



CALENDAR

Leaders School is held on Thursdays at St. Pius High School beginning with Mass at 7 pm followed by our session.

Now until May 21, 2009

Sign-up for October Team

April 30th and May 7th, 2009

Archdiocesan Ultreya & Pot Luck Dinner

Thursday, May 21st, 2009

7:00 pm – St. Pius High School

Archdiocesan Summer Picnic

June 20, 2009 - 10:30a - 2:30p

Men's Weekend

October 1 – 4, 2009

Women's Weekend

October 8 – 11, 2009

Region VII Spring Encounter

Orlando, FL April 24-25, 2009

National Encounter– San Bernardino, CA

July 30 – August 2, 2009

Region VII Fall Encounter

Ft. Walton Beach, FL Oct. 16-17,

Attention

ULTREYA WORKSHOP

Saturday morning **May, 16th** at **St. Jude Catholic Church** beginning at 9:00 am.

This is open to all Ultreya Leaders and any Cursillistas interested in strengthening their Ultreya experience.



Sister Margaret unwraps her new computer!

Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends

The recent weekends held in February at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit Retreat House had the following new Cursillistas from 20 different Parishes:

MEN		WOMEN	
Bruce Breitbach	St. John Vianney	Jeanne Breitbach	St. John Vianney
Patrick Brennan	St. Joseph/Marietta	Denyse Brennan	St. Joseph / Marietta
David Corbett	St. George	Eileen Buchner	Christ Redeemer
Dick Curtis	St. John Neumann	Fran Cannizzaro	St. Gabriel
John Everett	St. John Neumann	Christine Caveness	St. Jude
Pete Everett	St. John Neumann	Kelsey Everett	St. John Neumann
Ken Fehner	St. John Neumann	Pat Everett	St. John Neumann
Mike Gerke	St. Matthew / Winder	Nancy Fehner	St. John Neumann
Parfait Gomas	St. John Neumann	Janet Gerke	St. Matthew / Winder
Rick Hanson	St. Michael the Archangel	Lani Gustafson	Our Lady of Lourdes
Jesse Jensen	Shrine of I C	Denise Hall	St. Monica
John Kowalczyk	St. Pius	Diane Hanson	St. Michael the Archangel
Bill Michels	St. Gabriel	Eleanor Hebert	St. Lawrence
John Olliver	St. Matthew / Winder	Kate Hercules	St. George
Michael Puglise	St. Lawrence	Susannah Jensen	Shrine of I C
Ed Rice	St. Brendan	Susan Kowalczyk	St. Pius
Pete Rogers	St. Theresa	Sharon Lemay	St. Michael the Archangel
Fr. Francis Stiteler	Monastery of the Holy Spirit	Kim Lemon	Our Lady of Lourdes
Marshall Tanner	St. Anna's	Caroline McMahon	St. George
Bruce Breitbach	St. John Vianney	Anne Michels	St. Gabriel
Patrick Brennan	St. Joseph / Marietta	Dee Murphy	Christ Redeemer
		Janice Pleasants	Christ Redeemer
		Janis Randolph	St. Mary Magdalene
		Patty Ryanczak	St. Peter Chanel
		Lily Salazar	St. Mary Magdalene
		Jackie Stephenson	Shrine of I C
		Heather Tanner	St. Anna's
		Lucinda York-Rickards	St. Matthew / Winder

CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME NEW CURSILLISTAS

Sister Margaret's 75th Birthday

Surprise, Surprise, after our Leader School session on March 26th we celebrated Sr. Margaret's Birthday with cake, punch and fellowship. Her Birthday was actually a week earlier and she had no idea there would be a party; we definitely shocked her with this one!!!





Monastery of the Holy Spirit
2625 Highway 212 SW, Conyers, GA 30094

April 7, 2009

Dear Brother and Sister Cursillistas,

It is a great joy for me to speak to you as a fellow Cursillista, having made my Cursillo this past February. I had heard of Cursillo when I first arrived at the monastery 35 years ago in 1974. Fortunately, the monastery has been able to host many Cursillos over the past years. Though I knew of Cursillo, I never really inquired about them as the monastic life provided me with all the challenges I needed -- especially in my early years.

It was only recently through my friendship with Fred Hedges, who most of us know and love, that I was directly invited to make a Cursillo. Actually, it took me more than a year to clear a space in my calendar to allow me to be fully present at this special weekend spirituality.

Some might think that having lived in a monastery for 35 years the Cursillo would have nothing to teach such a person. I knew before hand that would not be the case, and I was not disappointed. We monks are perennial disciples, that is, 'students of the Lord.' There is always something more He wishes to teach and give us.

In a way, I was glad not to be all that familiar with the structure of the weekend as it allowed me to be surprised and attentive. Certainly, many of the subjects were familiar to me as I had spoken of, and taught them to others. Even so, the presentations were exceptionally well done and each fashioned through the speaker's personal experience. I was deeply touched by several of them, and graced by each of them. I must admit that my favorite line that I have already quoted a number of times is, "...that God loves me so much, He has my picture on His refrigerator," absolutely true and consoling to know. Of course, it was clear that God not only had my picture, but each of our pictures proudly posted for Him to smile upon. It was a special gift and grace to meet so many good men -- especially those with whom I shared a table.

I was also deeply touched by all the Palanca. This is something I vaguely knew about, but I was not prepared for either the amount, or the intimacy of it. Naturally, the idea of praying for someone is somewhere near the center of monastic contemplative life. In many ways, for a monk our whole life is Palanca -- as was Jesus' life. Still, it was wonderful to be so consciously on the receiving end.

I also want to take this opportunity to welcome back the different Cursillo groups to the monastery. We are grateful to have you all with us again, and know it will be a mutual grace for the monks, as well as all who share our worship space. Please know that all of you will continue to be in my prayers, and I trust you will hold me and our community here in yours.

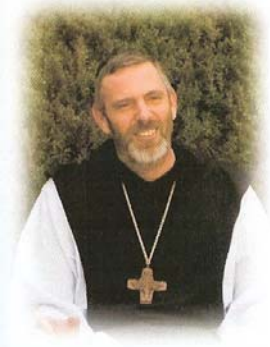
Sincerely in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Francis Michael Stiteler, OCSO,
Abbot

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Our Men's Cursillo weekend this past February was attended by Fr. Frances Michael Stiteler, Abbot of the Monastery.

Please read this letter in which he shares his thoughts concerning his Cursillo experience.



Fr. Francis Michael Stiteler

Mark Your Calendar – Saturday, June 20, 2009 10:30am - 2:30pm

Our Summer Picnic this year will be held at Blackthorn Farm, home of Jim & Robin Gray. We are planning a great day outdoors (in case of bad weather we'll be in the barn). This is a family event and we will be serving pulled-pork BBQ, so bring your drinks and your chairs plus a side dish to share (Paper products will be provided).

The address is: 6560 Mockingbird Rd, Cumming, GA 30028 ph # 770-889-2433