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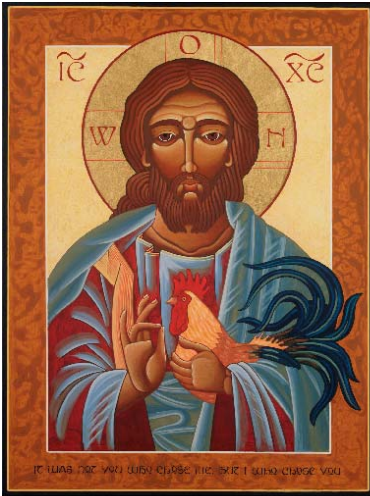
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## Tears of Job

By: Maria Gallagher

I sometimes wonder how people who have never made Cursillo understand their lives. All the disappointments, all the setbacks may seem incomprehensible. Through prayer, study, and action, though, things can mysteriously and miraculously fall into place.

On a pre-dawn Friday morning, I sat in my dec-

ade-old car in the parking lot of Holy Name of Jesus Church and wept. In my mind, I cried out to God, ***"I came here to Pennsylvania ten years ago because I thought that's what You wanted. Since I've been here, I've lost the people I've loved most—my father and mother to death, and my daughter, who's been gone since 2007 when her father took her to a foreign country. I gave You everything, and I am left with nothing. Why, Lord, why?"***

I proceeded to go to Mass, do my morning prayers, and go to work. I had a presentation to do at a church the next day, and I was in no mood for it. I just felt I had nothing left to give.

When I arrived at the church hall the next morning, I parked right in front of the doors of the assembly room, and knocked. The woman inside gestured that I should use another entrance. "Just great," I thought. "Now I have to move the car and lug all this equipment in there, by myself. This is not a good start."

After I got into the room, I discovered the "SMART board," and was instantly reminded of why I could never be a teacher. I was completely befuddled by the technology, which was like a blackboard, only white, electronic, and "smart." It seemed that my equipment was not compatible with the SMART board. Here we go, again, Lord.

A woman who seemed smart enough to have invented the SMART board figured out that we needed another piece of equipment. The clock was ticking. She grabbed her cell phone, called her husband, and instructed him to fetch the missing piece. My anxiety level was rising by the minute.

The room started to fill up, with people eager to hear this presentation, which was stuck in my laptop. In the nick of time, tech-savvy trooper arrived, and the smart lady set me up. O.K., Lord, we might now be in business.

Somehow, I survived the SMART board. Incredibly, I was coherent, and it was probably one of the best pro-life workshops I've ever been privileged to attend.

At the end of my talk, a gentleman came up to me, cradling something in his hand. He carefully placed the prized possession in my palm.

"The members of the planning committee wanted you to have this," he said, handing me a Rosary.

"It's called the Tears of Job."

And it all made sense.

Except the SMART board. That will never make sense to me.

## SOLID AS A ROCK - CURSILLO

**Matthew 7:25 - The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.**

Our house is Cursillo. We, as a Cursillo community, can stand against any storm, any foe, any danger or power because our foundation is solid. It is based on the Fundamental Ideas and Charism of the Cursillo Movement, a worldwide movement, recognized by the Catholic Church as a true Charism of the Church.

The reason the Catholic Church stays so strong is because as children of God we are called to be obedient. In that call to obedience there are times when some may feel that the leaders of the church have gone astray in asking us to change or NOT to change certain things within the ritual and liturgical processes of our faith. However, because we love our faith and need the strength that comes from the Mother Church, we pledge and obey with our whole hearts. The same thing happens in Cursillo.

Today we, as a Cursillo Community, are at a crossroads. Not a crossroads of our own choosing but one of circumstance which was never envisioned by those instrumental in the journey to this point in time. Our Secretariat has been notified, by our Region II Coordinator, that we must make a change to our 3 Day Weekend format in order to become compliant with National Cursillo guidelines. If we fail to make the required change, we stand in danger of losing our National Charter. This means that we would no longer be eligible to use the name Cursillo, hold 3 Day Weekends, use any Cursillo material, nor describe ourselves as being affiliated with Cursillo in any way.

In order to have you fully understand the decision facing the Secretariat, I would like to share with you a 3 point view of the Cursillo of Harrisburg, PA. These 3 views are "Where did we come from?", "Where are we now?", and "Where are we going?" Sounds a little bit like a Cursillo weekend doesn't it?

