

# Fourth Day

## NEWSLETTER

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Len Fritsch

## God's Hand at Work in Cursillo

In the summer of 2014, I made the decision to seek new employment because my current job took too much time away from my family life. One of few places I applied was the Sisters of



*Cursillo's New Mt. Alvernia Headquarters*

What transpired in that 30 minute conversation blew my mind. This job, which would take me from 12-14 hours a day back to 8, was going to almost match my current salary. (In God's way) I interviewed and got the job. (God is Good)

After I was there about a month, I was going through Scotus Hall to get a more in-depth understanding of how it was used (or underused). Sister showed me an area that had been used by some folks for a program, but they had moved on. The space seemed to be about the same size as what we had at the previous location. I asked Sister Pat if they would be open to renting that space to Cursillo. After I explained Cursillo to her, she said "absolutely". That was exactly the type of activity that they wanted their facilities used for. *Cont. to Page 2*

### Come Together for Prayer and Thanksgiving

Join us at 7 pm Wednesday, July 1, for an Evening of Prayer in the Chapel of Mt. Alvernia -- our new headquarters -- 146 Hawthorne Rd., Pittsburgh (Millvale), PA, 15209.

Follow the "Cursillo" signs that will be posted. It is important that our first official gathering as Cursillo Community here be one of prayer and adoration as we pray for God's guidance and blessing for our Movement.

## Join Us July 19th!



### CURSILLO PICNIC

Mark your calendar for July 19, the Cursillo Picnic, 1:00PM to 7:00PM, at Hopewell Township Community Park, 2500 Laird Dr., Aliquippa, PA 15001. Mass at 2:00PM. Cursillo will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, fixin's and soft drinks. Please bring your favorite covered dish or desert.

You can visit the website to view the park at [www.hopewelltwp.com/parks-recreation](http://www.hopewelltwp.com/parks-recreation).

Bring your chairs, sports equipment, (volley ball net is set up), ball field, playgrounds and lake for everyone's enjoyment. Great time to meet old friends and make new ones.

Directions from I-376: Exit Hopewell Ramp (past airport exits approx. 5 mi.), turn right onto Route 151-Gringo Rd. Approx. 1 mile turn left onto Kane Rd. Approx. 2 miles turn right onto Laird Dr. (Look for Cursillo Sign). Park is 1000' on the right; Pavilion is #3, which is left of the lake. Directions from Route 65N: to Ambridge, at light right turn on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, left at first light, left at next light(11<sup>th</sup> St.), cross bridge, left onto Constitution Blvd., travel approx. 2 miles, make right onto Route 151 uphill to traffic light (Brodhead Rd). Make right, travel approx. 1.5 miles and make 1<sup>st</sup> left (Laird Dr.) after the Hopewell Shopping Center (Cursillo sign). Go downhill; park entrance is on the left.

Questions?? Please contact Al & Lynn Dworakowski 724-375-4649. See you there.

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*Cursillistas Preparing a Mailing in Our New Office*

I talked to folks on Secretariat, and they were open to it. Some of them came for a tour and agreed the facility seemed to have everything Cursillo needed.

It was then that I found out that all of Cursillo's stuff from the previous Center was being stored right across the street from Mt. Alvernia. (In God's place). Then I started to look into using the Retreat Center and how that would happen. I met with Sr. Wilma Kramer. When I told her it was for Cursillo, she revealed that she is a long time Cursillista from the Cincinatti area. As things progressed, we got a lease agreement put in place, and on April 17<sup>th</sup> we were given the keys.

When I was asked to look into reserving the Chapel, I spoke to Sr. Mary Theresa, who is in charge of the Chapel, and she, too, revealed that she also is a Cursillista. (with God's people)

The Sisters are currently going through a discernment process to determine how to best use their facility to serve God and the Community for the future. Cursillo was looking for a new home and how we will grow our Movement to serve God and the Community. It sounds like a match made in heaven (In God's mysterious way).

**Mt. Alvernia is located at 146 Hawthorne Rd.,  
Pittsburgh (Millvale), PA 15209**

## Pittsburgh Cursillo Secretariat

The following now serve:

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### Reminder:

Applications for the *Weekends* should be sent in AS THEY ARE RECEIVED and not held until the *Weekends* approach. All applicants are notified by mail well in advance of *Weekend* dates so they can arrange to attend!

Send applications to:

KAY HOUSTON C/O PATTY JOYCE  
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Any questions, ask your Ultreya Coordinator or contact  
Kay at 412-526-8575 OR [waynkay@yahoo.com](mailto:waynkay@yahoo.com)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

What a wonderful gift we have in asking God's help using the prayers of our Cursillo Community. This is done through the Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is open to all Cursillistas and their families.

You may notice we do not publish diagnoses in any of the requests. We are not permitted to do this. To do so is in violation of HIPPA laws, and we could be held responsible. Thank you for your attention to this situation. Please send all requests to me at [pdjoyce1@comcast.net](mailto:pdjoyce1@comcast.net) or call me at 412-831-1835.

