

*The Year of St. Paul  
Patron of Cursillo...*



He, who is called "the Apostle to the Gentiles", that is, to the Nations, never actually met Jesus during his life in Jerusalem or along the roads of Galilee, like the Twelve Apostles. He is the first apostle to have the experience of only the Risen Christ, as all Christians will continue to have through the centuries. This man, who was both a Jew and a Roman citizen, was born in Tarsus (currently Eastern Turkey). After having received a rigorous teaching in the Law from Rabbi Gamaliel the Elder, he was given a specific mission to go and preach the Word of God to all human beings: first to Antioch and Asia Minor, later to Greece and Rome. With Paul, the words of the Prophet Micah, "...from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Micah 4:2), were fulfilled in just a few years and in an ardent manner. The words "go forth" have a double meaning here. Paul will go forth to witness to the teaching received from his Fathers and his personal experience: Christ is Risen!

Paul is the most well-known figure of the first Christian generation, both for his Letters (seven were undoubtedly recognized to be authentic in the strict sense of the term) and for the story of his life described by Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. His Letters represent an extraordinary source of information for us. Nonetheless the figure of Paul remains mysterious. On the one hand, the Letters cover only fifteen years of his life, while on the other hand, the Acts, which chronicle his journeys, were written twenty years after his death in the apologetic tone of the day. Therefore, we will give preference to the data contained in Paul's Letters and their chronology, which greatly coincide with the duration of his travels (for example, the date of the "Council of Jerusalem").

It is very likely that Paul was about ten years younger than Jesus.  
(from the Basilica Papale San Paolo fuori le Mura)

**April 27, 2008 a Diocesan Ultreya was held at St. Helen's Parish in Niskayuna.**

Community gathered together to welcome the Babe Chicks. We shared a "Pot Luck" meal, we had a lot of great food, drink and desserts.

After dinner we shared as we do in Cursillo. We listened to people witness their faith and the strength Jesus Christ has made in their lives.



Over 65 people met this evening at St. Helen's. We

thank Sr. Betsy Van Deusen and the Parish for their hospitality.

Our next Diocesan Ultreya will be in April 2009. Exact date, time, and place to be announced.

Why is it important to attend the Diocesan Ultreya? Simply, it is a gathering of the larger Cursillo Community of the Diocese to share our faith with one another, all in the presence of Jesus Christ. *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* Matthew 18:20



We are called to gather by our baptism to celebrate our faith together.



**Diocesan Ultreya St/ Helen's  
April 27, 2008  
We gathered, we ate, we shared!**

***A New Ultreya....***

Hello Cursillo Community,

WE are humbly inviting everyone to come and join us for a group ultreya on the third Friday night of August, 8-15-08 at St. Mary's Nativity (Father O' Connor's Church) in Stuyvesant Falls.

This happens to be the feast of the Assumption. Father will say mass at 7 for all interested and then we will group after....Again we are also trying to invite men and women who are interested in

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**Sr. Betsy Van Deusen, CSJ**  
Spiritual Director

Do we pay attention to our prayers?

Sometimes we say prayers and do not pay a whole lot of attention to what it is we are praying. Our words, although deliberate, that is we decided to pray, are not always conscious. Sometimes I get to the middle of a prayer and catch myself and work at becoming refocused. I recently had a significant awareness of this as I consider how we, at St. Helen's, will implement the new curriculum framework promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on Adolescent Catechesis. That is a whole lot of big words but what it boils down to is our young people, and often their parents, do not know our faith and the Bishops have decided that they wish to be sure that across the country, the same things are being taught. As you can imagine, it is a lot to get your head around and I have certainly been "chewing" on it for a while now. I was walking out of a meeting with my spiritual director when I started to laugh. I was laughing because, like most of us in Cursillo, I pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, often. *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the faith of the earth. Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of your faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

So, why would I be remotely surprised that ideas are coming? Why would I be surprised that connections are being made? Why would I even question that what needs to come forth will in fact come forth? I have been praying for the Holy Spirit to enkindle in us the fire of love. I have been praying for renewal in faith. I have been praying to be truly wise and rejoice in the consolations that come. Hmm, I know that prayer changes things and often it is the grace that changes me so that I can do my part to change things.

