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Edward the Confessor

Dear Fellow laborers in the Vineyard,

We enjoyed a wonderful clergy day on September 29th and your attendance and participation indicates that we are looking ahead, moving forward, and excited to do ministry together.

One of the tools God has given us for spiritual growth and renewal is available to us right in our Diocese: Cursillo.

Having made my own Cursillo weekend many years ago, I know the impact it had on me and I have seen what it does to intensify the faith and enthusiasm of laity and clergy alike. To make this movement a success, it takes the support of both clergy and laity. I support the Cursillo movement and encourage your support and involvement as well.

Cursillo is more than just a retreat weekend. It is a three day walk with Christ starting on Thursday night and ending on Sunday afternoon. Both laity and clergy share their faith walk ~ the successes, the obstacles, struggles, the "dry spots," and the love of Christ manifested in their lives.

What will you and your parish get out of this? You will see a spiritual growth in your parishioners who want to serve God and their Church in a more tangible way; you'll see a growth that is contagious. Those who attend a weekend often invite others to attend a weekend and get more involved in ministry, with a greater love for Christ.

Cursillo has a different impact on every individual, but most people come away loving Christ in a more intense, real, enthusiastic and passionate way. And couldn't that multiplied by hundreds or thousands make a difference in the world?

Consider giving the gift of Cursillo to your parishioners and to yourself. The Fall weekend is November 12-15, 2009 and the Spring weekend is May 13-16, 2010. Contact our Spiritual Directors for more information: The Rev. Maxine Maddox-Dornemann or the Rev. Terry Highland, for more information or to schedule someone to speak at your church. The Cursillo web site link can be found through our diocesan web site.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Rodney Michel

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