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STATIONS OF THE CROSS *by William Hindrichs*

We went to the stations of the cross as a family some months back expecting the typical presentation. It was so powerful I had to share it.

When we got to church there were lots of teens running around and I began to wonder what was going on. As we entered the nave we thought the stations had been cancelled as the lights were dim and there were stage lights focused on our altar, which is in the round. The altar was also surrounded by seven-foot trees in planters. I felt a tension in my jaw as disappointment and doubt began to set in. However, what we got instead of our usual presentation dispelled all disappointment and doubt and was replaced by awe and amazement.

A young man got up and announced that they would be turning the lights lower and not to move around. For an hour they reenacted very simply and elegantly the 14 stations. The lights would come on and off alternately as they enacted each station. They might shift an arm or move a head then actors would all freeze. There were weapons, guards, breast plates, and robes. They had women pointing and weeping and guards in red capes and centurion helmets holding them at bay. Though statuesque and mute they were somehow so alive. I just sort of melted into my seat.

During the stations a narrator explained what was happening such as Peter's denial while a woman pointed at him. The narrator would then apply the lesson of the scene to our daily lives by asking questions and giving us things to meditate on.

Then there was the scene of Jesus carrying his cross, though not moving. He fell and Simon lifted the cross from his shoulders. Jesus turned and then froze with a surprised and grateful look, as if to say that we all must share in each others burdens and must love one another. Words can't describe what that actor did with his hands and face to convey this. I was deeply moved

Another powerful scene was when Jesus, who had been crucified with the two robbers, turned his head to the repentant thief and they gazed at each other, as if sharing each others pain. After each station was done they would turn off the lights and a beautiful female voice spoke reflectively of the scene. She was accompanied by a solo piano. There was so much grace in that hour I just wanted to scream. I was sorry more people weren't there. The music used was the music performed for the Teen Life mass at St Elizabeth Ann Seaton.

Another scene I remember was after Jesus was taken from the cross and laid by his tomb. The tomb was sort of a rounded wooden doorway and they put it just behind the cross on which Jesus had hung. This was at the end and the actors had all left. There, bathed in red light, was the cross and the tomb. It cast a huge shadow on the southwest wall of the church. It was another powerful moment for us. We were so fortunate to have experienced this as a family.

(The youth that performed the station were from St. Steven the Martyr Parish in Renton.)

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From the Lay Director Pete Jancola

This year we have decided to discontinue our use of an appeal letter to raise funds for Cursillo. By no means is it because we do not need the money. In fact, we need it even more because of the rising cost of almost everything. Instead, we are going to plan fundraising events that will bring together a greater number of Cursillistas and strengthen our sense of community. The first such event is a Sausage Fest on October 29 at St. Cecilia Parish (Bainbridge Island). Please plan to attend for fun, food, and camaraderie! If you find yourself unable to participate in this or future fundraisers, we would welcome any donation, which you could mail to our P.O.Box 68803, Seattle, 98168 address.

However, I do make an appeal for Cursillistas to take a step into becoming a Cursillo leader. Our Schools of Leaders are operating (implementing the Movement) at a disadvantage: we are short handed. That means tasks designed to be undertaken by a team are being tackled by a single person. And that means only the essentials are being addressed, so there is work not being done. Please pray for guidance about stepping into Cursillo leadership, then do take a step, trusting the Holy Spirit will give you the time and support you need.

Another appeal is to get weekend applications in the mail soon. The kitchen teams need to know how much food to buy. There is still room for additional candidates on both October weekends.

Members of the Seattle School of Leaders, and really, all Cursillo leaders, are saddened by the retirement of Francois Martin from the School. His wisdom on social issues and his insights on spiritual matters, as well as his delightful humor across the board, will be greatly missed. Francois has been a member of the Seattle School many years beyond his initial commitment, and we are truly grateful. Our working together on several weekend teams have been extremely pleasant experiences for me. I have come to respect his opinion on all matters, and I particularly enjoy the poignant words and phrases he chooses to make a point. My hope is that he will be available in the

future as a resource for guidance and inspiration. I will miss you, Francois. Thanks for all the time and energy you have put into implementing Cursillo, and thanks for being my friend.

God is with us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 30 – October 2 Region XII Meeting
The meeting will be hosted at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake City. This is a great opportunity to meet Cursillistas from other dioceses in the northwest states, and to exchange ideas about Cursillo. If you plan to attend the meeting, call John George, 425-775-1247.

If you would like to provide sleeping space for visitors, call Natalie Vieira, 253-537-4877. If you would like to work on the kitchen team, call Joe Martinez, 206-935-9991.

October 13 – 16 Men's Cursillo Weekend at Camp Don Bosco

October 20 – 23 Women's Cursillo Weekend at Camp Don Bosco

Please send in applications as soon as possible. Do palanca for each weekend. Come to the Closing at 4:30 p.m. each Sunday.

