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Refreshed in the Living Water

By Kent Smithmyer, Men's 86th

How often do we consider what water does for us? It's widely known that the human body can survive longer without food than water. There are many conservation efforts throughout the world going on to protect our invaluable fresh water resource. We drink it, we play in it, we clean with it, we cool

with it and we listen to the soothing sounds of the babbling brook to calm us.

So as human beings we are heavily dependent on water for sustaining life. Think of those times in your life when you forgot to refresh yourself with enough water. You got dehydrated and a run down feeling came over you. Sometimes cramps, headaches or other problems persist from this lack of water. The natural reaction is to then guzzle large quantities of liquid to recharge our body. Though this intake is helpful our bodies can only accept so much water at any given time. The balance of fluid takes time to replenish. If we are not careful we can provide an opposite reaction and become bloated and weighed down from our excess.

Now think about how you incorporate the Living Water into your life. Without this life sustaining nourishment, our spirit will suffer the same effects as our physical bodies. Our faith becomes "cramped" and unable to grow. Our prayer life can become run down due to a lack of this precious Water. When our focus changes from Our Lord and Savior to ourselves we begin to feel the draining effects of not staying hydrated in faith. The focus could be put on other non-human materialistic things as well. Either way the attention we are supposed to give to God is diverted.

We essentially build a dam between ourselves and the Holy Spirit. This dam is likely to be comprised of doubt, complacency and other sin. The wall we build up can be large or small and can completely cut off the flow of grace the Lord would like to bestow upon us or it can just be reduced to a trickle. This becomes the critical point in our faith journey. Do we stand at the base of the dam looking up at its towering height waiting for it to come crashing down on us, or do we work to break a hole through to the water behind it, ultimately releasing a flood of grace and forgiveness?

Both of these scenarios can be daunting. We sometimes get so mired in our sinfulness that we feel that Jesus could never forgive us or that we are not worthy of His forgiveness. We forget that He gave his life on the cross for us. The Living Water flowed from His side so that we could have eternal life. Yet we deny ourselves access to this water and thus become spiritually dehydrated.

We need to recognize our continued dependence on Jesus. Denying ourselves and realizing that He is the light and the way. Through repentance of our sins and continued focus on Jesus' Sacred Heart we can break the dam and let the Water of Life flow freely. In order to remain healthy both physically and spiritually we must drink deeply and bathe in the pools of the Living Water to strengthen our bodies and our faith. There is a well known adage that says you should drink 8 full glasses of water daily in order to have a healthy lifestyle. How much of the Living Water do we drink daily in order to establish a healthy eternal life?

By the way, these reflections came to me last summer during a very hot day!



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86th Women's Cursillo - March 10-13, 2011
St. Pius X, Selinsgrove, PA



Church of St. Benedict - Eileen Lapp

Corpus Christi - Theresa Ramsey

Good Shepherd - Maura Dash Quinlan, Rita Geraci, Anna Maria Hereshko, Lois Wonsiewicz

Holy Name of Jesus - Kathy Evans, Christina Lacey, Maria Vitale Gallagher

Holy Spirit Hospital Chapel - Sr. Catherine Marie McCaffrey

Sacred Heart, Lewistown - Roseann Guerrini, Bonnie Leeper, Nancy Sangez, Mary Smith, Tina Stryker, Wendy Vogt, Fr. Bill Weary

St. Ann - Steph Yarolin

St. Catherine Laboure - Nancy Keener, Betty Jean Philippi, Juanita Samick, Robin Schriener, Janet Schaffhauser

St. Columba - Ashley Honabach, Mary Jubay, Rachel Konkolics, Nancy Ramhap, Laura Reilly

St. Ignatius Loyola - Kate Niederer, Pat Stossel

St. Joseph, Danville - Joanne Brady

St. Joseph, Mechanicsburg - Barbara Byrnes, Jan Cincotta, Pat Follansbee, Laurie Gullo, Erin Martin, Barbara Talarico