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We have the great gift in Cursillo of regular and deliberate gatherings in which we do pray with and for the Holy Spirit. We have opportunities within our environments, for me St. Helen's and my religious community (to name just two), to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ. Our newest Cursillistas are working hard in their environments and journeying with us in the new life of Easter, may we and they become "truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation!" De Colores!

### Our Library Contains...

Last year when we held the Kayak Raffle as a fundraiser, one of the reasons was to purchase the books and resources from National Cursillo so that we would be true to the spirit of the movement. The School of Leaders/Secretariat has one set and then the Glenville Ultreya which sold the most raffle tickets also has a set. (Kurt this is true right?) Your leaders felt it important to read and review these books for all of us so this is what will probably be the first installment in those "reviews" The Group Reunion, Theory and Practice was published by the National Cursillo Center in 1969 and revised in 1982.

Curious about what might be different in grouping, I decided to read this little book. I learned that there are actually eight areas that we focus on when we group, who knew?! The first three you know, piety, study and action. The fourth is a close moment. One of the things that was emphasized was that this close moment may not be experienced "sensibly," that is it is possible that it is an awareness that doesn't feel great and this might be selected for the edification of the whole group. The fifth area is apostolic success. "What apostolic success has the Lord willed to realize in His Church through your efforts?" (p.59) The point that was made here was that to believe is not a passive attitude but that we need to take a stand of "involvement" and that in turn leads to fulfillment. I don't know about you but it seemed to get more challenging?! And it goes on! The sixth area for conversation is, "With what apostolic failure has the Lord wished to test me?" This is not shared with condemnation but recognition that God asks

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**Joe Thouin**  
Lay Director

### Congratulations...

*On May 17<sup>th</sup>, I was one of many who witnessed one of our own being ordained to the Permanent Diaconate. Brian K. Lewis of the Troy Ultreya was ordained by Bishop Howard Hubbard. Brian has a great story to tell about his faith journey. I have asked him to witness both in writing (in an upcoming Little Light) and personally (at a future Diocesan Ultreya). I know some of his story but I refuse to steal his thunder. Once he settles in, and is comfortable in his new role I'll press him for the rest of the story.*

*Congratulations also to Brian Levine, Charles Valenti and Joe Brennan who were also ordained as Permanent Deacons!*

### Shirley Neet

School of Leaders Director

"Now for the Rest of the Story"

For those who remember the radio commentator, Paul Harvey, he would always say and "now for the rest of the story".

The last time I wrote to you, my Cursillo family, I was the Rectora for the upcoming Women's Cursillo Weekend #51. The weekend is now past, the preparation, planning and team formation are all behind us; but the fruits of the weekend are still unfolding and will as long as the message of the weekend is kept alive. This will be done through "Group Reunion" and "Ultreya".

It has been a week now and I am still remembering the sharing of our new "Baby Chicks". I know the message was received. One sharing in particular that comes to mind over and over again is "I felt like I have been ordained into the Lay Ministry". What a powerful statement. I can assure you the Holy Spirit was alive and vibrant throughout the whole weekend as community was being built among the candidates and team.

My personal feelings as being the Rectora were awe and wonder.

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faithfulness from us and not necessarily success.

The seventh area asks, “How did you (I) accomplish last week’s plan?” and “What is planned for next week?” Two assumptions are made here, first that we meet each week and the second is that we leave each group reunion with a plan for that week and our group holds us accountable to that action. The last area and one that was recently suggested at School of Leaders is a Common Activity of the Group. Is there something we feel called to do together? For many of us, this is probably already happening, perhaps it is a pleasant invitation.

I was surprised to discover that the recommended method for grouping is to begin with the prayer to the Holy Spirit and then each person sharing one of the areas mentioned above, for instance, each person would share on their piety before the next person begins sharing on action for instance.

There was also a great deal of emphasis placed on the essentials of group reunion – regularity, seriousness, discretion and sincerity. The book felt that the group reunion needs to be small, four to eight members with the concern that with larger numbers, stronger personalities may feel compelled to lead and what is critical is that there is no leader. Once a group gets too large, split into smaller groups to allow new growth. This short book was a wake up call for me and it invites me to real accountability around my journey personally that is shared with the group. It also reminded me that “one does not get to the Group Reunion to see what happens, but rather to MAKE it happen.”(43)

Have we ever published the recommended palanca intentions in the Little Light?

