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Fourth Day News

Washington Cursillo Movement

Informing, Enlightening, and Building Community

Last Two Weekends at Josephite Center!

Cleansed in the Healing Waters 202nd Women's Cursillo, 7-10 October

With a blend of experienced cursillistas and a few novices, the team for the Women's Cursillo (number 202) is in the final stretch before the weekend starts on October 7th. After spending much of the summer in team formation, the sixteen-person team is ready to go.

Here is the team line-up, all of which are on the first string. We have Nancy Mattingly as head angel and giving the *Action* rollo. She is being supported by angel Jennifer Tilghman, who is presenting the meditation *Christ's Message to the Cursillista*. Linda Pohland, our musician, will also present the rollo *Study of the Environments*.

The Spiritual directors for the weekend are Fr. Joe Pierce, who is presenting the *Sacraments* rollo and the *Prodigal Daughter* meditation. He will be assisted by Deacon David Barnes, giving the rollos on *Actual Grace* and *Obstacles*, and Deacon Bill Hawkins, presenting the meditation *Know Yourself* and the rollos *Habitual Grace* and *Life in Grace*.

The tables will be expertly guided by 2-person leaders as follows: Annemarie Abresch, who is giving the rollo on *Piety*

will be working with Sandy Barnes, who will be presenting the meditation *The Three Glances of Christ*. Sandi Allison-Harris, speaking on *Christianity in Action* is partnered with Gwen Haigwood, working her first team and giving the *Laity* rollo. Another first-timer, Denise Wilson, will be giving the meditation *The Figure of Christ* while her table partner Mary Boivin will be presenting the *Leaders* rollo. Additionally, Bernadette Catalan, another first teamer, is presenting the *Study* rollo and is paired with Nancy Vawter will be presenting the *Ideal* rollo.

Last but not least, Karen Moore will be sharing her expertise as co-coordinator and is presenting *The Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo* rollo. As the coordinator, I will be presenting the *Total Security* rollo.

The theme for the weekend is ***Cleansed in the Healing Waters***.

Your continued prayers for the success of the team and the conversion of the candidates are highly appreciated.

De Colores!

~ Rosemary Reeves
Coordinator
202nd Women's Cursillo



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And The Father Will Dance
203rd Men's Cursillo, 4-7 November

The coordinator for the Men's 203rd weekend is Peter Abresch, who made his Cursillo in the summer of 1982, and is sometimes (lovingly) referred to by his team as the Grand High Coordinator. To support the weekend theme of ***And the Father will Dance***, Peter has surrounded himself with a talented, supportive team.

Stefan Abresch, his son and assistant coordinator, will be giving *The Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo* talk. The team music minister is David Ranaghan, who made the same Cursillo weekend and sat at the same table as Peter. The head shepherd is the well-experienced George Bibbins. George will be assisted by the capable Joseph O'Leary, also giving the *Piety* talk, and Tom Arnold, who will be presenting *Study*.

Table leaders include the following:
Marc Abresch, *Study of the Environments*;
James Brightful, *Christianity in Action*;
Mike Davenport (first-timer), *The Lay Person in the Church*;
Michael Downey, *Ideal*;
Bill Prochownik (first-timer), *Action*;
Charles Wiley (first-timer), *Leaders*; and
George Sullivan who will present all the Meditations.

The team has been blessed with three Spiritual Directors. Father Norvell, also the Spiritual Director for the Washington Cursillo Movement, will be giving the *Actual Grace* and *Obstacles* talks. The shy and reticent Deacon Bobby White will present the *Prodigal Son* meditation and the *Sacraments* talk; and artist-in-residence Brother Richard who will give the *Know Yourself* meditation, and *Habitual Grace*, and *Life in Grace* talks.

The team seeks the support of the whole community in reaching out for new candidates, especially men. Towards this goal, each member of the team has been

charged to do all they can to gather candidates on their own – a lost sheep who needs to know of the love of the Father. By sponsoring candidates, the Washington Cursillo community helps every team to put the icing on the Lord's cake.

The team also asks the whole community for prayers, palanca, and support for the weekend. But then, in faith, we already know we will have that. And the Father will dance, may He rejoice over you and renew you by His love, you priests, prophets, and kings.

De Colores!

