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Lay Director



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When was the last time you had something happen and thought "what a coincidence"? We all have these moments. Often we brush it off and think nothing more about it.

I have heard it said that there is no coincidence. A good friend of mine says coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous. I believe that both statements are true. Let me tell you about a coincidence that happened to me recently, while I was at a team meeting for the Men's Spring Cursillo.

We reached the part of our meeting where we break into small groups and have a grouping. Our group was to have four of us and only three were present; the fourth person must have joined another group. As we started our opening prayer, Al Johnson walked by looking for his group, I said we had plenty of room and invited him in. The topic for discussion was "How are we doing in our weekly grouping?" When it was Al's turn to share, he told us that despite all his efforts, his grouping is not what he hoped it would be. There were various reasons, which will remain confidential, and he was distressed that things weren't working out for him. We all offered our help and some advice, then the group finished up and returned to our meeting.

Now fast forward one week later, a day after our last Rooster newsletter was sent out. I received a call from a man named Ray. His first comment to me was, "Receiving this newsletter was more than a coincidence." He went on to tell me that his Fourth Day has been a horrible experience! He went into some of the details which helped me to understand his comment. But then he said just a few days before he had gone to confession and he was so happy to tell me he was now in a state of Grace. He asked God for help and knew his prayer would be answered. Returning home the first thing he saw was the Rooster newsletter, sitting on top of a stack of his mail.

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GREAT LAKES CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: 4TH DAY

The eleventh annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday October 8th at the Convocation Centre at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. It is a one-day event starting at 8:50 A.M. and ending at 5:15 P.M. after Mass. The day features speakers from all walks of life who will challenge and inspire all in attendance to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. This years speakers include our own Bishop Thomas Doran; Dr. Ray Guarendi of Relevant Radio; Robert Rogers of Mighty In The Land Ministry (his story of the acceptance of God's will when adversity strikes will amaze you) and a speaker to be named later. The day includes speakers, lunch, music, fellowship, Reconciliation, the Rosary, an Adoration Chapel and Mass. The cost is \$10 for teens, \$30 for groups of 10 or more, \$35 for individuals and \$40 for tickets purchased at the door.

Over the years, the Conference has been well attended by Cursillistas and is a great opportunity for Study on our 4th day journey. The Conference was started in 1994 by a small group of Cursillo men from a parish in Rockford who had attended a similar Conference in Cincinnati and who were inspired to find a way to help men encounter Christ in a more meaningful way. The first Conference was held in the gym of an elementary school in Rockford and was attended by some 300 men, and recent attendance has been about 1000 men. Although not a diocesan sponsored event, the Rockford Diocese has been very helpful in the planning and execution of the Conference. Throughout all the years, no one has been paid for his contribution of time and talent in planning and developing the Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference. Excess funds from previous conferences are used for expenses for the following year with a portion being tithed to the Rockford Diocese Priest Retirement Fund.

For more information about the GLCMC or to offer your services in planning or promoting the Conference, call or fax the Conference information line at **888/849-2282** or fax the Conference Coordinator (Max Striedl Sr.) at **630/466-3273**.



All Cursillo Weekends are held at
St. Mary's Community Center
Oregon, Illinois

Directions: Take Rt. 64 to Oregon. Parish Center is on Rt. 64 at Mongan Drive, a mile west of town on the north side of the road.

Emergency Phone for Cursillo Weekends
Friday 814-732-2234
Saturday & Sunday 815-732-7883



*Gifts to Cursillo
Contact Treasurer Bill Pott 630-232-6138 to celebrate a special occasion,
honor a loved one or include Cursillo in
your will.*

*Cursillo Prayer List
Send prayer requests via email to Marty
Lachat at mlhome@netzero.net*

Area Ultreyas

Aurora - 2nd Sunday each month. 7:00 pm. Bilingual at St. Rita of Cascia. Contact: Felix & Adamy Martinez 630-896-0354.

DeKalb - 1st Saturday each month. 7:00 pm at Newman Center at NIU. Contact: Tom & Lori Kedzie 815-756-7883.

Geneva - 2nd Friday each month. 7:00 pm at St. Peter's. Contact: Ken & Tricia Aurand 630-232-9305.

Mt. Carroll - 1st Saturday each month, 7 pm. Usually at SS John & Catherine, occasionally at a home. Contact: Arnie & Phyllis Getz 815-684-5561.

Rockford - 1st Saturday each month, 7:00 pm at St. Bridget's Parish. Contact: Jim & Patty Goebel 815-877-5034

Sterling/Rock Falls - 1st Sunday each month, 7 pm. St. Mary's Parish Center. Contact: Bill Wolff 815-438-4252.



Spanish Lay Director

“De Colores”, a warm and blessed greeting from your Spanish brothers and sisters. This is an exciting time for us as we pursue the next level of growth: two Spanish weekends per year. It is hard to believe that ten years have gone by since we started offering weekends in Spanish. Thanks to all involved then and now. We invite those new Cursi-llistas to help us as we prepare for the challenges that await us. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the help of all of us we can now introduce Christ to more people.

