



# CURSILLO NEWS



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**Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ**

***Please pray for the repose of the souls of our fellow Cursillists who have passed away since our last news letter.***

**Dot Powers, mother of Jean Powers, #99 & Tom Powers, #98.**

**Lt Col Nicholas Jongebroed, father of Kim Yongebroed, # 31.**

**Nell Miles, #9, sister of Ruth Harwood, #9.**

**Steve Schnadelbach, brother of Clay Schnadelbach, #104**

**Cora de la Bruere, mother of Suzanne Zellner, #16.**

"Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire it makes a lot of little flames.

But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that."

From the internet

## The Rosary

After Vatican II the rosary fell into relative disuse. The same is true for Marian devotions as a whole. The word rosary comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary. If you were to ask what object is most emblematic of Catholics, people would probably say, "The rosary, of course." We're familiar with the images: the silently moving lips of the old woman fingering her beads; the oversized rosary hanging from the waist of the wimpled nun; more recently, the merely decorative rosary hanging. But in recent years the rosary has made a comeback, and not just among Catholics. **Many Protestants now say the rosary, recognizing it as a truly biblical form of prayer**—after all, the prayers that comprise it come mainly from the Bible.

From the website, "Why do Catholics do that?"

# WHAT IS PALANCA?

Palanca is a Spanish word which means "lever." Just as a lever enables a person to move something which is beyond their normal strength, Palanca empowers the accomplishment of things which would not be possible without the grace of God. "For man it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." (Matt 19:26) "When anyone takes up the work of the conversion and Christian renewal of persons and the evangelization of human groups, it is absolutely indispensable that the entire work be built upon the grace of God." (Cursillo Leaders' Manual, 1981; pg 135)

What is Palanca? Palanca consists of any one or any combination of three things which are offered for the spiritual success of a particular phase or of all phases of the Cursillo Movement. The three things are:

1. Prayers
2. Sacrifices
3. Works of Mercy.

It is important to understand that Palanca is not gifts or love letters. A letter may be sent explaining what type of Palanca is being offered, but that letter is not the Palanca. The actual Palanca is the action (Prayer, Sacrifice or Works of Mercy) and can be done without writing a letter about it. A Personal Palanca letter is one that is sent to an individual telling him/her what is being offered for spiritual success. A General Palanca letter is one that is sent to the whole group (for example, team and/or candidates) informing them of the Palanca being done.

Prayers in the Cursillo context, which are offered as Palanca, are intercessory prayers. Likewise, Sacrifices which are done as Palanca are also intercessory. They are any form of prayers and/or sacrifices which are offered on behalf of another person(s), for a particular phase of the Movement, or for the Cursillo Movement in general.

**Both the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy can also be offered as Palanca as we work toward bringing Christ to the world in which we live. The following are just a few examples of the Works of Mercy that can be offered as Palanca as we do them for the honor and glory of God:**

Feed the hungry (grocery shopping, preparing a meal, working at a soup kitchen, or donating time or food to a food pantry; serving as a Eucharistic minister);

Give drink to the thirsty (giving a drink to a child, a thirsty repairman, or an elderly/sick person);

Clothe the naked (changing a baby's diapers; dressing a child or bedridden person; donating clothing to clothing banks, St. Vincent DePaul stores, or the pro-life movement);

Visit the imprisoned (visiting residents of nursing homes or mental health institutions; sending letters or cards to those in prisons; donating books and magazines to prison ministries);

Shelter the homeless (providing a good home for our families; donating time, talent or money to homeless shelters or Habitat for Humanity);

Visit the sick (visiting or calling someone who is sick; sending cards or flowers);

Bury the dead (comforting the surviving family and friends; providing food or transportation for survivors; lending a listening ear to someone who is grieving); Admonish the sinner (Helping others avoid sin through our example, words, and prayers; interjecting a Christian point of view in discussions on subjects such as abortion and euthanasia);

Instruct the ignorant (teaching Christian values and morals to our families and friends either through words or by our example);

