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## Fall 2000 Weekends

The fall weekends will be held October 5-8 (Men's) and November 9-12 (Women's) at St. Cyril's Academy in Danville, PA. This location was chosen following the diocesan decision to discontinue its support of the Trinity Spiritual Center beyond the summer of 2000\*. Concurrently, St. Cyril's concluded its role as a girls' boarding school in 1999 and was looking for alternative uses.

"Coincidentally", the Holy Spirit has been very active in the Danville, Bloomsburg and of the diocese. So, holding weekends in Danville will provide an opportunity to bring the movement a bit closer to the fire burning brightly in the North.

The facilities are excellent. There is a peaceful and spiritual atmosphere that fills the entire place and will be conducive for those seeking to develop their relationship with Christ. The Basilica is absolutely beautiful. The sleeping accommodations are dormitory-style with up to four people to a room. Since the facility also serves as an active convent, food service comes from a common kitchen. While we won't be permitted to cook our own meals, there will be plenty of opportunity to serve the candidates. Without a kitchen to operate, the teams will be somewhat smaller than in the past.

St. Cyril's is about a one-hour drive from Harrisburg - a little longer than the drive to St. Philip's in Millersville. As we get closer to the weekend dates, a map and directions to Danville will be printed in the *New Day*.

Make this commute part of your palanca and plan to attend the closings on October 8 and November 12 in Danville. Let's gather to support our new brother and sister cursillistas. It will be a beautiful autumn drive!

\*A group of cursillistas is working to keep Trinity open and available to Cursillo. Unfortunately, the decision of the diocese will not be made in time to accommodate the fall weekends.

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
My spirit rejoices in God my savior" (Lk 1, 46-47)*



*A Warm welcome to our new brother and ister cursillistas of the Men's 69th, and the Women's 62nd Cursillo Weekends*



*Women's*  
**Patricia Agwuna**  
 St. Richard, Manheim

**Rosa Menei**  
 St. Thomas Aquinas

**Sharon Egan**  
 St. Theresa's  
 New Cumberland

**Michelle Bistransky**  
**Kay Faber**  
**Julie Mertz**  
 Holy Name of Jesus

**Lee Ann Boiwka**  
**Anne Eustice**  
 Christ the King, Benton

**Donna Cheslock**  
 Corpus Christi,  
 Chambersburg

**Margaret DeFlavio**  
**Maryann Ferrari**  
 Divine Redeemer

**Debra Farber**  
**Ellie Heintzelman**  
**Ann Reibsame**  
 St. Pius X, Selinsgrove

**Pat Harshbarger**  
**Georganne Molnar**  
**Carole Nichols**  
 St. Bernard's,  
 New Bloomfield

**Marian Hiesel**  
 St. Bece the Venerable,  
 Holland

**Emy Hernandez**  
 Holy Trinity, Columbia

**Judy Hutcheson**  
 Blessed Katharine  
 Drexel  
 Mechanicsburg

**Diane KOSVICH**  
**Lynne Seiple**  
 St. Monica, Sunbury

**Vicki Lipies**  
 Good Shepherd,  
 Camp Hill

**Margaret Lorigan**  
 Cathedral Parish  
 of St. Patrick

*Men's*

**Timothy Guschel**  
 St. Joseph Danville

**Lawrence Guzzardi**  
 St. Patrick, York

**Janaro Hernandez**  
 Holy Trinity, Columbia

**Bennett Miller**  
 St. Francis Xavier,  
 Gettysburg

**Michael Drank**  
**Perry Moreau**  
 St. Catherine Laboure

**Michael Nowakowski**  
 St. Columba,  
 Bloomsburg

**Robert O'Neill**  
**Thomas O'Neill**  
 Blessed Katherine  
 Drexel Mechanicsburg

**Diedrich Farber III**  
**Wm. (Buck) Reibsame**  
**Edwin Ryan**  
 St. Pius X, Selinsgrove

**Dick Wagner**  
**Carl Wonders**  
 St. Ignatius Loyola

**Michael Garman**  
**Thomas Imblum**  
**Albert Schmidt**  
**Rod Trevino**  
 St. Theresa's  
 New Cumberland



*To all new cursillistas, men and women:*

On behalf of the "Cursillo family" (old-timers), we thank you for standing up and speaking to us at the closing Mass of your weekend, difficult as that may have been. Your words inspired us, and your enthusiasm and reflections on what you saw, heard, and felt served not only to reawaken memories of our own weekends, but also to stimulate us to consider sponsoring someone else.