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 Executive Committee

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Sr. Betsy

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This was one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. I watched the ladies truly “blossom where they were planted” to use a Cursillo cliché. I felt humbled, honored and privileged to lead an awesome team throughout team formation and the weekend itself. I know it was through the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. I could not have done any of it on my own.

As I looked out at the closing and saw the community, many of whom I hadn’t seen in a long time, standing there with lit candles singing to us, I was deeply touched. It was so beautiful. I know God was present with us. I could see it on the faces of all those in attendance: community, team and candidates. Cusillo, my friends, is alive and we have an opportunity and a responsibility to keep it strong and growing. God has a lot of work for us to do.

Over the week, many other thoughts crossed through my mind. One other strong one is this, “I feel like we are on the threshold of a new beginning. I associated it with the ending of the Second Vatican Council. Pope John the 23<sup>rd</sup> said something to the effect, we need to open the windows and let the fresh air in. The lay people have a ministry in our church and we need to use it.

This is how I see it with Cursillo. We have an opportunity to re-birth Cursillo here in the Albany Diocese.

Our first weekend was in 1974. This past weekend, we went back to the original talks, to our authenticity. Eduardo Bonnin, Cusillo’s founder, recently passed away. May he be at peace knowing what he started in Spain in 1944 is returning to what he had hoped and dreamed for.

Going back to the original talks, I have to be honest and say I was skeptical. The manual for me was difficult to read and

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**Joe Thouin**

Lay Director

**Meditation from Diocesan Ultreya**

*from an Article by Sister Mary Gabriel, SV,  
Vocations Director for the Sisters of Life*

*We all know young people, they are all searching for Love, they want to be wanted & needed, let’s not discourage them from their calling to their unique vocation. God is calling them to a special vocation designed specifically for each of them. And let’s help them understand that the inner Love for which they are yearning, is not defined by what the world calls Love.*

*God is Love. And God is calling.*

*God through Jeremiah the Prophet tells us:*

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. 'Ah, Lord God!' I said, 'I know not how to speak; I am too young.' But the Lord answered me, Say not, 'I am too young.' To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Jeremiah 1:5-8*

When it comes to discerning a vocation, consider the following. If you are at peace in your life while the world around you is frantic; if you have joy in your heart in the midst of sad times or mourning, you have probably found the right man to be with, Jesus Christ.

When married couples put Jesus first in their lives and put each other second, they find inner peace in a world hell bent on destroying the family. When they put Jesus first, they find inner joy even in times of sadness.

Every definitive vocation, whether to marriage or religious life, is fundamentally a call to spousal love.

Sr. Mary Gabriel, SV, Vocations Director for the Sisters of Life sums it up for her sisters with a message for all of us. She writes:

“Deep in the heart of every woman is the desire to be loved for herself. The

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Lord places these desires in our hearts, and He intends them to be fulfilled. The trouble is that we often try to fulfill our desires by our own means.”

It is a great struggle to surrender control and allow the Lord to fill our hearts in the time and the way He has designed for us uniquely. Opening one’s heart to the possibility of a religious vocation can be a scary thing. We are afraid.

Will the Lord really fill the desires of my heart? Will I lose my identity, the uniqueness of who I am? I am afraid of letting go of what I want to do and how I want to do it. I fear the unknown.

The answer to all these fears is Love, and Love is a person - Jesus Christ. Cardinal O’Connor would encourage “Do not be afraid to put yourself back into the hands of the God who created you.” The Lord is faithful, tender, and gentle. Mother Teresa would often tell her Sisters: “Go into the Chapel, sit before the Tabernacle and say ‘Here I am Jesus, love me.’” It is in sitting in front of Him and allowing Him to love you that you will come to know and surrender to His loving plan for you.

Lord, You have created our hearts to give and receive love. Each of us must ask, especially in our youth, a time of vocational discernment, “God, how are you calling me to love with my entire life?”