Counsel the doubtful (Listening to those who are having doubts about their faith and either counseling them or directing them to seek help from others);

Comfort the sorrowful (Listening to those suffering pain; bringing in a hot-meal, offering to baby-sit, providing transportation or financial help);

Bear wrongs patiently (When we feel we have been mistreated or ignored by friends, family members or business associates, meditate on the Passion of our Lord and offer the personal hurts to Him);

Forgive all injuries ("Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;" learn to forgive by imitating Jesus);

Pray for the living and the dead (Praying for our families, friends, business associates, for those who ask for our prayers, and for the souls of our loved ones; pray also for those most in need of God's mercy whether living or dead).

Palanca is an integral part of all phases of the Cursillo Movement. For a few examples: For PreCursillo --- Palanca should be offered so that Cursillistas prayerfully select potential candidates and also for the targeting of evangelizing particular environments. For the 3-day weekend --- Palanca should be offered for the team so that the team members are formed into a real Christian community; Palanca should be offered for the candidates so that they will be open to the grace of God on the weekend. For PostCursillo --- Palanca should be offered for new Cursillistas as they return to their families, friends, and workplaces. This is a time that they need further strong spiritual support.

For PostCursillo, Palanca should also be offered on a regular, ongoing basis for Group Reunions, Ultreyas, School of Leaders and Workshops. It should be offered for all Secretariat members (Diocesan, Regional, National, and World Movements) so that these members may be guided and directed by the Holy Spirit.

Palanca is especially powerful because of the blending of prayers, sacrifices, and works of mercy from the entire Cursillo community. An orchestra is not in sync when the players are tuning their instruments, but when the conductor raises his baton and begins the tempo, there is a harmonious blending of notes. So it is with Palanca when we are all in accord with the will and the work of God. Our individual palanca is very powerful, but when our Palanca is in concert with others --- united with the Palanca of other Cursillistas --- it becomes a mighty lever. Palanca is indeed the greatest contribution that the 4th day community can make to the Cursillo Movement.

## **Las Vegas Churches accept gambling chips?**

**THIS MAY COME AS A SURPRISE TO THOSE OF YOU NOT LIVING IN LAS VEGAS , BUT THERE ARE MORE CATHOLIC CHURCHES THAN CASINOS.**

**NOT SURPRISINGLY, SOME WORSHIPERS AT SUNDAY SERVICES WILL GIVE CASINO CHIPS RATHER THAN CASH WHEN THE BASKET IS PASSED.**

**SINCE THEY GET CHIPS FROM MANY DIFFERENT CASINOS, THE CHURCHES HAVE DEVISED A METHOD TO COLLECT THE OFFERINGS..**

**THE CHURCHES SEND ALL THEIR COLLECTED CHIPS TO A NEARBY FRANCISCAN MONASTERY FOR SORTING AND THEN THE CHIPS ARE TAKEN TO THE CASINOS OF ORIGIN AND CASHED IN.**

