



The Cursillo Movement Diocese of Pittsburgh

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"It is good, Lord, that we are here," said Peter to Jesus, awed by the spectacle of Moses and Elijah speaking with Him on Mount Tabor, the scene of Jesus' Transfiguration. Peter had yet to realize the implications of what this event would mean for believers. Cursillistas know well the implications of what the Transfiguration means. We hear those words time and again as each weekend unfolds, as new Cursillistas make new friends during their first Ultreya gatherings. We know we've also spoken those very words as we've watched ourselves grow in faith, as we've encountered the Risen Lord again and again. Yes, these words have not been restricted to one place and one time.

So as we shake off our old self and allow ourselves to be clothed in the glory of God anew, we are stunned by the realization that our role in God's plan of salvation is suddenly called to take root in The New Evangelization within the diocesan effort. *"It is good, Lord, that we are here."* It is good that the gifts we have grown in and shared over the past years are being called to provide leadership for a Church seeking to fulfill its mission. *It is indeed good, Lord, that we are at this moment in time, preparing to live the charism with which you have blessed Cursillo — to bring others to know in a profound yet simple way, that God loves them.* As Christ is relying on us, can we rely on Christ in this moment of Church history?

The enclosed newsletter helps us to understand how Pittsburgh Cursillo is being transfigured by the love of God in this moment of time. It is marvelous to behold. As we rejuvenate the Pittsburgh Cursillo Movement we realize it is a blessing we cannot hide from others who need friendship with the Lord, and guidance to that fulfillment. And we ask that you consider helping the movement in bringing its mission to radiate the love of God in a world so desperately in need of the truth, which is God's love. Please consider attending one of the scheduled regional meetings so our future can be understood more fully.

Now, we hardly wanted to begin our ministry as Co-Spiritual Advisors having to also seek some financial assistance, but it's part of the position. (Neither one of us are gifted as fundraisers.) That said, in bringing new life to Cursillo, and to move forward in our ministry, we must rely on Cursillistas across the diocese to supply what we lack financially. The Holy Spirit is calling us to a task of evangelizing an entire diocese, to touch our brothers and sisters, no matter how, or if, they practice their Catholic faith. We intend to be here for them.

We ask that if the Lord has blessed you in any way, you may choose to share a portion of that blessing for the support and ministry of Cursillo in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Someone you know will in the future speak these words, *"It is good, Lord, that we are here."* And their reference will be to you and I who have brought Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, alive in their hearts. Thank you for your commitment to all that Cursillo will do in the very near future for the love of God.

May the love of God manifest itself in your life,

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