*Patty Joyce – Communications*

## WITNESS

# A Life Changing Experience *by Kris Dworakowski*

My name is Kris Dworakowski, and for those that do not know me, I am the youngest son of Al & Lynn. I have a beautiful wife and 3 awesome sons. I attended Cursillo Weekend #191 in February of this year, and it changed my life.

The message I would like to share with you is this: If we openly show our love, and act as loving Christians the way God intends us to do, we will spread his message. You never know who is listening, or how your actions can influence others. Kind words or even a smile can touch anyone you come in contact with; I have had contact with friends and complete strangers and unbeknownst to me at the time, through God's grace and loving actions, I spread His love.

Each one of us interacts with so many different people each day in our one square meter; family, friends, or even complete strangers. It is how we interact that will deliver the message that we live our life as God's children, and Jesus's disciple. For example, do we say good morning, hello, or open a door for someone, let someone go in front of you in traffic, smile, or most importantly, listen when someone just needs to let something out. I try to live my life in a positive, thoughtful, and caring manner. Most of the time it's not easy, and I ask myself how I can be better. Is it really more important to get home from work 2 minutes sooner because we did not let that person out in traffic or, because I ignored someone that just needed a little help, just because they were a stranger?

Before my Cursillo weekend, I would never openly discuss my faith in the work place. I feared I would offend people or make them feel uncomfortable. It's just something I did not do. After my weekend I prayed for an answer to how I could change this.

Since the beginning of the year a fellow co-worker's father had been fighting terminal cancer. One day he called me to talk about some projects I was working on. I could hear in his voice he was really struggling. I ended the call by telling him, "I just want you to know that you and your father are in my prayers". He expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation. A few days later his dad's condition deteriorated, and it was only a matter of days before he would pass. While on a morning conference call with our team, my co-worker addressed his father's condition and ended with, "If you pray, please pray that the Lord takes him quickly". Two+ years with this group, and never once did I ever hear anything relating to God, prayer or religion.

While on the phone with a peer one day a few weeks ago we finished discussing a project we were working on. He stopped and said, "Kris you are a good guy; you attend Mass and do a lot. I am Catholic but have not attended Mass in years." I replied with, "It's never too late. He will accept you back". He said, "I will think about that."

My prayers were answered. Once I accepted Jesus as my life and my best friend, He worked through me to witness for Him by my actions to others, despite my earlier worries about discussing my faith in the workplace.

A song by Toby Mac truly helps inspire me on this subject . . .

### **Speak Life:**

**Some Days, life feels perfect**

**Other days it just ain't working**

**The good, the bad, the right the wrong**

**And everything in between**

**Though it's crazy, amazing**

**We can turn a heart with the words we say**

**Mountains crumble with every syllable**

**Hope can live or die**

**So speak life, speak life**

**To the deadest darkest night**

**Speak life, speak life**

**When the sun won't shine and you don't know why**

**Look into the eyes of the broken hearted**

**Watch them come alive as soon as you speak hope, you speak love, you speak life.**



# Hello from School of Leaders

Dan Kubisiak

What a wonderful time of the year it is. New growth is all around us. Some of it even ours. As Cursillistas, we continually work at our relationship with the Lord. On our Weekends we learned how. We were introduced to a way we can confidently live as a Christian in our own & everyday world with Piety, Study and Action. We were also given the gifts of Ultreya & Small Group Reunion. Even Jesus sent His Apostles into the world two by two. We are meant to be in community. One community I am excited about is our School of Leaders. We currently study on our own and also come together for discussion and discernment. We are blessed to have a Spiritual Advisor with us in Leaders School. We have been studying some of Bishop Zubik's material and currently studying that given us by Pope Francis, "Lumen Fidei".

By the very nature of us living our lives as a Cursillista, we are all a leader of sorts. Our world needs Christian Leaders more now than ever before. Our home study is a convenient way to work on our relationship with the lord. The study is listed on our website, [pghcursillo.org](http://pghcursillo.org), along with meeting dates. Coming together monthly for discussion and discernment at our new home at Mt. Alvernia is a great follow up to our own home study with a community of other Christian Leaders.

If interested in joining the School of Leaders, call or email:

Dan Kubisiak 724-584-7842 or [kuby22000@yahoo.com](mailto:kuby22000@yahoo.com)

*De Colores*

## CLIP 'n SAVE

### Dates to remember:

<b>July</b>	1 Evening of Prayer at Mt. Alvernia 4 Holiday 8 School of Leaders 15 Healing Mass in Indiana, PA 19 Cursillo Picnic 23-26 National Encounter 29 Secretariat
<b>August</b>	5 School of Leaders Home Study 19 School of Leaders 26 Secretariat
Note:	Location & Date for Healing Mass TBA
<b>September</b>	2 School of Leaders Home Study 9 School of Leaders 16 Healing Mass at North American Martyrs 23 School of Leaders Home Study *24-27 Men's Weekend #193 30 Secretariat
<b>October</b>	7 School of Leaders 14 Healing Mass at St. Theresa Church, Munhall 21 School of Leaders Home Study 28 Secretariat *29 - Nov. 1 Women's Weekend #194

