



**Green Bay Diocese Cursillo
Fall 2024 Newsletter
Women's weekend # 268 will take place at
St. Nicholas Parish in Freedom
From October 17-20, 2024
Get your Palanca ready!**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR REFLECTION

De Colores,

I have been listening and reading with great interest the stories and experiences from this summer's National Eucharistic Congress both from people I know and from complete strangers. While I was unable to attend that event, it has inspired me to focus more deeply on the mystery of what happens at each Mass and this gift that we are able to receive over and over. One of the things that has touched me recently has been happening during the distribution of communion. I have been especially aware of the hands of those who come forward to receive. As the faithful hold out their hands to receive communion, I see the wrinkled and arthritic hands of a grandparent, sometimes barely able to open their fingers enough to receive Jesus. The hands of wisdom, of hardship, the hands of one who knows sacrifice; I see the calloused and scarred hands of farmers and plumbers and landscapers, the hands of someone who works hard to provide for their family, who is always there to lend a helping hand to a neighbor with a problem. I see the hands of the young mother, soft and loving. The hands of someone who will give up a night's sleep because her child is sick, who is a master juggler working with all the strength she has to keep her home running smoothly. I see the hands of the middle-aged father, strong and protective, leading his family and showing his growing children how to follow Jesus by his personal example. In this brief encounter as I place Jesus into the palm of their hand, I can experience just for a moment a love for them and an appreciation for how each one in their own way will take Jesus with them and make Him a part of their day. What an incredible gift it is to be able to see others in this way and I am grateful to the church for leading me to it.

De Colores!

Deacon Dave

ASSISTANT CURSILLO COORDINATOR MESSAGE

De Colores! My name is Jill Heacock. I lived my Cursillo in 2005 and along with my husband, Larry, have been active in the movement ever since. I did various roles on teams, including vice rector and rector and helped behind the scenes with set up/take down and kitchen weekend duties. In 2021 I came onto the Secretariat as the Treasurer, and in summer 2023 as the Assistant Diocesan Coordinator. My children grew up knowing that when I hugged people they didn't recognize, I was probably talking to a cursillo friend! There is nothing like a big abrazo from a fellow cursillista! Through the years I have had many different group reunions, with many different formats. While my group reunion did not always look the same, the feeling I took away was constant. If I have to be accountable to others for my Piety, Study, and Action, then I am more apt to fit that into my busy life. I notice those moments closest to Christ. I push myself to do more prayer, more adoration, listen to a religious podcast rather than scroll on my phone. I talk openly about my faith in an effort to be an example to my family and to those I encounter. When I am at a group reunion, I can inspire as well as be inspired. Jesus wanted us to learn from each other, not try to go it alone. As it reads in Hebrews 10:24-25: "We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and all this the more as you see the day drawing near" (NAB) This summer we traveled a lot. While we were blessed to be able to celebrate the mass in all of the locations we traveled, we missed our 4th Day groups. We started to feel disconnected from our faith communities that hold

us accountable. Maybe you also are feeling disconnected. The purpose of a Cursillo weekend is not to have a great experience and be spiritually renewed and then go back to the way you were. It is meant as a mini course in a new way of living for God, and the group reunion and Ultreya play a large role in that happening. It may have been since summer started, since Covid hit, or possibly you never started in the habit of attending a group reunion or Ultreya. It can be hard to restart or start for the first time. We have some tools for you if you need them. If you currently receive the Cursillo Prayer Chain emails, every one has an orange highlighted area at the bottom if you scroll all the way down. Clicking on it takes you to a page with options to see the upcoming weekend events, and if you scroll farther down on that page, in purple highlighted areas is information about existing 4th Day groups and Ultreyas. If you see incorrect information, or want to add your group to the list, please let us know by replying to any Prayer Chain email. I highly encourage you to take that first step, if you haven't yet, in walking with others in your 4th Day. To those currently in a group reunion, I encourage you to invite someone who is not currently in a group to be part of yours! As Gino wrote last month, we are in great need of a few people to work with us on the Secretariat. Current openings are for Executive Secretary, Proctor Coordinator, and Member-at-Large. Anyone is welcome to attend a meeting. They are always the second Tuesday of the month, except July and December, at St Nicholas parish at 7 pm. If you or anyone you know would like to join us in keeping our weekends vibrant and our 4th Days enriching, please reach out to us by email, phone, or at the next closing in St Nicholas in Freedom October 20. For a complete list of current Secretariat members in the Green Bay Diocese, click on that orange highlighted area at the bottom of any Prayer Chain email for the listing, or go to <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/Greenbay/secretariat.html>

Blessings,

Jill Heacock

Assistant Diocesan Cursillo Coordinator

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Food insecurity in our communities is real, and Cursillo is taking action to help stock the shelves of local food pantries. We will once again be holding a food drive in conjunction with the Women's closing and business meeting on October 20, 2024 at St. Nicholas Parish in Freedom. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item or a cash donation with you on Sunday evening to help stock the shelves of the Freedom Food Pantry. Bins will be located at the entrance for you to drop your donation.

