

GOOD NEWS DISPATCH



Diocese of Fargo Cursillo Newsletter

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From the Lay Director:

Autumn has arrived and the hazy, lazy days of summer have come to an end. So many activities kick into action once Labor Day has passed and the Cursillo Movement is no exception. Already in the month of October there will be Cursillo Weekends in Belcourt, ND. Applications are available on the Fargo Diocese Cursillo website or by clicking [here](#) for the 2016/2107 weekends. Time to get busy praying for candidates and approaching those whom God has put into your heart to invite them to attend one of the weekends.

There is also an opportunity for all of us to participate in every Cursillo weekend in the coming year. How can you do that? By signing up for to provide Prayer Palanca. Over the past few years we have used an online service for Cursillistas to sign up for an hour of prayer for the candidates. The prayers and time that you offer to God are multiplied and returned to the candidates in the form of graces that help them to experience the love of Christ in their lives. Interested in being part of the Prayer Palanca Team. Links are available on the website but you can click [here](#) for the upcoming weekends in Belcourt. De Colores!

[Belcourt Men's Click Here](#)

[Belcourt Women's Click Here](#)

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"Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ!"

The Cost of Discipleship

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, became incarnate and lived among men in order to redeem mankind and establish His Church, the Body of Christ, on earth. During his three year public ministry he performed numerous healing miracles, preached a message of hope and salvation and called all to follow him. While the healings he performed and his message of hope and salvation were lauded and attracted many followers, the message of true discipleship was not so easily accepted. The Gospel of Luke includes numerous pericopes detailing conversations Jesus had with his followers and disciples describing the radical cost of following him and being a true disciple. Below is one such excerpt from Luke 14:25-33:

Great crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and addressed them, "If any

one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.

This call to discipleship appears very radical to one who reads it today and so it was for the original audience. He called upon them to have contempt for all things the world offered them including wealth, power, and security in order to have room in one's life for the Spirit of God to dwell within them. Jesus called upon his audience to seriously consider the cost and the impact of what he was calling them to. He used examples that all could understand including the construction of a building and the deployment of an army. The same level of consideration must be given to being his follower.

Jesus calls upon his followers to "hate" their mothers and fathers. To many this language appears to be contradictory to the message of the Gospel and rightfully so. However, read in context of the overall demands that Christ is calling his followers to and the fact that this type of language when used in the OT implies that one should love one above another, his words become more palatable. Jesus is simply stating that in order to be a true disciple one must put God first above all other things.

Jesus is making the same call to believers today. God has given mankind the gifts of creation to be used and enjoyed,

however one must always put God first in everything and keep his vision on the true treasures in heaven. One who claims to be a disciple of Christ and a member of his Church on earth and yet lives a life of indulgence and inequity leaves himself open to ridicule by believers and non-believers alike.

So how can one determine the level of his or her discipleship? The test is a fairly easy one and requires a person to examine how his or her time and money are used in everyday life. If one is too busy with the cares of the world to develop a daily spiritual life and attend Sunday mass, then it is fairly easy to see where the true attachment lies. The same applies to financial resources. If one is unable to detach him or herself from the first ten percent of their earnings to provide for the Church and charities; that person is probably attached to money and what they are able to purchase with it. St. Gregory the Great wrote, "You should be the owner of earthly things, not possessed by them."

Jesus also alludes to the need for disciples to pick up their cross and follow him. Here Christ is not simply calling one to prayer and financial sacrifice but potentially accepting persecution and suffering as a result of discipleship. The willingness to give one's life for Christ is the ultimate sacrifice and that is exactly what believers are called to.

Jesus Christ's persistent message to his followers concerning the price of discipleship is as pertinent to believers today as it was to his followers 2000 years ago. Believers must embrace the Gospel message and keep focused on the heavenly treasure that awaits those who believe and act accordingly. They must have a willingness to sacrifice their time, money and lives if called upon in order to fulfill the call of Christ as a disciple.

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School of Leaders

Upcoming SCOL Sessions

- ◆ Sunday, October 9, @ 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart Church basement, Minto.
- ◆ Saturday, October 15, @ 9:30 am, Sts Anne & Joachim, Church basement, Fargo.

- ◆ Wednesday, October 19, @ 7:00 pm, St Catherine Parish Hall, Valley City.
- ◆ Wednesday, October 26, @ 6:30 pm, St James Basilica, Jamestown

In order to maintain an Active Status in the SCOL members are required to attend more than 50% of the meetings.

Call Ben Seitz at (701) 540-8248 for more information.

