

PIETY STUDY ACTION

Living our Fourth Day to Bring Others to Christ!
Cursillo Newsletter Diocese of Springfield

LAY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Rose Stella and Donna Gaudrault

"I have no gift to bring..." We recognize these humble words from a lowly drummer boy. He thought that he would have nothing to offer the king. These words resonate with us, because we hear them so often from people around us, and even from our own lips. What can I offer? What gifts could I possibly have that would be worthy of God? But wait. And listen. Can't you hear God saying, "Silly child. Your gifts are from me. They are not only worthy, but necessary. Each one unique and chosen especially for you. Use them freely and renew the face of the earth for me."



This Christmas season, while we are concentrating so much on giving gifts to others; let's also look inward. What gifts do I have that I can use to enhance my environments? How can these God chosen, God given gifts renew the face of the earth for Jesus? I DO have gifts to bring...and using them will give birth to Christ. I can keep Christmas all year. Every moment. Every time I give my gifts for the good of those around me.

Praying that this Christmas season fills you with the joy of His spirit and surrounds you with the love of family and friends. Your Cursillo community is grateful for the gift of "YOU". Thank you for sharing yourself with all of us!!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Christ could be born a thousand times in Galilee - but all in vain until He is born in me.

~Angelus Silesius

THE CURSILLO COMMITTEE
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Time Dated Material

**Winter Retreat Applications inside.
Great Christmas Gifts!**
Merry Christmas

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Men's Winter Retreat FEB. 6-8, 2015

The Way of the Cross
Genesis Spiritual Life Center
53 Mill Street, Westfield, MA 01085-4253

- _____ \$195 per person/double occupancy
- _____ \$216 per person/private room
- _____ \$118 commuter rate includes all meals and presentations

Genesis has approx. 44 over-night accommodations & enough seating space for 16 commuters, making 60 the target number. All registrations & accommodations are on a first come, first serve basis.

Deadline for registration IN FULL is Jan. 19, 2015

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
e-mail _____
Share room with _____

Please make checks payable to: *Cursillo of Western Mass*
Mail registration form and check to:
Dan Van Kruiningen, 19 Indian Ridge Rd., Westfield, MA 01085
vanbass@comcast.net

Any dietary needs or allergies to anything please place note with registration
Questions: contact Dan Van Kruiningen - 781-258-1380 or Tom Scahill - 413-568-4281
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Women's Winter Retreat FEB. 27 - MARCH 1, 2015

How to Live a Virtuous Life

We put on the heart of Christ by putting on Christ's virtues.
Based on the book by Gerald M. Fagin, SJ
Putting on the Heart of Christ

Clarion Hotel, One Atwood Dr., Northampton 413-586-1211
for more info about the hotel go to:
http://www.hampshirehospitality.com/clarion/clarion_hotel.html

Registration Friday, Feb. 27, 6:30 -7pm
_____ \$175.00 pp - Double occupancy rooms - choose a roommate or one will be assigned
_____ \$110 Commuter rate includes all meals and presentations

Deadline for registration IN FULL is Feb. 1, 2015

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
e-mail _____
Share room with _____

Please make checks payable to: *Cursillo of Western Mass* and mail to
Linda Menard, 21 Parker St., Holyoke, MA 01040

Questions/Scholarship Information email LMenard2347@verizon.net
Please let us know about any dietary needs or allergies.
Bring your used books for a Book Swap Table.
There is an indoor pool on site

Jan	Feb	Mar	CALENDAR
16	20	20	DIOCESAN Ultreya - 7:30 p.m. (3rd Fri.) Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Holyoke
-	6	6	Monthly Vigil for Cursillo Christ the King in Ludlow
14	11	11	Secretariat, 7pm (2nd Wed.) St. Patrick's Chapel, South Hadley

CLIP OUT & SAVE!

~~~~~SAVE THE DATES~~~~~  
Men's Retreat - Feb. 6-8, 2015 - Genesis, Westfield  
Retreat coordinator - Lou Della Croce  
Women's Retreat - Feb. 27 - March 1, 2015 - Clairon, Northampton  
Retreat coordinator - Carol Tourangeau  
Women's Weekend - Patriot's Day April 17-20, 2015 Rector, Kathy Held  
Men's Weekend - Date TBA Rector, Jason George

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It's not too early to send in applications for the Men and Women's Weekends

Visit our website for applications and news  
[www.cursillowmass.org](http://www.cursillowmass.org)

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Msgr. David Joyce

What a great time of year (if only it weren't so cold!) I'm trying to observe a little of the Advent spirit, and hold off celebrating Christmas until the proper time. But if you've ever tried it, you know it's almost impossible. But that doesn't mean we can't try! So I wish to everybody a happy and productive Advent; a time to reflect how, like John the Baptist, we've been sent into our environments, and how, like Mary, we're meant to bring the Savior to those environments. And after this productive Advent, may you and your family have the Merriest Christmas ever. *De Colores*

## NEW YEAR ACTION?

We are looking for volunteers to join the PreCursillo, Cursillo and PostCursillo committees. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every other month. Please join us, *Christ is counting on you!* Contact committee chairs: PreCursillo - Eileen Mariani, Cursillo - Jason George, PostCursillo - Dorene Pennell for more information. *De Colores*

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## FINAL REGULAR ISSUE:

### Diocese of Springfield Cursillo Newsletter becomes totally electronic in 2015

We will no longer be mailing out a newsletter beginning in 2015. If you want to receive notification when a newsletter is posted to the WesternMass Cursillo website or to receive other pertinent information, please provide your email address in the following manner: Simply go to our website: <http://www.cursillowmass.org>. Under Main Menu on the left look for 'Register.' When you do this a form will appear for you to complete. Fill in your info and Submit. That's all there is to it. Easy! If you have already been receiving email, then you are on the list. The Cursillo contact list is not shared or distributed to other entities so you will have no worry about ending up on someone's spam list.

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