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*Good News!!*  
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we will conduct a one day  
"Ultreya Grande II".**

## Lay Director

As I write these words the Christmas season is upon us. It's hard to believe almost a year has gone by since our last "Ultreya Grande" weekend.

Last years meetings, for English and Spanish, were held simultaneously in two separate conference rooms. Many important topics, timely issues and concerns were brought up and discussed. One surprising fact we realized was that most everyone present shared many of the same concerns. A few people made mention that before this meeting it seemed individual ideas were not encouraged.

We left the gathering nervously excited about what lay ahead for all of us! There were far too many coincidences, to be mere coincidence. As mentioned in the previous Rooster Newsletter, we are currently working through ideas and changes that came from last year's gathering.

For those attending our last Ultreya Grande and for all you who could not attend....Good News!! February 3rd, 2007, we will conduct a one day "Ultreya Grande II".

See the article in this Rooster by Lori Kedzie for more info on this very important day. Your input and your support are very valuable to the movement. Please plan on attending!!

Ray Oleferchik



## Meet Your Secretariat

My name is Lori Kedzie, although I've also been known as Mrs. Great Guy, as well as other things, I'm sure. I'm married to Tom (Mr. Great Guy), and we have four sons and three parrots. We live in DeKalb and belong to the Newman Center.

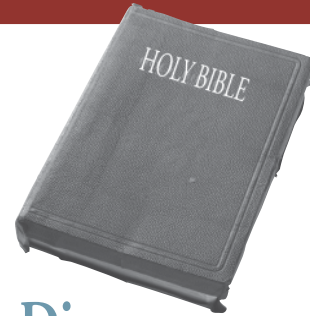
I made my Cursillo in the spring of 1994 at St. Rita of Cascia in Aurora. There happened to be an authentic Mariachi band at the church for another event, and they played "De Colores" for us. It was wonderful. I've never heard our groups do it that way on any of our weekends.

Most people recognize me best with a guitar in front of me, as I've been music head a number of times. I agreed to be Post-Cursillo Chair because I love seeing my fellow Cursillistas, my brothers and sisters in Christ, and I have experienced how important it is to Group and attend Ultreya. As we hear on the weekends, the point of Cursillo isn't to have Group Reunions so that there are people to work the weekends. We have the weekends so that there will be people to have Group Reunions and Ultreyas.

We have such an awesome Cursillo community in the Rockford Diocese, and I try to do whatever I can to build it up and support it. One way we can all support it is by attending the Ultreya Grande II on February 3 at the Newman Center from 9:00AM - 8PM. Please see the article on that. I hope to see you all soon!

De Colores! Lori

## Former Spiritual Director Fr. Nilges Dies



Cursillistas paid their respects and said farewell to Father Harold L. Nilges, who died October 6. Fr. Nilges was a great promoter of the Cursillo and served as its Diocesan Spiritual Director from the early 1980s until his retirement in 1999. As pastor of St. Catherine's in Genoa, he provided a home base for the Cursillo Movement in his parish, providing meeting and storage space and attending all Secretariat meetings and team meetings. Cursillo veterans remember the showers he built next to the parish boiler room so that Cursillo weekends could be held annually at St. Catherine's. He thoroughly enjoyed being with Cursillistas, and was an accomplished musician who often joined in the fun of sing-alongs and skits on the weekends.

Fr. Nilges was a native of Aurora and was ordained to the priesthood in 1953. He served as pastor at St. Gall Parish in Elburn, St. Mary Parish in DeKalb, and St. Catherine of Genoa Parish in Genoa. After his retirement he lived with his sister, Sr. Marianne Nilges, OSF until his death. His wake and funeral Mass were held October 10 at St. Catherine's and he is buried in the parish cemetery in Genoa.

## Pre-Cursillo Efforts Keep Movement Strong



*We have been asked to share with you our success with the pre-Cursillo at The Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry, Illinois.*

The Cursillo team at Holy Apostles consists of John and Milica Glaw and Mike and Liz Campana. We meet two to three times a year to discuss the dates and roles we each play in planning the Cursillo weekends. Cursillo is very successful at our church.

We start with bulletin announcements six weeks prior to the weekends inviting Parishioners to consider taking a three day walk with Christ. We list the dates and contact information. Then, with Father Sherry's permission, we have the newer Cursillistas at all the Masses give a two minute witness at the Ambo during our announcements. After these Masses, the speakers answer any other questions. We are currently in the process on putting together a video for 2007 to further witness for Cursillo that we can use at the Masses as well.

In addition, our Church has two ministry fairs a year and we have a Cursillo table and we

just talk to people about Cursillo. In the Church hallway we have a sign 52 weeks out of the year, with the dates of all the Cursillos and the purpose of Cursillo. Our information booth also has Cursillo information that we can give out to parishioners as they leave Mass.

On Thursday of the Cursillo weekend, we invite the Cursillo community to meet at the church along with the candidates and their sponsors for a "send off" before they leave for the weekend. We usually try to carpool out to Oregon. We come together as a community for fellowship and end in prayer before they leave. Fr. Sherry is there to lead us in prayer and to help send the candidates off. The send off is a very powerful witness to the candidates and shows them that there is a large community here to help them on their Fourth Day!

Finally, we use our Ultreyas to encourage all to think of other potential candidates on making a Cursillo weekend.

