

Getting a New Spark BY A FELLOW CURSILLISTA



Recently, I attended an Ultreya and I came away from this gathering with a positive and uplifting attitude. It's true what we read in the literature that when we attend an ultreya, we are encouraged to go onward. This Ultreya was joyful and easy to relate to. The Witness speaker's examples of evangelization were so a part of his life that I could easily understand how I evangelize in my everyday activity.

I keep hearing that we should focus on targeting environments, and we need to focus on the leaders of these environments and bring Christ to them. But, I'm always confused as to how I start this monumental task! When I'm confused and don't understand how I can help, I falter in my evangelization. I put things on hold and do nothing. I become paralyzed! What I heard at this Ultreya is that it's not the big things, but the little things I do that show people that the Jesus in me loves them.

The environments that I evangelize in are my neighborhood, my family, my friends, my elderly clients, and other caregivers to the elderly. With one of my elderly clients I visit, I started to talk about some Christian books I read. She was interested, so I gave her one of my books to read. To date, she has read many of these books, and I know she is sharing some of the information with others. Why do I know, because she has told me of discussions regarding these books with her son and daughter-in-law.

I don't see myself as a person that changes an environment or works in a targeted environment, but I do see myself as the spark which ignites a fire. Jesus had twelve apostles, all different from one another. I'm not Peter who called in the masses, but I can relate to an Andrew or Phillip who worked behind the scenes doing one-on-ones for Jesus. The evangelizing I do with my clients is mainly listening to them and giving of my time to visit or pick up the phone to call someone. I fight this "taking time" all the time. Yet, by doing this I find that I touch people's lives in a loving way with such a small effort. Evangelizing is taking one step at a time. The little time I give is just as important in furthering God's Kingdom as one who brings in the masses.

This confirms what I heard at the Ultreya. I need to do little things that God is calling me to do, and God will complete His big plan. I am the spark while God is the flame!

God uses us little sparks to set a blaze. There are a lot of us little sparks out there in the environments. This Ultreya gave me a new spark again, and I'm so glad I attended it.

Maybe you have been away for a while? ATTEND ULTREYA! A new spark could help you recharge your batteries. THE NEXT ULTREYA IS MONDAY JANUARY 23RD (ALWAYS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH)

GREETERS: Ron Carrier

PALANCA FOR SPEAKER: Janet Dehetre

SNACKS: Jackie Ouellette Dave Gervais

SODA: Ron Bilodeau

WITNESS SPEAKER: Ron Bilodeau

LECTOR: Angele Biel

SET UP: Bob Dumond

NEXT LEADERS SCHOOL IS SUNDAY FEB 19TH AT 1:30pm HOLY CROSS SENIOR HALL IN LEWISTON

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Upcoming Cursillo weekends

Area Leader Ron Bilodeau 777-5155
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Men's April 26-29 2012
Men's December 6-9 2012
Women's May 31-June 3 2012
Women's October 25 -26 2012

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR NEXT ULTREYA ON MONDAY JANUARY 23Rd
TIME: ULTREYA 7:00 PM DOMINICAN CONFERENCE ROOM
ROSARY 6:30 PM ST PETER AND PAUL ROOM

We are looking for someone who would be interested in taking over the newsletter for our Ultreya. We are all gifted brothers and sisters. This could become your ministry. Call Ray at 784-1719 God Bless

Reunion for last set of weekends will be held at the Basilica In Lewiston on Sunday January 29th at 1:00pm ALL ARE WELCOMED

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ULTREYA: 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH
UPCOMING ULTREYA: February 27TH

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