



CHEC MARKS

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of those who made CHEC 77 such a huge success. As a result of the efforts of Renee Dowe and her fine team, we have more than 20 new members of the Episcopal Cursillo Community in Chicago. I also want to thank those in the Fourth Day who showed up over the weekend to serve as Cha Chas, those who supported the team and candidates at candlelight, and those who lifted up the team and the candidates with your prayers and palanca. The Holy Spirit was indeed alive in Stone Park. I urge all of the new cursillistas to find a reunion group, and if you need help in finding one, please contact your sponsor for the weekend.

CHEC 78 is just around the corner. The Rector, Joe Ryan, has likewise formed a talented and committed team to bring others to a closer relationship with Christ on the weekend beginning October 22nd through 25th in Stone Park. Please consider positively changing someone's life by sponsoring a candidate for CHEC 78. There are also a number of wonderful ways to participate during the weekend, even though you aren't formally on the team. We are always looking for volunteers to help with individual tasks on the weekend. Also mark your calendars for candlelight - we all know how wonderful it is to walk into the chapel and see a multitude of glowing candles!

We have received feedback from many raising concerns about the retreat center we currently use. The Secretariat is attempting to address these issues, and an announcement will hopefully be coming shortly. While there are undoubtedly a number of wonderful retreat centers in our area, the Secretariat has attempted to make the Cursillo experience as affordable as possible for anyone interested in attending a weekend, and has been concerned about locations which would require a significant increase in our suggested donation. We are working out some of the details on a location that we believe would meet our physical needs and yet remain within our cost targets and hope to provide you with details in the next edition of CHECMARKS. We would

hold a weekend at this location on a trial basis to make sure it works for Cursillo on a longer term basis.

Finally, we are always looking for ways to provide more support for the Fourth Day community. If anyone has any thoughts on what Secretariat can do to better support Fourth Day, please advise Secretariat.

Until later, Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ!

De Colores, Frank Top

BLEST ARE THEY

Hello my brothers and sisters in Christ. My name is Joe Ryan and I attended Episcopal Men's Cursillo in the Diocese of SE Florida in May of 1992. My table name was St. Paul. I worship at St. Charles Episcopal Church in St. Charles with my wife of 31 years, Liz.

The theme and song for CHEC 78 are "BLEST ARE THEY" from a song by David Haas, based on Matthew 5:3-12, also known as the Beatitudes. While attending our parish in Florida, we sang this song quite often and the refrain would always touch my heart. It says "Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God."

Cursillo became a big part of my life. I worked in many aspects of Cursillo before a job transfer moved Liz and me to the Chicago area 8 years ago. After a few years of not being involved in Cursillo, we joined the Chicago Cursillo (CHEC) community. You have welcomed both of us into this Christian community and made us feel part of your group. When the Secretariat asked me to be the rector of CHEC 78, it made me truly feel BLEST that you've given me this opportunity.

While not everyone can be on team, there are still many opportunities to serve on the weekend! I hope to see cha chas galore at Casa Italia in Stone Park from Oct. 22nd through the 25th!!

De Colores, Joe Ryan

CHEC 78 TEAM

Name	Position	Address	City	Phone	Church
Joe Ryan	Rector	3062 Renard Lane	St. Charles	630-762-0353	St. Charles, St. Charles
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