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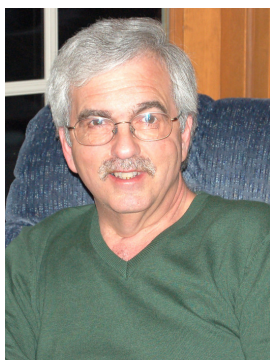
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## **CANTON CURSILLO MERGES WITH YOUNGSTOWN**

The Canton Cursillo Center has merged with the Youngstown Cursillo Center !

We are all very excited about the opportunities this will bring. For more information regarding this exciting news, please see Bill Joyce's article on Page Two and Mary Marxen's letter on Page Four. The Canton Ultreya schedule can be found on page six.



## **RECTOR AND ASSISTANT RECTOR NAMED FOR THE NEXT MEN'S WEEKEND**

Ron Piersante will be the Rector of the next men's weekend and Jim Kramer has been discerned to be the Assistant Rector. We hope to announce dates and a location for the weekend very soon.

Ron attended Men's weekend #38 and has worked on many teams including #59 and #60. He is married to Marlene and they have two children; Stephen and Maria. They attend Holy Family Parish in Poland. Ron has his own

Allstate Insurance Agency in Poland. His ministries include: Cursillo, serving as a Holy Family Adult Server, Holy Family 8th Grade CCD catechist, and is a Holy Family St. Joseph's Guild steering committee member.

Jim Kramer attended Men's Cursillo #53, and worked on teams #54, 57, 58, 59 and 60. He has been married to Laurie for 29 years, and they have two sons; Jimmy and Matthew. Cursillo is his main ministry, and he is also active in Christ Renews His Parish. Jim has served as Cursillo Chairperson on the Secretariat. He is an Assistant Manager at the Rite Aid in Girard.



## **ULTREYA**

Youngstown Ultreya is held every Thursday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church in Youngstown.

For those wishing to attend, a mass or prayer service is held at 7:30pm. Ultreya begins immediately following the Mass at 8:15 pm in the basement of the church.

CANTON Ultreya: See Pages 4 & 6

Trumbull County Ultreya is held the first Tuesday of the month at St. Pius X church at 1401 Moncrest Drive NW, in Warren.

A Mass or Prayer service precedes the Ultreya and begins at 7:00pm. The Ultreya begins immediately following Mass at approximately 7:45pm.

## **Ultreya Hosts Needed!**

We are always in need of small groups who would like to host Ultreya for two or four weeks.

Please pray and talk to your group about hosting Ultreya. To get on the schedule, please contact Peg Elston at:

330-542-0130.

**FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR — BILL JOYCE**



**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -**

May you be filled with the love and peace that was born on that Holy Christmas night!

I am very pleased to tell you that we have completed the merger of the Canton Cursillo center into the Youngstown Diocese Cursillo Center. This a move that had been encouraged by the National Secretariat for some time, now. They urge that there be only one Cursillo Center per language within a Diocese. There may be several Ultreya Centers, however. We welcome Mary Marxen, Canton Lay Director onto our Secretariat. Please see Mary's letter on page 4. I encourage you to embrace and pray for our Canton brothers and sisters in Christ as we work together in the service of our Lord.

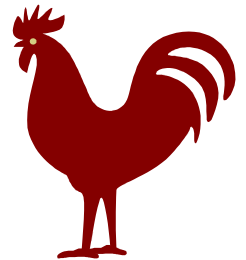
I'm also pleased to tell you that the Pastoral plan that was written by our School of Leaders was accepted and signed off by Bishop Murray. We have started to implement some elements of this plan. Thanks to all the members of the School of Leaders who worked so diligently to complete this plan, especially chairpersons Nancy Layko and Mike Hripko.

Congratulations to Ron Piersante and Jim Kramer who have been discerned as the Rector and Assistant Rector for the next Men's Cursillo weekend. We hope to be able to announce the location and dates for the weekend very soon. We are still accepting applications for Men's candidates as well as from men who have an interest to be Team members. Please submit your completed applications to Gina Fire. Her contact information is: Ph. 330-792-4844 Email: [ginalove294@yahoo.com](mailto:ginalove294@yahoo.com)

**Remember to: Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring your friend to Christ.**

**DeColores! Happy New Year!**

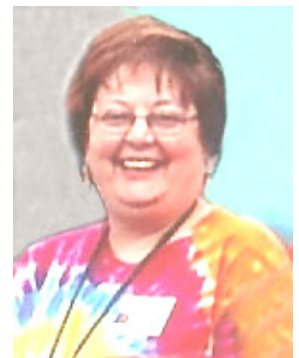
*Bill Joyce,* Lay Director



**From the Youngstown Diocese Cursillo Secretary  
To the Cursillo Community:**

Anyone that has questions or comments for the Secretariat, please contact me, and I will be happy to pass along your information. Also, if you would like minutes from the past Secretariat meetings let me know.