Most important of all, your short speeches, one after the other were testimonies to the actions and power of the Holy Spirit. The same Holy Spirit who moved you to come there in the first place. The same Holy Spirit who revitalized your listeners' faith, compelling us to do more for God.

So thank you, once again, for what you did for us. The next time there's a clausura (a closing) come and find out what it's all about, and be renewed in your ardor for Christ.

You'll find that, in those first few minutes of a candidate's Fourth Day (and this is what you did, not too ago), he or she, together with the Holy Spirit, will have already begun to evangelize his or her environment.

*de colores!*

## All the Time In the World

*Time.* Who among us believes he or she has enough of it? If you're like me you often find yourself saying "I don't have time to ..." But is it really true that we don't have the time, or is something else going on?

The strange thing about how we approach time is that we treat it like something tangible, something that we can possess. Even in our language, we talk about it as if it were a commodity: We spend time, we borrow time, we save time, we waste time, we even buy time. Yet, in reality, time is not something out there, something that we can gain or lose.

Time is not the linear phenomenon we perceive it to be, which goes from past through the present to the future. If the past were really past and gone, we couldn't even talk to each other because the beginning of a sentence would be lost in the mists of time before we even got to the end of it, and no one would understand what we were saying. And let's not even mention Einstein's theory of relativity. Let's face it, time is a mystery. It's one of those things that we'll probably never understand fully, at least not in this life.

Because of our general inability to grasp the true nature of time, we tend to see it as something to struggle against. We're always trying to get the upper hand, to save, borrow, or gain time. It's no surprise then, that the technical term for timepieces—chronometers—along with a host of other time-related words such as chronological, come from the Greek root *khronos* which was the name of a god who ate his own children.

We tend to see time as something that eats up our lives. Does it have to be that way, though? Is there a way to approach time differently, to find all the time in the world, as it were, to do the things we really want to do? Ask yourself these questions: When did I last become so involved in what I was doing that I was surprised to see that more time had "passed" than I expected? What was I doing when I last experienced that feeling of an hour that seemed like mere minutes?

Ironically, we can all probably, without much effort, name umpteen experiences when time

seemed to drag on interminably, when hours seemed much longer than 60 minutes and days (or nights) felt like they'd never end. I think we'd all agree, too, that at those times we were probably either doing something that we didn't want to be doing or were going through some difficult, perhaps even painful, experience. And isn't it true that we seem to have many more of those "times" than we do of the experiences of expanded time?

So, when did you last experience losing yourself in something so that you lost all sense of time? Perhaps it was while you were reading a good book, or enjoying nature, or even having a conversation. Did you ever stay up half the night talking to a good friend, sibling, or parent, only to be shocked when you realize how much time has passed?

Obviously, some of our experiences seem to make time stand still so that we are unaware of its passing, while others seem to make it drag. I don't know about you, but I think I'd rather experience the former. If we explore this a little further, we may find that those time-expanding experiences nearly always revolve around an activity or event that nourishes us

mentally and spiritually. Conversely, activities that provide little or no nourishment for our minds and souls seem to make time drag. Those are the things that eat up our time and keep us from doing the spiritually enriching things we want to do.

So it seems to me that if we want to experience time differently, as a gift rather than something to struggle against, we need to do more of those things that nourish us spiritually. But how can I do that, you may be asking, when I have to work, clean the house, do the laundry, and on and on. Perhaps it's a matter of perspective. Yes, we have to do all those things, but even the time we spend at our jobs, or washing 10 loads of laundry, or cleaning the house, can nourish us spiritually if we see it as an opportunity to do our best and to serve God. And how many of us, when we do have "free time," zone out in front of the boob tube rather than do something that enriches us? (My hand's raised!) So I guess it's not just a matter of what we choose to do.

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*Christ is counting on you*

*Closure*

## All the Time In the World

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with our time, but also how we choose to do it.

Perhaps we just need to find more things to do to nourish our minds and spirits, whether it's praying and meditating, reading a good book, taking a walk and enjoying nature, watering the garden, playing with children, or eating ice cream (hey, any ice cream lover can tell you enjoying a bowlful can be a spiritual experience)

One of the greatest things we can do to nourish ourselves--and others--spiritually is to attend the closing Masses of Cursillo weekends. The upcoming men's and women's weekends in Danville would be perfect opportunities to practice this new way of approaching time. I know it's a bit of a hike for many of us, but think of how many times our northern cursillistas have trekked to Mechanicsburg and Millersville to support their cursillista brothers and sisters. I'd like to challenge all cursillistas in our diocese to attend one men's and one women's closing each year. And why not start with one of the upcoming closings in Danville? You will nourish not only your spirit but also the spirits of our new brothers and sisters.