**THIS IS DONE BY THE CHIP MONKS.**

**From the Internet**

# Men's Cursillo Weekend # 108 – Fall 2010

## Men's Team

### Rector

Mike Hood

### Spiritual Team

Rev James Dane

Br Paul Mulligan

Br Larry Sandstrom

### Conference Room

Morris Randol

Daniel diSilva

Dan O'Donnell

Larry White

Jimbo Baily

Jack McAleer

Jim Harrison

Bill Robinson

Jim Beattie

Daniel Jaksen

Joe Roszkowski

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW CURSILLISTAS

### Candidate

### Parish

1	Anthony 'Tony' Agostinelli	Christ the King
2	Rev Monsignor Guido Calleja	St John's
3	Chris Clarke	St Pius
4	Haymond 'Ed' Cross	Christ the King
5	Jeff Faulkner	Christ the King
6	Christopher 'Chris' Gaudet	St Pius X
7	Jason Gross	Christ the King
8	John Hart	St Lawrence
9	Don Hickey	Christ the King
10	William 'Pepper' Huff	Christ the King
11	Mark Landry	Christ the King
12	Lawrence 'Larry' McAdams	St Agatha
13	Nicholas 'Nick' Murphy	Christ the King
14	Frank Palacio	St Joseph, Gretna, LA
15	Richard Palesano	St Lawrence
16	Dante Piccini	Our Savior
17	Edward 'Mondi' Purvis	Christ the King
18	Richard 'Rick' Reid	Christ the King
19	David 'Dave' Riley	Holy Name of Jesus
20	David Rodgers	St Dominic
21	Jeff Sims	Christ the King
22	Michel Terrell	St Lawrence
23	Timoth 'Tim' Todd	St Lawrence
24	Mark Tunstall	St Lawrence
25	James 'Drew' Williams	Christ the King
26	Frank Young	Bartholomew

# Women's Cursillo Weekend # 109 – Fall 2010

**Rectora**  
Suzanne Zellner

**Spiritual Team**  
Very Rev Michael Farmer  
Sr Pat Langan, MSBT  
Deacon Malcolm Zellner

**Conference Room**  
Mary Wilburn  
Ashley Covert  
Dorothy Beattie  
Dottie Conner  
Mary Francis  
Cathy Burch  
Mary Jean Cotton  
Kathy White  
Starr Flynn  
Doll Rabbeitt

**Setups Team**  
Mary Lou Roszkowski  
Lisa Adams  
Sarah Bedia  
Kiki Dirmeyer  
Giulia Sciutto  
Terry Tramuta

**Palanca Team**  
Jayne Yarbrough  
Robbin Reid  
Rochelle Terrell

**Kitchen Team**  
Barbara Hutson  
Kay Dees  
Sandra Hrabovsky  
Julie Jaksen  
Kimberly Pryor  
LaVerne Rajterowski

**Music Team**  
Val Smith  
Royce Fore  
Jackie Simmonds

## WELCOME OUR NEW CURSILLISTAS

CANDIDATE	PARISH
1 Gretchen Agostinelli	Christ The King
2 Kristi Bailey	St Lawrence
3 Susanne 'Susie' Blackinton	St Lawrence
4 Nadine 'Nikki' Cotney	St Lawrence
5 Patricia Crowley	Christ The King
6 Debbie Cytrynak	St Patrick
7 Christina Dees	Our Savior
8 Mary Elizabeth 'Liz' Duryea	St Agatha
9 Alessondra "Sondi" Galanti	Corpus Christi
10 Bonnie Gaudet	St Pius X
11 Julie Hayes	St Dominic
12 Angela Hickey	Christ The King
13 Amy Huff	Christ The King
14 Linda Hurm	St Vincent de Paul
15 Kathleen 'Kathy' Kolb	St Agatha
16 Barbara 'Barb' Liebold	Christ The King
17 Kathy Lovitt	St Pius X
18 Elizabeth 'Ann' McAdams	St Agatha
19 Marguerite Murphy	Christ The King
20 Diana Nelson	St Agatha
21 Pearl Oestriecher	St Agatha
22 Joyce Paulson	St Agatha
23 Kelly Piccini	Our Savior
24 Carolyn Randol	St Pius X
25 Janice 'Jan' Shadis	St Agatha
26 Sheri Sims	Christ The King
27 Ethel Smith	St Agatha
28 Sandra Smith	Christ The King
29 Mary Stevens	Christ The King
30 Melissa 'Missy' Tunstall	St Lawrence
31 Shannon Wilder	St Mary

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**Post Cursillo  
North**

vacant

**Post Cursillo  
South**

vacant

## **IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START**

**2011** is just around the corner...and so are the **Spring Weekends**

**Men's Rector - Mark Steltenpohl**  
**Men's Weekend is March 3-6.**

**Women's Rectora - Michele Christian.**  
**Women's Weekend is March 17-20.**

**Both at Holy Trinity.**

**Deadline for sufficient number of candidates is December 1, 2010. Applications accepted until Saturday prior to each weekend.**