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MEN'S CURSILLO #61 TEAM IS DISCERNED



Ron Piersante, Rector

Here is a list of team members for Men's Weekend #61

Father Bob Edwards: Spiritual Director

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Ron Piersante: Rector

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Jim Kramer, Asst Rector

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Formation Meetings are being held on Mondays at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted at 517
Belle Vista Road, Youngstown, OH. See www.youngstowncursillo.org for the schedule.

The Men's weekend will be held July 29 to August 1 at St. Joseph Parish School building, 4565 New Road in Austintown, OH.

ULTREYA

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

For those wishing to attend, Ultreya begins at 7:30 pm in the basement of the church.

CANTON Ultreya: Rotating sites. See Page 6 for schedule

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.

YOUNGSTOWN CURSILLO MOVEMENT

FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR — BILL JOYCE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -

I am very pleased to tell you about the progress that has been made in our Diocesan Cursillo Movement. A group of Cursillistas has written many of the intentions that were recently used at masses throughout our diocese. In March, we put on a Commitment workshop and a Sponsorship workshop. In May, the Canton Ultreya Center hosted a Grand Ultreya which welcomed Cursillistas from the Canton, Warren and Youngstown Ultreya Centers. Our Cursillo movement was featured in two articles published in the Catholic Exponent over the past few months... and we have also been listed in the Diocese of Youngstown Directory for the first time in our history!

This is an exciting time... our movement is growing again and things are happening!

If you have been away from the movement, we miss you and encourage you to come back. Join us at Ultreya. Come listen to our Professors give their talks during their Formation meetings at Our Lady of the Afflicted Shrine at 517 Belle Vista in Youngstown. Participate in the School of Leaders meetings. Bring your

family to the annual picnic on August 15th, at St. Luke in Boardman (where it's been held for the past few years).

Whenever you can come, we would love to see you. We are here to share your Fourth Day with you. Guaranteed you'll be welcomed, get a big hug, and will feel the fellowship and love of Christ. We have a wonderful Cursillo community.

We are still accepting candidate applications for the Men's weekend as well as Team and candidate applications for the Women's weekend in January. Please submit your completed applications to Gina Fire. Her contact information is: Ph. 330-792-4844 Her Email: ginalove294@yahoo.com

Also, please consider joining us for set up, kitchen help and tear down for the upcoming Men's weekend. We simply can't do it without your help. If you remember how powerful your experience was when you lived your Cursillo weekend, please help provide that same experience for the candidates who will be on this Men's weekend. Any help you can give would be wonderful Palanca.

May God Bless you. DeColores! Bill Joyce, Lay Director



Dear Cursillo Community,

It has been more than ten years now since I first had the pleasure of becoming an Assistant Spiritual Director of the Cursillo Movement. These years have truly passed by so quickly and have brought me closer to Christ, especially because of Christ's presence within all the people I have shared His love with. After a couple of months of prayer, meditation and contemplation, it has become clear to me that it is time to step down as Assistant Spiritual Director.

The Cursillo movement was the motivation that set me onto the path of understanding Christ's presence in my personal life and that path on my 4th day eventually led me to the Deaconate.

Because of Cursillo, most of the time my life is joyful and hopeful because of my faith in Jesus. And because of Cursillo, I can truly say I know Christ is my close friend. I can also say that I was led to the ministry of the Deaconate because of Cursillo.

Thank you, thank you for all that you are doing for the honor and glory of God!! And thank you for all that you have done for me!!

Because of Jesus, Deacon Ron Bunofsky

Through the foresight and generosity of John Masternick, a fund was established for the Youngstown Cursillo Movement upon John's passing last 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, and the Women's weekend in January. 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 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 <u>OR</u>

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

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

Bible Vigils

BIBLE VIGIL REQUESTS

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

To arrange for a Bible Vigil, please call:

Jim Kramer (Home) 330-792-9871

Partial funding of our Cursillo weekends are made possible by:

The John Masternick Memorial Fund

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From our Assistant Spiritual Director: TWO KINDS OF STRENGTH

We all look to God for Strength in times of trouble. There are two aspects to strength: 1.) Strength to <u>endure</u>, and 2.) strength to <u>overcome</u> and change.

Most of us have prayed for the ability to endure a trying situation... and we found support and we held up through it. Our very <u>faith</u> in God sustained us and carried us through a difficult time. That's endurance. We were certain that "God is our refuge and our strength... a very present help in trouble." Psalms 46:1

Most of us have not only prayed for strength to endure but also for the strength to overcome.

Endurance through trying times shows strength of our character, but we cannot let endurance alone be the focus of our thoughts. We pray for endurance; we must also pray for <u>transformation</u>. We can no longer look at our life or condition and just say "I will endure this." Instead, we need to say "These challenges are temporary. I know that God has transforming power and that power can bring real change, real blessings at any time, in any circumstance."

To endure is good... to transform (change circumstance) is the way of greater strength.

Yes, we need strength to endure—but we also need strength to know and to believe that nothing is hopeless... nothing is impossible to change. We also need strength to <u>wait</u> for God... to believe God's power is transforming everything we experience into something new and wonderful.

One of my favorite Bible verses is Isaiah 40:31. "Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up their wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not be faint."

This verse refers to strength, not just to endure, but to soar! And the **secret** to receiving soaring strength is to wait, wait, wait for the Lord to act.

