

# The to-be-named-some-time-in-the-future United Cursillo Newsletter

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## FIRST SINGLE WOMEN'S CURSILLO NEEDS SUPPORT

The first United Single Women's Cursillo will be July 11-14 at Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis. Your prayers, palanca and participation are especially needed for this weekend, since a singles weekend lacks a broad base of support -- both for weekenders and for many team members.

"A single women's weekend is a much-needed ministry and very worthy of your support," said Nancy Potter, rectora for the single women's weekend. "We're concerned that palanca and team support may be lacking. We need you all to be an expression of God's love during this weekend."

Send food palanca to the attention of Barb Osadcky (Colonial), kitchen rectora. The Sunday morning serenade is open to all -- assemble at 5:30 a.m. Sunday evening serenade is at 5:30 p.m. A complete team list appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

## UNITED CURSILLO FUTURE DATES

United Single Women's Cursillo #24  
July 11-14, 1985  
Plymouth Congregational Church

United Cursillo #25 (Men's)  
October 17-20, 1985  
Albert Lea Presbyterian

United Cursillo #26 (Women's)  
October 24-27, 1985  
Albert Lea Presbyterian

### Deadline for applications: September 10, 1985

United Cursillo #27 (Men's)  
January 16-19, 1986  
Edina Covenant

United Cursillo #28 (Women's)  
January 23-27, 1986  
Edina Covenant

United Cursillo #29 (Men's)  
April 24-27, 1986  
Hope Presbyterian/Richfield

United Cursillo #30 (Women's)  
May 1-4, 1986  
Hope Presbyterian/Richfield

United Cursillo #31 (Men's)  
July 10-13, 1986  
Hennepin Avenue Methodist

United Cursillo #32 (Women's)  
July 17-20, 1986  
Hennepin Avenue Methodist

United Cursillo #33 (men's)  
November 6-9, 1986  
First Presbyterian/St. Cloud

United Cursillo #34 (Women's)  
November 13-16, 1986  
First Presbyterian/St. Cloud

## VOLUNTEER TYPING NEEDED FOR CURSILLO

If you have typing skills you're willing to share, the United Cursillo Community of Minnesota would like to hear from you. Call Carol Flint, 473-5585.

### TEAM ROSTER -- UNITED SINGLE WOMEN'S #24

Rectora:	Nancy Potter	Kitchen Rectora:	Barbara Osadcky
Asst. Rectoras:	Dawn Allen	Asst. Rectoras:	Lorraine Hoel
	Marge Blanchard		Sara Orem
	Sue Shulze	Kitchen Team:	Sharon Freeman
Spiritual Dir.:	Ray Boehlke		Rebecca Severin
Asst. S. D.:	Verda Aegerter		Shirley Lundholm
Music Dir.:	Carol Marasco		Joan Lindahl
Rollistas:	Marcia Cushmore		Linda Norenberg
	Teresa Sexton		Evy Nelson
	Joan Parsons		Victoria Heisel
	Joy Huss		Rebecca Sponsel
	Eve Overby		Bonnie Rolschau
Table Leaders:	Pat Salovich		Mary Poulson
	Ann Hueller		Linda Neils
	Janice Nelson	Palanca Rectora:	Judy Shaffer
	Elaine Bauman	Asst. Rectora:	Martha Adolph
	Lea Koenig	Palanca S. D.:	Elton Ryberg
	Sue Merriman	Palanca Team:	Mike McNeil
4th Day Rectora:	Anne Overholt		Linda Nelson
Asst. Rectoras:	Bev Winegar		Kay Link
	Mary Ellen Rockwell		Gloria Dickson
4th Day Team:	Marcus Bruns		Alice Radatz
	Doug Whitney		Peg Blumers
	Art Bauman		Joann Youngblood
	Margie Carolson		Ethel Seebach
	Alice Tuseth		Debbie Koch
	Norma Sims		Carol Weist
	Doris Pryor		
	Mary Jo Henning		
	Mary Ann Sheldon		

# Convenor's Notebook

By Joe Feyder

I dare say that none of us will ever forget our own clausura. As for me, I will always remember that bitter cold Sunday night in February, 1979. Even though it was cold outside, the warmth on the faces and in the applause of all those 4th Dayers at Episcopal Cursillo #85 was something to behold. Many folks that I have talked to since have likened their own Cursillo clausura to what heaven must be like. Just imagine all those "saints that have gone before" and also those we have loved and lost for a while welcoming us to a heavenly home.

Think back for a moment about your own clausura. Was it a cold winter night or maybe a hot and humid summer evening? Possibly your Cursillo was out of town, or maybe you were the first to

attend a Cursillo from your church so there were not a lot of friends to greet you afterwards. What was it like when someone passed you the microphone and it was your turn to witness to the 4th Day Community? Did you hesitate but still find the words, or did you speak with a new sense of boldness and courage?

I will always remember my wife's comments at her clausura when, among other comments and much to my surprise, she invited all 500 or so people in the church over for dinner at our house! Regardless of all these variables, there is one constant about all clausuras, and that is the presence of the Holy Spirit. Do you remember? Did you sense it? It was there, brothers and sisters, praise God!

All of us in the United Fourth Day Community have the opportunity to experience a "Cursillo first" very soon. On July 11-14 at Plymouth Congregational Church the United Cursillo of Minnesota will hold the first United Single Women's Cursillo! I urge all of you to support this weekend in the "3 P's":

1. PRAYER (now, during and after the weekend).
2. PALANCA (notes and cards to team and candidates, service to the weekend itself, cash donations, food donations, etc. to Cursillo, your home church or other causes).
3. PARTICIPATION

Numbers 1 and 2 are fairly self-explanatory, but what about #3? How, you may ask, can I participate if I'm not on the team? The answer is simple: why not attend the clausura on Sunday, July 14?