~ Peter Abresch
Coordinator
203rd Men's Cursillo

Focus Article

Bubblin', Bubblin' Bubblin'
With the Holy Spirit

We are bubblin' with joy as we thank each of you who purchased and/or sold our Cursillo Cookbook, *Bubblin' With The Holy Spirit*. We are truly blessed to have sold eighty-five (85) percent of the books. The sale of the cookbooks increased our Cursillo treasury, and our ability to cover miscellaneous weekend expenses, National and Regional fees, and other Cursillo events.

We now need your help to sell the remaining cookbooks, so we can move on to our next fundraiser. We also need your help and welcome your input and ideas for future fundraisers, especially if we are to continue to build our treasury.

The cookbooks can be purchased from George and Sandy Sullivan at 410-586-0624 or Gwen Sutton at 202-829-3451. You may also e-mail the Sullivan's at george.sullivan@comcast.net or Gwen Sutton at gysmouse@verizon.net.

We will mail cookbooks to you; but you will be responsible for the postage fee. We will also sell cookbooks at the upcoming women and men's weekends, at the School of Leaders on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church in Largo, MD, and at other Cursillo events.

Further, if you have already purchased a copy, don't let that stop you from buying another one! You can always use it as a gift for your family and friends so they too can enjoy the delicious recipes from the kitchens of the Washington Cursillo Movement!

Bon Apetit!! And thanks again for your continued support!

*Gwen Sutton
Financial Manager*

**Witness God's Love – A Messgae
from a Cursillista**

God usually speaks through someone at Charismatic Prayer meetings. This is the expression of the gift of prophecy mentioned in the Bible (New Testament). Since 1977, I attended Catholic Charismatic prayer meetings at St. Pius X in Bowie, MD. I heard and archived many of the messages I witnessed. For me, their authenticity rests in the fact that only God is capable of the love and the excellent rhetoric and quality and beauty of those messages.

I believe that all Christians have the gift of prophecy either explicitly or implicitly. In some cases this gift is explicit and unmistakable (often at Catholic charismatic prayer meetings). In other cases, the Lord's words are spoken in ordinary conversation without us being conscious of that happening. I believe that any word spoken in God's Love and for God is a word spoken by the Lord through us in an implicit way.

In Christ, Herb Gillis

God's Storehouse

to think of myself
as the house where You dwell
a barn holding
the most sacred and holy of Treasures

brings a tightness to my chest
when I ponder all the clutter within
but I forget all that disorder
as I take stock of this dismal structure instead

its foundations are shaky
the walls rattle in the wind
the beams no longer stand quite so straight
and the leaky roof doesn't keep out the fears and the rain

Lord God the Almighty
Redeemer and Savior of mine
I'm beyond embarrassed to know
You dwell in this barn that is so less than fine

yet in a moment of grace
Your mercy and compassion
I have a glimpse of what You see
from heaven above

joy in who I am
and what we have together
with You inside and beside me
I make it through all kinds of weather

in taking this step back
I delight in my barn
recognizing my humanity
makes You living in here less hard

there's room for improvement
no denying that
cleaning and repairing
some major renovation too

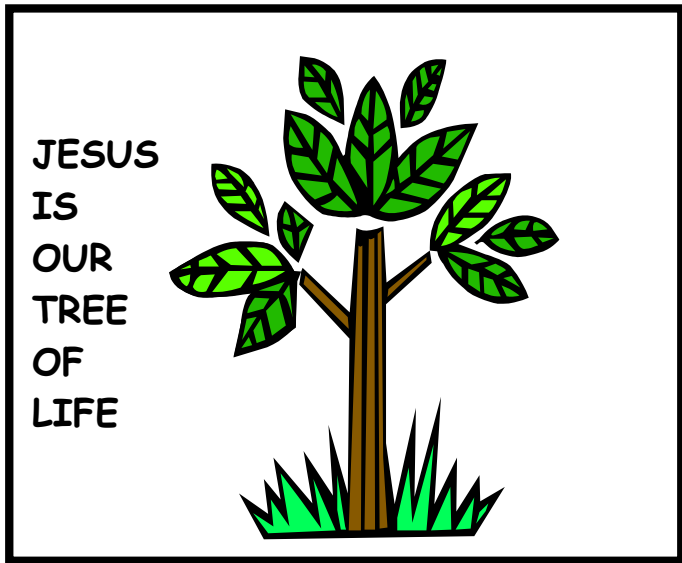
but I've got a whole lifetime with You

so I'm accepting where I'm at
hearing You whisper to me
"you cannot be today
what grace and time will help you to be"

for now take joy and rest in
the way my barn is fashioned and formed
for You made it and continue to mold it