It has been said that if you give God a grain of sand, He can make a beach. I think the same holds true for the mystery that we call time. If we turn it to His purpose, and do those things that nourish our minds and souls, we'll find that we have all the time in the world--no less than an eternity.

*De Colores, Brenda Wilt (A1-32)*



## Formation

### "The Lamb's Supper"

*A mini book review by Michele Semler,  
a cursillista from St. Nicholas Parish,  
Berlinsville in the Allentown Diocese.*

Pope John Paul II has described the Mass as *heaven on earth*. In Scott Hahn's latest book, "The Lamb's Supper," he takes the reader through how truly heavenly our time spent attending Mass is.

This book is written with joy, enthusiasm, and love for our Holy Eucharist. It explains in simple language how the Book of Revelations (so often seen as symbolic) actually shows us the first Christians' understanding of the liturgy.

It is a great read for all, especially those looking to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Mass.

*Editor's note - Are you reading any books that have inspired you in your formation? Would you like to share it with other Cursillistas through publication in the New Day? Send articles to:*

*A New Day, c/o Rita McGinty, 1237 Elm Street,  
Lebanon, PA 17042, email: mcgri@bellatlantic.net,  
or Fax No. 717-273 6322*



### Fall Cursillo Weekends

Men's 70<sup>th</sup>  
October 5-8, 2000  
St. Cyril's Academy, Danville, PA

Women's 63<sup>rd</sup>  
November 9-12, 2000  
St. Cyril's Academy, Danville, PA

### Palanca Letters

Send to:  
Patrice Crowley  
3012 Yale Avenue  
Camp Hill, PA 17011  
(Non-Kairns)

Pray, pray, pray...and God will bless our work.

**DIRECTIONS TO:  
VILLA SACRED HEART  
SISTERS OF SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS**

**SAINT CYRIL ACADEMY EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL CENTER  
MOTHERHOUSE  
MARIA HALL**

**From the SOUTH**

I-83 North to Harrisburg to I-81 North to Exit 35 (Minersville)  
Make a left & follow 901 West to 54 West to Danville or I-83 North to Harrisburg to  
In town make a right on 11 North Intersection of I-81/322-West  
Watch at the fork & bear right to continue on 11 North Follow signs for 322-West to  
Turn Left at the light (Dunkin Donuts) onto Railroad St. 11/15 North to 11 North to  
Villa Sacred Heart Entrance is an immediate right Danville. Turn left at the light  
(Dunkin Donuts) onto Railroad St.  
Villa Entrance is on the right

**From Interstate 60 - (I-60) (Coming from the WEST)**

Danville - Exit 33 -Route 54 East  
Turn Left on Route 11 North (Wendy's & Arthur Treacher's)  
Watch at the fork & bear right to continue on 11 North  
Turn left at the light (Dunkin Donuts) onto Railroad St.  
Villa Sacred Heart Entrance is an immediate right

**From Interstate 80 - (I-80) (Coming from the EAST)**

Buckhorn - Exit 34 - Route 42 South - LEFT at light at the exit  
Follow signs for Danville for about 4 or 5 miles  
Exit to Route 11 South - Danville for about 7-8 miles  
After entering Danville turn right at the light (Dunkin Donuts) onto Railroad St.  
Villa Sacred Heart Entrance is an immediate right

**ON THE GROUNDS**

**MOTHERHOUSE & SAINT CYRIL ACADEMY EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL CENTER  
(717) 275-3581**

Enter Gate & go right (one way). At crest bear left and drive past cream colored mansion &  
small buildings to large stone building with Basilica & tower  
Parking lots are in front of the building & near the garages  
You will see Information-Office sign—enter glass doors under awning  
Receptionist will connect you with your party

**If you have been directed to go to the Back Door Entrance**

Pass the glass doors & Information-Office sign & make a left at end of building  
Enter by the second door. Park in lot next to garages.