Pray for vocations and gently encourage our young people to pray for discernment into their own calling. Each of them must discover the answer to the questions, “What does God intend for me?” and “Am I willing to answer God’s call in trust, faith, service and love?” These questions are answered only through a relationship with Jesus Christ developed over time spent with Him in prayer and silence. It is a personal choice to answer God’s gentle call and not just accept what the world is offering.

During Lent/Advent and for those on Cursillo weekends, we learned how to make room in our hearts for the Lord. We abstained from trying to fill our own desires and gave Him the empty space in our hearts to fill as He desired.

This is a precious time to re-orient ourselves to the joyous reality that Jesus Christ has redeemed us and set us free through His sacrificial, spousal love. We belong to Him. This time allows us to grow in our response to His love and to fan the fire of love in our hearts.

Let’s not be afraid to cast down our OBSTACLES TO GRACE to make room for Jesus Christ in our hearts.

We in Cursillo know that we can become instruments of grace for others. Every little Palanca, every “yes” to heroic love, every prayer from the heart, every emptying of ourselves will fan into greater flame the fire in our hearts as well as for those for whom we pray, and will make more room in the world for His vocational grace to be received that others too may say “YES” to the gift of life and selfless love.

Every season is a season of Love. The Lord is speaking to each of us, communally. Personally when He says in Matthew: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, until the very end of the age.” Amen. Alleluia.

De Colores  
Joe

### Carl Rosenthal

Webmaster

*In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. (John 14:2)*

This verse makes me believe there is no single way to be a follower of Jesus. There is room for those who come at things from the unconventional or non-traditional views and then of course it also means there is

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room for the conventional and the traditional. It’s important to remember this during this time of Called to be Church where every disagreement is a failure of unity. We all would like things to stay the same and disagree on many issues. But no two humans have exactly the same perception or experience on how the issues should be handled. Though we agree on essentials, our beliefs are not exactly the same due to our upbringing and how we were taught our faith as a child or ever in older years. Many of us have traditions we follow and sometimes we need to compromise. Even as we blend families together through marriage, we have difficulties. Through all this we need to keep in mind that there “*are many dwelling places*” and this, perhaps, can reduce the anxiety and discord over the many differences we have and allow us to be appreciative of our diversity as human beings. Please remember that the Church is the people worshiping our God and not a building that we have gone on to love as our worship place. Without our faith we would have nowhere to go for a *dwelling place*. We can go anywhere in the world and be with people who share our beliefs and experience the same feelings at Mass that we have in our home parish. So remember: *In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places*.

On another note, this past May 17<sup>th</sup>, I had the privilege of experiencing the ordination of a good friend and fellow Cursillista, Brian Lewis who became a Permanent Deacon in our Church. What a journey Brian has been on these past nine years. I met Brian nine years ago when he entered the RCIA program at St. Ambrose Church. I have watched him bloom where he was planted over these past nine years. First in becoming a Catholic in 2000, then going on a Cursillo weekend to strengthen his faith even further. Following with the Formation for Ministry and then these past three years in the Deaconate program. His faith journey is still leading him to where he does not know, but he trusts in our Lord and Savior to lead him in the right direction. I ask your prayers for Brian as he begins his new ministry, serving the people of Our Lady Of Victory Parish in Troy, NY.

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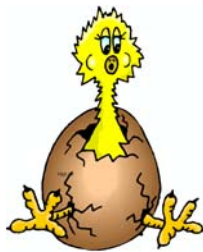
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I also encourage you to check out our web site often for new information and updated Calendar of Events so you can keep up with what's going on in Cursillo. Also, put The Albany Diocesan Cursillo Web Page on your favorites list so you can access us faster. You can find us at: [www.cursillo.org/albany](http://www.cursillo.org/albany) .

This is your Web Page so send me comments or suggestions for our site. You can e-mail me at [albancursilloweb@yahoo.com](mailto:albancursilloweb@yahoo.com) .

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**Babe Asks....**



**Hi my name is Sara Sponsor and I have with me a Babe Chick. Like many new Cursillistas she has many questions. I am sure that there are many others of you who have them as well. So I will be answering her and your questions in the Little Light.**

**Today's Question is:**

**Babe Chick:**

Sara I just celebrated my first anniversary in Cursillo. I am being called to sponsor a candidate. How and what do I need to do?

**Sara:**

Hey Babe, that is a really good question, lets see if we can keep it simple and straight forward.