We have over 240 people on our Holy Apostles Cursillo list and we use this list to send emails out to update everyone on information such as Palanca, who is working the weekends, updates on candidates and weekend workers, Clausura, and any other important Cursillo information. We ask for Palanca and prayers. Applications are turned in to us so that we may have the candidate's information for future mailing list and the Palanca list as well.

All of this would not be possible without the support of our Pastor and Spiritual Director Fr. Sherry. And now our newest Cursillista and Cursillo promoter Fr. Nnaso! We are truly blessed.

***De Colores,  
The Glaws & Campanas***



# Ultreya Grande II:

On Saturday, February 3, 2007, we have a wonderful opportunity to join together both the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities of Cursillo for a day of prayer, reflection, sharing, discussion, Mass, witnessing, and, of course, food. It's called Ultreya Grande II. It will be held in the lower level of the Newman Center in DeKalb.

The communities will share meals, Morning Prayer, Mass and the Ultreya, which caps off the event. We will separate into Spanish/English groups after Morning Prayer and again after Lunch. In the morning the English community will hear from our Ad Hoc committee.

Last year, at the first Ultreya Grande, there were discussions about how to improve how we do our Cursillo weekends. Since that time, an Ad Hoc committee has been meeting once a month, working on such changes. At the Ultreya Grande II, the Ad Hoc committee will present their work and suggestions, and those attending will have the chance to give their input. The Cursillo is a Movement, and it works best when we all move together.

The afternoon will include a game-type format and a witness speaker. Dinner is also included. The price is \$20 a person, \$35 for couples, for the whole day.

Contact Milica Glaw to register at 815-344-2074 or [milica51@comcast.net](mailto:milica51@comcast.net). Please join us for this day of fellowship — it won't be the same without you!

## spring 2007 CURSILLOS

**English Men's Weekend**  
*St. Mary's in Oregon, IL*  
April 26 - 29, 2007

**Rector**                      **Assistant Rector**  
*Mike Campana*          *Rich Hayes*  
815-385-6613              815-728-0918

### Team Meeting Dates

February 18  
March 4  
March 18  
April 1  
April 15 (in Oregon)

**English Women's Weekend**  
*Bishop Lane in Rockford, IL*  
May 3 - 6, 2007

**Rectora**                      **Assistant Rectora**  
*Mary Beth Birtell*      *Lori Kedzie*  
815-756-4801              815-756-7883

### Team Meeting Dates

February 18  
February 25  
March 11  
April 1  
April 22

*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*

**Spanish Men's Weekend**  
*St. Mary's in Oregon, IL*  
April 12 - 15, 2007

**Spanish Women's Weekend**  
*St. Mary's in Oregon, IL*  
April 19 - 22, 2007

*For more information on the Spanish Cursillos, contact Manny Garcia at 630-801-1918*

**Directions to St. Mary's Community Center**  
Oregon, Illinois

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 815-732-2234  
Saturday & Sunday 815-732-7883

# Area Ultreyas

**Aurora** - 2nd Sunday each month. 7:00 pm. Bilingual at St. Rita of Cascia. Contact: Larry & Pat Frieders 630-897-9770 or Felix Martinez 630-896-0354

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

**Geneva** - 2nd Friday each month. 7:00 pm at St. Peter's. None in summer-resume September 2006. Contact: Ken & Tricia Aurand 630-232-9305.

**McHenry** - 4 times a year at Holy Apostles. Contact: Mike & Liz Campana 815-385-6613 or Milica & John Glaw 815-344-2074

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

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

Several Spanish language Ultreyas are now available. Contact Manny Garcia 630-801-1918 for details.

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### Cursillo Weekend Schedule

Please pray for the team and candidates.

Thurs.

8:00 Sponsor Service

Fri.

7:30 Mass

8:30 Breakfast

9:30 IDEAL

10:30 GRACE

12:00 Lunch

1:30 LAITY

3:00 FAITH

4:00 Reconciliation Service

5:30 Dinner

6:30 HOLINESS

8:45 Poster Party

Sat.

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 FORMATION

10:15 SACRAMENTS

11:30 Agape Mass & Dinner

2:30 EVANGELIZATION

4:00 OBSTACLES TO GRACE

6:45 LEADERS

9:00 Poster Party

10:00 Candlelight

Sun.

6:10 Serenade/Breakfast

8:15 ENVIRONMENTS

9:30 CCIA

11:00 Brunch

12:15 CHRISTIAN LIFE

1:45 GROUP REUNION/

ULTREYA

3:00 Summaries

3:30 Cross Ceremony

4:00 Clausura



## 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.

## Dates to Remember 2007

Cursillo Weekends

Spanish Men	April 12-15	St. Mary's, Oregon, IL
Spanish Women	April 19-22	St. Mary's, Oregon, IL
English Men	April 26-29	St. Mary's, Oregon, IL
English Women	May 3-6	Bishop Lane, Rockford

Secretariat Meetings - all are welcome  
[7:30pm at NIU Newman Center]

January 23	July 24
February 27	August 28
March 27	September 25
April 24	October 23
May 22	November - no meeting
June 26	December 4

Special Events

Ultreya Grande II: February 3, 9 am-8 pm, Newman Center,

Catholic Men's Conference: Oct. 13, NIU Convocation Center, DeKalb, IL