

Rev. John "Tex" Hilbert

March 16, 1934 — February 22, 2007; Ordained a priest May 26, 1960

Cursillo Movement, C.A.L.L., Chaplain Mercyhurst North East. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our Diocesan Spiritual Director. A giant of a man who was loved by the multitudes, he led this Movement with God's grace and love. We truly believe the best way to honor Father Tex is to continue participating in the Cursillo Movement which has meant so much to him.

HOMECOMING

Just what is this Homecoming Ultreya scheduled in March?! Well, recently a couple Cursillistas (*Names deliberately withheld – search elsewhere in this newsletter to find out who they are*) got together and brainstormed about ways to see people again who had made Cursillo weekends. They knew their parents had sponsored several people but not all of them were still active and they missed them. Thus – why not have a Homecoming?! Just like schools do. They, in conjunction with Ed and Diane Horneman, the Parish Coordinators of St. Mary of Grace, have done an enormous amount of legwork to make this evening an experience not to miss! Anyone who has made a Cursillo, whether or not you have ever come to an Ultreya before, is cordially and joyously invited to attend. **Don't miss this chance for great fellowship, food, and fun!!** There will be door prizes and over \$650 in merchandise has been donated for the Chinese Auction. Prizes will be awarded to the persons having the five earliest Cursillo weekend numbers. It will kick-off another great contest as well. But... you have to be present to hear about it, win prizes, and join in the fun!!! Join us -- Saturday, March 10, 2007 beginning with 5:15 Mass at St. Mary of Grace, Water Street, Meadville. Ultreya to follow. **BE THERE!**

CURSILLO MINI-RETREAT

What a wonderful experience!! We were blessed to have 35 Cursillistas gather for this very *special* day of renewal. We started the day with fellowship and a *surprise* – Annette and Terry Dietz traveled up from Johnstown to join us! We then went to the church for guided prayer and reflection. Following that we were privileged to hear the three Cursillo Tripod talks again. Joyce Tarr (Piety), John D'Angio (Study), and Jack Jones (Action) each did a tremendous job reviving and deepening our understanding of what this Movement is all about. THANK YOU!!! We did posters, made Palanca, and laughed and cried. We prayed together, ate together, and basically had a truly enjoyable day. We had the opportunity for adoration before the Blessed Sacrament – A chapel visit that was awe inspiring. We finished the day celebrating Mass with the congregation at St. Hippolyte. Fr. Denny Veltri talked about Cursillo and gave the Movement a very positive affirmation.

We cannot thank Pat & Steve Ferry enough!! This was their idea – something they have wanted to do for awhile. We are glad it finally came to fruition. It was certainly time worth spending! We thank Dave Wagner as well for helping Steve prepare an awesome lunch, the musicians throughout the day, and anyone who had a hand in making this day happen!
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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Ultreya was held at St. Titus in Titusville with Fr. Davis celebrating Mass. He also blessed our throats on the Feast of Saint Blaise. Seventeen were in attendance, despite the bad weather. We shared an intimate gathering, with feedback from those in attendance who had also been at the Day of Renewal. Fr. Davis and his golden retriever Noah joined us for social time.

Holy hour was held at St Walburga with seventeen in attendance. A Scriptural Rosary was led by Bill "Clem" Stumpf and was followed by prayer intentions. Some attending then enjoyed a meal together at Marie's afterward.

Thank you Father Davis and Clem!

Welcome to our newest babechicks – Erin Grover & Rebecca Spadafore. A Big Thank you Janet Wasserman who was on the team!

A PLEDGE OF THREE

Hello Cursillistas!

It has been awhile since we have seen each other.

Here is an idea: What about making a commitment to attend three Ultreyas, Holy Hours and Closings this year? Just three of each. That isn't too bad, is it?

There are over 600 Cursillistas in Crawford County, just think how much fun it would be if a third of us showed up at each Ultreya, Holy Hour and Closing! We could catch up with those who we haven't seen in a long time and meet the new babe chicks of this movement!

So how about we get together this year? We miss you.

Your Fellow Cursillistas

CANDIDATES

We have team members and one confirmed candidate for March. There is room for more. Some of you may have received an e-mail from the Erie Diocesan Cursillo President (if Erie has your e-mail address). For those who may not have received it, the gist of it was this... **there is no time to delay** – candidates are **needed** or upcoming Cursillo weekends **will be cancelled**. Thankfully, at this point March will not be cancelled. However, on our weekends we heard the instruction – **Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Christ**. Have we gone through all our "friends" in Crawford County? Take a moment to think about the experience you had, send up a prayer of thanks for your sponsor, and then pray about who you can give the gift to as well. At Fr. Tex's funeral, Msgr Gaines issued a challenge to bring in 500-1000 applications to honor Fr. Tex. Let's rise to that challenge and do our part in fulfilling the mission. Can't you hear Fr. Tex saying "We need applications"?