### **WHERE DID WE COME FROM?**

The origins of the Cursillo Movement began in Spain, where young men of leading society, desiring to obey the command of Pope Pius XII and re-invigorate the Catholic faith, joined a call for a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela (Shrine of St. James the Apostle). Before the pilgrimage began, it was necessary to prepare the young men with week long retreats held by Youth Catholic Action under the direction of Manolo Aparici. He gathered 100,000 young men living in God's grace and sent them to retreats called Cursillos of Pilgrim Leaders.

The president of Youth Catholic Action of Majorca, Spain, Jose Ferragut, asked Eduardo Bonnin to attend the 2nd Cursillos of Pilgrim Leaders in 1943. Eduardo became president of Catholic Action of Majorca in 1944, and his "Study of the Environment" became one of the principle rollos of the Cursillos of Pilgrim Leaders. However, Eduardo knew that the average citizen could not hope to spend a week away from family and work. So he began work on a program which the routine, normal, common person could hope to complete, a 3 Day Method.

During the years 1944-1948, six Cursillos were given with the 3 Day Method. The new Bishop of Majorca, Bishop Hervas, appointed two clergy as diocesan conciliary and vice-conciliary of youth Catholic Action, Sebastian Gaya and Juan Capo, asking them to assist with the development of the Cursillo Method. Juan Capo gave theological views of the rollos and Sebastian Gaya was primary in writing the Pilgrim's Guide. The development of the final format of the 3 Day Weekend was a coordination of efforts by Spain's Catholic Action with Eduardo Bonnin as president, the office of Bishop Hervas, and Andres Rullan, a layperson incorporated to the foundations group of Cursillos. Bishop Hervas publicly and solemnly affirmed and gave an Episcopal endorsement to Bonnin's 3 Day Method. In 1950 Bonnin resigned as president of Catholic Action to become Chairman of the Cursillo Committee.

From there the method was further refined to become, pretty much, the 3Day Weekend we have all experienced. From our Leaders Manual I quote, "All the parts of the method slowly evolved into mature and effective forms during the first period (a process of development, which continues throughout the history of the Movement. p.6).

**WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

We have a National Cursillo which regulates the guidelines of all Cursillos within the United States. Our Movement has been made aware of a problem with the way we structure our 3 Day Weekend, specifically the Sunday Mass combined with the 4th Day Community. However it occurred, and by whatever process it became a part of the weekends of the Cursillo Movement of Harrisburg, PA, the Sunday Mass celebration with the 4th Day Community was never a part of the National Cursillo format. The Secretariat has taken a year to reflect, study, research, and pray about the change we are being asked to make. We have invited members of the Fourth Day Community to come to Secretariat to provide input regarding the change, knowing that it is essential to hear the concerns such a change may bring to the community at large. After prayerful deliberations and because of the call and obligation to obedience, the Secretariat has voted to comply with National Cursillo guidelines and make the necessary change to our weekend format. While we intend to be obedient, we are also preparing a letter of reconsideration to be presented to the National Cursillo Secretariat meeting at the National Encounter in July 2013. Secretariat believes, as many of you do also, that there is value in the combination of Fourth Day community with our new Cursillista brothers and sisters at Mass on Sunday. The letter of reconsideration will give National food for thought, not asking them to allow our Movement do something different, but seeking to enlighten them to the possibility of a continuation of that original idea of “(a process of development, which continues throughout the history of the Movement. p.6), indicated by Eduardo Bonnin in the beginning process of his formation of this fantastic, vibrant, and holy movement.

**WHERE ARE WE GOING?**

The Leaders Manual clearly outlines two separate events on Sunday. A final Mass and a Clausura, or Closing Ceremony. Referring to page 168 of the Leaders Manual, “Sunday’s Mass provides an opportunity for the team and the candidates to enjoy that one last Eucharistic Celebration as a community.....This is a very personal time for all the participants, because of the community that has been established during the Weekend. For this reason, the team and the candidates should spend this time without interference from the Fourth Day community. This is one of the reasons why the Mass should not be a part of the Closing (Clausura).”

Because the Cursillo Method has been a life changing encounter and continuing influence all of our lives, it would be incomprehensible to imagine or contemplate losing that vital connection and right to share Cursillo with future candidates.