I move my pen in praise
offering deepest thanks from a most grateful soul
for You dearest Lord, Your boundless love
and Your presence which I hold

~ Theresa Szkromiuk



JESUS
IS
OUR
TREE
OF
LIFE

Cursillo Prayer List

If you have prayer requests or want to be added to the mailing list to receive prayer requests, please submit your e-mail information to MaryAnn Upright at MAUpright@aol.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

7 to 10 October 2010
202nd Women's Cursillo
Rosemary Reeves, Coordinator

4 to 7 November 2010
203rd Men's Cursillo
Pete Abresch, Coordinator

Don't forget Leaders' School
Third Wednesday of every month
St. Joseph's, Largo, MD

Look for information on the upcoming
Advent Day of Reflection in December



EDITOR'S CORNER

Calling All Articles!!

Are you a writer?
Do you have thoughts, poems, prayers, or reflections to share? The Washington Cursillo Community wants to hear from you!! Articles should be submitted in **Arial** Font, **12** Font Size no later than the submission date below for the following issue.

Submit articles **at any time** to mjbfuzz@verizon.net
AND annbatiste@hotmail.com

November-December Issue submissions
are due **by 20 October 2010**.

Website News!!

Our Website is up and running; **but** continues to be an ongoing work in progress! So please be patient with us as we continue to develop and build it into the best it can be!

Darah Means (formatter/designer)
Tom Arnold (web manager)

The Washington Cursillo Movement website is –
<http://www.washdc-cursillo.org/>

Check It Out!!

**Be Patient With Our Slow Progress!!
Give us your feedback!!**

LIST OF ULTREYAS

Assumption
12:30 pm, 2nd Sunday
Assumption Church

TBD

Bowie-Lanham
8:00pm, 2nd Friday
St. Edward's, Bowie

Al Dwyer
301-341-5076

Calvert County
7:30pm, 2nd Monday
St. John Vianney
Church Basement

Cassie & Joe Garcia
410-586-1944
Trudy & Joe Mihalcik
410-586-1674

Central PG County
7:30 – 3rd Friday
St. Joseph's, Largo

Theresa Bowser
301-390-1310

East of the River
7:30pm, 4th Friday
OLPH
1st Portable Bldg

Jennifer Tilghman
301-982-0641
Pearl Baylor
301-894-8405
Rita Robinson
301-297-7769
Jocelyn Dugue
301-982-0641

St. John the Evangelist
7:00pm, 2nd Sunday
St. John's Church Hall
Clinton, MD

John Geron
301-449-6654

Laurel
7:30pm, 3rd Friday
St. Nicholas Church

Brinda Albert
301-490-9786
Dee Carroll
301-776-4056
Jean Hannagan
301-776-7496
Oliver Wilford, Jr.
340-294-4278

Montgomery County
7:30pm, 1st Saturday
1733 Metzert Road
Adelphi MD

Joe O'Leary
301-229-2026

NE/SE
7:30pm, 1st Friday
St. Anthony's Chapel

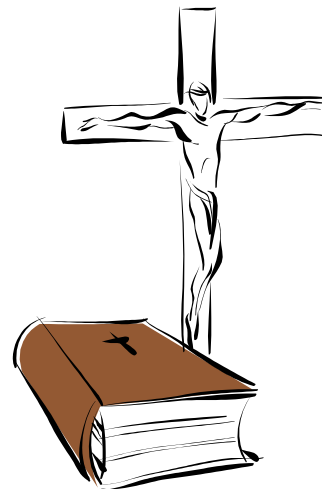
Phyllis Winston
202-723-6756
Joseph Bowser
202-635-3733
Bernadette White
202-269-0710

**Our Lady Queen
of Peace**
After 10:30 am Mass,
3rd Sunday
Room 1 Our Lady
Queen of Peace

Liz Blake
301-853-3029

St. Teresa of Avila
7:30pm, 2nd Monday
St. Teresa's Church
Undercroft

Kelly/Lamont Baxter
301-780 8815



**Come and Be
Christ to the
World!**