

**APPROVED**

## **LANSING CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEETING MINUTES**

**St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI**

**April 6, 2018**

**Attendance:** Mary & Phil Berkemeier, Lisa & Mike Dubinski, Deacon Tom & Joy Franklin, Maria Jaimez, Marybeth Kaak, Gary & Laura Langdon, Marie Luckner, Karen Mink, Gene Myers, Fr. Tim Nelson, Carol Perez, Anne Raczkowski, Gerry Rice, Deacon Curtis & Sarah Scholl

The Secretariat meeting began at 6:32 PM with grouping. Fr. Tim offered an opening prayer at 7:06 PM.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the March 9, 2018 meeting were approved as amended. Correction was made to the spelling of Anne Raczkowski's name. (The approved minutes were emailed to St Francis Retreat Center for posting on [www@lansingcursillo.org](http://www@lansingcursillo.org) under Secretariat.)

**Treasurer's Report:** Sarah Scholl submitted an Account Audit that showed a current balance of \$2,211.62 in the St. Mary's/Lansing Cursillo account. During the month of March, our expenditures will include \$750.00 for 50 tickets for Faith Fest/Fill the Bus, \$122.79 for New American Bibles and \$754.00 for books purchased from the National Cursillo Center. The Faith Fest tickets will need to be sold at \$30.00/ticket to raise funds for Cursillo. With the start of Spanish weekends in the diocese, we will need to purchase supplies for them as well; this means another outlay for Spanish books from National and the printing of brochures. The brochures can be printed locally if we can get them translated.

Sarah has an updated inventory of supplies; so now, she needs the Centers to let her know whenever any on-hand supplies are *taken for use and when they are given out*, particularly books, rosaries and crucifixes. Keeping the inventory current will ensure the supply on hand is at a proper level and avoid having to order supplies a week before a Cursillo weekend. We also need to stay current with our expenditures since our account balance is so low.

Discussion held on how to build up funds in our account. It was agreed that the 50 Faith Fest tickets would be sold for \$30.00/ticket. Fr. Tim suggested that we make a request to the diocese for funds through the Catholic Foundation. Phil Berkemeier proposed that along with asking cursillistas to donate their time and talent to the movement, they be given the opportunity to donate their treasure. This donation could be a one-time donation or monthly commitment. Goal would be to get 50-55 cursillistas to commit to giving monthly. It would not have to be a large amount; could be as little as \$5-10 monthly. Envelopes addressed to St Mary's Star of the Sea were available for Center Leaders to take back to their Centers to be given to the cursillistas on the lists that were created by Scott Lee Brown. Mike Dubinski will send out a notice on the website explaining why the request is being made. Center Leaders can also send out an email to the area's cursillistas, using a subject line such as "Urgent Cursillo Needs Help!" The Secretariat approved this project. Phil Berkemeier, Mike Dubinski and Marybeth Kaak agreed to work as a committee on this effort.

**Palanca Report:** Andie Glanzman updated the Lansing Diocese palanca letter with palanca done in March. Every week she receives the National list of Cursillos being held and sends out our letter to them via email.

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Andie sent in our scheduled women's Cursillo dates of April 12-15 to the National website and has already been printing off the palanca we have received. She has also listed our women candidates' names on our Diocese of Lansing Facebook page, so they can be prayed for. She will list our team on the Facebook page tomorrow.

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Center leaders may update her on their Center's monthly palanca by emailing her at [Latinandie@yahoo.com](mailto:Latinandie@yahoo.com) or calling/ texting: (517) 902-1641

### **CENTER REPORTS**

Adrian, Jackson, Lansing, Saline, and "the Lakes" submitted written Center reports.

**Adrian-Maria Jaimez:** Adrian's Saturday morning Ultreya was held on March 10. The witness speaker was Kathy Macniak. She talked about her father and the power of love. Kathy's mother fell down the basement steps. Her dad who is blind and in a wheelchair grabbed the phone, but because of his condition could not dial 911. He forced himself out of the wheelchair and crawled down the stairs to his wife who was able to place the call. Then he crawled back up the steps, got in his wheelchair to wait at the door for EMT to arrive so he could direct them to his wife. A close moment came the next day at Mass when the scripture reading was about the blind man!

Adrian's two Leaders Schools (Mondays in English and Wednesdays in Spanish) are on schedule and continue to meet. The special, extra bilingual Ultreya they hosted for the Toledo diocese was a success. About 40 people attended!

**Charlotte:** Not represented; no report

**Christo Rey:** Not represented; no report

**Flint-Gene Myers:** Tuesday and Thursday group reunions are meeting. We continue with the winter session of Leaders School, reading the "Leaders Manual" and "My Other Self". We put the posters up for the Cursillo weekends. We've had one man tell us he is interested in attending the weekend; planning to give him the Cursillo booklet next.

**Jackson-Marybeth Kaak:** Leaders School continues with the study of "My Other Self" and the "Leaders Manual". Our March Ultreya was held at St. Rita's in Clarklake. Dan Wawiernia gave an awesome witness on the effect of the Called and Gifted program. We currently have three Fourth-Day groups.

