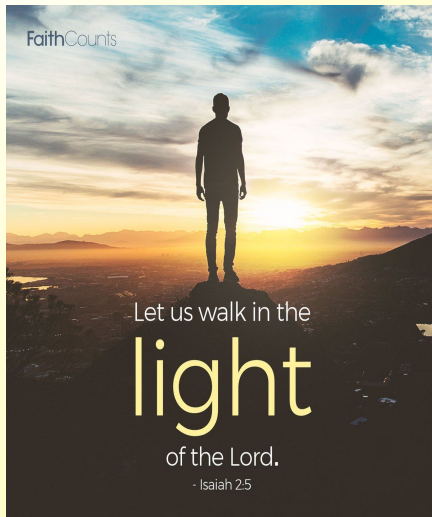


The Rooster Crows

The Newsletter for the Men's 260th and Women's 261st Weekends!



The Spiritual Director Speaks



The theme for the 260th Men's Cursillo is "Walk in the light of the Lord." The verse comes from the Book of the prophet Isaiah. Obviously, Isaiah addressed his message to a people whose only experience of "light" consisted of the sun, the moon, the stars and whatever light was produced from some form of fire, e.g. candles, oil, wood, etc. We live in a world where there are many sources of light in addition to those known to Isaiah's audience. Light, whether natural or humanly produced, enables us to see and interact with what

is around us. But light itself can also provide us with information. The brake lights on the car in front of us let us know what its driver is doing. The illumination provided by LEDs reveal the information contained in or received by electronic devices. Even before flat screens, cathode ray tubes lit up the screens of monitors and televisions. Regardless of the kind of light involved, light is a form of communication. Like any form of communication, in order to be effective, it needs a sender and a recipient. The sender determines the message by illuminating what needs to be seen while the recipient needs to pay attention to what is illuminated whether it's a brake light, the road ahead, or the Toyota TV commercial.

In a world filled with a plethora of lights competing for our attention, the Lord shines His light on a new vision of the world around us. He invites us to see what He sees and more than that, He invites us to walk the path He walked, illuminated by His own light.

Fr. Mike Furlan

MEET THE MIEN'S 260TH CURSILLO TEAM



Rector	Dan Kane
Asst Rector	Roland Catenacci
Spiritual Director	Fr. Michael Furlan
Spiritual Director	Dcn. David Brencic
Spiritual Director	Dcn Jim Furey
Liturgist	Jerry Rokosz
Liturgist	John Thomas
Service Boss	Larry McMahon
Service	Jeff Wojcik
Service	Bob Landuyt
Service	Gary Willman
Service	Ed Harker
Service	Jerimiah Diaz

Rollos	Speaker
Ideal	Roland Catenacci
Laity	Roberto Zapata
Piety	Ron Gregorio
Study	Earl Schaffnit
Action	Michael LaTona
Leaders	Stan Nowak
Environment	Denis Ciezadlo
CIA	Joe Donzelli
Total Security	Dan Kane





**We
Are
Called!**

MEET THE WOMEN'S 261st CURSILLO TEAM

Rectora	Maureen McMahon
Asst Rectora	Chris LaTona
Spiritual Director	Fr. John Clemens
Spiritual Director	Dcn. Bill Karstenson
Spiritual Director	Dcn. Len Marturano
Liturgist	Ellen Chio
Liturgist	Katherine Bewley
*Service Boss	Mary Jo Landuyt
Service	Jodi Steiner
Service	Barbara Rybinski
Service	
Palanca	Kathleen Bewley-Thomas

Rollos	Speaker
Ideal	Chris LaTona
Laity	Rosa Haraf
Piety	Terri Kaisling
Study	Cindy Kane
Action	Dawn Abernathy
Leaders	Pat Devron
Environment	Sigrid Wonsil
CIA	Rae Pistone
Total Security	Maureen McMahon



We Are Called

One of my favorite hymns is We Are Called by David Haas, and We Are Called is the theme of the upcoming Women's Cursillo Weekend.

"Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

*We are called . . . to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

*We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!"*

This hymn, based on the book of Micah, chapter 6, verse 8, is a clarion call to all believers to live in the light of God's grace and reflect that light back to others with joy and love, to open our hearts to mercy for those who live in fear, hatred and blindness, and to imagine a world in the future when all will be one.

The team for the Women's weekend #261 has been taking this message to heart. We have been in formation since October 19

and are training to serve and to lead the candidates through the three days. The team members have been living lives of Grace, and following the method of Piety, Study and Action; the candidates are lining up and preparing to follow the leadership of the team in learning the Cursillo method. And the Fourth Day are (or should be) making friends, being friends and bringing their friends to Christ.

Please remember that while the team has been creating a community ready, willing and able to share the love of Christ with the candidates who will journey with us, we also realize that our efforts are not sufficient. The team and the candidates also need your palanca, your prayers and sacrifices, both for the individuals and for the whole weekend in general, to accomplish things that will not be possible without the Grace of God.

Remember that the Chapel is open throughout the weekend (when the candidates are not in it) for prayer. And please come to the Saturday evening mass (7:00 p.m.), the Candlelight service (8:00 p.m., following the mass), and the Clausura on Sunday at about 4:00 (but come at 3:00). And don't forget how much the assistance of the Fourth Day community is needed and appreciated in the kitchen!

One final note: remember that the weekend is cloistered. The candidates are not in the same mental place that we members of the Fourth Day are. If you come to the retreat center to help or pray, remember that the candidates have been deliberately separated from the world at large so that they can experience all that the Three Day Weekend has to offer. So, while your cheerful witness of service will be noticed and appreciated, it is not "party time." We want to practice respect and reverence for the presence of God at work in our candidates.

De Colores!

Chris LaTona



The Weekend at a Glance

T H U R S D A Y	5:30 PM	Advance Team Arrives
	6:30 PM	Balance of Team Arrives
	7:00 PM	Candidate Registration
	8:00 PM	Conference Room - Opening Remarks, Introductions & Ground Rules Sponsor Liturgy - Chapel
	9:00 PM	RETREAT PHASE BEGINS! Chapel - KNOW YOURSELF & STATIONS
	10:00 PM	Break (Silence)
	10:15 PM	Chapel: Prodigal Son / Woman at the Well
	11:00 PM	Candidates - Retire
	11:15 PM	Team Meeting (Silence)

Make a friend...



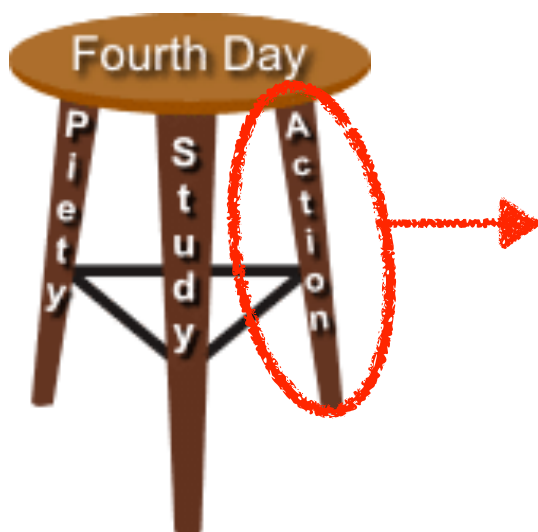
...be a friend...

...and bring that friend to Christ!







It's hard to get meals fixed without plenty of hands. Remember, Cursillistas, that we no longer recruit a kitchen crew, so we need your help. Please feel free to come down and do some Palanca in the kitchen by helping prepare or serve any of the weekend's meals. We would especially enjoy seeing you for the Fiesta on Saturday night and the 4th Day Liturgy that follows.
De Colores!