A new challenge that we are pursuing for the future is one off-site weekend in a parish that has a high concentration of Spanish-speaking people where more parish involvement and help is needed. It is widely known that Cursillistas are committed to growth and the sharing of their witness to Christ so that we can further our Catholic faith. Thanks to this movement, we as a Diocese have more priests, deacons and lay involvement.

Another challenge we are pursuing is asking our past rectors and assistant rectors to help lead our “Leaders School.” The Spanish-speaking leaders are looking at changing the format to better increase the participation and to make it easier to attend without disturbing many weekends through out the year. Continued evangelization to our families takes place during those precious weekends. Time is a priceless commodity and in our fast-paced society where it seems that both parents work we need to adapt and still make it easy for Christ to be number one in our lives. The training and continued learning of our Catholic faith is very important and a critical component in the conversion of others to the teachings and demonstrations of love that our Lord Jesus Christ has for us.

The Spanish-speaking branch of our Cursillo is also looking at producing our version of the Rooster (“El Gallito”) to better inform all those who only speak and read Spanish.

We will continue to report our progress and, like always, we ask for your help and ideas. Gracias! Manny Garcia

So, what does the Team Training Committee do?

The Team Training Committee has four main functions and consists of the following people:

Marty Lachat Head, Beth Lachat, Bob and Lois Wright, Ken and Trish Aurand, Felix Martinez, Emily Camaioni, Bob Novack, and Jim Hall.

First, we update and maintain the books/folders that are used to put on the weekend (i.e. the Rector/Rectora’s manuals, kitchen head book.) So, if you see something missing in one of the books, let us know.

Second, we meet with the Rector, Asst. Rector, Rectora, Asst Rectora, and each team head and some of the teams, and go over their responsibilities for putting a Cursillo weekend in the Rockford Diocese. We help the Rector, Asst. Rector, Rectora, and Asst Rectora, understand how to put a team together and understand their role on the team. We also give them a list of people who need growth in areas to become future Rectors and Rectoras. These lists are suggestions only. All the people picked for key roles on the weekend are the choice of the Rector and Rectora.

Third, we are the go-to people on the weekends if there are any questions or concerns. The people on team training have from 5 to 35 years of experience working weekends and have studied the movement and have seen just about everything.

Finally, we create and submit a list of candidates, based on set standards and knowledge of experience, to Secretariat for the selection of future Rector and Rectoras. Secretariat uses the list to determine the Rector and Rectora for the next weekend.

If you want to learn more about why we do, what we do and how we do it, join the team. We need your help to make Cursillo one of the best means of apostolic action in the Rockford Diocese. If you are interested in joining, please contact me, Marty Lachat, at martylachat@yahoo.com or call my cell phone at (630) 204-7920.

May God bless you all.
Marty Lachat

P.S. A note on my son Michael. He just finish radiation treatment and will have an MRI next month. He is doing great. He has put on 15 lbs. and is feeling well. His vision has come back and he is a ball of energy. The Make-A-Wish Foundation has contacted Michael and has told him he is eligible for a wish. He is glowing thinking of the possibilities. Thank you again for all of your prayers and support for Michael and our family. We could not have done this without you!!

Lay Director

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Ray confessed that every Rooster he had received since making his Cursillo over 10 years ago got tossed into the trash without ever being opened. But not this time. He needed to get more connected with his Catholic faith. He wanted to start grouping, and maybe even work a weekend.

It's just a coincidence that Ray and Al Johnson live less than five miles from each other. I called Al and gave him Ray's number. Al contacted his father, Deacon Ray Johnson, and the three of them set a time to meet and group.

Now here's where you can help. We all have these moments. Would you consider sharing a story with some of your friends? Sharing with us a time when you very directly felt God's hand at work in your life? If we receive a good response we will publish the stories in future Rooster newsletters.

"Therefore Encourage one another and build one another up"
(1thes 5:11)

Fall 2005 CURSILLOS at St. Mary's in Oregon

English Men's Weekend October 20-23, 2005

<i>Rector</i>	<i>Assistant Rector</i>
<i>Joe Jabuntich</i>	<i>Bill Pott</i>
<i>630-208-1953</i>	<i>630-232-6138</i>

Team Meeting Dates

August 28
September 11
September 18
October 2
October 16 (in Oregon)

Spanish Men's Weekend October 13-16, 2005

English Women's Weekend November 10-13, 2005

<i>Rectora</i>	<i>Assistant Rectora</i>
<i>Sharon Schwarzbauer</i>	<i>Linda Kasper</i>
<i>630-482-9232</i>	<i>630-904-9749</i>

Team Meeting Dates

September 11
September 25
October 2
October 23 (in Oregon)
October 30

Spanish Women's Weekend November 3-6, 2005

Unless otherwise noted, all Team Meetings are from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Newman Center, 512 Normal Rd, DeKalb, IL 815-787-7770

Congratulations

to all the people who made a Cursillo this spring at St. Mary's in Oregon. Between the two Spanish and two English weekends, we now have more than 100 new cursillistas in the Rockford Diocese. Thank you to all the people who worked the weekends.

