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**Sick List:** Please pray for Rich Foster, Carol Steier, Charlie McCarthy, Quinn children,  
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**Notable News**

THE "WELCOME TO YOUR FOURTH DAY  
REUNION & POTLUCK" is FRIDAY EVENING  
JUNE 16, AT ST. VINCENT'S PARISH.

GATHERING TIME IS 6:15.....POTLUCK IS AT  
6:45

MUSIC & SONG OVER DESSERT WITH A  
REUNION OF THE WEEKENDS TO FOLLOW.  
BRING YOUR SETTINGS & A DISH TO PASS.

**Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts** can  
be ordered by mailing a check with name,  
weekend # and color preference for  
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