F R I D A Y D A Y 1	6:45 AM	Team and Candidates Arise - Silence
	7:30 AM	Chapel: THREE GLANCES OF CHRIST - End of Retreat Phase
	8:00 AM	Celebration of Mass
	9:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:45 AM	Conference Room: Table Assignments & Names MECHANICS TALK - Rector(a)
	10:15 AM	IDEAL TALK
	11:15 AM	GRACE TALK - Habitual Grace
	12:15 PM	Lunch
	1:00 PM	Discussion and Poster Catch-up (Grace talk)
	1:30 PM	Photo - free time
	2:30 PM	Conference Room - Song Practice - De Colores, Song of Good News
	3:00 PM	LAITY TALK
	4:00 PM	ACTUAL GRACE - Faith
	5:00 PM	Candidates Free Time
	5:30 PM	Supper (Sing De Colores to Supper)
	6:30 PM	Conference Room - Posters for Actual Grace Talk
	6:45 PM	PIETY TALK
	7:45 PM	Short Break (about 10 mins)
	7:55 PM	Summaries & Posters Presentations (No Judging)
	8:30 PM	Resume by Spiritual Director
	8:45 PM	Chapel - RECONCILIATION SERVICE
	11:00 PM	Retire
	11:15 PM	Team Meeting (recommended)



Palanca

-  Come to the Chapel and pray for team or candidates.
-  Write letters of support for team.
-  Write letters of welcoming for candidates.
-  Help prepare or serve meals during the weekend.

S A T U R D A Y 2	6:30 AM	Team and Candidates Arise
	7:15 AM	Chapel - ROSARY & THE FIGURE OF CHRIST - Meditation
	8:00 AM	Breakfast - De Colores
	9:00 AM	Conference Room
	9:15 AM	STUDY TALK
	10:30 AM	SACRAMENTS I
	11:15 AM	BREAK
	11:30 AM	Group Chapel Visit
	12:00 PM	SACRAMENTS PART II Table Chapel visit #1 after discussion
	1:15 PM	LUNCH - De Colores Table Chapel Visit # 2 Free time follows lunch
	2:30 PM	ACTION TALK Table Chapel Visit #3 after discussion
	3:30 PM	BREAK
	3:45 PM	Song Practice
	4:00 PM	CELEBRATION OF MASS
	5:00 PM	OBSTACLES TO GRACE TALK Table Chapel Visit #4 after discussion
	6:00 PM	Supper / Fiesta - De Colores
	7:00 PM	LEADERS TALK 4th DAY MASS
	8:00 PM	Chapel - CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
	8:30 PM	Conference Room - Catch-up
	9:00 PM	Summaries & Posters (with all Team members) Team Skit (optional)
	10:30 PM	Resume by Spiritual Director
	10:45 PM	Chapel: Night Prayers
	11:00 PM	Retire - Rector(a) to direct if there is an optional gathering and its time limit.



One of the most powerful forms of Palanca that we, as Cursillistas, can do is to show the candidates our support at the Candlelight Service. It can also help to reinforce the concepts given in the Action Talk. So come on down and Evangelize on Saturday, November 9th at 7PM to offer up Palanca for the Men's Team and Candidates. De Colores!

S U N D A Y 3	6:45 AM	Team Arises – Meets in room directed by Rector(a)
	7:00 AM	Candidates Arise / Serenade Candidates
	8:00 AM	CHRIST’S MESSAGE TO THE CURSILLISTA – Chapel
	8:30 AM	Breakfast – De Colores
	9:15 AM	Conference Room – Donation (MOP) talk with optional skit
	9:30 AM	ENVIRONMENTS
	10:10 AM	CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION
	10:45 AM	BREAK
	11:00 AM	CHRISTIAN LIFE
	11:50 PM	Brunch/Lunch – De Colores
	12:40 PM	CONFERENCE ROOM – bring all personal items to chapel
	12:45 PM	TOTAL SECURITY – Chapel Prep for Agape Mass in Conference Room
	1:30 PM	SHORT BREAK – NO CONFERENCE ROOM ACCESS
	1:40 PM	Chapel: Roster Distribution / Correction / Packets Provided
	2:00 PM	AGAPE MASS – Conference Room
	3:30 PM	Light Supper
	4:00 PM	CLAUSURA – De Colores Clean Up following Clausura

SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING CURSILLO EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
FRI, NOVEMBER 15, 2019	ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA ULTREYA	1152 ANDERSON AVE. PALATINE, IL 60074
FRI, NOVEMBER 15, 2019	ST. CATHERINE LABOURE ULTREYA	3535 THORNWOOD AVE. GLENVIEW, IL 60026
MON, NOVEMBER 18, 2019	ST. GERTRUDE ULTREYA	9613 SCHILLER BLVD. FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131
NOVEMBER 21 - 24	WOMEN'S 261 CURSILLO	ST. MARY'S RETREAT HOUSE 14230 MAIN STREET LEMONT, IL 60439
TBD	RENEWAL WEEKEND	ST. MARY'S RETREAT HOUSE 14230 MAIN STREET LEMONT, IL 60439
SUN, DECEMBER 8, 2019	ADVENT SERVICE	ST. GERTRUDE PARISH 9613 SCHILLER BLVD. FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131

A Word From The Lay Directors

Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ.



This is our Cursillo hashtag or motto. What does it mean? It seems self-explanatory; however, its meaning is very deep. When we embrace the Cursillo Method, we are embracing a Lifestyle. Making a friend means to be open in your daily life to share that you are a believer in all you do.



Your words and actions at the water cooler and in the church parking lot are just as important your actions at Mass. We all have human emotions and expressions. We all have good and bad days. Its like that song- "They should know we are Christians by our love". The love we share at our jobs, in line at the store, and when we drive; all these moments are moments to be an example of Christ. Its not an easy thing to do.

"Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." 1 Cor 15:33. We are to be friends that bring the good out of the other person. Our example, the way we live, should draw others toward us. We are not preaching the Gospel at this point in the relationship; we are living it in our words and actions.

Weekly reunion is the key to success to deepen or relationship with Jesus and friendships. Yes, you can reunion with a friend prior to them making a weekend. This provides us with an opportunity to share not the laundry list of things I did for piety this week. However, to stop and reflect on what one or two pious acts, enlightened me. What was extraordinary this week? I may pray the rosary daily, sometimes its just routine. Another time, I may be struck about how one Mystery this week really hit home to a situation that I am living through now.

This reflective practice is what makes what we learned on our Three-Day weekend a Lifestyle and not just a nice weekend. Making the commitment to daily to do an examination of what things happened today, good things and things that were a struggle. Practice to turn your everyday environment into an opportunity to witness to Christ. Practice makes the difference. This method of making friends means being open about who we are daily.

The next part, be a friend, is a deeper commitment. It goes beyond being friendly, its about listening and providing support. It is taking it a step further. It goes beyond saying hello and sharing how your day went. Its being there for that person. Knowing them enough to offer advice or to lend a helping hand. Being a friend means making a connection that involves commitment. You know the saying; you know you got a friend when you can ask them to drop you off at the airport. Well this is a commitment. Doing this act is time away from your life. This is a being a friend, its not about you, its about them. Maybe it is helping them carry in groceries or babysitting his/her children so they can go out or just have me time.

Bring that friend to Christ. This level is deeper and more profound. We often think of this as bring them to a Cursillo Weekend. But its more than that. Sharing our belief in Christ as we live it. How we make choices. Letting someone into our heart and soul. It is more than being a "Facebook" friend, tweeting pictures and sayings about your day. On a philosophical level Aristotle is quoted as stating, "What is a friend?" "A single soul dwelling in two bodies." Wow, that is intimacy. Knowing someone so well

Being willing to discuss things about God and how God is present in our life is more than a weekend activity. It's a lifetime commitment. We need to have a spiritual friendship with someone, and this means letting someone know who we are at all levels. This relationship will grow and deepen as life goes on. Perhaps this person is a candidate for Cursillo, not everyone is.

Remember the Three-Day experience is not to bring faith to people; its goal is to deepen it. It is a course. A course on how to take our faith to the deepest level. To be a true disciple of Jesus and to Evangelize. We are living our motto if we are building these friendships. Not all friendships lead to a Three-Day Weekend, however all Christ Centered relationships are important.