First and most important advice when sponsoring a candidate, involve your Ultreya. There you will find guidance and support as you journey with your candidate towards their fourth day.

Second, there are detailed policies established by Cursillo National and the local Secretariat. These policies are in place to enable your candidate's journey to be the fullest and most spirit filled journey possible. The policies are available from the Secretariat.

You need to prepare yourself, because you will need to be available to your candidate for support and guidance. This should start as your candidate submits their application, and could run a year or more after their weekend.

Bring them to Ultreya, let your candidate experience the community as you have...

Babe, I hope this gives you a start in the right direction in sponsoring.

DeColores,  
Sara

**Marion Rosenthal**

Member of the School of Leaders

*Be Still and Know That I am God!*" How many times have we heard that verse in Life? For some of you, these words may be very meaningful. However, it never really spoke to me until just recently. It has now become one of my favorites.

My beloved mother passed

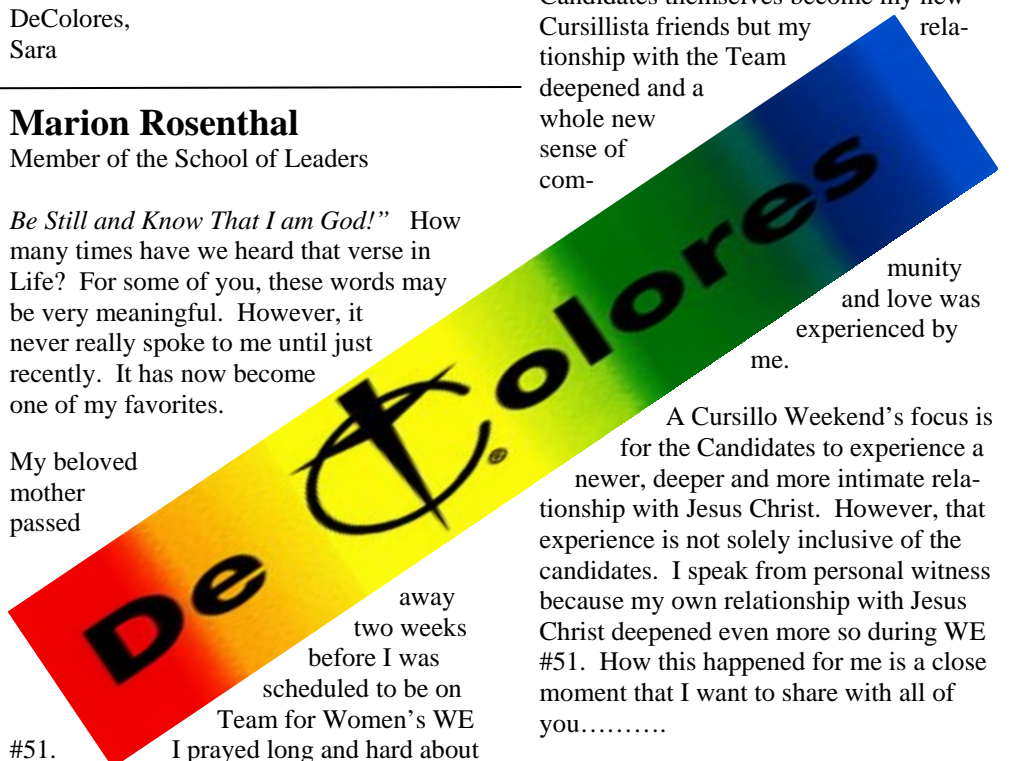
away two weeks before I was scheduled to be on Team for Women's WE #51. I prayed long and hard about

staying on Team during this time. I knew with all my heart that if I decided I was unable to participate that one of our lovely ladies (friends) would step up to the plate and present my Rollo. I never doubted this. But, my biggest fear was that I would not be emotionally present for everyone during the Weekend itself – the Candidates, Team and Outside Community. Ma and I were very close, we were always there for one another and had a very loving mother-daughter relationship. Even though I believed that my mother was now enjoying Eternal Life and in full communion with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, letting go of her was another matter and one dealing with a number of emotions including grief. So, I thought being on the Weekend might be a little too difficult for me to handle at that time. I did what I always do in time of

need! I turned to God in Prayer...