When we pray and wait on the Lord, we not only are given strength to endure—but this goes further- it lifts us up on wings of faith—it brings us new abundant life and joy.

When you feel you're not able to do something... or you're pushed and pressed by circumstance... when you feel limited as a human being... you can lift your mind and spirit by remembering this line from Phillipians 4:13 " I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

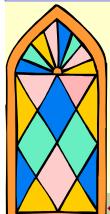
Our strength does not lie with our willpower to endure. When we remember Christ's strength lies within us and it never runs out, we can do all things through Christ who is our strength. This strength of God within us is waiting to be used to transform... to change ourselves and the world.

Because of Jesus.

Deacon Ron Bunofsky

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BIBLE VIGIL THANK YOU



The family of Phyllis Maschella would like to thank you for the wonderful outpouring of love and support for the beautiful Bible Vigil at our Mother's calling hours.

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Thank you again and God Bless,

Cyndi Calcagni







To our Cursillo Community,

We are very excited to be serving as Kitchen Co-Chairs for the upcoming Men's weekend. We know that without you, and your prayers and your assistance we are nothing. We need our kitchen to be a joyful Christian Community in Action!

Please, pray first and then come and help us out in the kitchen. We are looking for help all weekend long. We would appreciate anyone who may volunteer to head up the decorating of the napkins, tables and our special Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon meal. We are also hoping someone would volunteer to run things for boom so that we can get the kitchen cleaned and supplies stored away as soon as possible. We need cooks and of course any donations are gratefully accepted.

Please come and join us - do palanca - and help build our community!

DeColores! Kim Molek and Laurie Kramer



A Donation from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Oles, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Walsh has been made to Cursillo in honor of Carl Joseph.

An engraved plate with Carl Joseph's name will be placed on our Cursillo Memorial plaque.

FROM MARY MARXEN—CANTON ULTREYA SCHEDULE

As you already know, our Canton Cursillo Center has merged with the Youngstown Cursillo Center.

We can and will still function as an Ultreya Center. In the light of our small attendance at Ultreyas, we decided to try traveling Ultreyas. 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 few 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 and he will be happy to add your parish to the list.



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. DeColores

-Mary Marxen

URGENT REQUEST FOR YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!

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 2,300 newsletters that are mailed out. Frankly, that's a lot of printing, assembly and folding!

We need to get the newsletters out in a timely manner, and do it more efficiently and more effectively through email. 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

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If you would like to get future newsletters by email, just send me your home mailing address and 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

Thank you, and God Bless! -Bill Joyce

share them with others.

FROM MIKE HRIPKO-SCHOOL OF LEADERS

School of Leaders meets Wednesday, June 16 at 7 PM at St. Luke's School Music Room, 5325 South Avenue, Boardman

School of Leaders is placing a particular focus this year on helping to implement our pastoral plan. Among our near term goals is to increase participation and attendance at Cursillo activities and events. Specifically, we initiated a Special All Souls' Liturgy during a November Ultreya, which was well attended and well received. As a result, we are evaluating other opportunities which might surface for a similar theme Ultreya.



We held both Cursillo Leadership and Commitment Workshops in March at St. Pius. Cursillo Leaders from both Youngstown and Pittsburgh presented the Workshop material. At the conclusion of the Workshop, we attended the Saturday Vigil Mass with Father Bill Loveless as our celebrant.

A team of former rectors acted in sub-committee under the leadership of Nancy Layko to create a written formal outline for the Fourth Day Talk, which until now, had to be written and prepared without benefit of a good outline. We believe this new outline will allow for an easier, more thorough, and more consistent Fourth Day presentation.

As an outreach initiative, School of Leaders held our April meeting in Warren. We hope to schedule a meeting in Canton later this year. We received excellent feedback and ideas from the Warren Center as to how we might better communicate and involve Cursillistas who live in Trumbull County.

A key theme which has arisen is a need for clear and frequent communication, made even more important by the recent merger with the Canton Center. We need to utilize the high speed, ease, and low cost of email, yet continue to communicate effectively to those without computers. **You can help.**

The cost of printing and mailing 2,300 Cursillo newsletters is approximately \$500. Thanks to dedicated volunteers who fold and label the newsletter, and to our generous benefactor who donates paper and printing, our actual cost is about \$250. However, this is a significant portion of our annual budget.

If you have an e-mail account, please share it with us and receive all of your Cursillo information- newsletters, announcements, Bible Vigils, Team Formation - via e-mail. This is the fastest and cheapest way to communicate to a large number of people. You'll get your Cursillo information fast, you will save us postage and printing costs, and you'll be helping the environment. We will not share your account with anyone. All Cursillo information is sent via "blind carbon copy" and in a group designation, so your e-mail address is protected. You can send an e-mail to wjoyce1701@aol.com with the subject listed as Cursillo Email Address and we will commence email communication.

If you don't have e-mail, we are rededicating ourselves to better and more frequent printed and mailed communication. If enough people opt for the email option, we can better afford more frequent mailings. E-mail news and printed news will be identical.

Please join us for School of Leaders on June 16 at St. Luke's in Boardman. If you have any input for the School, send me an e-mail at: mahripko@aol.com or call me at (330) 502-7239.

DeColores! Mike Hripko

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Or email them to: wjoyce1701@aol.com

The Secretariat makes the final decision on newsletter contents. Your suggestions on improving the newsletter are welcomed.



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