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## Our Lay Director, Pete Jancola Passes On

*[From Catholic Northwest Progress, January 26, 2006]*



Peter J. Jancola, a “gentle evangelizer” and lay director of the Northwest Cursillo Movement, died Jan. 14 of injuries sustained in an auto accident. He was 70.

At his funeral Mass Jan. 21 at St. Cecilia Church, friends and loved ones praised his dedication to his faith and family, his love of the outdoors and his sense of adventure.

“He was a gentle evangelizer...and a super friend of Jesus,” said Father Jack Jennings, who got to know him in the early 1970s while serving at St. Philomena Parish in Des Moines. Father Jennings and other priests at the service noted Mr. Jancola’s three decades’ of dedication to Cursillo, a Christian renewal effort promoting apostolic action. Individuals are initiated into the movement through a three-day weekend focused on prayer, study and Christian action.

Mr. Jancola would invite priests and anyone else to “make a Cursillo,” Father Jennings said at the funeral Mass, recalling the time when Mr. Jancola handed him a registration form after learning he had not been to a Cursillo.

Born Dec. 30, 1935 in Perth Amboy, N.J., Mr. Jancola served in the U.S. Navy for four years then earned a degree in engineering from Rutgers University. He moved to Seattle in 1966 and was an engineer for The Boeing Company for 30 years. In 2001 he earned a master’s of divinity at Seattle University. The family moved to Bainbridge Island 12 years ago, where Mr. Jancola was active in St. Cecilia Parish.

In a eulogy at the funeral Mass, his son, Mark, said his father influenced so many lives. “I think the most complete tribute is for all of us to reflect on that special way that my dad touched us.”

He said his father was guided by the themes of loving and worshipping God, loving one another – especially those who were not being loved -- and rejoicing in God’s creation and in the blessings we enjoy.

His son recalled his father's sense of adventure and love of the outdoors, leading the family on trips to mountain hikes and other destinations. He was an active member of the Seattle Mountaineers. Each family car trip would begin a prayer for a safe journey and end with a thank you prayer.

Mr. Jancola also was remembered for his smiling presence, his sense of humor and keen listening skills.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry Lynne; seven children, Jean Krotzer of Graham, Peter of Covington, Laura of Santa Cruz, Calif., Colleen of Seattle, Mark of Sammamish, Jon of Auburn and Mike of Seattle; and 14 grandchildren.

Other survivors include his seven siblings, Sister Dorothy Jancola, Pat Albany, Tom, Jack, Barbara Wyatt, Mary Jane Beebe, and Joe.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Seattle Cursillo Movement, P.O. Box 68803, Seattle, WA 98168-0803. or Rails-to-Trails.

Link to [Obituary](#)

As Pete always says, "**God is With Us.**"

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## **From Our Lay Director, The Late Pete Jancola**

*[Editor's note: This article was received for publication after Pete's death. It is an example of the depth of Pete's wonder of Creation and his faith in God. Pete ends this article with his usual "God is with us" closing, but adds this time his thought that it would even be better if we were part of God.]*

The waters of Puget Sound were quiet, and little waves were lapping over the stones at my feet. There was some seaweed amidst the waves, and I was watching how each wave would deposit pieces of it on a particular flat rock. With each wave the configuration of seaweed on the rock would be changed, and occasionally leave the rock completely covered or totally bare. I wondered if the particular arrangement of seaweed between waves had any significance---to anybody or to any thing. Well, it certainly had no significance to me. Did it have any significance to God? Now that was thought-provoking.

What seemed like an hour later, but was probably only a few minutes, I concluded that the arrangement of seaweed on that rock between waves did have significance to God. For what reason, I could not guess. For the benefit of some microscopic creatures? Perhaps. But if God was interested in such a seemingly insignificant event on that seashore, how about His interest in the many trivial and apparently meaningless events in my life? Like how I chew my food, or put my socks on, or how I walk, or respond to someone coming within five feet of me? Wow! God is more a part of my life than I ever realized! I need to be more awake. Maybe then I'll be more aware of God's love.

Well, a not-so-trivial event in my life is the ending of four years as Cursillo Lay Director. This month (January) the Secretariat will elect my replacement. I believe that each Lay Director has some positive effect on the Cursillo Movement in the Archdiocese, and feel honored to have been part of that. I am excited about the future, and about the new things that will come to Cursillo because of the next Lay Director. Cursillo must have great significance to God, and He will always be with us---and more that just with us, He is part of us---better, we are part of God!

-Pete

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## Dates & Places Change for Next 3-day Weekends

The Secretariat decided that the Archdiocese Palisades Retreat Center is too expensive for Cursillo weekends and has cancelled the weekends scheduled there for May 25-28 and June 1-4. Reservations have been made with the Washington State Parks to reserve Camp Hoskins (at Fort Flagler) for weekends of April 6-9 and April 20-23, 2006. NOW all we need is spiritual directors, team and candidates!! With the help of the Holy Spirit we can do that, too!

### New Dates:

**Men: April 6-9, 2006**

**Women: April 20-23, 2006: Margie Velez, Team Coordinator**

Camp Hoskins is the same place we had the 3-day weekends in 2000 and 2001. Our reservation includes one dorm, dining hall, Palanca bldg., auditorium (our chapel) and the conference room (our Rollo room).