St. Joseph the Worker - Clare Crone

St. Leo the Great - Sandy Shaub

St. Margaret Mary - Lois Mavretic

St. Mary, Lancaster - Melissa Estevez, Gigi Rogers

St. Patrick, Carlisle - Mary Sneed

St. Patrick Cathedral - Toni Crawford

St. Peter, Columbia - Joyce Bankowski

St. Pius X - Mary Farrell, Katia Ferraro, Pauline Gemberling, Linda Houser, Fr. Ted Keating, Irene Kemper, Marcia LaBant, Shirley Lenhart, Madaline Moleski, Ursula Orr, Kathy Piaskowski, Rachel Reichley, Ellen Ruby

St. Raphael - Dawn Zierdt

St. Theresa - Andrea Padamonsky

90th Men's Cursillo - Mar. 17-20, 2011
St. Pius X, Selinsgrove, PA



Good Shepherd - Tom Wonsiewicz

Holy Name of Jesus - Harris Kalematis, Robert Kalematis, Louis Villegas

Our Lady of Good Counsel - Damen Cudihy

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary - Bob Bierowski

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lewistown - Michael Leeper, Gary Sangez, Charles Vogt

St. Catherine Laboure - Michael Schriener

St. Columba - Bill Harding, Michael Hartzell, Dana Hock, Matthew Repasky, Leslie Sweigart, Stephan Turzanski

St. Francis of Assisi - Rev. John Bednarick

St. Ignatius Loyola - Mike Miller, John Neiderer, Tom Switzer

St. Joan of Arc - Kevin Bagata, Steve Cordaro, Tom DeAngelis, Bill Parker

St. Joseph, Danville - David Brady

St. Joseph, Mechanicsburg - Dave Marrazzo, Jack Mc Laughlin

St. Leo the Great - Steve Troelsch, Jeff Whitman

St. Margaret Mary - Jeffrey Roback

St. Patrick, Carlisle - Denny Ford, Kent Smithmyer

St. Patrick Cathedral - Fred Zuech

St. Pius X - Brian Good, Fr. Ted Keating, Dominic Mannello, Aaron Preusser, Buck Reibsame, Dave Sabotchick

St. Theresa - Dan Brown

St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus - Clem Ciccarelli, John Rossi

It Was a “Grand” Grand Ultreya

By Maria Vitale-Gallagher, Region II Coordinator – English

“May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us.”

With these words from the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux, the Grand Ultreya opened. The March 26th event at the Cardinal Keeler Center attracted some 120 Cursillistas from throughout the diocese of Harrisburg. Talks were delivered in both English and Spanish, but the language of love united the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking Cursillistas.

Dr. Lucia Murphy, Director for the Office of Evangelization and Special Ministries for the diocese, recounted that, when she made her Cursillo, she “felt very much alive.” She added, “I encountered Christ in a community of genuine Christians.”



Dr. Lucia Murphy, first witness speaker and Kathi Durborow sharing a laugh

community to support her.

A second witness speaker, Blanca Torres, talked about how most of the books she reads tell her who Christ is. “The more I read about Him, the more I fall

She thought that everything would be different somehow, that every time she had a brilliant idea, “angels would descend upon me.” She came to recognize, though, that just because she changed, it didn’t mean the world had changed. “Instead, it gave me tools to work with.”

Those tools included piety, study, and action. She noted that action doesn’t have to be big to be important. For Lucia, the 4th day has been about allowing the commu-



Fr. Luis Rodriguez, Fr. Bill Weary, and Fr. Andre Meluskey concelebrated the Mass.

“There’s nothing wrong with Christ except He’s very demanding,” Blanca said humorously. Blanca, who has launched a successful bookmark ministry, quoted Christian author Max Lucado in saying that “we have to be God’s mirror” during our 4th day. In other words, we’re like mirrors in God’s backpack. When placed in God’s hands, we reflect God’s message to the world. It’s not about us, it’s all about Him.

The Grand Ultreya also marked the unveiling of a Divine Mercy icon written by acclaimed local artist and fellow Cursillista Peggy Gaizauskas. Peggy is also the artist who created the special Cursillo icon which can be found on the front page of this newsletter.



The Grand Ultreya included the holy sacrifice of the Mass, with music provided by the Spanish community. Cursillistas are never more unified than they are before the altar, receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

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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 Send")	Rollista
30	07-9-11 (CKC)	Biblical Typology	Fr. Edward Connelly	Stewardship (Chapter 19)	James Baker
31	08-13-11 (CKC)	The Immaculate Conception and The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Msgr. Thomas Smith	Epilogue (What Did We Learn?)	Betty Berry
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; except Sponsor's Workshop, explained below, which will begin at 8:30 and end at 12:00.				

