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September 2008

Newsletter for the Cursillo Movement for the Dioceses of Dallas & Fort Worth

Renewal Center turns 35 in 2008!!!!

Dear Friends,

Think of all the lives that have been touched through this ministry in thirty-five years. Thousands of people in many different countries have heard the basic message of Christianity and have been equipped to tell others this same wonderful good news.

Just imagine the differences all the people have made in the life of the church who have attended the:

272 Cursillos

141 Happenings

37 New Beginnings

28 Sessions of the School of Spirituality

11 overseas missions

Think of the ministries these people have had. I wish I knew how many had served on vestries, how many had been Sunday school teachers, how many had participated in Bible studies, how many had been youth leaders, how many have served on Kairos teams, how many had been moved to tell someone else the compelling story of Jesus Christ.

Yes, the Renewal Center has made a difference, a big difference, in the life of the Church and in so many individual lives. It has survived and flourished in good times and bad. There have been times when we couldn't make the payroll and times when we felt blessed with funds.

The Center is always doing something new, trying to reach more people. We have written two new programs in the last few years, one for 3rd and 4th graders and another for 5th and 6th graders. These programs use Happeners (older teens) to give talks, lead the music and serve as table leaders. These programs are growing.

This year we began doing our Youth Programs at Jubilee Center in an area developed by St. Michael and All Angels Church behind Fair Park. Here, we met many unchurched kids living in a very poor area of town. We hope to expand this sort of ministry into other areas of poverty in the Metroplex.

On my fourth trip to Africa in May of this year, I was inspired by the people I met who had been deeply touched by Cursillo or Happenings that we had brought to them. I was also inspired by the vitality of our church in Africa.

Right now, at home we face a church divided and a weak economy. We continue to focus on Jesus rather than politics and labor on in whatever environments we find ourselves in.

Please continue to support us with your prayers and giving and, for goodness sakes, celebrate with us these 35 years of fruitful ministry that the Lord has blessed us with.

May God continue to bless you, and the Renewal Center,

Frank

*Frank Bain
Executive Director*

Tom

*Tom Gowan
Board Chair*

Closing 3 PM

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Tee Wilson, *St. Luke's, Dallas*

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Cursillo #272

September 18–21, 2008

All Saints Camp, Lake Texoma

Participants

St. Peter's, McKinney

Janet Moltz

Ruth Patterson

Julia Shahid

Jo Steiner

Christ the Redeemer, Fort Worth

Christopher & Margie Culpepper

St. Michael & All Angels, Dallas

Barb Mills

Epiphany, Richardson

Jeff & Sally Stillings

St. Luke's, Dallas

Pat & Bobbie Melugin

Still room for many more, ask your best friend to go to Cursillo!

Logistics Assignments

Baked Goods & Veggies

St. Peter's, McKinney

St. Michael & All Angels, Dallas

St. Luke's, Dallas

Conference Room Take-down

Paul Nelson & Friends

We need volunteers to help with

Chapel Set-up & clean-up

Check our website for updates

www.episcopalrenewalcenter.org

Grande Ultreya

October 19th - 6 PM

St. John's, Fort Worth

Closing Mass - 3 PM

Sunday, September 21st

Beck Hall, All Saints Camp

Report from the Program Director

Call Linda at 214 351-9330 for more information.

It's Not to Late to go to Camp!

Come to **Cursillo #272**, September 18th - 21st at All Saints Camp on Lake Texoma. The Rector will be Tee Wilson from St. Luke's, Dallas. The Spiritual Advisors for this weekend will be Fr. David Krause from St. Peter's, McKinney and Deacon Jim Webb from St. Michael and All Angels, Dallas, and there is a wonderful team that will lead the weekend. Cursillo is a wonderful weekend, filled with many very special moments, many spiritual services, music, laughter, and great food. The people are also very special and many friendships will be cemented in God's love.

For those of you, who have attended a Cursillo already, or those who want more information about Cursillo, plan to come and share the closing at 3 PM, September 21st.

The next Happening to be November 14-16, at St. Francis, Dallas

Happening is the program for high school youth, grades 10 - 12. It is an excellent program that teaches them many spiritual tools. We would like for them to have the opportunity to meet other Christians like themselves, who are interested in getting to know themselves better, and God better, too! If you have a senior in high school that will soon be going off to college, give them the best spiritual training to start their new life. They do not have to be Episcopalians to attend, just baptized Christians.

The next Happening will be in Dallas at St.

Francis on November 14th - 16th. Applications can be found on our website, www.episcopalrenewalcenter.org.

30 Youth attended Living Stones at Jubilee Center, and our next will be at Apostles, Coppell!

The Renewal Center introduced our Living Stones programs to the youth at Jubilee Center in the Fair Park area. This was an opportunity for our youth to share their love of God with the less fortunate. We had approximately 30 youth at the Living Stones on August 8th & 9th at our program for 5th and 6th graders. Jubilee Center is dedicated to improving the life and enriching the experiences of the youth in the Fair Park community.