By the Way...Applications are to go through Denise Schoenfeldt who will channel them to Erie for us. Her address is 21957 Crimson Drive, Meadville, PA 16335. If you need an application and sponsor sheet, they are available at Ultreyas and Holy Hours, through your parish coordinators, and are also available online through the Erie or Crawford County websites.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ultreya - 5:15pm Sat, March 10 ; Holy Hour - 6:30pm Sat, March 17
St. Mary of Grace, Meadville
Ultreya - 7:00pm Fri, April 13 ; Holy Hour - 7:00pm Sat, April 21
St. Hippolyte, Frenchtown

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NEWS DEADLINE:

Please have newsletter information or prayer requests to Missy Orr by March 16 or send a message to crawfordcountycursillo@gmail.com

If you are moving, please give your new address to Janet Wasserman (724-4800 Ext. 136).

PALANCA

Deliver your Palanca to the St. Brigid Office by Noon on Thursday of any Cursillo weekend. If the office is closed, just leave it at the door and be sure it's marked "Palanca".

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	Saint Philip – Derwin & Donna Stockton	382-2320
	Saint Peter – Matt & Darcie Duda	587-3735
	Saint Peter – Steve & Missy Orr	683-4415
	Saint Titus – Rose Nosko/Carol Patterson	827-3462
	Saint Hippolyte – David & Desiree Wagner	789-3621
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CRAWFORD COUNTY WEBSITE

www.crawfordcountycursillo.bravehost.com/index.html
 Valuable information is available! Don't hesitate to utilize it.

COORDINATORS CORNER

While we *deeply* mourn the loss of Fr. Tex, we have an obligation to continue his work. Thankfully we have been blessed... so much is happening right now! The mini-retreat was all we hoped for and more! We had a great team member and 2 new babe chicks in February! If all goes well, in addition to team members Crawford County will have at least 2 more candidates (we would like to see A LOT more). We eagerly look forward to April, May, & (of course) June!

We are truly excited about the upcoming Homecoming *Ultreya*!!! Darcie Schoenfeldt-White and Danielle Schoenfeldt approached us with this idea back in November. (*Guess you found out who they were*) They have put a tremendous amount of work into it (flyers, donations, phone calls, e-mails, etc.) and for that we are extremely grateful. They have captured the essence of the Movement by working to serve others. Maybe you haven't been active for awhile, maybe you never were active after your weekend, maybe life situations just didn't allow you to be a part of Cursillo at any given time – whatever the reason you are still welcome to come and be a part of Cursillo now. The faces may change, but the love and the message are the same. At any given time – you are welcome. Please come and join us March 10th.

Doug & Carole

Metanoia 18

Metanoia 18 at SCI Albion will be held April 12-15. For those of you who do not know, Metanoia is Greek meaning 'Change of Heart', and is the prison version of Cursillo. We are asking for prayers, Palanca and to see your face at the Closing. Please hold the men at SCI Albion in your heart and pray that their hearts are open to the glory and life of God. There are restrictions for Palanca: simple neck Palanca, letters and prayer cards are wonderful; but pins, laminated items, food, etc. are not permitted. Simple neck Palanca is great and letters go a long, long way. Address letters 'Dear Brother in Christ'. If you sign anything, just sign your first name. Do NOT sign your last name. There will be around 60 total with candidates and inside team members. If you want to attend the Closing for Metanoia 18, please give your full name, address, date of birth and phone number to Arco and Janet Wasserman before March 2. We can't tell you how much the gift of your presence means to the men.

TEAM SELECTION – If you would like to be on a team, please see Carole & Doug Schenberg at *Ultreyas & Holy Hours*, drop them a note – 15770 US Hwy 6&19, Meadville, PA 16335, or e-mail them your request to mcdfam@zoominternet.net

E-MAIL ADDRESSES – We would like to have e-mail addresses added to our county database. For many it is an easier and faster method of keeping up with events. If you have an e-mail address please send it to Darcie Schoenfeldt-White at darcies@alltel.net

HELP WANTED – We are looking for someone willing to take on the role of Picnic Coordinator. Also, we are in need of someone willing to do follow-up with GR's after the Cursillo weekends. If you are able to assist in either of these roles, please contact Doug and Carole Schenberg.

Prayers are requested for Jack & Carole Jones' grandson, Fr. Dennis Veltri, Fr. David Findlay, Pat Ferry's mother, Pete Simonetta's son-in-law, and Sue Simonetta's mother.

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of long-time Cursillista Pat Matrogran Jr. as well as to the families of Jack Jones' sister, Al Borkovec's brother and Bob Schoenfeldt's aunt. We pray also for the family and the many friends of Fr. Tex.