' And, I do believe that. I want to do His will, but I don't always know what His will is . . . so, I try. That is all I can do. God wants the best for us, we must give Him our best and let Him take it from there. I pray that you are not overwhelmed with all of the contradictions in your lives; Let go of them for a while and let our God handle them for you. My mission for the rest of year is to pray more and listen more perhaps everything else will fall into place. God bless you and yours! De-Colores!

In the Joy of Jesus,
Marie Trombley

Sr. Betsy Van Deusen Spiritual Director

Is it time for an "Environmental Scan?"

Our news headlines are full of information about the environment and the state of the environment and policies and decisions that affect the Arctic Refuge, the Chesapeake Bay, the Hudson River, safe drinking water, waste, you get the idea. We have, as inhabitants of Earth, used and abused and neglected her and are really at some critical points in her survival. Our School of Leaders has invited the Cursillo Community to an "Environmental Scan," of

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sorts. The survey sent in the late spring, asked questions about your walk with the Lord and how the Cursillo Movement can, does or needs to support you in your journey.

You will be hearing much more about this in the near future but for me it was good "food for thought:"

What are the environments that I live and move and work in? Are they pleasant, healthy places for me to be? Am I doing what I can to be the Light of Christ? Am I praying with and for the people in these environments not to change them, but because prayer changes me? Have I considered how their gifts and talents would bless the Cursillo community and how, the community in turn, would share Christ with them? Who in my place of work or worship can I invite to a Cursillo weekend?

As we know, the weekend is the first step, what we do and have done in the world around us and how we are nurtured and fed by the Christian Community is what really matters. Not only is the natural world at a very critical place in her survival, but I dare say that the spiritual world is as well. Our witness, our faith, our actions are needed more than ever before in the Church and even more in our increasingly secular world. "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ."

DeColores!

Sr. Betsy Van Deusen, CSJ

School of Leaders

Elaine Granato

Greetings from the School of Leaders,

I hope you are taking some time to relax and enjoy God's beautiful handiwork. No matter what kind of weather you like this time of year we've had some kind of it!

Between the relaxing, and enjoying the School of Leaders it has been very busy. We have so many projects to tackle that we have divided up into several smaller groups. At each meeting each group meets on their projects to work on them.

Some of us are working on creating a website to link the Albany Cursillo Movement to both the National Cursillo and Albany Dioceses websites.

Another group is working on the survey that was mailed to you. This includes categorizing the responses and tallying those responses. If you did not receive a survey, please let us know and one will be sent to you.

Another group has composed a letter to be sent to various Pastors and Parish Life Directors asking them to let us speak during the Mass' about the Cursillo Movement. We will invite interested parishioners to meet with us after Mass to

answer any questions they may have.

Finally, if you would like to join the school of leaders please give me a call at (518) 756-7628. We meet on the second Monday of the month for approximately 1 ½ hours, we'd love to more people involved.

Elaine Granato



Dear Cursillistas,

I wish to thank you for your promptness in filling out the survey and getting it back to me in a reasonable time period. The process of taking all of your comments and putting

them into a data base is taking a little bit longer than was expected and part of that reason is because of the very diversified responses that we received. The information is now fully entered, and is being tabulated. I will share a few bits of information with you briefly in this communication, however after we document and tabulate information, we will be forwarding a report to the Secretariat for review. Some of you decided to identify yourselves, however for purposes of confidentiality your response is simply coded with a number in the order in which it was received. The large majority of responses are not traceable back to you.

375 households were mailed the survey. **480** sets of surveys were included in the mailing.

131 responses were received back. This represents a response

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of **27.5 %**. I only received ONE back as undeliverable due to an expired forwarding address. The majority of respondents indicated the following: Their average age was above 60 years. 58 male and 75 female made for a good mix. 94 have no issue with child or elder care and 105 have no issue with baby sitting. Only 43 know that their sponsor is still active, while 40 know their sponsor is not active. 49 have no contact with their sponsor so do not know their involvement. Because of limited space, I would like to share something very profound. This response showed that Cursillistas fill a minimum of 52 active roles in our Parish Communities. I assure you that there are more, but limited space prohibited some from relaying all the data to us.

My closing comment will be to say that we are truly blessed with talented, committed individuals who have taken the best of Cursillo and applied it in their environments in many, many ways. Although it is important to fulfill your church obligations, I am pleading with you to come to your next available Ultreya, where you can receive the recognition you deserve for a job being well done. Ultreya dates and locations are found within this newsletter. Jesus will greet you with outstretched arms. Who knows, perhaps it is just what you need. If you are overburdened and over committed as many of us are, how about considering coming every other month or every third month. Won't you challenge yourself to make the effort and go? Mark your calendar and make an overdue visit. I know all the Ultreya friends will be glad to see you.

DeColores and God Bless You.
Wil Trombley

Kit Lawrence

Post-Cursillo

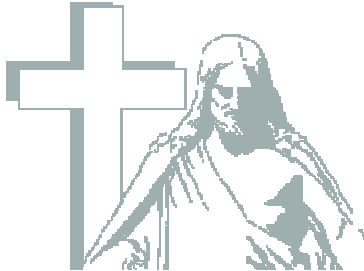
It's back to school time. Even after all these years; I still dream I'm late for school. For most of us Fall still means getting back into the routine. We restart many of our activities that we took a break from during the " lazy hazy crazy days of summer."

