



*Message from the Lay Director
Jerry McDaniel*

In the end, it's a numbers game...

It's Tuesday evening; I'm here in Nashville on a business trip and two days away from Men's #82. I've just been informed that we have added another candidate... men's candidate number 22 to the week-end...one heck of a comeback from 5 candidate applications a mere 8 weeks ago.

People have come up to me lately and said..."Jerry, oh ye of little faith." I beg to differ...my faith wasn't weak on the movement; just the number of candidate applications on the week-end as once again we had to scramble to get applications in. But there in lies the problem; we seem to equate success within the movement with number of candidates on a week-end...after all people are constantly reminding me; at the end of the day it's a numbers game.

In a way; they are right...but it's not about the week-end; it's about the *movement!* If we are so hung up on numbers, then in what ways have we reached out to those 5,000 men and women who have *already made an English-speaking Cursillo week-end in the Orlando diocese and invite them 'back' into the movement?* Invite them to 4th day, Ultreya, closings and perhaps invite them to group...we're seem to be so stuck on putting people through week-ends; that we forget about the tremendous opportunity we have right in front of us...the people who have already made a week-end!

We think they've already moved on; maybe they have, or maybe they're just waiting for an invitation. It never ceases to amaze me people's reaction when you simply extend a hand in the form of an invitation.

This past August, we held (the first ever) Rectors / Rectoras Appreciation night at San Pedro, complete with mass and dinner...I was initially told not to expect too much, that my expectations should be around 50 or so people who will end up attending this event; but when we reached 90 'yeyes' from our *invitation*, I knew this evening was going to be something special...81 eventually came and as we joined in mass and remembered those who have passed on before us, I was absolutely inspired. Some of these rectors/rectoras were from as far back as Men's #7...they came because they were invited and because they were and still are part of something special.

If we believe in this movement and the founders of this movement, and their vision and plan for this movement, then we have to protect the fundamental ideas of this movement...one of those fundamental ideas is proper sponsorship of candidates. We simply need to remember that in order to sponsor we have to know the movement, not just the week-end...we have to tell our potential candidates about the movement; not just the week-end...*therefore, we have to live the movement...not just the week-end.* If we tell them just about the week-end, then we will have fallen short in our responsibilities as a sponsor; and a lifetime commitment and potential defining moment and life changing experience becomes a faded 3- day memory because that's how it was presented....it's because that's all the sponsor knew to present.

Is it any wonder that of the 8 lay person talks on a week-end, only two talks are considered "movement" talks? It's because the founders knew that the candidate couldn't possibly experience or learn the movement in just 3 days...it had to be lived in the post-Cursillo; in the 4th day.

So; let's pray for these upcoming week-ends and for the success of the movement. Let's also pray for our sponsors who will see to it that these candidates join a group, go to Ultreya, go to 4th day, and starting next year, go to Leaders School. Let's absolutely pack San Pedro for these upcoming closings and show community support as well.

"Where two or more are gathered in my name..." hmmm, they were right; in the end, it is a numbers game.

From Father David

**Father David's column will appear next month as there was a problem opening the text...apologize for this inconvenience...especially to Fr David.
We will attempt to do monthly newsletters starting in October.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2007 MENS AND WOMENS W. VIRGINIA WEEK-ENDS / ORLANDO SPRING WEEK-ENDS

- Continue to pray for the babe chicks and the movement in W. Virginia...and also for the babe chicks from our Spring Week-ends, held in Orlando... Men's #81 and Women's #89... our work is not yet done...

Nov 1st - Pray for Cursillo Movement.

REGIONAL FALL ENCOUNTER- Charlotte; NC- **Oct 17th – 18th**

HOLY HOURS- Oct 9th, Oct 23rd – 7-8 pm Building 100;
Next to the Mary Mother of God Chapel

MENS CURSILLO #82- Oct 9th -12th – San Pedro Center
Paul Stewart- Rector / **Closing- 6 pm/ Sunday / Main Hall**

WOMENS CURSILLO # 90- Oct 23rd- 26th – San Pedro Center
Marilyn O Shea- Rectora / **Closing- 6 pm/ Sunday / Main Hall**

FOURTH DAY- St Margaret Mary, Family Life Center, **November 8th,**
9:00 am – 1 pm.

All are invited to attend this wonderful welcoming into the bigger community of our newest babe chicks.

ATTENTION ALL ULTREYA COORDINATORS- We will be having an Ultreya Coordinators Mass / Dinner night of Appreciation at San Pedro on **November 16th**. Mass will be at 3 pm in the Mary Mother of God Chapel and Dinner at 5 pm in Building 300...all Ultreya coordinators and their spouses are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Gene Zeller at logeneez@yahoo.com with your name, Ultreya you and your group are representing and also number of people who will be attending.

WEBSITE INFORMATION- www.orlandocursillo.org
Visit our website for more information, newsletters, etc.

Our website is the best source for information about our local activities and provides links to other important sites including the National and Regional websites. Please make it a habit to periodically check it out.

Trying to explain to potential candidates what Cursillo is? We will be glad to send a brochure to those who need them, including ULTREYA Coordinators for use in the parishes.

Also, Rich Maffei has put a link on our website that explains what Cursillo is...be sure and point potential candidates to that link for more information.

