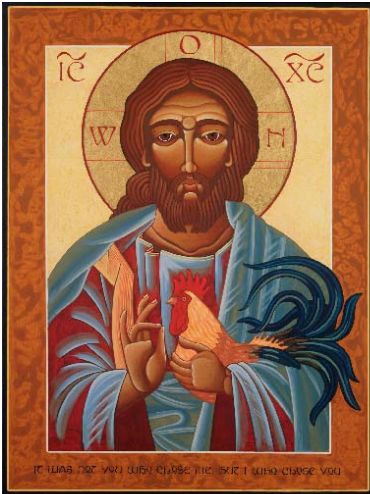


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Valleys, Mountains and Dreams

By Mary Sneed, Women's 24th, Philadelphia, PA

Recently I read this on a church's outside bulletin board: "The God of the mountain is still the God in the valley." It made me think of what the most recent rectora, Robin Schriener, shared at the follow-up Ultreya to the 87th Women's.

It was a poem entitled "It's in the Valley I Grow" by Jane Eggleston. The second verse spoke to me about what I had been going through in 2008, 2009, and 2010. It reads :

"If I always stayed on the mountain top
and never experienced pain
I would never appreciate God's love
and would be living in vain."

You see, the period 2008-2010 was consumed with my husband Ron's and my seeking out the answer to what was the matter with him. Many trips to Hershey and tests – as well as to Health South – and finally in late January of 2010, through a process of elimination, Alzheimer's was the diagnosis. Well, though I should have been prepared to hear this based on the symptoms that Ron exhibited, hearing the **A** word is like hearing the **C** word. I went into a real funk ... a valley. For six weeks a mantra was chanting within me incessantly, "there goes any travel; there go any dreams I might have had." It wasn't a good time.

But suddenly after six weeks, I snapped out of it, and I know this was due to prayer - from many friends and family and from me. Oh boy, did I ever pray!

After six weeks, I asked myself, "What in the world are you saying to yourself? Ron is in the early stages of A. Go for it now. You even have the money now. Go for it now."

So, we attacked the *travel* first. Five weeks after I had snapped out of it, we were on a plane to California to see Rick, Ron's twin. We have since taken 2 day trips and 2 three-night trips with St. Pat's Heritage Club, which helps to liven up the seniors in our parish. We are planning to join a ten day pilgrimage to Israel in early November.

In the midst of all this travel, I had begun asking myself about the second part of my "valley mantra." "What are my *dreams*?" For years, I had yearned for a man to marry. That happened almost seven years ago. I was 60 and my first marriage...and last! But, another dream kept creeping back into my memory. I kept thinking that when I first moved into my first home that I had bought 21 years ago, I remember saying, "Wow, this is really nice ... I *own* this place... but I *don't* want it to be my 'final stop'". When I retire, I want to live near water; doesn't have to be a bay or ocean. I just want to be able to look out from my patio OR deck and see water – a pond OR a brook - just water!"

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St. Pius X, Selinsgrove, PA



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91th Men's Cursillo - July. 14-17, 2011
St. Pius X, Selinsgrove, PA



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St. Pius X - Bernie Bielgeleisen, Brian Good, Fr. Ted . Keating, Frank Nissel, Buck Reibsame, Joe Schuhl

St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus - Deacon Tom Boucek, Dan Brown, Clem Ciccarelli

Mountains, Valleys and Dreams

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So a year ago, I found a realtor, Jack Connolly – Men’s 75th, the best realtor in the world! I began remodeling my old home - big time. Jack found my “dream house” in about eight months, *and* sold my old home in about five weeks’ time; then, walked me through two settlements.

About dreams? A priest told me many years ago. “Hold onto your dreams – God gives them to you.” I discovered that I had been holding my dream for a husband this way - “You *better* send me a husband, You *better*!” In my mid-fifties, I realized you can hold onto something in two ways, “the clenched fist method” I had been using, or with the “palms wide upward” way -(as in, if it is **Your** will.) Three years after, I providentially (not accidentally) met my husband Ron.

I did the same as I began remodeling my own house. I just put the dream out there, wondering if it were God’s will too. Whenever I wondered if I were trying to bite off more than I could chew, - in a “coincidence? I think not” way - inevitably I’d get the message, “hold onto your dreams.”



My awesome vista

Well, now I can look out from my patio AND my deck to look out on a channel AND a creek . God had a bigger dream for me. My cup runneth over! I’m more than on the mountain now - “I’m flying” – (If you see a

UFO, it’s me!). But, I also know how much I grew in the valley. As the poem quoted before, said in the end:

“Thank you for the valleys Lord,
for one thing I know
The mountain tops are glorious
But it’s in the valley, I grow.”

I’ve learned so much in this recent valley - basically the truth of Roman’s 8:28. “For those who love God, and who follow His way everything works out for the good” even if His will is not my will. I hope I can hold onto that inner tenet of mine next time I’m in the valley again.

People ask me about Ron. He is doing fine. The medicine seems to be stabilizing him. As I deal with this ongoing challenge, I have added the word NOW to the old adage “it is what it is”. Why? Because though *acceptance* is so important, the “NOW” word reminds me that I believe: #1 in miracles #2 in the power of prayer, and #3 in the marvels of modern medicine. “Something to help Ron “ - this is a current dream now and I’m holding this, palms upward. Incidentally, if you run into Ron in the future, please don’t mention this article. He’d be embarrassed that I wrote it.

The other day, Ron and I were having coffee on the patio looking out on the serene vista that greets us every morning. Aware of the time, I parted with the words, “Well, I have to leave *heaven* now... so I can go to *church*.”