Sponsor's Workshop

Betty Berry, Director of the School of Leaders - "Cursillo Connections"

Remember, speak to God about your friend before speaking to your friend about God.

Mark your Calendar!

Sponsor's Workshop By: Michael V. Ciccocioppo, Jr.

Saturday, September 10, 2011 - 8:30- 12:00 (Mass 8:30—Optional)

Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, PA

Jesus calls us to live out our baptismal commitment and to share His message with others. Jesus used personal contact, and so must we! This workshop will teach you how to effectively spread His message. You will learn:

- The purpose of sponsoring and the responsibilities associated with it
- The essential elements such as: indispensable personal contact, authentic witness of life, real palanca, and the mystery of palanca
- The three steps in the selection process that a sponsor must concentrate on: ourselves, others, and the environment
- Total Security: group reunion and ultreya

** Please complete the form below and send to Betty Berry. Betty's information can be found on pg. 6

Registration Form for Sponsor's Workshop

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

I will attend the Mass and Workshop: _____

I will only attend the workshop: _____

This workshop is FREE!

Cursillo Secretariat—Newly Elected Members

At the June secretariat meeting, new officers were appointed for lay director, lay director-elect, and post-cursillo chairperson. The chairpersons for Cursillo Connections and Communications were re-elected. Nancy Keener is our new lay leader, replacing Michael Howe, who served in this role the past two years. Previously Nancy was lay director-elect since 2009, the Women's Cursillo Chairperson (2007-2010) and Secretary (2005-2008). Gary Honabach, Jr. has been elected as lay director-elect. He also is currently the Men's Cursillo Chairperson and the Database Manager. Donna Nebistinsky is now chairperson of Post-Cursillo, replacing Kathy Evans and Richard Mowery, who served as co-chairs. Kathy Evans has served on secretariat since 2002, as Secretary and Post-Cursillo Co-Chair. She will continue to be the National Cursillo Supplies Coordinator. Betty Berry has been re-elected to be Cursillo Connections Chair Person which she assumed last year. Robin Schriener has been re-elected as secretary, an office which she has held since 2008. Grateful thanks are due to all of these for serving the Movements so generously, especially to Michael Howe, who in the last four years has served from 2009-20011 as our Lay Leader and prior to that from 2007 to 2009 as lay director-elect.

A Farewell from Michael Howe

"He has made everything appropriate in its time."

Ecclesiastes 3:11a

He calls us to build His Kingdom right where we are at this moment! We do this by being friends, living a life that draws others closer to Him and by serving the community He allows us to build. We need to be prayerfully open to His will and whatever we do, He will make fit in His plan.

God Bless the Harrisburg Cursillo Community!



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UPCOMING EVENT & WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Women's 87th Weekend

July. 7-10, 2011
St. Pius X, Selinsgrove
(4 p.m. Clausura)

Men's 91st Weekend

July 14-17, 2011
St. Pius X, Selinsgrove
(4 p.m. Clausura)

National Encounter

July 28-31, 2011, San Antonio, TX

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)

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
Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

Team Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Parish: _____

Group Place/Time: _____

_____ Women's 88th – Winter Weekend – March 1—4, 2012

_____ Women's 89th—Summer Weekend—To Be Announced

_____ Men's 92nd – Winter Weekend – March 8—11, 2012

_____ 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:

Gary & Kim Honabach, Cursillo Committee
425 South Street
Catawissa, PA 17820
Or E-Mail: cursillomovement@verizon.net

Sponsoring a Candidate ?

Send applications soon (don't wait until the last minute, please) to:

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IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

Secretariat: Monthly (1st Tuesday) - Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. 7:00—9:00 p.m. All are welcome! However, there will be no July 5th meeting.

ULTREYAS—Call your contact in case of inclement weather. Contacts are listed inside on pg. 7.

Berwick: 3rd Saturday of every other month starting in January, March, etc. 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 (2nd Thursday), 7:15 p.m. at St. Theresa Rectory, 1300 Bridge Street, New Cumberland.

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