In Living Stones, we teach them how to be Living Stones in their churches, through prayer, attending church, reading the Bible and getting to know God better. Our next Living Stones will be August 29th-30th at Apostles, Coppell. The priest will be Fr. Rob Smith. Send your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbors. All are welcome regardless of the church they attend. We only ask that they be baptized. Applications can be found on our website, www.episcopalrenewalcenter.org.

Mustard Seeds to be at St. Stephens, Hurst

We will have our next Mustard Seeds for 3rd & 4th graders at St. Stephen's in Hurst,

on Saturday, September 27th. Send all your youth for a fun day with other kids, and to have the opportunity to learn more about faith. They will experience how small a mustard seed actually is and what God has to say about it. It can be quite impressive to these youth. The weekend is led by teenagers, who give talks and help the youth with their projects. Applications can be found on our website, www.episcopalrenewalcenter.org.

NEW BEGINNINGS GOES BACK TO CAMP CRUCIS!

The next New Beginnings will be at Camp Crucis on October 3-5, 2008. Fall at Camp Crucis will be a wonderful time! We are calling the team now, and will have an excellent group of youth to lead the weekend. This is a great weekend for youth in 7th-9th grade. They learn how to relate better to God, their parents, and each other. They also teach them how to deal with peer pressure. Get your kids signed up!

Weekend Healing Mission

Canon Mark Pearson
September 12-14, 2008
St. Peter & St. Paul
Episcopal Church
3900 Morris Lane
Arlington TX 76016

Sponsored by the Order of St. Luke Chapter of St. Peter & St. Paul

Rita Clock dies at age 92

Rita was the first secretary at the Episcopal Center for Renewal. Her daughter, Linda Cox, is on the Secretariat. Memorials can be made to the Renewal Center in thanksgiving for Rita's ministry and life.

Cursillo #273 en Español **Camp Crucis** **Octubre 9- 12**

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La Misa—12 de Octubre—4 PM
Iglesia de San Juan
Camp Crucis

Logísticos

San Miguel, Fort Worth

San Mateo, Dallas

San Lucas, Dallas

Cursillo Team Orientation will be Saturday, September 27th, 2008.

On September 27th from 9 AM till 3 PM, we will meet at The Renewal Center for a Team Orientation. (Music Training begins at 8 AM.) This is for any one who has attended a Cursillo in our two Dioceses or elsewhere, and is in a reunion group. Once you come and are trained on how to staff a Cursillo team, we will put you on team. It is truly a gift from God to be able to watch His children grow in the spirit during a Cursillo weekend. Cost is \$5 and applications can be found below and on the website, www.episcopalrenewalcenter.org.

Cursillo Team Orientation – September 27, 2008 - 9 AM - 3:00 PM *Episcopal Center for Renewal*

Please mail this form & \$5 to:

The Episcopal Center for Renewal 10290 Monroe Dr. # 101, Dallas TX 75229-5718

Name: _____ Name for nametag _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____/_____/_____ Cell Phone: _____/_____/_____

Home Parish: _____ Parish City: _____

Attended Cursillo # _____ D/FW? _____ If not, where: _____

Will you be attending the Music training (8 AM)? _____ Guitar _____ Keyboard _____

E-Mail: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: Fee paid _____ cash/check _____ Date received _____ Acceptance _____

FUTURE CURSILLOS

Cursillo #274 – Camp Crucis

November 6-9, 2008

Rector: David Weaver

St. Alban's, Arlington

Spiritual Advisors

Fr. Herb DeWees

Deacon Nancy Weaver

Cursillo #275—Camp Crucis

February 5-8, 2009

Rector: Gloria Whitson

All Saints, Fort Worth

Spiritual Advisors

Fr. David Petrash

Deacon Ann Richards

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Mark Your Calendars



August 29-30 - *Living Stones* - Apostles, Coppell
September 1 - Office Closed for Labor Day
September 6 - 9—11 AM *Community of Servants*—ECR
September 13 - 9 AM - School of Spirituality - St. Francis
September 18 - 21 - *Cursillo #272* at All Saints Camp
September 21 - 3 PM - Closing Mass
September 27 - 9 AM Team Orientation - ECR
September 27 - *Mustard Seeds* - St. Stephen's, Hurst
October 3-5 - *New Beginnings* at Camp Crucis
October 4 - 9 - 11 AM *Community of Servants*—ECR
October 9-12 - *Cursillo #273* (Spanish) at Camp Crucis
October 11 - 9 AM - 1 PM - *Day of Deeper Understanding* -
Cursillo #272—ECR
October 17-18 - Diocese of Dallas Convention
October 19 - 6 PM—*Grande Ultreya* at St. John's, Ft Worth
November 6-9 - *Cursillo #274*—Camp Crucis
November 14-15 - Fort Worth Convention
November 14-16 - *Happening* at St. Francis, Dallas

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