Set on a high bluff above the Puget Sound, Fort Flagler, is near Port Hadlock. The park includes three camp arrangements: Camp Hoskins, occupancy of 180,

Camp Richmond, occupancy of 52, and Camp Wilson, occupancy of 15 to 29.



**CHECK BACK:** For up-to-date information on this effort please check the Cursillo Web site, [www.seattlecursillo.org](http://www.seattlecursillo.org), or contact either the Cursillo Section Leader or Amarildo Souza.

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## Spanish Cursillo Starting in Seattle

Through the efforts of José Blakeley, John George and Tom Mahoney the Seattle Cursillo started a Spanish arm that will soon be offering Cursillo weekends in Spanish. These three cursillistas assembled a plan and presented it to the Seattle Secretariat, School of Leaders, and to Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio Elizondo. The plan aims at starting a Spanish School of Leaders in the Seattle area. With the full support and encouragement from the Seattle Secretariat and Auxiliary Bishop Elizondo on the proposed plan, the Spanish Cursillo arm started on December 12th, 2005, the day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Initially the plan is to use bilingual Hispanic and English-speaking cursillistas as team members to put on a pair of weekends in English focusing on bilingual Hispanic candidates across the Seattle Archdiocese. This will be followed by a bilingual team putting on a second pair of weekends using Spanish in the Rollo room, but having English-speaking and bilingual members mixed in the Palanca and kitchen teams. It is hoped that the first weekend can be held in late spring of 2006 with the second in late fall of 2006.

The Spanish School of Leaders sessions will be conducted primarily in English incorporating aspects of the Spanish culture in songs and vivencia as appropriate throughout the first pair of weekends after which it will be conducted in Spanish. The new School is being held on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 at St. Madeleine Sophie Parish in South Bellevue at 4400 130th Place SE, Bellevue, WA 98006.

If you are a bilingual Hispanic cursillista, who would be interested in getting involved in this effort, please contact José Blakeley at (425) 868 3342, (425) 706 5477, or by email at [jablakeley@hotmail.com](mailto:jablakeley@hotmail.com). The Spanish School of Leaders is looking for active bilingual cursillistas (lay and ordained) willing to make Spanish Cursillo their primary apostolate as well as bilingual Hispanic cursillistas (lay and ordained) who would like to work at upcoming weekends.

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## Happy New Year!

May the New Year give all of us and our families good health and renew us all with the gifts the Holy Spirit gave us at our Confirmation!

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## What is Fundamental to Being Christian

In the "Life" talk in 1st Conversations at Cala Figuera, Father Ramos says that it was never the intentions to define what is fundamental to what a Christian is. Rather, it is revealing positive methods of grace living, as communicated on the three-day weekends, with the concentration to conversion that matters. This individual conversion leads to influencing one's environment: family, friends, co-workers, and parish. The broader vision is to factor in social structures and environments for Christ as the world's fundamental focus. This translates to "Christ alive in Christian people through grace," which is expressed in love of God and neighbor.

The vision of life in grace is Baptism: sacrament - God given and centered, and conversion - God given through faith, and the choice to accept a life with divinity in Christ. The concept of love of God and neighbor and life with divinity in Christ comes together in the dogma of the Mystical Body. Our Creed states "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints..." That means the Mystical Body is an attraction to the life of Jesus Christ as head by the actions of the Holy Spirit with the believers. This assures us that whenever we act in faith, especially in community ("where two or more come together in My name...") we have the attention of the Almighty God and are part of His plan. Our work will be truly be holy. We have the supernatural power of hope to succeed, but on His time schedule.

So, what is fundamental to being Christian comes down to living the dogma of the Mystical Body: celebrating and living the sacraments, being Christ for others, seeing Christ in others, being the champion of the oppressed, deprived, and disadvantaged, and being good stewards with our time, talents, and treasures.

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**Bremerton:** Holy Trinity, 4th Thursday, 7:00PM. Contact: Jerry Hyde, 360-377-9335

**Des Moines:** St. Philomena, 3rd Tuesday, 7:00PM. Contact: Marilyn Soderquist, 206-248-2063

**Olympia:** St. Michael, 2nd Tuesday, 1:30PM.

**Montesano** St. John's Mission, 2nd Sunday, 2:00PM. Contact: Helen Pellegrino, 360-249-5535

**Poulsbo** St. Olaf. 3rd Monday, 7:00PM Contact: Noreen Millbauer, 360-437-7649

**Tacoma** St. John of the Woods, 1st Wednesday 7:00PM. Contact: Earl Ducote, 253-845-0112

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## Feedback

### Your Feedback, Please:

What kind of information and articles would you like to read? We want your ideas on how we can make the TRIPOD more interesting and useful. Also, would you consider writing an article for the TRIPOD? Have you read a book lately that you would like to recommend? Do you have a witness story you'd like to share? Have you had a close moment that was especially inspiring? Do you know of some coming events that other Cursillistas might be interested in? Please take the time to send us your comments and recommendations.

### Send feedback to:

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*Cursillo = Short Course, Long Commitment*