



CURSILLO SOUNDS

July 2012



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Rector's Letter to the 4th Day CURSILLO #167



"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." (Psalm 91: 14 – 16)

From the day I arrived at Cursillo as a participant five and a half years ago, I have been on a "learning to trust God" journey. I was five months' pregnant with our third child, a daughter. God had promised me a daughter over two years earlier prior to ultrasound confirmation. Rebekah Grace arrived and is wise in the Lord just like I had been promised.

I was very drawn to Cursillo, discovering a new form of vibrant worship through praise music and being inspired to pray for all the Teams and participants for over a year until I was called to serve on Team #151. I served again on #161. I should have known something was up at #161 when God told me around Saturday afternoon, like He told Moses, to take off my shoes because "I was on 'holy ground.'" The next afternoon, Rob, my husband was asked if he could picture being a Lay Rector. He turned and said, "No, but Theresa could do it." The Spirit convicted me right there, but it took another five months to agree.

Since saying "yes" to God's call to be Weekend Rector, I've been almost continually under attack, yet I've never been closer to God. He's always been there and I can read the lessons in patience, kindness, trust, and loving the children at my school, along with the people persecuting me. It's been a long road, but I wouldn't go back to the person I was. This person trusts and follows God in a way I couldn't five years ago. For example, in ministering to teens, I've learned to trust the Holy Spirit to give me His words to speak. In addition, I have made nearly 115 prayer quilts for friends, family, and total strangers. They are God's work. He tells me the verses and gives me the vision for each quilt, teaching me to trust Him as I serve Him. I don't know where I will end up. I simply follow Him.

As I listened for the Scripture around which God wanted me to center this Weekend, He gave me the verses above, impressing upon me that they should be very personal to the participants. These are all promises to them--to change their very lives. Please pray for the Team and participants. Pray that the Team will allow the Holy Spirit to use us to encourage and shepherd the participants to God's side. And pray that the participants will know God's love and feel Him so closely that as life's trials and the devil interfere in their lives, they will draw closer to God and His wisdom, power, and majesty.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this way.

Decolores!

Theresa Merchant

Weekend Rector #167

robmerchant@charter.net

Cursillo #167 Participants

CALLED	LAST NAME	PARISH	SPONSOR
Dick	Bartels	St. James', Charleston	Mark Durinsky
Virginia	Bartels	St. James', Charleston	Melissa Durinsky
Ann	Bowen	St. Luke's, Hilton Head	Judy Bowes
Lynn	Burgess	St. George's, Summerville	Diane Wilson
Sheryl	Carlson	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	Karen Hurst
Gayle	Davis	St. David's, Cheraw	Ellen and Bill Oldland
Selma	Franco	St. Paul's, Bennettsville	Mike Winburn
Tito	Franco	St. Paul's, Bennettsville	Mike Winburn
Dave	Gordon	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	Rob Kerdasha
Chris	Haviland	Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant	Chip Seignious
Cindi	Haviland	Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant	Sally Seignious
Barbara	Hill	St. David's, Cheraw	Ellen Oldland
Barbara	Holliman	All Saints', Florence	Libby Phillips/Nancy Lewis
Kim	Horton	St. Thomas', North Charleston	Nancy Potter
Rosalyn	McDonald	St. James, Charleston	Arthur Jenkins
Bruce	McDonald	St. James, Charleston	Arthur Jenkins
Doug	McFarland	St. David's, Cheraw	Ellen and Bill Oldland
Mary	Raison	All Saints', Florence	Eloise Brodie
Jeremy	Shelton	St. James', Charleston	Arthur & Kay Jenkins
Jess	Shelton	St. James', Charleston	Arthur & Kay Jenkins
Michael	Simon	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	Deborah Risk
Valerie	Snelson	All Saints', Florence	Carolyn Gregory
Christine	Spado	St. Luke's, Hilton Head	Johnny Hiers
Denyse	Steen	St. Thomas', North Charleston	Nancy Potter
Billy	Steen	St. Thomas', North Charleston	Mick Potter
MC	Strong	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	Karen Sprague
Sonja	Wessler	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	Deborah Risk

DECOLORES!



Palanca Sources

<http://www.palancagifts.com>

<http://www.palancaindustries.com>

<http://iprayedforyoutoday.com/category/notecards/>

St. Michael's Saints Alive Book Store

Charleston * 843-725-548

#167

WEEKEND SCHEDULE



Thurs., July 12 – Sunday, July 15
*(All weekend activities take place
at Camp St. Christopher.)*

Sunday, July 15
Wake-up - 5:30 AM
Clausura – 2:30 PM

Saturday, July 28
Diocesan Utryea
The Church of the Cross, Bluffton

PRAYER VIGIL

The BEST palanca that we saints can offer
Weekend participants and team members is in
the form of PRAYER, appealing to the Throne of
Grace!

Dick and Mary Rife,
4th Day Co-Commissioners, have organized a 4-
day prayer vigil to cover Weekend #167. Please
contact them at bchmimi@aol.com to learn of
open slots that need coverage.