In the event that National Cursillo Secretariat rejects our appeal, beginning in 2014, the Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA will comply with National Guidelines and separate the final Mass of the weekend from the Closing Ceremony. The Closing format will not change and will include having the candidates come into the Church to find the Fourth Day community waiting for them. A short Eucharistic Adoration program would be followed by distribution of Cursillo crosses, introduction of the Decurias with witness from the candidates, and all the other usual experiences of the “Clausura”, including the refreshments and fellowship before final departure.

The Secretariat wishes to thank all cursillistas who have offered witness and suggestions regarding this pending change. Secretariat will continue to welcome letters, emails, or personal contacts concerning this change in our 3 Day Weekend format. You may find information regarding the means of contacting members of the Secretariat on our website, [www.harrisburg-cursillo.org/](http://www.harrisburg-cursillo.org/).

God Bless you all for your support and continued prayers for our Movement and for all who walk their faith through the Cursillo method.

Your Servant In the Love of Christ,  
Nancy Keener, Lay Director



## Women's 90th Weekend, April 11th-14th, 2013



*Good Shepherd* – Laurette Keiser, Rita Geraci, Lois Wonsiewicz

*Holy Name of Jesus* – Kimberly Basham, Theresa DiBacco, Yolanda Bermundo, Robbie Davis

*Sacred Heart of Jesus* – Mary Kay Enterline

*Sacred Heart of Jesus (Lewistown)* - Jane Straley, Anne Showers, Wendy Vogt

*St. Aloysius* – Margot James

*St. Anthony de Padua (Lancaster)* – Stephanie Vu

*St. Bernadette* - Diane Dadowski

*St. Catherine Laboure* – Dorothy Engle, Betty Berry, Robin Schriener

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton* – Janet Ashby

*St. Joseph the Worker (Scranton)*– Adelina Wright

*St. Joseph* – Barb Byrnes

*St. Leo the Great* - Eileen Bargo, Margaret Major, Ginny Pryor, Sherry Troelsch

*St. Margaret Mary* – Lois Mavretic

*St. Mary's (Lancaster)* – Lee Ann McCall

*St. Patrick's (Carlisle)* – Jennifer Pollock

*St. Peter's* – Edna Alejos

*St. Pius X* – Rev. Daniel Powell

*St. Theresa* – Mary Lou Law, Maria Ciccarelli, Roxanne Cudahy, Maureen Romanoski, Brenda Rossi

*St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus* – Deacon Tom Boucek



## Men's 94th Weekend, January 24th-27th, 2013



*Our Lady of Lourdes* – Bill Benning

*Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto* – John Meyer

*Our Lady of the Visitation Ship* – Bob Bagley

*Queen of the Most Holy Rosary* – Bob Bierowski

*St. Catherine Laboure* – Mike Schriener

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*—Dr. Dwight Ashby

*St. Joan of Arc*– Bill Parker

*St. Joseph* – Mark Walker, Dave Marrasso, Phillip Talarico

*St. Joseph (Emmitsburg)* – Phil Dayberry

*St. Katharine Drexel* - Stan Bielawa, Adam Sheaffer

*St. Leo the Great* – Scott Major, Steve Troelsch

*St. Patrick's (Carlisle)* – Fred Zuech

*St. Pius X* – Fr. Dan Powell

*St. Theresa* – Rich Cudahy, Dennis Braun, Terry Hessler, Tom Hewitt, Fr. Raja, Doug Miller, Charlie Law,

Jean Maurice Rakotoanmanana, John A. Rossi, Robert Kalemteis, Kevin Cicak, Harris Kalemteis, Ron

Borza, Clem Ciccarelli, Daniel Brown

*Elmhurst, IL* – Fr. Ben

## Cursillo Connections (School of Leaders)

Session	Date/ Place	Doctrinal Topic (Personal Spirituality) based on the 2-Volume book by Fr. Re- ginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P	Presenter	Cursillo Method Topic (Based on "Study of the Charism")	Rollista
53	June 8, 2013  CKC	The Three Ages of the Interior Life Volume II: Part III "The Illumi- native Way of Proficients" Chapters 8 thru 11	Fr. Paul Fisher	The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement - (Chapter 5) "The PreCursillo"	Jack O'Conner
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 95th Weekend**

July 11th-14-th, 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**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Men's 95th – July 11-14th, 2013—St. Pius X, Selinsgrove

\_\_\_\_\_ Women's 91st – August 8th-11th, 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 inclem-**

**ent 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 Tues-

day), 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,

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**West Shore:** Monthly (4th

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