Through my prayers, I believed God's answer was that He wanted me to continue to serve on Team. Even though I felt a little reluctant, I willingly agreed to do so. It was one of the best decisions I ever made.

Serving on Women's WE #51 was one of the most AWESOME, SPIRITUAL, UPLIFTING and FAITH-FILLED journeys I have ever undertaken. Not only did the Candidates themselves become my new Cursillista friends but my relationship with the Team deepened and a whole new sense of com-



munity and love was experienced by me.

A Cursillo Weekend's focus is for the Candidates to experience a newer, deeper and more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. However, that experience is not solely inclusive of the candidates. I speak from personal witness because my own relationship with Jesus Christ deepened even more so during WE #51. How this happened for me is a close moment that I want to share with all of you.....

It was about 11:00 p.m. on Saturday night during the weekend. I was alone in the hallway outside of Palanca Chapel and near the Gift Shop, so I decided to stop, take a few moments and look at all of the items on display. As I was gazing at these gifts for sale on the honor system, my eyes suddenly caught sight of a small Risen Christ Cross and one of the most beautiful of Crosses I have ever seen. It occurred to me that I had been searching (unsuccessfully) for just such an item to hang in my kitchen and here it was right in front of me. Without hesitation, I purchased the Cross and brought it back to my room. While there, a voice inside me kept telling me to go to the Palanca Chapel and pray!???

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It struck me as being odd because I had just come from that area. However, I acquiesced and went back there to pray.

As I entered the Palanca Chapel, the sight was awe-inspiring to me. I realized the only illumination in the room was shining forth from one candle that had been placed in front of the crucifix. It was such a beautiful vision. I knew at that moment that it was the Light of Christ shining and "lighting my way." All of the beautiful flowers placed on the table behind the altar next caught my eye not to mention my sense of smell. The wonderful aromas pouring forth were so sweet and all of their colors so vibrant and spring-like. I then saw all of the pictures and items that team members had placed on the table and I began to study each one of them. It occurred to me how much LOVE was placed in this room and how special each of the items as well as the persons in these pictures were to our Team Members. After that, I spotted the beautiful *Memory Book* that contained all of the names of Team Members' loved ones who passed on knowing fully well that my beloved mother's name was inscribed within its contents. My eyes then wandered to the tabernacle. A kneeler was placed in front of it so appropriately. Wow! Awesome!! God surely was present in this room!!! Like a sponge, I soaked in the whole area. The Palanca Chapel was so peaceful, decorated so beautifully and emanating such a calming atmosphere that the sense of it being just God and Me ~ present to one another ~ was overpowering to me. I felt a sudden impulse to kneel down and pray. I did just that.....

As I was on my knees, eyes closed, praying and conversing to God, a voice inside me suddenly said: "*Be Still and Know That I Am God!*" Instantly, I said not a word and tried fervently to be quiet and just listen. Wasn't this what God was calling me to do? I remember thinking, "*O.K. God ~ you got me here, you got my attention and I will try to be still to just listen and be in your presence.*" I waited and listened. For the next ten minutes or so, I experienced such calmness, such peace, and such joy. But all of a sudden,

a shudder (like a chill) started from the tips of my toes up to the top of my head. I then saw the Risen Christ Cross – just like the one I had purchased moments ago – rise up before me with beautiful rays following beneath it. Lo and behold, on the left side of this Cross being raised, I saw my mother as well. It was like she, too, was being "lifted up" alongside of Jesus ~ up towards Heaven. I could not believe what I was "seeing." I quickly opened my eyes, started thanking God and proceeded to sob and cry tears of joy and happiness. It was one of the closest moments I have ever encountered in my Life.