And I part with
you now, by saying:
“Hold onto *your*
dreams... palms upward!
“

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Cursillo Connections (School of Leaders)



Session Number	Date/Place	Doctrinal Topic (Church Doctrine)	Presenter	Cursillo Method Topic (Based on "Whom Shall I")	Rollista
33	Oct. 8 (CKC)	Creation, The Fall and the Angels	Fr. William Weary	NEW CURRICULUM BEGINNING Study of the Charism Introduction—Chapter 1	Betty Berry
34	Nov. 5 (CKC)	The Resurrection of the Body—Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell, "The Four Last Things"	Jim Gontis	Charism (Definition) Chapter 2	Nancy Keener
35	Dec. 10 (CKC)	The Mystery of Christ's Infancy and Mary Patroness of Human Life	Fr. William Weary	Charism (New Movements) Chapter 3	Maria Vitale-Gallagher
36	Feb. 11 (CKC)	<u>The Three Ages of the Interior Life</u> —Introduction Part I- The Sources of the Interior Life Chapters 1-3	Fr. William Weary	A Gratuitous Gift from God Chapter 4	Rita Geraci
Note:	Sessions will be held in Cardinal Keeler Center. All sessions will be on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Sessions start at 10:00 and end at Noon.				

From the New Webmaster, Kent Smithmyer

De Colores, Brothers and Sisters!

Hello. My name is Kent Smithmyer and I made the Men's 86th Cursillo weekend at St. Philip the Apostle in Millersville and sat at the Decuria (table) of St. Joseph and I belong to St. Patrick's Parish in Carlisle, PA.

I hope this day finds you well. I'm writing to you today for several reasons. First, recently I have taken over managing the Harrisburg Cursillo website. If you haven't viewed it in a while (or ever), please take a few minutes to look it over. It provides a lot of useful information regarding the Cursillo Movement. You can view the site at the following link: <http://www.harrisburg-cursillo.org>. Second, recently, after a review of the various mailing lists we found some discrepancies. So I am writing in order to determine if you would like to receive the New Day newsletter in electronic form. If you currently receive it electronically, you need do nothing. If you receive it in paper

format and would like to change to electronic format, please just respond to me and let me know if you want to receive the newsletter by email. If you are not receiving it in either format and would like to get it, please also let me know. We suggest electronic delivery to help cut down on mailing costs. Third, if you have not been involved in Palanca Net, please consider joining. This is a prayer request e-mail option to offer prayer intentions and to keep up with Cursillo notices. You can sign up for Palanca Net by contacting Kathi Durborow at jcsdove@verizon.net.

Lastly, if you have been away from Cursillo for a while, we invite you to come back and meet some of the new faces. Review the website for Ultreya contacts and meetings near you. May the Holy Spirit fill you with his strength and may Our Father bless you with his mercy and grace.

Blessings, Kent

Look For This in the Next Issue...

In the Spring, there was a very vibrant Regional II meeting held in Vineland, New Jersey, and in the fall, there will be another Regional II meeting. Both of these will be reported about in the next issue.

In addition, there will be information regarding the next Grand Ultreya, when both the Harrisburg English and Spanish Cursillistas join in celebration of our Movement. Next year it will be held in October, 2012. If you've never attended a Grand



Ultreya, please consider doing so. It is really a spirit-filled event. A registration form will be included in the next newsletter.

Also, at one of our Connections meetings recently, Dr. Lucia Murphy - Women's 84th- was presented with a check authorized by the Secretariat to be used for evangelization purposes. Dr. Murphy is in charge of the Diocese' evangelization program. She will be sharing with us how she has put this money to good use.

And, finally, we are always welcome to hear from YOU. Many of us have the Lord working in our lives in marvelous ways, and have a great deal to witness to. Please consider sharing with the whole community, if you feel so inspired. If your article doesn't make it in the next issue, we will "file it" for future issues.

The next newsletter deadline is Nov. 30, 2011.



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UPCOMING EVENT & WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Regional II Encounter*

Oct 14-16, 2011, Vineland, NJ

*Cost to attend is \$100.00.

Women's 88th Weekend

March 1-4, 2012

St. Pius X, Selinsgrove

(4 p.m. Clausura)

Men's 92nd Weekend

March 8-11, 2012

St. Pius X, Selinsgrove

(4 p.m. Clausura)

Grand Ultreya

Oct 6, 2012

PALANCA

As you know, your part in supporting the Cursillo weekends is your palanca. Making sure they arrive by the Wednesday before the weekend, please send any letters to:

Jerry and Trish Mazeika
592 Millertown Road
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Team Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Parish: _____

Group Place/Time: _____

_____ Women's 88th – March 1-4, 2012, St. Pius X, Selinsgrove

_____ Women's 89th – Summer Weekend – to be announced

_____ Men's 92nd – March 8-11, 2012, St. Pius X, Selinsgrove

_____ Men's 93rd – Summer Weekend – to be announced

Team applications are and will continue to be accepted for any Men's or Women's weekend. Please mail/e-mail the information above to:

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ULTRAYAS—Call your contact in case of inclement weather. Contacts are listed inside.
Berwick: 3rd Saturday of November, Jaccross
nuary and March after the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish, Berwick
Carlisle: Monthly (4th Tuesday), 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's School Library, Marsh Drive. (occasionally not held-see p7 for contact information.)

East Shore Monthly (2nd Tuesday), 7p.m., Cardinal Keeler Center, Room 105
Lewisburg/Selinsgrove/ Sunbury: Monthly (4th Wednesday), 7:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish, Selinsgrove.
Northern Deanery: Monthly (3rd Saturday), after 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Columba, location and time may rotate. For questions see page 7 for contact info.

West Shore: Monthly (4th Thursday*), 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center,
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May you have a happy Thanksgiving, holy py Thanksgiving, and a blessed Christmas season!