*The prayer of a righteous man (or woman) is
powerful and effective.*
(James 5:16)

NEW WEBSITE !!



www.sccursillo.com

Cursillo #167 Team

SERVANT ROLE	TEAM MEMBER	PARISH	ULTREYA	ROLLO
Rector	Theresa Merchant	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	#15 Ultreya
Observing	Charlie Jensen	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	#14 Group Reunion
Head Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Arthur Jenkins	St. James, John's Is	CWA	#2 Grace, #12 Christian Life,
Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Bill Oldland	St. David's, Cheraw	South	#4 Faith, #7 Sacraments,
Spiritual Advisor	Deacon Dawn Rider	St. Paul's, Conway	GSN	#9 Obstacles to Grace,
Camp Coordinator	Katherine Monroe	Holy Comforter, Sumter	Santee	#5 Piety
Head Music Cha	Brenda Albinger	St. Thomas, N. Charleston	CWA	
Music Cha	Charlie Johnson	St. Paul's, Conway	GSN	#3 Laity
Music Cha	Krista Grabenbauer	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	
Techno Cha/Cha	Bill Childers	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GSN	
Techno Cha	Ellen Childers	The Well, Myrtle Beach	GSN	#10 Leader
Co-Head Palanca Cha	Ellen Oldland	St. David's, Cheraw	PD	#13 Christian Community in Action
Palanca Cha	Rob Merchant	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	
	Lynelle Jensen	Church of the Cross, Bluffton	South	
	Sarah Ann Horton*	Holy Trinity, Ridgeland	South	#11 Environments
Co-Head Table Cha	Kay Jenkins	St. James, John's Is	CWA	
Table Cha	Ann Beauchamp*	St. Michael's, Charleston	CWA	
	Wendel Horton*	Holy Trinity, Ridgeland	South	#6 Study
	Ann Barnhill*	Christ Episcopal, Mt. Pleasant	EC	
Head Table Facilitator	Frank Kirk	Trinity Episcopal, Edisto	Islands	
Head Table Facilitator	Lindy Kirk	Trinity Episcopal, Edisto	Islands	#1 Ideal
Table Facilitator	Barbara Armbruster*	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	#8 Action
	Myron Armbruster*	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	
	Jackie Lucas	Church of Epiphany, Eutawville	LM	
Float Facilitator/Cha	Nancy Scales	St. John's, John's Island	Islands	
Crosses	Julia Hetherington	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	
Lanyards	Mary Severns	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	
Agape Dinner	Kelly Newnham	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	
Clausara-ULTREYA	Frank Gibson	St. Helena's, Beaufort	South	
Clausara-Group Reunion	Jim Burns	St. Paul's, Conway	GSN	
				<i>* First time on team</i>
				<i>** First time on team in SC</i>

ABOUT PALANCA

The Spanish word "Palanca" means "lever". In informal Spanish speech it is often said that someone who has influence has "palanca". As for us Christians, the only real influence we can expect to have in the religious life of our friends, the participants on a Weekend, is through prayer. Prayer is the ultimate palanca. Perhaps the most effective palanca we can give to a participant is a short, loving note which says, for instance, that we are praying or fasting for that person as he lives through the Weekend. Please save any gifts that you might wish to give to your participant friends for their return. Only those small items that fit into a business size envelope are desired by the Palanca Chas. Kindly do not send food or drinks to camp as personal palanca.

ULTREYA! ULTREYA! ULTREYA!

DIOCESAN ULTREYA

The Church of the Cross, Bluffton
SATURDAY, July 28, 2012

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| 9:00 AM | Welcome, coffee, juice, and munchies |
| 9:30 AM | -Fourth Day Seminar (New Cursillistas and #167 Cursillo Rector)
-Weekend Commission Meeting
-Fourth Day Commission-Ultreya Rectors' Meeting
-Pre-Cursillo Meeting
-Fourth Day Refreshment (Veteran Cursillistas) |
| 10:30 AM | Secretariat Viewing of upcoming teams (Secretariat Representatives Only) |
| 11:00 AM | Reunion Groups |
| 11:30 PM | Eucharist |
| 12:30 PM | Lunch and Ultreya Meeting (Combined with Diocesan Ultreya Meeting) |
| 2:00-3:00PM | Secretariat Business Meeting (or immediately following the Ultreya) (Open to all who wish to sit in and listen.) |

Cost of lunch \$7.00, payable at the door. RSVP by leaving a message on the church office general voicemail @ 843-757-2661 by **Wednesday, July 25th!**

DIRECTIONS

The Church of the Cross
110 Calhoun Street Bluffton, SC 29910

<http://goo.gl/maps/lnm2>



- 1-95 South to Exit 8 (US-278 East).
- Turn left onto US-278 E / Independence Blvd.
- Continue to follow US-278 E for 13.7 miles.
- Turn right onto S Carolina 46 W / Bluffton Rd.
- At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on S Carolina 46 W / Bluffton Rd.
- Turn right onto Church St.
- Turn left onto Calhoun St.
- Church will be on the right.

FROM THE DIOCESAN LAY COORDINATOR

Jay and Sue Freeman have safely settled into their new retirement in Pennsylvania. They would love to hear from us.