*"Be Still and Know That I Am God" has a whole new meaning for me in this stage of my Life and is a message that is near and dear to me and one which I now carry forever in my heart.*

DeColores!  
Marion Rosenthal

### ***Have you bought your Kayak Raffle Ticket yet?***

*Tickets are only \$5 each. You can obtain tickets at your local*

*Ultreayas, you can contact  
Joe Thouin or  
the*



*Webmaster  
and we will make sure  
tickets are available for you.*

*We are relying on this raffle as the major fundraiser for the Albany Cursillo Movement. The success of the raffle helps us eliminate having many smaller fund raising events. Less smaller events, more time spent in following the Cursillo Mission.*

*Besides the Kayak, you will receive a LL Bean Life Jacket and a Kayak paddle. 1,000 tickets are to be sold. Your chance to win is much better than the LOTTO! The drawing for the Kayak is September 7th.*

## **EVENTS:**

### **Annual Picnic**

September 7th  
Sponsored by the Ilion Ultreya.  
Place: Auriesville Shrine  
Liturgy is at 11 am.  
A Picnic will follow starting at 12 noon.

### **Stations of the Cross With Soup Supper**

February 2009  
Sponsored by the Glens Falls Ultreya.  
St. Alphonsus in Glens Falls is our host. Station, following Stations we will share a Soup Supper.  
Date and time to be announced.

### **Men's Weekend**

The Rector is Hugh Cameron.  
Date & Location TBA

### **Women's Weekend**

The Rectora is Sharon Thouin.  
Date: March 19<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
Location: Dominican Spiritual Life and Conference Center, Niskayuna, NY

### **The Year of St. Paul the Apostle**

The Glenville Ultreya will sponsor a Liturgy at Immaculate Conception on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Time to be announced.

### **Cursillo Dance & Social**

The Glenville Ultreya will sponsor and dance and social for the Cursillo Community. It will be in the fall of 2009, date, time and place will be announced in the near future.

*Make a Friend...*

*Be a Friend...*

*Bring a Friend  
to Christ...*

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understand, but the team members took those talks, the original outlines, and made them personal, appear easy, relatable and down to earth. They presented them with confidence and conviction. The progression of the talks could be easily followed. I know the struggles the team went through and I stand in awe of how the Holy Spirit transformed them. They certainly were His instrument, His servant, His witness. He is the potter, we are the clay.

To you the community, I thank you. We could not have done it without your constant prayers and sacrifices throughout team formation and the weekend. It was truly felt and humbly appreciated. With your help, The Holy Spirit was allowed to work in and through us. Jesus was victorious.

I now come to you as your new Chairperson for the School of Leaders. I want to thank Elaine Granato for her years of service to the School of Leaders and her leadership. I have offered my humble service to take on this position. Once again, I know I cannot do this on my own. As it says on our crosses, "Christ is counting on you". I am responding and I am counting on Him. My prayer also has been Jesus, I trust in you as I pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. I desire to be your humble and faithful servant. With the grace of God and the prayers of the Cursillo community, I will try to do my best to be what God wants me to be.

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Shirley Neet

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making the next weekend and would like them to see our wonderful community.

**DIRECTIONS:**

Coming from the Albany area you would travel EAST on I-90, get off at exit 12 (Valatie, Hudson exit) Travel on Rte 9-H South. Continue through the roundabout onto 9H south... You are now on a 4 lane highway. Get off on the route 9 South exit.....



*Closing ceremonies Women's Weekend #51  
Dominican Spiritual Life Center—October 2007*

Welcome our newest "Babe Chicks" to Cursillo!

Ann Avery-Jones, Dorothy Bakker, Dawn Collins-Ouellete, Kathy Crowe, Angelique Hebert, Charleen Hoffman, Judith Houck, Margaret Hyland, Cathy Kittle, Natalie McDermott, Mary McGinty, Toni O' Bryan, Mary E. O'Hanlon, Jill Rothwein, Karyn Schassler, Ann Van Wie, Patricia Visconti, Diane Simpson



*Sr. Betsy prepares for a trip on the water at Pyramid Life Center. She likes Kayaks too! She reminds us you too can win one, you just need to buy a ticket.*

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Travel south through Kinderhook, it'll be a few miles to the town of Stuyvesant Falls. White wooden St Mary's church will be on your left on a bend in the road...

The address is 1820 Route 9 for those who have a GPS..... So far we have Marcia and Barry, Sandra Haas, Jane Noblett coming down to visit and we hope many more..... Please let me know if you can make it... Hope you are having a very blessed summer...

IN Jesus and Mary, Jessica Farley

*The Cursillo Movement is based on  
friendship.*

*We must be friends with Christ, friends  
with our brothers and sisters, and it is  
crucial that we be friends with ourselves.*

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