October 29 Sausage Fest Fundraiser at St. Cecilia Parish, Bainbridge Island. For tickets, call Noreen Millbauer, 360-437-7649. There will be a live Um Pa Pa type band. Please mark this date on your calendar. See page 3 for further details.

November 5 Grand Ultreya, 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas More in Lynnwood. For more information, call Rosemeyre Sousa, 425-343-5577.

To find more information on these and future events, please check at our Cursillo website, seattlecursillo.org, or ask at Ultreya. □

He that doth a base thing in zeal for his friend burns the golden thread that ties their hearts together.” *Jeremy Taylor, English Bishop (1613 – 1667)*

GET THE TRIPOD FROM OUR WEBSITE

In the future, if you could conveniently go to our website for your copy of the *TRIPOD*, and even print it if you wish, we recommend that you do so. This will save the movement *considerable expense and the huge task of bulk-mailing* the hard copies. The way to do this is to go to the website (seattlecursillo.org) and select "register" in the left hand column. Then fill out the form that will come up next. You will then be notified when each new issue is available, and you will be taken off the mailing list for the postal copy. This will significantly reduce our costs of printing and mailing. Thank you. *Pete Jancola*

CURSILLO FUND RAISER

HI ALL!

The Cursillo will be sponsoring a Sausage Fest at St. Cecilia's (Bainbridge Island) on Saturday, Oct. 29 after the 5 PM Mass. We can get in at 1 PM to set up and cook. The affair is from 6 to 9 PM and clean-up is from 9 until 10PM. Good Deal Huh?

MENU

Sausage/brats cooked in beer, served on rye buns with sauerkraut and ketchup or mustard or both, scalloped potatoes home-made fruit pies, coffee, tea and probably some sort of fruit punch. Beer and wine available to purchase.

ENTERTAINMENT

Live polka music for dancing or listening . (Might have a sing along as I think I have words to old time songs. Let me know what you think about that.) (My husband Don and his friend Vince have performed as the "Beach Bums" at the local Farmers Market and Ludlow Days events. Don on the Drums and Vince on accordion or piano. Vince hurt his shoulder and cant lift accordion yet.)

Since children and families are most welcome, do you think we need to have plain hot dogs available for little kids?

NEEDS:

Set-up help (hopefully from the West Sound)
Clean-up team, Kitchen help.

CURSILLO, ITS MISSION GET AIR TIME

Tom Mahoney and Noreen Millbauer will be guests on the program, "Conversations with Fr. Bob" on October 8, 2005 at 8 AM on Station KKNW (AM 1150). At a later date the conversation will be aired on Sacred Heart Radio (KBLE AM 1050). The exact date is not known. Their mission is to dispel the common notion that Cursillo is a secret organization and to let the public know that we were blessed by Pope Paul VI and that we adhere to the teaching of the Magesterium. The duo will announce the dates for the next two Cursillo weekends and talk about the Cursillo's mission in general.

I'm wondering if the movement has a roll of tickets in their supplies? We have to establish a price (I will quickly look into cost of food etc.) What does \$12 a ticket sound like? Hope we can do it for \$10, but must check prices. We should make money on the wine and beer, as well. (We need to purchase a liquor license.)

I AM REQUESTING PEOPLE TO MAKE HOME MADE FRUIT PIES FOR DESSERT. Not cream pies--I would worry about adequate refrigeration. Anyone who wants to can bake a fruit pie anytime now and freeze it until needed. Please respond to me ASAP if you will make a pie 360-437-7649 or e-mail dmnr@cablespeed.com.

Right now, I'm figuring on at least 100 people. Pete will find out if we can sell tickets after masses for 2 weeks or so before the event. It is a big hall so we can accommodate more! The rest of us should be selling tickets, as well. It is IDEAL to know, 1 week before the event, how many are coming so we can prepare adequately.

Please get back to me with ideas and offers to help.
.As Pete always says "God is With Us"
Noreen Millbauer

"He who has made the acquisition of a judicious and sympathizing friend, may be said to have doubled his mental resources."

Robert Hall, English clergy, (1764 - 1831)

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Contact: Marilyn Soderquist, 206-248-2063
Lacey Sacred Heart 3rd Sunday 1:30 PM
Contact: Bill Hine, 360-923-0244
Montesano St. John's Mission 2nd Sunday 2:00 PM
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Poulsbo St. Olaf 3rd Monday 7:00 PM
Contact: Noreen Millbauer, 360-437-7649
Tacoma St. John of the Woods 1st Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Contact: Earl Ducote, 253-845-0112
Christ the King, Seattle 3rd Sunday 2:30.
Contact: John George 425-775-1247s

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 Call me, I am interested in finding out more about the School of Leaders.
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