Suggested food items to bring include:

Peanut butter	Canned Soup	Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables	Canned Stew	Canned Fish
Canned Beans	Pasta	Rice
Breakfast Cereal	Baking Mixes	Instant Potatoes
Dried Fruit	Canned Juices	Pudding/Jello

• Please • No glass items • Check the expiration date •

**Items collected on October 20, 2024 will benefit
The Freedom Food Pantry**

Contact Sally Gruber at grubersonelm@aol.com or (920) 989-2671 for more information.

Cursillo #268 Dates: Oct. 17 to 20, 2024 Location: St. Nicholas, Freedom		
Rector: Sally Gruber Phone: (920) 277-2584 Vice Rector: Nikki Schneider Phone: (920) 378-6454 Spiritual Director: Deacon Dave DeYoung Phone: (920) 606-1635 Spiritual Director: Deacon Bruce Corey Phone: (920) 428-9283	Proctor (kitchen) Dana Weber Phone: (920) 284-4792 Proctor (computer) Kelly Watras Phone: (951) 268-2818 Proctor (music) Kate Fannin Phone: (920) 470-3315	
EMERGENCY PHONE #'S Nikki Schneider 920-378-6454 Nancy Mueller 414-659-3523		
Set-up Date: Thursday, Oct 17th Set-up Time 1:00 p.m.		
SET-UP CHAIRPERSONS Keith Deneys (920) 676-7928		
THURSDAY NIGHT CHAIRPERSON Mary Ebben (920) 419-8139		
Time: 6:00 p.m.		
FRIDAY CHAIRPERSON Annette Hoslet and Karrie Thompson (dinner) (920) 621-1320 (920) 810-6465		
Breakfast 7:45 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m.		
SATURDAY CHAIRPERSON Kim Gindt (920) 850-4326		
Breakfast 7:00 a.m. Agape Meal 12:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m.		
SUNDAY CHAIRPERSON Mike Weins (920) 475-6459		
Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m.		
CLEANUP CO-CHAIR Keith Deneys (920) 676-7928		
DIRECTIONS TO SITE: <i>From Green Bay</i> Take HWY 41 South to Cty S Exit at CTY S (right). Follow Hwy S into Freedom--St Nicholas is on the left. Parking in lot by school. Additional parking Off HWY E Near the gym. (Can also park across street in Town Hall lot or additional parking) <i>From Oshkosh or Appleton area</i> Take HWY 41 North to S Exit at CTY S (left). Follow Hwy S into Freedom.		
Please use main church entrance (Doors 3 -4 which will be marked)** **FOR PEOPLE NEEDING AN ELEVATOR****PLEASE USE CANOPY ENTRANCE (Door 5)**		

CHECK PRAYER CHAIN FOR UPDATE

CANDIDATES, HOME CITY AND PARISH (Information is current as of September 27, 2024)

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Your Palanca for the weekend is critical for success. Remember that Palanca, the “lever”, is your prayer and sacrifices for the intention of the weekend. The Palanca letters are merely the conveyance of your Palanca of prayers and sacrifices. You are reminded that if you generate a Palanca letter from your computer, please take a moment to read the letter to check for updates and that the gender (WOMEN) is correct. If possible, it is very helpful if the Palanca letters are alphabetized. This saves a lot of time when sorting the letters.

Important Palanca Information! In an effort to streamline Palanca mailing, all Palanca for Cursillos will be sent to the Cursillo post office box and will then be brought to the Cursillo location to be distributed to the candidates. Please do not mail Palanca to the parish. Palanca is truly the act, not the letter, but it is nice for the candidates to actually receive the letter that someone took the time to write. (A reminder, Palanca letters for the team members are also important. It is a bit awkward if the candidates have a stack of letters to open and the team members at their tables only have a few letters to open.)

So please send your Palanca to the Cursillo post office box, or if you like, Palanca can also be dropped off at the mailbox on the Cursillo trailer at the Cursillo location.

Our Post Office Box is:

Cursillos in Christianity
P.O. Box 184
Little Chute, WI 54140

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