As we pick our routines; now is a good time to revisit Ultreya and your small groups. You have been missed. After all winter is just around the corner and there is nothing like the warmth of community to get through those long winter doldrums.

One up coming activity that is sure to help the us with the long winter ahead is the evening of music with Bill and Maureen Hayes. This will be hosted by Corpus Christi Parish, October 28th, 2005, at 7:30 pm.

Would you like to write an article for the little light? We are looking for contributions.

DeColores,
Kit Lawrence



Event Calendar

October-2005

10/28

Evening of Music with Bill & Maureen Hayes @ 7:30pm
Corpus Christi parish, Ushers

10/30

Eastern Standard time begins

November-2005

11/24

Thanksgiving

December 2995

12/25

Christmas

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Obituary

Brothers and Sisters it sadden us to inform the Cursillo Community of Fr. Tony Diacetic death. Fr. Tony passed away on September 17th, 2005.

Fr. Vince is on the move!

Fr. Vince Ciotoli has been assign to St. St. Teresa of Avila Church in Albany. God be with him on his new assignment!

Do you want to receive emails on coming events, news and things? Do you want to be able to receive the Little Light emailed to you? Well you can, but you need to let me know. Send me your email address requesting future Cursillo Information emails. Send your request to: kurtlaw@nycap.rr.com

Need news from Cursillo National?

If you answered yes to this questions, here is the link:
www.natl-cursillo.org The site is full of all types information. Try it out!

Albany is on the Web!

The Albany Diocesan Cursillo web page is now up and running on the National Cursillo Site. Go to www.cursillo.org/albany/ and you'll find us there. I've Notified National that we are up and running so they'll put us on their Links and Contacts page. I've also notified the Diocese of Albany, so we should be getting a link on their page as well. Happy web searching.

DeColores—Carl Rosenthal

To All Ultreya Representatives:

I need to have your monthly attendance rosters mailed to me in a timely fashion. Please mail them to:

Kit Lawrence, Post
 Cursillo, 16 Terrel Way,
 Gansevoort, NY 12831

Kurt Lawrence Pre-Cursillo

My job has been a little boring of late. That is because my job revolves around having candidates for the weekends. To be blunt, with out candidates, the Movement ceases to "move". Pat Johnson was great in evangelizing during the Spring Enrichment. She supplied the Secretariat with a good list of people who showed interest in Cursillo. This is a Movement that is centered on Jesus Christ, not around you or me. Therefore, it takes more than action from the leaders; it demands action from all Cursillistas.

The School of Leaders have identified that we as a Movement need to be more visible in the Parishes. Hence, their work in getting Cursillistas to evangelize in the Parishes of the Diocese is critical. This is not going to be easy, the School I am sure will need help, if asked please volunteer you time and talents...it is for His cause.

In closing, remember, God's work is never done. You do make a difference. Sometimes you may never see the results of that hug, or short note, or just lending a ear...but He knows!

DeColores,
 Kurt Lawrence

Ultreya Locations & Contacts

| 2nd Friday of the Month | Contact | Phone |
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| Ravena, NY | Beth Hazelton | 767-3736 |
| Scotia-Glenville | Harilyn Beehner | 581-0742 |
| Troy, NY | Chuck & Rosalie Adams | 273-9017 |
| 3rd Friday of the Month | | |
| Glens Falls, NY | Wil & Marie Trombley | 793-3901 |
| Latham, NY | Sharon Thouin | 233-7119 |
| 3rd Friday of the Month | | |
| Ilion, New York | Lucile Kenny | 315-894-8385 |
| Miscellaneous Ultreya Information | | |
| Albany | Contact Maureen Cavanaugh for time and place. | 446-9347 |
| Northville | Contact Freddie Hoffert for time and place. | 863-4780 |

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POPE BENEDICT'S REFLECTION ON CURSILLO

For insight into how the Pope views Cursillo, we can look to a 1985 book then Cardinal Ratzinger wrote with the journalist Vittorio Messori: Ratzinger Report: An Exclusive Interview on the State of the Church. Here is a passage from pages 43-44 of that book: "What sounds full of hope throughout the universal church - and this even in the midst of the crisis that the Church is going through in the Western world - is the upsurge of new movements that no one has planned and no one called into being, but that simply emerge of their own accord from the inner vitality of the faith. What is becoming apparent in them - albeit very faintly - is something very similar to a Pentecostal hour in the Church. I am thinking for instance of the Charismatic Renewal movement, the Cursillo movement, the Focolarini, Communion and Liberation, and so on... I find it marvelous that the Spirit is once more stronger than our programs and brings himself into play in an altogether different way than we had imagined.... It grows in silence. Our task - the task of the office-holders in the Church and of theologians - is to keep the door open to them, to prepare room for them..."

Send us your thoughts , your idea's, your stories. If you have a story you wish to share please forward it, so we may share it with Your Community!