The Three-day Weekend is an invitation, a challenge to our friend in Christ to live deeper. We are called to be disciples, only a few were called to be one of the twelve. This is where the next level of bringing them to Christ deepens even further. Being a sponsor is a lifelong commitment. Its is a life altering commitment.

The person you are sponsoring is being invited to change is his/her life. They are challenged to make every moment a moment present with Christ. This is not an easy path to walk. We need our friends for this journey. This is a lifelong journey. Being a sponsor means more then get people to make the weekend. It's about being there for them after the weekend. Our job is not over. We need to continue to walk with this friend. Help them develop a dependency on reunion. Let them see its not about sharing profound moments...it is about visualizing how a making Christ present throughout day. How to make normal moments become extraordinary.

"One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24

We cannot let those we sponsor down. We cannot simply mark off the list, I've sponsored 7 people for this weekend. We need to walk with each one. *Get* them into a reunion group, continue to grow with them. We need to help them unpack their new tools and use them. We need to invite them and get them to an Ultreya. Encourage them to become sponsors or work a team. The weekend is a steppingstone toward being part of the Cursillo community. It is the start of a new lifestyle.

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."
John 15: 12-15

Make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ is a never-ending journey.
De Colores
Bob and Ellen Chio

2019 / 2020 Ultreyas

Parish	Address	Contact Information	Calendar Dates
St. Gertrude	9613 Schiller Blvd. Franklin Park, IL 60131	Gus & Joan Campeotto 1-847-671-0672	Nov 18
St. Thomas of Villanova	1152 Anderson Avenue Palatine, IL 60074	Earl & Carol Schaffnit 1-847-287-4196	9/20/19...11/15/19 1/17/20.....3/20/20 5/15/20
St. Catherine Laboure	3535 Thornwood Avenue Glenview, IL 60026	Mike & Chris Latona 1-847-446-1580	11/15/2019 2/7/2020 4/24/2020

It's that time of year again when we have put away our sweaters and football jerseys. Each changes. Changes in weather and work to cars for the winter. Yet there is a our Winter comforts. This coming as we experience the first Retreat House in Lemont. Cursillo, no matter where we Retreat Center we are at home. unique and has its own charm and to our Celebration of Mass. No matter Church is different, the songs and minor Mass itself never changes. Each one is unique Weekends.



our summer clothes and our baseball caps and take year we are faced with many challenges and be done to prepare our houses, yards and familiarity to the procedure. We have Thursday, we face another change Chicago Cursillo at St. Mary's Moving is not a new thing to roam, we make whatever No place is perfect, each place is its own challenges. It is comparable where we roam, Mass is Mass. Each procedures may be different, however the yet familiar. So are each one of our Cursillo

We encourage everyone to come out and pray in chapel, come to attend the Saturday night Mass at 7 pm and the Candlelight service which follows. Attend the closing. This is the not only palanca but a De Colores booster. There is nothing more uplifting then listening to the newest Cursillistas sharing how their relationship and knowledge has changed throughout the three days. The energy they feel is so uplifting and inspiring.

Kitchen will be run by 4th day again for both men and women teams. Ellen Chio is running the kitchen for the men's next week and Deb Yurcheshen and Joann Collins are running the kitchen for the women's team. The women's team is small, so we need lots of helping hands to set the tables, clean up dining room, and do some dishes. We need help for the men's weekend also. Come when you can. Help is always welcomed.

We encourage you to read the article from Fr. Michael Michelini's article entitled "Cursillo Words to Know: Cloister", which highlights the role of the 4th day and the Cursillo weekend.

The Secretariat

DID YOU KNOW...

All are welcome to help during a weekend.

- Thursday night, come to help welcome new candidates and stay for the Sponsor Liturgy.
- Help out in the kitchen any time. Check in with the kitchen boss to find out the best times to help out.
- Saturday, help serve dinner and attend the 4th Day mass in Chapel.
- Sunday, attend the Clausura to help send the new Cursillistas into their mission.
- Check the Weekend Schedule on our website for more information.