**The Lakes-Email Diane Eberhart:** Held the Jackson area Ultreya on March 17 at St. Rita in Clarklake. We had 11 in attendance. Dan gave an excellent witness explaining charisms and the Called and Gifted workshop. This tied in very well with our Leaders School book, "Fruitful Discipleship" that we just finished. St. Mary in Jackson will host our next Ultreya on April 21 at 9:30 AM. Our grouping and Leaders School will resume on Tuesday, April 24, starting at 6:30 PM. We will be starting the new book, "My Other Self" and the Leaders Manual. We will finish these books even though we will be ending after the scheduled end date. The day and time may change as we have three women who will be attending the Cursillo weekend. We may have an additional grouping time to accommodate two smaller groupings, versus one very large group. Jeff Wright still wants to make the men's weekend.

**Lansing-Laura Langdon:** We have two groups meeting at Resurrection parish, a co-ed group on Tuesdays and a women's group on Thursdays. Another women's group meets weekly in Westphalia. We have four women signed up to attend the weekend. We will hold our Ultreya next Wednesday, April 11 at SFRC. The Ultreya will follow a 6 PM Mass is at 6 PM. We are thinking about holding the Ultreya on Saturday morning. This wouldn't work at DeWitt, but we plan to check with the Cathedral parish. We have people doing Leaders School on their own.

**Livingston:** Not represented; no report.

**Saline-Email Alice Rock/Jackie Rowe:** Our March Ultreya was scheduled for the evening that St. Andrew Parish opened Forty-Hour Adoration. Rather than conflict with this prayer event, Cursillistas were encouraged to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Cursillo as a ministry/group covered two hours in the evening of Friday, March 16. Several cursillistas came during those hours and several others adored at other times throughout the 40 hours. Our April Ultreya will be on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. Deb Devoir will be our witness speaker and Jackie Rowe will echo. Both will share how they recently accompanied others in the dying process or surviving near-death crises. Many of our Center cursillistas attended the Called and Gifted workshop in Dexter. Everyone in Leaders School has now participated in the workshop; we continue to discern our charisms. Leaders School will resume on April 14 as we begin to discuss "My Other Self". We have a compressed schedule, hoping to conclude by the end of May. Our four reunion groups continue: Tuesday afternoons, 2 on Wednesday evenings and 1 on Saturday morning.

**Pre-Cursillo-Email Diane Eberhart:** We have fourteen confirmed women for the weekend. All but two have sponsor forms; we will be contacting them by phone. All candidates received booklets and the sponsors have received letters and sponsor booklets. A list of names was completed and sent to all Centers for palanca letters. Three men are confirmed for the fall; Fr. Mike Newman is still interested. It has been a busy and rewarding month. Candidates for the women's weekend should be at SFRC on Thursday evening by 7 PM. Cursillistas should gather for the Closing on Sunday at 3:45 PM.

**Cursillo-Carol Perez:** Carol has been including Joy Franklin on everything she is doing as Joy will be taking over as Cursillo chairperson. The women's Rectora, Andie Glanzman says the team is ready for the upcoming weekend. Team and candidate name tags have been made. Sarah Scholl has agreed to coordinate Adoration onsite during the weekend. Andy has worker bees making sure that every detail is tended to. She gives a big thank you to Lisa! She has faith in the awesomeness that is about to unfold. GOD IS GOOD!

Mike Dubinski announced that after consulting with Fr. Tim it has been decided that there will be two sets of weekends a year. There will be men/women Spanish weekends in the fall and men/women English weekends in the spring. The Spanish already have thirty candidates and are ready to go this coming fall. This arrangement will give the rector/rectora plenty of time to form their teams. Mike hopes to have the next rector/rectora for the English weekends in place by June. The Kalamazoo and Detroit dioceses have this kind of schedule for their English/Spanish weekends. The Spanish weekend in September will be held at SFRC. Fr. Nelson will be available for confessions and will look for other Spanish-speaking priests to help.

**Post-Cursillo-Anne Raczkowski:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Day Reunion is set for May 5 at Our Lady of Fatima parish in Michigan Center. The reunion will begin at 1:30 PM. The parish has a 4:30 PM Mass for those who want to attend. This information will be put in the candidates' take-home packets.

### ***DISCUSSION***

Mike again stated the need for more Cursillistas to become involved in all the committees. He asked those present to take this need back to their Centers and invite others to be on one of the committees.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

Deacon Tom said that Fr. Rosenberg had asked him to look at other movements to see what worked for them on the weekends. He asked if the Secretariat wanted to move forward with this and suggested that a committee could be formed to work on identifying successful movements. A discussion followed on the Cursillo strategy of making friends, being friends and bringing friends to Christ and if it was a matter of numbers versus friends. It was decided to renew the conversation at another meeting.

Copies of a draft for the 2018 Pastoral Plan were handed out. This plan will be reviewed at the next meeting. When the plan is approved, Fr. Tim will submit it and the already approved 2018 bylaws to Bishop Boyea.

### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

The Region V Cursillo Spring English Encounter will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Center at Notre Dame on April 20-21, 2018. Ask your Center Leader for a copy of the registration form or call Bernie Rumschlag at 419-595-2793; email at [meyerstif@bright.net](mailto:meyerstif@bright.net).

The 28<sup>th</sup> National Encounter will be held at Seattle University, Seattle, Washington on August 16-19, 2018. You can register online at [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org) or call the National Cursillo Center at 512-746-2020.

Meeting closed with prayer and a blessing by Fr. Tim at 8:41 PM.

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 4, 2018 - 6:30 PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, MI**

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