**MARIA HALL - (717) 275-1120**

Follow Railroad Street  
Pass Villa Sacred Heart gate on the right & continue around the red brick wall to  
Maria Hall Drive to the large light stone building on the left

**This entrance will also bring you to the other buildings on the grounds**

Make a right at crest of hill and go to sign Information-Office & enter building for directions





# It's a picnic!

**All ROOSTERS-CLUCK HENS-BABE CHICKS FRIENDS and FAMILIES OF CURSILLO.**

Annual summer picnic to be held this year on *Sunday Sept. 10th* at St. Philip Church, Millersville in the famous pavilion. Mass at 1PM followed by a repeat performance of the bestest chicken barbeque this side of heaven, and remember that Cursillo is pretty darn close to heaven!!!!

We ask that every family please bring a salad of their choice and a 'dozen' of a dessert item, preferably cookies, brownies, or the like. Cursillo will provide chicken, cold drinks, breads, and Italian ices. Plastic dinnerware will also be provided.

As usual, we would like to get a headcount prior to our big event, so please call your contact person **ASAP** to get your names on our **CHICK LIST**. By *Sept. 5th* (Tuesday), please call:

Sharon 717-774-1112,  
Carolyn 717-261-5790,

Lin 717-256-6050  
Colleen 717-561-2409.

Camelia 717-898-7783,  
Sharon (up north) 570 389-9220

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT-GAMES-FUN FOR ALL !!!**

**Candidate Applications** Candidate applications and sponsor sheets can be obtained from and sent to: John Rossi, 3 Holly Drive, New Cumberland, PA 17070. Each application must be accompanied by a completed sponsor sheet and a \$10 deposit

Please note: John Rossi is now heading the Pre-Cursillo Committee. If you have already sent applications to Brenda Wilt - not to worry - they will be turned over to John. For further information, please contact John Rossi at 717-774-0309 or email him at JAR2455@aol.com



King the rooster

Come join the "Team" and work a weekend. It's a great investment, and the returns are invaluable. If this is your thing - you are in luck. just fill out the free coupon below and return it to your Cursillo Committee, ASAP. You've nothing to lose and everything to gain. The address is:

Cursillo Committee, c/o Tom & Lois Wonsiewicz,  
110 Rodney Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011

## **Dates for the Fall Weekends**

Men's Weekend  
October 5 - 8

Women's:  
November 9 - 12

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Group (Where) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (When) \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in working:  Men's Weekend  Fall  Spring  
 Women's Weekend  Fall  Spring



**Important Dates and Other Good Info:**

**School of Leaders/Secretariat:** (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, Sep 9<sup>th</sup>, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM at the Diocesan Center, Hbg. **Secretariat** meeting immediately after School of Leaders, approximately 11:00AM. Please contact Bill Rockwood 717-697-2189 for information.

**ULTREYAS - In case of inclement weather, call your host or hostess**

**Bloomsburg/Danville** - Next Ulteya is to be determined. Contacts: Sharon Hartzell 570-389-9220 and Kuren Konkolics 570-389-0456 for information.

**Chambersburg** - in the planning, call Sheila Quinn, 717-263-0464 or Carolyn Hager, 717-261-5790 for information.

**Harrisburg** - Please note the change of day and location. (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, Sep 5<sup>th</sup>, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Catherine's (Hospitality Room). Contact: Colleen Hoover 717-561-2409, email: rahover@worldnet.att.net

**Hershey/Lebanon** - (4<sup>th</sup> Monday) Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, Sep 25<sup>th</sup>, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Joan of Arc (basement). Contact: Paul Olsavsky 717-566-8981 and Mary Harp 717-583-0439

**Lancaster** - (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sep 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 p.m. with Mass in the St. Leo the Great Chapel. Contact: Bob and Cam Nelson at 717-898-7783, email: corvaironza@msn.com

**Lewisburg/Selinsgrove/Sunbury** - (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, Sep 13<sup>th</sup>, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pius X. Contact: Joe Scartelli, 570-374-9954, email: josephj@sunlink.net

**West Shore** - (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, Sep 21<sup>st</sup>, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> after the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Mech., (8th grade classroom) Contact Sharon and Tom Boucek, 717-774-1112, email: TEB47@epix.net or Jan Cincotta, 717-432-2587, email: drmomjfc@aol.com

**Newsletter Deadline:** - (Sep 9<sup>th</sup>) Send articles to Rita McGinty, 1237 Elm St., Lebanon, PA 17042. 717-273-5181 or email - mcgrit@bellatlantic.net, or Fax No: 717-273-6522

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