We have already started planning for the fall weekends. Working the Cursillo weekends can be a very rewarding experience. I encourage you, if you have never worked one, to try it this fall. As you know, it takes the effort of many to plan and put on the weekends.

Both the men's and the women's meetings start at 1:00. We try to end by 4:30. If you plan on working the weekends, we ask that you attend the team meetings. These meetings are a necessary part of the Cursillo weekends. Attending these meetings is also a great way

of getting to know the men and women who helped put on your Cursillo. Please do not hesitate to call me at 815-923-4029 if you have any questions regarding the team meetings or the fall weekends. God Bless!

Donna Mancini

LEADERS SCHOOL

Leaders school is a great opportunity, open to all

Cursillistas, to learn more about the Cursillo movement. They are held at the Newman Center at NIU in DeKalb and start at 7:30 pm and usually end by 9:00. The next one is June 28 and the topic is "Your Fourth Day". The following one is September 27 and the topic is "Moments Closest to Christ". All are encouraged to attend!





ANNUAL CURSILLO PICNIC

When: Sunday July 10, 2005 1-5 PM

**Where: The Church of Holy Apostles
Bull Valley Rd. between Rte 31 and Walkup Ave.
McHenry, Illinois**

What to bring: Yourself, your family, a dish to pass, chairs, your own tableware and soft drinks, juice, water, etc. and sunscreen.

**We will provide: Hot dogs, brats, burgers, buns, games, prizes
Fun, Faith and Friends!**

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED

RSVP: By July 1st to be sure no one goes hungry and we have enough prizes for games.

**To: Millica/John Glaw 815-344-2074
Liz/Mike Campana 815-385-6609
Maureen/Lee Redmer 262-249-0424**

Get to Know Bill Pott

My name is Bill Pott. I've been a member of St Peter parish in Geneva for the past 24 years. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, educated by the Sisters of St Joseph in grade school, the Brothers of Holy Cross in high school and the Jesuits at John Carroll University. I've been married to my wife Maureen for 40 years - raised three children - Colleen, who is married to Brad Alexander (both made their Cursillo in 2004), Kathleen, and Brian who will be married this summer to Kirsten Hansen. We currently have

5 grandsons and Colleen is expecting another boy this summer. I'm a retired regional sales manager of a capital goods manufacturer. I was with this company for over 25 years. I oversaw a territory that included Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia. I traveled 4-5 days a week and was home usually only on the weekends. Since retirement, I've concentrated on getting to know my wife and children better. Since I made my Cursillo in spring of 2001, I've wanted to give back something back to the movement. I work all of the weekends and I wanted to do more. When the treasurer's position opened last spring I put my hat in the ring for consideration. This position fulfills my yearning to give more back to Cursillo. I look forward to a faithful commitment to this important position.

Rockford Cursillo Web Site



You can get up to date information on upcoming Cursillo weekends and team meetings at our web site. We have a section on Area Ultreyas and a section with Secretariat information [contact information and meetings]. We have also added a section to download Cursillo documents like candidate and sponsor forms, recent Roosters, etc. The latest section has links to other useful web sites like National Cursillo and a number of excellent Catholic information sources. Special events like our picnic will be posted there. Please bookmark the site [<http://www.natl-cursillo.org/rockford/>] so you can get timely information about Cursillo. If you forget the address you can go to Google and search for "Rockford Cursillo" and it will get it for you. If you have any suggestions for ways to make the web site more useful, please sent email to Alan Fulton at fulton630@aol.com.

Dates to Remember

2005

- JUNE 28 LEADER'S SCHOOL,
7:30-9:00 PM,
NEWMAN CENTER, DE KALB, IL
- JULY 10 ANNUAL CURSILLO PICNIC,
1-5 PM, HOLY APOSTLES, MCHENRY, IL
- JULY 26 SECRETARIAT MEETING, 7:30 PM, DEKALB
- JULY 28-31 NATIONAL ENCOUNTER,
BENEDICTINE COLLEGE, ATCHISON, KANSAS
- AUG 23 SECRETARIAT MEETING, 7:30 PM, DEKALB
- SEPT 27 LEADER'S SCHOOL, 7:30 PM,
NEWMAN CENTER, DEKALB, IL
- OCT 8 MEN'S CONFERENCE,
8:50 AM- 5:15 PM,
NIU CONVOCATION CENTER, DEKALB
- OCT 13-16 MEN'S SPANISH WEEKEND
- OCT 20-23 MEN'S ENGLISH WEEKEND
- OCT 25 SECRETARIAT MEETING, 7:30 PM, DEKALB
- NOV 3-6 WOMEN'S SPANISH WEEKEND
- NOV 10-13 WOMEN'S ENGLISH WEEKEND
- DEC 6 LEADERS SCHOOL, 7:30 PM, DEKALB

Secretariat

*Fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm,
at Newman Center in DeKalb.*

All are welcome!

The Secretariat of the Rockford Diocese helps the Cursillo Movement to function and achieve its purpose. It is charged by the Bishop to implement the Movement properly according to norms and guidelines established by the National Secretariat. All Cursillistas are urged to support the Secretariat by prayer and palanca.

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