### Please Note:

*Dates are subject to change.  
Team Formation dates are still to be announced*

***\*Weekends will be held at Gilmory Center***

Welcome  
New  
Cursillistas



### Men's Weekend # 189

Ron Haradzin  
Ron Matviya  
Dennis O'Connor  
Kevin O'Connor

### Women's Weekend #190

Sr. Mary Virginia Ermay  
Antoinette Frontino  
Pat Haywood  
Mary Joy Lyons  
Barb Marshall  
Cathy McGee  
Bonnie O'Connor

### Men's Weekend # 191

Kris Dworakowski  
Rick Macklin  
Mike Pensenstadler  
Roy (Doc) Pensenstadler  
John Stone

## Consider Making Some Young Friends

Fr. Tom Galvin



A senior member of society said to me not long ago, “*When I die there will be no one there to pray for me. All my friends are already dead.*” It’s a sad truth that many older individuals confront as one year passes on to the next. I told her I knew one solution. “*Well, we just have to get you some young friends!*” It sounds like an off-the-cuff comment, but really is not.

No, we’re not going to go bar-hopping with them, or rock at a concert. But knowing that younger people (with a bit of maturity) look to the wisdom of older individuals who have experienced the ups and downs and ins and outs of life, this is a possibility which can happen in our parishes with its many activities and organizations.

At St. John’s we have a monthly coffee and donut social. There are two groups regularly attending – the older crowd who share their latest medical news, and the younger crowd with all their little kids running all over the place with powder sugar or chocolate on face and hands. There is a growing oneness occurring through the little ones causing both groups to interact.

It’s slowly happening with many of our groups – the festival, lap robe knitters, evangelization, and more. But it’s really happening right in church. Admittedly our numbers of little ones have swelled recently. But I saw this even in the inner city—that is, older folks helping a mother with three or four little ones during Mass, and conversing afterwards.

These are times when we can make friends, be friends, and bring friends to Christ. We can show them how to keep sanity in life by assuring them that set times when God takes center stage in their lives are necessary for survival. With understanding, they realize that they are not going to a meeting, but to a renewal. It happens to be called an Ultreya!

What provided us with strength, with assurance of a connectedness with our Lord, of needed peace, remains relevant today. It is needed as life becomes more and more hectic and fragile.

When was the last time you made friends with some young people? When was the last time you invited someone to an intimacy with the Lord? How many people did Jesus affect simply by stooping down and blessing their children? These were the times when people saw him in a special way, and not as a single man who should have been married, or a radical preacher to be avoided, or someone out of sync with society. He was real, human. And yet he was strangely connected to God in an appealing way. We can be the same.

Consider making some young friends. Contrary to popular propaganda, young people do wish to grow in their faith and in the living of it. When they see that the commitment bends in accordance with their schedules, it makes for a realistic, long-lasting experience. And wisdom enters another life.

Love and prayers,

Fr. Tom

## From the Lay Director

Andi Zientara

### A Commission...

### A Promise...

### and Total Security

My dear friends in Christ,

In the Gospel of Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus commissions the disciples who accompany Him to “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” By extension, through our baptism, this is our commission as well. Through the experience of having lived a Cursillo Weekend, we understand that fulfilling this commission has to be a deliberate and intentional action on our part. One that requires us to maintain the balance of piety, study and action and to journey together in friendship to keep one another focused on the mission.

Jesus also gives us the same promise that He extended to His chosen disciples that day, “...and, behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” With our ideals in sight and the promise of Jesus to remain with us, what could make this journey any better? To live out the journey in friendship together as is the plan, the gift of Cursillo through Group Reunion and Ultreya, our ongoing unity and Total Security.

Sometimes I think we have been so focused on “building” Cursillo that we have forgotten the importance of “being” Cursillo. God has blessed us with a new “home” at Mt. Alvernia and it is the hope of the Secretariat to use this wonderful opportunity in a variety of ways. Pittsburgh Cursillistas will be gathering together for shared prayer, adoration, personal growth in understanding the charism of the Cursillo Movement, revisiting the fundamental elements of the 3 Day Weekend, and just to enjoy the fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. If we each make a commitment to re-engage as a community to “be” Pittsburgh Cursillo, the “building” of Pittsburgh Cursillo will be the fruits of our efforts blessed by the Holy Spirit.

Ultreya!

Andi

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## *BUTLER*

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## *CITY NORTH*

Mt. Alvernia  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each Month 7 pm  
Scotus Hall Lower Level  
146 Hawthorne Rd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15209  
Call Clyde Werger - 412-486-5702  
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## *SOUTH CENTRAL*

2nd & 4th Thursday, Corpus Christi Parish  
2515 Versailles Ave. – McKeesport, PA 15132  
Parking & enter far right behind the church.  
7:30 p.m.

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## *SOUTH HILLS*

2nd & 4th Monday, St. Winifred Church  
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## *SOUTHWEST BUTLER*

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