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A Spiritual Legacy



The homily today at the Grandparents' Day Mass that I attended at my granddaughter's school talked about grandparents as the roots and glue of the family. With the busy-ness of modern life, the role of grandparents and elders have become even more pronounced and needed to pass on family traditions, family stories and even the faith that we have as Catholics.

Hearing all that makes me think of my own grandparents who did these very things, all without me even noticing it. Through their stories, guidance, and example, they passed on values that shaped my faith, my character, and gave me a sense of belonging. Their love and presence provided continuity, encouragement, and a living connection between generations, offering me a deeper understanding of God's care.

A grandparent or not, your wisdom and love of the Church matters. The influence of older family members on the younger generation can leave a lasting impression that extends far beyond daily life. A spiritual legacy can be built on many things—from helping little ones to follow along in the missalette when the Gospel is read in Mass or celebrating with them a First Communion or Confirmation. This Thanksgiving season, let us remember the enduring impact of love and faith that bridges the past, present, and future. Shaping the lives of those who come after us is one of our most important callings.

Burning Brightly



A Cursillo is an encounter with Christ. That sounds too simple but it's not. Think about it. A real meeting with Christ. If that is understood, then the power, beauty, and joy of the Cursillo movement will be understood. A Cursillo can be made only once in a lifetime and in its forty years within the Diocese of Lafayette, some 40,000 people have experienced this movement at Prarie Ronde. With a renovation ongoing to its Chapel, the current Spiritual Director of the Cursillo, Reverend Ted Broussard, fully understood the necessity of planning for the future also. It was on his heart to care for the future of the Cursillo movement in this Diocese. Under his leadership and with the help of two anonymous donors, the Cursillo Endowment for the Diocese of Lafayette was established at the Catholic Legacy Foundation of Acadiana to ensure that this vital ministry continues for generations to come.

The Cursillo Endowment at CLFA provides a permanent source of support for retreats, formation programs, and leadership development—helping to keep Cursillo strong and accessible to all who seek a closer walk with the Lord.

You can help this endowment grow through planned gifts such as bequests, gifts of life insurance, or retirement account designations. To learn how you can leave a lasting legacy for the Cursillo movement, call the Catholic Legacy Foundation at 337-261-5642 or visit our website at www.catholiclegacyfoundation.org .

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