Cursillo Words to Know: Cloister

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Words are birds. They fly around us constantly and intrigue us with their sound and beauty. Our Cursillo movement is overflowing with beautiful and colorful words. Who can forget "De Colores"?

A common word heard among us is the word "**cloister.**" It manifests itself among us most often when we discuss the relationship of the Fourth Day community to the candidates on the weekend. For some of us, it means the absolute isolation of the candidates from any outside influence. For others, its the part of the building dedicated to prayer e.g. Church. For others, its the people e.g. priests or nuns. These are just a few examples. **As Cursillistas what is our understanding of the reality of "cloister"?**

It seems to me that for us "cloister" is both place and attitude. On a weekend, there are indeed sacred places: the conference room and the Chapel. Our attitude toward those places should be one of respect and reverence. The same can be said about the candidates. They merit our reverence and respect. They, too, are cloistered. There are also community spaces: the dining room and the kitchen. The difficulty happens when sacred space (cloistered) becomes confused with community or shared space. For our group, this happens at meal times. Some see the community dining room as cloister. We also have the opposite view namely, those who consider the sacred cloister space to be community space. What to do? Cloister or Community? Say hello or no? Give a hug or no? Let anybody who shows up help with the meal? Solemnity or smile? Where did the prayerful spirit go? Is this a party? The solution is incumbent upon us who know the difference between the three spaces and cloisters.

On a practical level:

- Remember that preserving the cloister means respect for our candidates and reverence for their spaces both spiritual and concrete. We practice respect and reverence for the presence of God at work in them. Our prayerful example is priceless.
- All of us in the Fourth Day community are called and indeed are invited to participate anytime throughout the weekend by means of our reverent and respectful service - serving meals, praying palanca at the center or at home. We are cheerful witnesses of the Spirit. On the weekend come down and offer your services. You are welcome!
- **Summing up: Church is sacred; conference room is sacred; dining room is community; kitchen is community; palanca is sacred and community.**

Let us remember.

De Colores

For The Fourth Day

St. Mary's Retreat House
14230 Main Street, Lemont



The team will park in the front of the house. We are asking that the Fourth Day park in the back. You will be using the back entrance which is the Kitchen Entrance. Please do not enter using the porch. The conference room is directly above that entrance. We do not want the noise to carry in. This is the Wooded Area of Lemont. It is dark. We will have signs and a Banner posted. There will be people on the grounds to help guide you. Note that the parking spaces are limited. We will have people to help you out. We can park along the left side of the drive. Please remember to maintain a spirit of silence as you approach the house. If you arrive while the candidates are still having dinner, please

note that we will ask you to hold up in the kitchen. You will need to maintain that spirit of silence. Also note that depending on how many people who arrive early to serve we may not be able to use everyone's help. You may be directed to walk silently through the hallway and up the stairs to the Chapel which is on the second floor. This is a new place, so it is important for us all to listen to the directions given by the Post Cursillo Team as they provide directions.