We have been asked by some Babe Chicks and newer Cursillistas for information on the various ministries that many of us are involved with. If you are part of a ministry such as Soup kitchens, Prison ministry, Homebound ministry, Music ministry, Bereavement, Teen and Youth ministry, etc. Please send me your name and contact information so that we can form a directory for our new brothers and sisters so that we can help them in their Fourth Day.



**Laurie Kramer**

**DECOLORES !**

*Laurie Kramer*

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Through the foresight and generosity of John Masternick, a fund was established for the Youngstown Cursillo Movement upon John's passing earlier this year. This bequest has created an endowment and the interest from it can be used to help reimburse some of the expenses incurred when putting on the Cursillo weekends. John was a long time Cursillista, having made Weekend #1 here in 1964. Cursillo held a special place in his heart, and he wished to provide some funding that would assist us in our ministry of putting on future weekends. We wish to thank his wife Dorothy and all of the Masternick family for their continued support and generosity toward the Cursillo movement. May God bless you!



If you would also like to consider a providing a donation to support Cursillo Movement, you may send it to:

Cursillo Movement of the Youngstown Diocese, P.O. Box 3414 - Youngstown, OH 44513



### From Pre Cursillo:

Do you know someone who would benefit from attending a Cursillo weekend? We are accepting candidate applications for the upcoming Men's weekend, date to be announced. **Forward all completed Applications and Sponsor Confidential Sheets (must be submitted together) to your parish representative.** Contact Gina Fire at 330-792-4844 or [ginalove294@yahoo.com](mailto:ginalove294@yahoo.com) with any questions or if you need an application.

Remember, talk to God about your candidate before you talk to your candidate about Cursillo.



## CURSILLISTAS!

Please notify Nancy Layko if you've had a change of email address OR if you haven't been receiving emailed prayer requests or Bible Vigil notifications.

Call Nancy at 330-799-3817 or send an email to her at: [nanlayko@zoominternet.net](mailto:nanlayko@zoominternet.net)

Please put the word "Cursillo" in the subject line. Thanks!

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## Bible Vigils

### BIBLE VIGIL REQUESTS

Can be made for a Cursillista or an immediate family member.

To arrange for a Bible Vigil, please call any of these people:

Jim Kramer (Home) 330-792-9871

Bill Rinehart (Home) 330-755-7979  
(Cell) 330-501-2034

Jimmy Gianotti (Home) 330-788-2899



## CANTON ULTREYA CENTER NEWS—MARY MARXEN

## GREETINGS TO THE CURSILLO FAMILY!

Some of you may already know and some may not, that the decision has been made to merge our Canton Center with the Youngstown Center. This decision was preceded with much prayer and thought. It was the decision of the Board that financially we could no longer "Go it Alone." and so we chose to merge rather than to "fold."

We will continue to have an Ultreya Center with our traveling Ultreyas. Right now, those parishes that have agreed to hold rotating Ultreyas are:

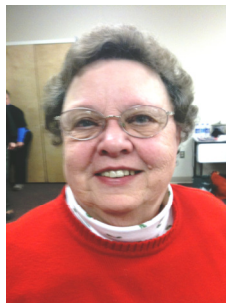
**St. Joseph—Alliance      St. Barbara—Massillon**  
**St. Paul—North Canton      and SS Phillip and James--Canal Fulton**

If you would like your parish to be in rotation, please let us know. It would only be a few times per year that your parish would be responsible to have the Ultreya. Your Responsibilities would be to have an MC, a witness speaker, an affirmation speaker and refreshments, and of course a place for this to be held. See page 6 of this newsletter for the Canton Ultreya Schedule.

Our annual "End of the Year" dinner was held December 28th at St. Michael the Arc Angel Parish in Canton, Ohio. We began with Mass at 6 pm. Father Don Feicht was our celebrant. A pork and sauerkraut dinner followed in the St. Michael Room, which is in the lower level of the church building.

**DeColores,**

**Mary Marxen,** Canton Lay Director



**REPENTANCE = JOY****BY DEACON RON BUNOFSKY, ASST. SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

As we read the scriptures for the third Sunday in Advent, there seems to be a contradiction in the message. On one hand, we hear Zephaniah the prophet urge us to "Shout for joy, sing joyfully." (Zeph. 3:14)... we also hear Saint Paul tell us "rejoice in the Lord always... have no anxiety." (Phil 4:4-6). Then, along comes John the Baptist and he tells us to: "repent, or like the chaff the farmer separates from the wheat, we will burn in unquenchable fire." (Luke 3:10-18)

These two messages we read today.. joy and rejoicing on one hand and repentance on the other may seem to be completely opposite of each other. Yet, with a closer look we see they are closely related. Only through sincere repentance can we come to experience joy and rejoicing.