**421 Underhill Drive
Tamiment, PA 18371
570-431-4337**

Jay will continue to serve in the capacity of Diocesan Lay Coordinator until Bishop Lawrence appoints his successor. Please pray for the Bishop's discernment and for a willing spirit of the person God intends to call. Pray, also, for God's favor upon His new appointee.



PLEASE MAKE YOUR ANNUAL GIFT!!!

The Joy of Giving

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

God's grace and love is a free gift to us, and many of us found and accepted His gift on a Cursillo weekend. So that no one is held back from finding God's gift by the cost of a weekend, the Secretariat has given the gift of a Cursillo weekend to all Cursillo candidates, after their initial \$50 registration fee has been paid. This worthy idea and goal is called "The Joy of Giving" (JOG), and is working well in several other Dioceses.

We will need to raise money on an **annual** basis to make this happen, and this is where you come in. The Secretariat has approved asking each Cursillista in this Diocese to contribute \$100, or more, if possible. To be able to pay for the remaining 2012 weekends, if you have not already done so, we are asking you to send your 2012 contribution **as soon as possible** to our Treasurer (address below) marking JOG on your check. If \$100 is too much for you to contribute at one time, several smaller contributions through the year will be gratefully received.

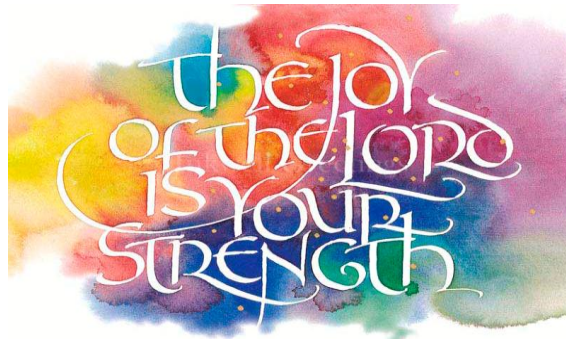
Remembering the life-changing weekend that Cursillo was for you, know what a joy and blessing it will be for others to receive, and how the number of Jesus' disciples on earth will be increased.

Thank you so much for considering a financial donation.

The "Joy of Giving" Committee

To donate, please make your check out to "Cursillos in Christianity", earmarking it "JOG", and mail it to:

Ms. Elisabeth Tezza Simmonite
Diocesan Cursillo Treasurer
2220 Atlantic Avenue,
Sullivan's Island, SC 29482



THE GREAT COMMISSION

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Make a friend.

Be a friend.

Bring a friend to Christ



Wisdom from Oswald Chambers*

Prayer

“We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all. Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours.”

“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.”

“We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.”

“God never gives us discernment in order that we may criticize, but that we may intercede.”

“True intercession involves bringing the person, or the circumstance that seems to be crashing in on you, before God, until you are changed by His attitude toward that person or circumstance. People describe intercession by saying, "It is putting yourself in someone else's place." That is not true! Intercession is putting yourself in God's place; it is having His mind and His perspective.”

“Have you been asking God what He is going to do? He will never tell you. God does not tell you what He is going to do; He reveals to you Who He is.”

* Oswald J. Chambers was a prominent early twentieth century Scottish Christian minister and teacher, best known as the author of the widely-read devotional *My Utmost for His Highest*.

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UPCOMING WEEKENDS

<u>Week-end</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lay Rector or location</u>	<u>Ultreya Date</u>	<u>Ultreya Location</u>
#168	Oct. 18 -21	Charlie Jensen	November 3	TBA
Cursillo Retreat	Feb. 8 – 10, 2013	Camp St. Christopher		
4 th DAY PICNIC	April 6, 2013	Old Santee State Park		
#169	April 17-21, 2013	Tabby Shelton	May 4, 2013	TBA
#170	July 10 - 14, 2013	Carrie Freeland	July 27, 2013	TBA
#171	Oct. 9 - 13, 2013	TBA	Oct. 26, 2013	TBA

DO YOU WISH TO ROUTINELY RECEIVE A MAILED HARDCOPY OF THE CURSILLO SOUNDS?

The Secretariat has voted to execute a diocesan-wide mailing of *The Cursillo Sounds* once a year during the spring quarter. For the sake of good stewardship, hardcopies will be mailed in the summer, fall, and winter quarters **BY WRITTEN REQUEST ONLY**. Otherwise, *The Sounds* will be distributed via e-mail. If you wish to be added to the e-mail distribution list, please send your address to sounds@scursillo.com.

If you wish to receive hard copies in the mail for the summer, fall, and winter issues, please mail the slip below to Jim Ewing along with any Postage Palanca that you are led to contribute. Checks are payable to "Cursillos in Christianity". You may also request mailed hardcopies and/or update your e-mail with Jim Ewing at celelevel@aol.com.

REQUEST FOR MAILED COPY OF THE CURSILLO SOUNDS

Name _____ My Ultreya: _____ My Cursillo # _____

Street Address or P.O. Box _____ City/State/Zip _____

Mail to: Jim Ewing, 129 Cooper River Road, Surfside Beach, SC 29588