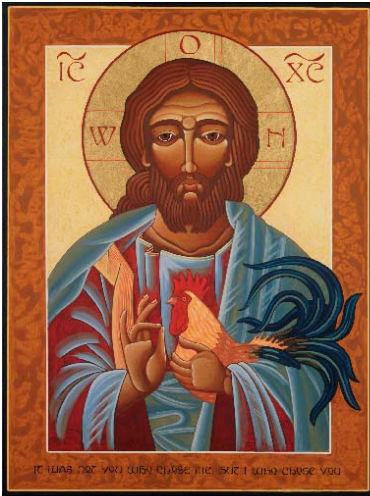


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## Fascinating

By: Maria Vitale Gallagher

I have to admit—I always look forward to journalist Barbara Walters' announcement of the Ten Most Fascinating People of the year. Controversy always ensues. Should reality star Honey Boo Boo be on the list? Is she really more fascinating than my Cursillo friend's kid sister? And

what makes a person fascinating anyway? Will Barbara ask the winners what kind of a tree they would like to be? And will anything beat actress Katharine Hepburn's memorable reply: "An oak"?

But I digress. A lot. Anyway, I believe that Barbara's TV special would be all the more fascinating if she asked each celebrity, "What was your closest moment to God this week?" Yes, Virginia, there is a Cursillo connection.

I have had the privilege of meeting in group reunion for nearly ten years. In our group, the tradition is for us to go around the circle and talk about our piety first, then our study, then our action. We complete our sharing about piety by talking about our closest moment to Christ that week.

Invariably, if one of us happens to miss talking about that Christ connection, one astute woman in our group interjects, "Closest moment to Christ?" This is done with the directness of a detective who is solving a mystery. In other words, what I hear is, "O.K. Spill the beans, sister."

In nearly a decade of grouping, I don't think I've ever heard a brief, two-word answer to that question: "At breakfast." "During Mass." "Last night."

No, the question invariably brings on a story—sometimes happy, sometimes funny, sometimes heartbreaking. "I heard from my daughter who is a gazillion miles away today"... "My sister and I heard "Copacabana" on the radio and we broke into song and it brought us closer together"... "My son had a heart attack and it threw me for a loop."

Christ was present on Facebook. Christ was there in the ICU. Christ was there in a rousing round of a Barry Manilow song.

Through group, I have come to discover the different forms Christ can take—as a family member, a physician, a musician. But perhaps the most profound discovery of all is how each of us can find Christ present within ourselves.

As Mother Teresa eloquently stated, "Christ prays in me, Christ speaks in me... Christ looks through my eyes, Christ speaks through my words, Christ works with my hands. Christ walks with my feet, Christ loves with my heart."

Sounds like the action leg of the tripod to me! And this is how regular grouping can enable us to fulfill Christ's call to evangelize—or, in the words of St. Catherine of Siena, "**If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire!**"

Didn't Honey Boo Boo say something similar on "Access Hollywood" recently? Again...I digress.

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## Catholics in Action—Light and Heat Ministries

Information provided by Deacon Joe Gorini

### What is Catholic Action?

**Catholic Action is the organized work of the laity**, faithful to the Magisterium of the Church, performed under the direction or mandate of a bishop, in the fields of dogma, morals, liturgy, education, and charity. In 1927 Pope Pius XI gave the term its classical definition as "the **participation of the laity in the apostolate of the hierarchy**." During the Second Vatican Council, in the 1960s, the Catholic principle of "apostolic action," on the part of the laity, was further developed and highlighted in several documents, most notably in the *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity*, which states: "The laity derive their right and duty with respect to the apostolate from their union with Christ their head."

The principle behind whatever suitable label, e.g., "Catholic Action" or "Apostolic Action," is "God's plan for the world ... that men should work together to restore the temporal sphere of things and to develop it unceasingly." Applying this principle in 2007, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops addressed the grave moral issues of our time and called the laity to fulfillment of Christian political responsibility with their teaching document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States* (N.B. an Introductory Note was added in 2011).

Catholic Action is about **proclaiming the Truth of God**, in season or out, in the **market place and in the public square** — as well as **within the family and the Church**. God's Truth, and therefore Catholic Action, is about "**theology**" and not "**political ideology**." A valuable resource for understanding the American Catholic political vocation is the pastoral statement *Living the Gospel of Life*, issued in 1998 by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Primary resources include The Documents of *Vatican Council II* and the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*.

### Who are Light and Heat Ministries?

Light and Heat Ministries is a Third Millennium agency for "evangelization" in the U.S.A. Applying the Cursillo Method and collaborating with all "persons of good will," LAHM addresses its message primarily to catholic (universal) Christians and promotes "Catholic Action" under the banner: "**A Gospel for America: Recovering our American Christian Heritage; Seeking Proper Inculturation of Christianity**." Our motto is "**VERITAS AEQUITAS**" - which means Truth, Piety, Sanctity, and Justice.

### Light and Heat Ministries' Mission

The mission of Light and Heat Ministries is to give faithful Catholics, and all like-minded Christians, the **information, perspective, encouragement, and support** they need to become an **active force for renewal** in the Church and in society, working to lovingly and courageously **proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ** and **shape an authentically Christian culture** in a secular world, by **nourishing individual faith** and **nurturing families** as domestic churches and the fundamental building blocks of society, which they are.