Just as so many others were there to welcome you, now you have the opportunity to welcome the candidates of United Cursillo #24. Our singles community has added so much to the Cursillo movement in general that I feel it is up to all of us to be there to support and cheer them on. If you will, I guarantee that one of the following things will happen to you:

1. You will know one of the candidates and be able to greet her personally.
2. You will know one of the team members, and you will be able to pass on a well-deserved Abrazo.
3. You will see someone you went through Cursillo with, or who was on the team when you went through, and it will bring back a fond memory or two (or three!).
4. You will see an old friend who you had no idea had ever been to a Cursillo and you will see them in a new light.
5. You will see someone with whom you have served on a team.

If all of these various points somehow fail to connect at the clausura, I have one final suggestion...

Just look into the eyes of any person in the room and see your friend Jesus!

See you on July 14th at Plymouth!

Your friend in the Spirit,

Joe Feyder  
Convenor

WELCOME NEW FOURTH DAYERS!

De Colores and a warm Fourth Day welcome to the following 35 men and 36 women weekenders from United Cursillos #21 and #22:

Mary Absolon	Robert Jensen	Sande Rud
Amare Berhie	Bradley Johnston	Quentin Rude
Marcia Brower	Maggie Johnston	Shirley Scheil
Thomas Brower	John Kausel	Brenda Schibilla
Allen Bryan	Pamela Kausel	Mark Schibilla
Keith Buell	Kenneth Knapp	Dr. Dedra Springsteen
Rosemary Buell	Phyllis Knapp	Ronald Springsteen
Carla Campbell	Jim Lindahl	Diane Staus
Sandra Clawson	Kathleen Lindahl	Rodger Staus
Thomas Clawson	Stephanie Lloyd	Allan Talley
Benson DenHartog	David McElyea	Flossie Talley
Joyce Denhartog	Judy McElyea	Frank Taylor
Nancy Ellertson	Joe Moravec	Mary Taylor
Donald Engel	Judy Moravec	Mildred Teders
Geraldine Engel	Cal Nelson	Ramon Teders
Maureen Gere	Ed Nuquist	Diane Townsend-Anderson
Julie Gulliford	Mary Jo Nuquist	Richard Townsend-Anderson
William Gulliford	Earl Olmstead	Erika Walker
Paige Harmon	Lois Olmstead	Bethel Weimer
Steven Harmon	Beverly Pearson	Jay Wettlaufer
Darryl Heaps	Carl Pearson	Margaret Wettlaufer
Tracy Heaps	Glen Pressnall	Gladys Zakariasen
William Herber	William Ress	Louis Zakariasen
Elizabeth Jensen	Kenneth Rud	

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Can you believe it...still no name for this newsletter?! This is the third issue, and we're still limping along, nameless, waiting for your suggestions. How about it? Can you send a suggestion or two before September 1, and maybe our Fall issue will have a name.

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I don't know how many of you got beyond the first page of the last United Cursillo newsletter, but those of you who read the "allocations" article on page 2 no doubt noticed the dandy "typo" concerning the number of candidates a Cursillo weekend can accommodate. The number should have read "36", not "356"! Sorry about that.

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The Cursillistas from First Presbyterian/Stillwater know how to travel in style -- they've been arriving at clausuras in their church's bus! "I guess we've used the bus three times; it's a lot more fun and it helps build community," reports Steve Keefer, member of First Presbyterian.

Keefer invites other Valley Cursillistas in need of a ride

to clausuras to contact him or Pastor Merle Strohbahn (the bus driver) at the church office, 439-4380.

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We have an informal early worship service at my church at which lay members deliver a homily based on the day's lectionary texts. I volunteered recently and quickly discovered the Gospel for that day was Jesus's counsel to Nicodemus -- "You must be born again."

All of us, I'm sure, have opinions and experiences relating to these words. Here are some excerpts from my homily:

"Few terms in our religious lexicon elicit a quickening of the pulse and a flush of the face quite like the two words, born again. Why is this? How come these two words, describing our decision to put Christ first in our lives, stir so much positive and negative emotion, so much confusion, in so many people?"

"I have been a member of Plymouth for nearly 15 years, and during that time I've come to understand and appreciate the concept of our individual spiritual pilgrimage, and the fact that no two Christians understand God's truth in precisely the same way.

"I also consider myself an evangelical Christian, however, and have had many involvements with evangelical Christian groups, both as a youth and in recent years.

"I find the lack of empathy and understanding between the two groups (theological "liberals/conservatives") very discouraging. Throughout the New Testament we read about the Body of Christ, but too often it is a divided body.

"A large part of the problem lies in the inadequacy of our language, or mere words, to describe the spiritual experience that Jesus spoke of. Being born again is not something that happens in the head. It happens in the spirit. It's like this, Jesus said: 'The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the spirit.'

"The transformation or born-again experience is different for every Christian. Isaiah saw flaming, talking creatures with six wings. Paul was blinded on the road to Damascus. Others have a very gradual, steadily-deepening of their faith over the better part of their lifetime.

"The measure of whether we're truly born of the spirit is found in today's reading from Isaiah. It's when we can respond in our day-to-day challenges and relationships as Isaiah responded to God: 'I will go, Lord. Send me.'"

May you all rejoice in the new life and new birth that is ours, through Jesus Christ.

----Cliff Johnson, Editor  
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