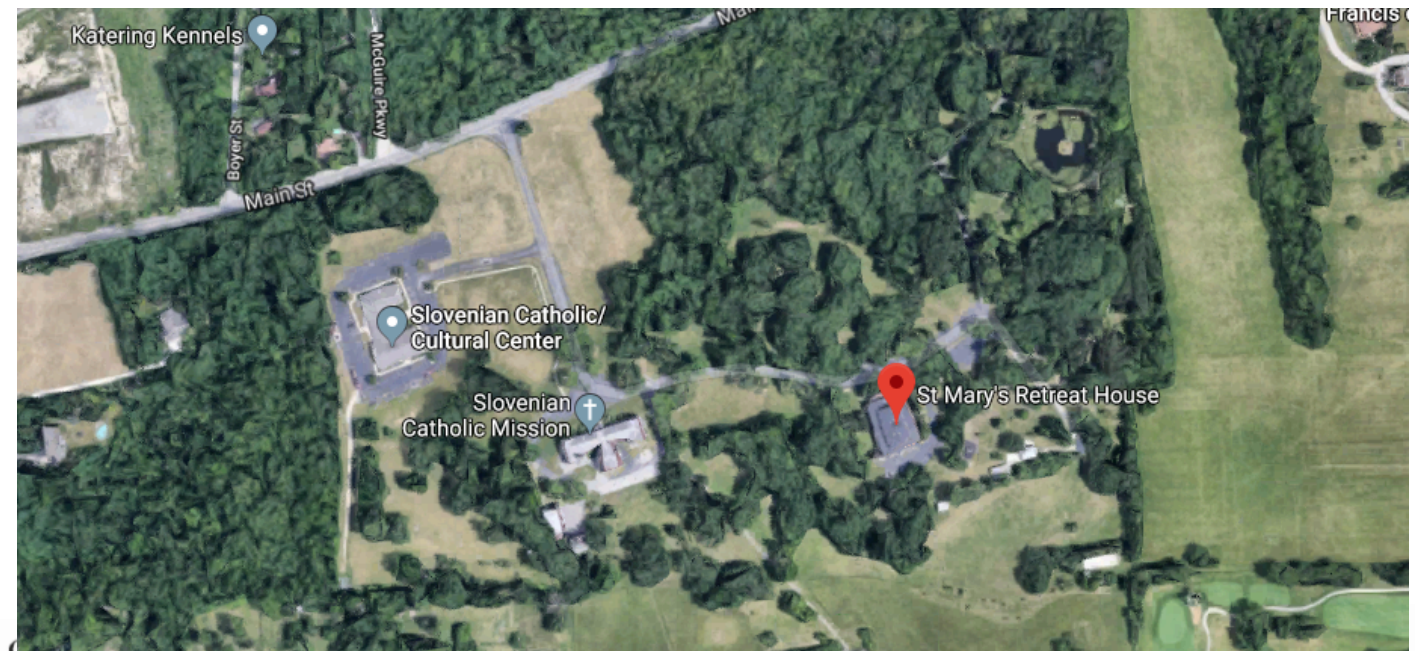
Anyone willing to come and help direct traffic and parking – please contact Bob Chio at 708-612-0946.

We need people for Thursday, Saturday and Sunday to help guide the rest of the community.

Once you have arrived at the address, please take the main road up to the statue of St. Francis, make a left. Follow the road, you will see the Retreat House. Follow the drive to the back of the house and park either in an available spot or to the left of the drive. If there is a person directing traffic, please follow their direction. If you need to reserve a spot handicap parking – please call Bob Chio so we can reserve a space in the back for you.

Welcome ^{4th} Day Community

Getting to St. Mary's Retreat House is easy:



1. **I -290 E to I-355 S to Lemont Rd South – Exit 271 A**
 - a. Turn Left after the bridge onto E Illinois Street (St. Patrick's Church)
 - b. Continue – eventually E Illinois will turn into Main street
 - c. You will not a sign for Slovenian Catholic Church and Cultural Center – big white building you can see from the road. Turn right into the property.
 - d. Continue the drive until you reach a large building the Rectory and Slovenian Mission Center. Follow the curve to the left.
 - e. The next building will be the Retreat house (former Seminary) Please park in the back.
2. **I-55 S to Route 83 S (Kingery Hwy)**
 - a. Turn Left at Main Street
 - b. After you pass Our Lady of the Angles the next left at the Slovenian Catholic Church and Cultural Center turn left into property.
 - c. Follow steps d and e in section 1
3. **Rte 83 N/Cal Sag Rd**
 - a. Note once you pass the forest preserves at you will continue straight which is now Main Street – Do Not continue to 83 N (do not turn left go straight)
 - b. You will not a sign for Slovenian Catholic Church and Cultural Center – big white building you can see from the road. Turn right into the property.
 - c. Follow steps d and e in section 1

The entrance is in the back of the house. The front of the house should not be open for meetings. During the weekend it may be opened for candidate arrival and free time. All Fourth day should enter in the back through the Kitchen.

...or you can Google St. Mary's Retreat House, 14230 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439