Cursillo Weekend Schedule 2016/2017

[Click here for application](#)

Belcourt Men's
Belcourt Women's
Harvey Men's
Harvey Women's
Hankinson Men's

October 20-23, 2016
October 27-30, 2016
February 9-12, 2017
February 16-19, 2017
March 9-12, 2017

Vincent McCloud, Rector
Paula Belgarde, Rectora
Christopher Brewer, Rector
Sandi Horsager, Rectora
Norm Olson, Rector

Ultreyas

Valley City — Saturday Oct 22nd at St. Catherine's Church following the 5:30 pm Mass. Potluck supper will start about 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall followed by a speaker and discussion. Any questions please call Liz Chandler 701-840-0746.

National Cursillo Newsletter

Go to <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/news/>

World Wide Cursillo Schedule

Offer Palanca for Them!

Go to <http://www.cursillo.org/palanca/> for a list of Cursillos.

Next Secretariat Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2017, 10:00 am.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carrington, ND. All Fargo Diocese Cursillo members are welcome to attend.



Cursillo Prayer Chain

There are two ways to participate in the prayer chain — Go to www.cursillond.org

- Sign up to be a member of the prayer chain by simply typing in your name and email address. Then whenever anyone enters a prayer request you will receive an email with the prayer intention.
- Enter a prayer request—simply click on the prayer request link which will open an email. Fill in your prayer request and it will be forwarded to all members of the prayer chain.

Small Group Reunion Locator

If you wish to start a new small group & are looking for others in your area—send an email to cursillond@gmail.com

Belcourt

Men's & Women's

3rd Thursday 6:00 PM
Queen of Peace Retreat Center
POC: Denise Keplin

Cooperstown Area

Men & Women's Group

4th Wednesday at 7:00 PM
St. George Church, Cooperstown, ND

Devil's Lake

St. Joseph's Mixed Group

Thursday 6:00 AM church basement
1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 PM church basement
POC: Hayley Kaffar (218) 791-4587

Edgeley

Women's Group

Thursday 5:00 PM Transfiguration Adoration Chapel
POC: Sandi Horsager (701) 320-5251

Fargo

Sts Anne & Joachim Men's & Women's Group

Every Saturday at 7:00 AM
Sts Anne & Joachim Parish
POC: Ben Seitz (701) 540-8248

Sts Anne & Joachim Women's Group

2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Sts Anne & Joachim Parish POC:
Barb Jones (701) 200-3646

Holy Spirit Men's & Women's Group

1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM
Ave Maria Room (Enter thru main doors and turn left)
POC: Randy and Cindy Ternes-Harms (701) 212-8796

Grafton

Women's Group

1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:15 PM
St. John's Catholic Church
POC: Cynthia Janousek (701) 520-1149

Grand Forks

Grand Forks Women's Group

Fridays 8:00 AM Perkins 13th & Columbia Road
POC: Annette Noehre
lanoe@midco.net

Men & Women's Group

Thursdays at 8:00 PM
St. Michael's Church Basement

Jamestown

St James Basilica POC: Jodi Grugel
(701) 320-8498

Men's Groups

Sundays 9:40-10:20 AM Holy Spirit room
Tuesdays at 5:10 PM Holy Spirit Room

Women's Groups

Sundays 9:40-10:20 AM St Thomas room
1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM St Thomas or Community Room
Monday's 6:30 - 7:30 AM in St Thomas room

LaMoure

Women's and Men's Group

Tuesday's 6:00 AM Norm & Sue Goehring's residence
POC: Sue Goehring (701) 883-5724

Women's Group

Wednesday 7:30 PM Holy Rosary Church
POC: Sheila Hanson (701) 883-4460

Minto Area

Men's Group

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month at Sacred Heart Church in Minto 7 :30 PM.
POC: Keith Zikmund (701) 520-9751

Women's Group

Meets 1st Thursdays 7:00 PM
Sacred Heart Church, Minto, ND
POC: Joan Schanilec (701)-360-2499

Mixed Group

Meets 3rd Sunday of the month at 7 PM (alternating Sacred Heart Church in Minto and St. John's in Grafton) POC: Joan Schanilec at 701-360-2499

Valley City

Tuesday evening Men's Group

Tuesdays 7:00 PM St. Catherine Church basement
POC: Deacon Carl Orthman
(701) 845-6271

Friday morning Men's Group

Fridays 6:00 AM St, Catherine Church basement
POC: Deacon Joe Leitner (701) 845-0817

Wednesday Morning Women's Group

Wednesday 8:45 AM St. Catherine Parish Hall Committee Room
POC: Lela Grim (701) 845-4067

Tuesday Women's Groups

6:00 AM St. Catherine Parish Office
POC Lauri Kupitz (701) 490-1475

3:45 PM St. Catherine Parish Office

POC: Deb Didier (701) 845-5317

Wahpeton

Men's Group

Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 AM St John's Parish (KC Room)
POC: Rod Koch (701) 274-8282