The people listening to John the Baptist proclaiming his message of repentance realized there were parts of their own lives that prevented them from experiencing peace and happiness in their lives. They knew parts of their character needed improvement. They wanted to know how they should live as they prepared for the coming of the Messiah into their lives. So we hear them ask John, "What should I do?" John told them that they needed to take action to change their lives. The same is true for us today.

To repent, we have to be open to the spirit of God within us and make an honest appraisal of how we are living. We must "pinpoint" where we are failing and then allow God to work with us to change our lives and become a better people.

John the Baptist, as our counselor, tells us what we should do. He says: "Let the man with two coats give to him who has none. Do the same with food." John's words do not only pertain to material goods. His words call us to be generous people of God in all our dealings and relationships. Generosity is a quality of heart and character. We can not show generosity if it is not part of our heart and character every day.

Then John tells the tax collectors: "Do not exact anything over and above the fixed amount." All of us at times find ourselves under authority and at other times we have authority over others. In both instances the life of Jesus is the example of how authority should be exercised... that is, in a spirit of loving service. We must deal honestly, lovingly and fairly with one another.

Then John says: "Don't bully or falsely accuse anyone." We are called, as followers of Christ, to be people who place the common good above our own good. People who forgive those who have hurt us and seek forgiveness from those whom we have hurt. We need to appreciate all the gifts God has given us and then help others with them. Then there will be no need for envy, jealousy or rivalries.



Our God calls us to be joyful, and today, through John the Baptist shows us what to do. Be generous, be fair and honest with one another. Help one another in loving service. Put away envy and jealousy. Appreciate the gifts God has given you. Anxiety will be gone, and you will find peace of mind.

Because of Jesus,

*Deacon Ron Bunofsky*



## FROM MARY MARXEN—CANTON ULTREYA SCHEDULE

As you already know, our Canton Cursillo Center has merged with the Youngstown Cursillo Center. Our attendance had been diminishing for some time. It was the decision of the board to seek advice from National Headquarters. It was at their urging that we considered the merger.

We can and will still function as an Ultreya Center. In the light of our small attendance at Ultreyas, we decided to try the traveling Ultreyas. At the present time, we have four parishes that have agreed to be in rotation. The following is a list of dates and places of the Ultreyas for the next eight months. If your parish is not on the list, and you would like it to be placed into the rotation, contact Larry Gatts at: [lgatts001@neo.rr.com](mailto:lgatts001@neo.rr.com) and he will be happy to add your parish to the list.

January 4, 2010	St. Joseph, Alliance
February 1, 2010	St. Barbara, Massillon
March 1, 2010	St. Paul, North Canton
April 5, 2010	St. Phillip and James, Canal Fulton
May 3, 2010	St. Joseph, Alliance <b>Tentative Grand Ultreya with Youngstown</b>
June 7, 2010	St. Barbara, Massillon
July 5, 2010	St. Paul, North Canton
August 2, 2010	Picnic—St. Michael, Canton 6:00 pm

With the exception of the picnic, all Ultreyas begin at 7:30 pm. During the winter months, if the Canton City Schools are closed, then Ultreya will be canceled. If the weather is too bad for the schools to be open, then it stands to reason that we shouldn't be on the roads either.

May you have a Blessed, Happy and Holy New Year.

*-Mary Marxen*

## WOULD YOU LIKE THIS IN YOUR E-MAIL?

### A request from your Newsletter Editor:

Now that we have added the Cursillistas from the Canton Ultreya Center to our mailing list, we are up to 2,400 newsletters that are mailed out. Frankly, that's a lot of printing, assembly and folding !

We are looking for ways to get the news out in a timely manner, and do it more efficiently **and** more effectively through e-mail. There are many advantages to getting the Newsletter in this way: We will be able to save paper; We can reduce our costs for postage; and it won't take as long to "get the news out." You will receive the newsletter immediately. Another advantage of email is that you will be able to see the newsletter in the color format in which it was created, as it was meant to be read. You will be able to see photographs of your friends in full color, and be able to share them with others.

You can see old newsletters that have been posted on our website: [www.youngstowncursillo.org](http://www.youngstowncursillo.org) (Check under Newsletter).

If you would like to get future newsletters by email, just let me know your email address. Send me a note telling me that you want your newsletters sent to you by email from this point on and we will put your on the email list: Here's my e-mail address:

[wjoyce1701@aol.com](mailto:wjoyce1701@aol.com)

Thank you, and God Bless!

-Bill Joyce







PHOTOS FROM THE YOUNGSTOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Youngstown Cursillo Center celebrated our annual Christmas party on December 10th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall in Downtown Youngstown. Peg Elston, Post Cursillo Chair, organized the party. Linda Smrek entertained by leading Christmas carols on her guitar. Santa Claus took time from his busy schedule to visit with us as well. As you can see, a great time was had by all.



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