For more information go to [www.lightandheatministries.org](http://www.lightandheatministries.org), especially see the weekly column entitled "Catholic Action, Faithful Citizenship," under Info Center tab, Faith in Action category. To volunteer time, talent or treasure, send an e-mail to Deacon Gorini c/o [Deacon-Joe@comcast.net](mailto:Deacon-Joe@comcast.net). De Colores!

## WHAT KIND OF WORLD IS THIS

By: Chuk

it is the kind of world we sinners have made. Not God so world He created. He gave us the gift of free will and dominion over the world. Look what WE have done with His gifts. Expressions of love are suspect, Politically correct is more important, Then prayer in schools and government buildings ?and public places. Invoking God's name in prayer is not what people want to hear. But, smut and trash is entertainment, And complaining about it is un-American. We feed our children violence, sex, drugs, and wonder why we have criminals? What kind of world it could be if we followed God's way.

2001

## INPRINTED ON OUR SOULS

By: Chuk

God, at the moment, of our creation, Imprinted, on our soul the purpose of our life. What He needs of us is to fulfill His purpose. To some...you will be a lesson ?for others of what NOT to do. To others...you will show that love is possible. To others...you will suffer pain and poor health, so others might be grateful for the gift of good health. To others...the arts, to show, creativity and beauty of the human spirit. To parents...to teach my innocent children of unconditional love of parenthood, ?a small reflection of God the Father's total unconditional love. To others, born with birth defects both physical and mental or both, who seem ?helpless, hopeless, have even larger purpose. It is to teach more than any others... how to be patient, responsibility, perseverance, courage, love, selflessness' sacrifice, tolerance, faith, hope, and charity. Truly, God works in strange ways. Who would have thought the seemingly helpless could have one of the largest purposes? GOD, that's, who,

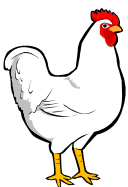
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## THEY NEVER KNOW

By: Chuk

They may never know, God hears the Prayers for people, the fire-truck, ambulance or police car that go screaming by to rescue someone in need. The homeless people in the streets That angry person in line at the store. Everyone at daily Mass. Some names known, others not. It is easier to pray for those you love. It becomes easy to pray for those you do not particularly love. When you do, God's graces come, for the effort.

2001



## Cursillo Connections (School of Leaders)

| Session | Date/<br>Place   | Doctrinal Topic  | Presenter               | Cursillo Method Topic  | Rollista                   |
|---------|--|--|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 48      | Jan. 12<br>CKC   | Study of the Charism   | Special<br>Presentation | by Region II Coordinator   | Jackie<br>DeMesme-<br>Gray |
| 49      | Feb. 9<br>CKC  | The Three Ages of the Interior<br>Life -Part II; Purification of the<br>Soul (Ch. 33-37) | Fr. John<br>Bednarik    | The Fundamental Ideas of the<br>Cursillo Movement—<br>OCMM Ch. 1 | Steve Troelsch             |
| 50      | March 9<br>CKC   | The Three Ages of the Interior<br>Life Volume 2 (Ch. 1-3)                                | James Gontis            | The Fundamental Ideas of the<br>Cursillo Movement—<br>OCMM Ch. 2 | Kent<br>Smithmyer          |
| Note:   | Sessions will be held in Cardinal Keeler Center. All sessions will be on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Sessions start at 10:00 and end at Noon. |  |                         |  |                            |

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**UPCOMING EVENT & WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

**Men's 94th Weekend**

January 24th-27th, 2013  
St. Pius X, Selinsgrove  
(4 p.m. Clausura)

**Women's 90th Weekend**

April 11th-14th, 2013  
St. Pius X, Selinsgrove  
(4 p.m. Clausura)

**Men's 95th Weekend**

July 11th-14th, 2013  
St. Pius X, Selinsgrove  
(4 p.m. Clausura)

**Women's 91st Weekend**

August 8th-11th, 2013  
St. Pius X, Selinsgrove  
(4 p.m. Clausura)

**PALANCA**

As you know, your part in supporting the Cursillo weekends is your palanca. Making sure they arrive by the Wednesday before the weekend, please send any letters to:

Jerry and Trish Mazeika  
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**Team Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Place/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Men's 94th, Date: January 24-27th, 2013, St. Pius X, Selinsgrove

\_\_\_\_\_ Women's 90th, Date: April 11-14th, 2013, St. Pius X, Selinsgrove

Team applications are and will continue to be accepted for any Men's or Women's weekend. Please mail/e-mail the information above to:

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**Secretariat:** Monthly (1st

Tuesday) - Cardinal Keeler  
Center, Harrisburg, 7:00—

9:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**ULTREYAS—Call your**

**contact in case of inclement weather. Contacts are listed inside.**

**Berwick:** 3rd Saturday of

November, January and March  
after the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St.

Joseph Parish, Berwick

**Carlisle:** Monthly (4th Tuesday), 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's

School Library, Marsh Drive.  
(occasionally not held-see p7

for contact information.)

**East Shore** Monthly (2nd

Tuesday), 7p.m., Cardinal  
Keeler Center, Room 105

**Lewisburg/Selinsgrove/**

**Sunbury:** Monthly (4th

Wednesday), 7:00 p.m. at  
St. Pius X Parish,  
Selinsgrove.

**Northern Deanery:**

Monthly (1st Wednesday),  
at 6pm in the St. Columba

Parish Center, location and

time may rotate. For questions see page 7 for contact

info.

**West Shore:** Monthly (4th

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