

# Newsletter for the Cursillo Movement of the Youngstown Diocese

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### News from our Lay Director

DeColores, Brothers and Sisters,

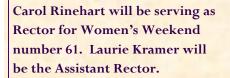


I am pleased to announce that Women's Cursillo #61 has been scheduled for April 26-29<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph the Provider Church, 633 Porter Avenue in Campbell. The Women's Team was discerned, and the Team Formation began on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke School in Boardman. Please check the Formation schedule on the next page of this newsletter and try to

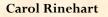
attend some Formation meetings to support the Team. Carol Rinehart is the Rector and Laurie Kramer is the Assistant Rector. In this newsletter also is the list of who is on the Team. Please begin to pray and offer Palanca for these ladies and our new friends, the Babe Chicks.

Contact with other Christians on a regular basis is essential to living our 4<sup>th</sup> Day lives of Piety, Study and Action. We can accomplish this by regularly attending Ultreya and the School of Leaders. Ultreya comes under Post Cursillo (Chairperson is Jim Kramer) and Kim Molek is the chairperson for the School of Leaders. Please contact them with any questions. Their contact information can be found in the column on the left of this page. Remember, Ultreya and the School of Leaders is open to ALL OF US!! My daily prayer is that we continue to Glorify God in everything we do!

Yours in Christ, Row









**Laurie Kramer** 

### PLEASE HELP...WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

As you know, our Cursillo movement is funded entirely by donations. Currently, we have about \$1,000 in our treasury, but we need at least three times that amount in order to put on a weekend. We have two weekends to do this year; one Women's and one Men's. We have other expenses such as postage for the newsletters and we pay annual dues to both the National Secretariat as well as Region III. Other expenses come up such as replacing kitchen items and supplies that are used on the weekends. We need your help in keeping our movement going. Any amount you can donate to help would be very appreciated. Please send your donation to: Youngstown Diocese Cursillo Movement, PO Box 3414, Youngstown, OH 44514

Thanks, & May God Bless you!

### **ULTREYA**

Canton Ultreya is held on a rotating basis at various churches. Call Mary Marxen at 330-673-7071 for current schedule. Trumbull County Ultreya is held after 8:30 am Mass on the second Wednesday of the month at St. Pius X church at 1401 Moncrest Drive NW, in Warren.

Youngstown Ultreya is held at 7:30 pm every Thursday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall in Youngstown.

### **TEAM MEMBERS for Women's Cursillo #61**

**Spiritual Director:** Father John Jerek

Asst. Spiritual Dir.: Deacon Tony Falasca

**Rector:** Carol Rinehart

**Asst. Rector:** Laurie Kramer

**Professors:** 

<u>Ideal</u> Marlene Piersante

**Laity** Stephanie Szoke

**Holiness** Debbie Skica

**Formation** Tina Thompson

**Evangelization** Renita Mintus

**Leaders** Sandy Joyce

**Environment** Rosie Zetts

**C.C. in Action** Maria Pavalko

**Head Guide** Pat Costello

Guide Barb Holan

**Guide** Kathy Trimble

Guide Carol Wagner

**Head Sacristan** Marie Dulovich

Sacristan Theresa Cipriano

**Musical Director:** Loretta Nagel

Weekend Theme: "Above All"

**Professor's School:** 

Bev Vitullo Linda Smrek

Denny Magee Peg Elston



## SUPPORT THE WOMEN'S TEAM

**Team Formation** is being held at St. Luke's School on **Tuesdays** beginning promptly at **7 pm**.

Please consider supporting the team by praying for them and attending Formation meetings.

### Formation Schedule:

Jan. 24: First Meeting & Psychology of the Weekend

Jan. 31: Five Minute Summaries

- Two weeks off to prepare talks -

Feb. 21: Ideal and Laity

Feb. 28: Piety/Holiness and Study/Formation

March 6: Action/Evangelization and Leaders

March 13: Environment and Christian Community in Action

March 20: Total Security/ Ultreya & Group Reunion

March 27: Fourth Day

April 3: Off (Holy Week)

April 10: Role of the Auxilliary, and Music Practice

April 16: Guides and Sacristans Meeting

April 26—29: Women's Cursillo weekend # 61

\* Second Rounds of talks can be scheduled with Mentors and Professor School







### Pre-Cursillo Chair—Pat Costello

Dear Cursillistas.

I am writing to ask you to keep our beautiful movement in your daily prayers. Presently, we all seem to be suffering from a modern day malady..."a busy schedule!" So, how does this affect Cursillo? I pray that it will not be our undoing.

We have some urgent needs:

- \* team members for the upcoming Men's weekend in November
- \*candidate applications for the women's and men's weekend
- \* people willing to be a representative to their parish (Not everyone has a computer so phone calls are needed in order for vital information to be passed along).
- \*more regular attendance at Ultreya (if everyone would attend once a month, our attendance would show real improvement). I can attest to the fact that whenever I've attended an Ultreya, I always came away with something positive.

So, my request to all of you is to set aside one day each week to ask the Holy Spirit to bless our movement and keep it strong.....and then for each of us to do our part to keep it that way.

Wishing each of you a 2012 filled with Jesus' peace and strength.

De Colores, Pat

## Bible Vigil Thank You

Dear Cursillistas ---

During the months of November and December 2010, you were a channel of God's grace and an illumination of the Light of Christ in our time of deep sorrow. The Bible Vigils for our mothers / grandmothers touched our hearts and the hearts of our family and friends with the compassionate love and peace of Jesus. Our mothers / grandmothers loved Jesus and shared that love for Jesus in their everyday living by reaching out to others. They were very aware of the Cursillo community and were happy that we were members of a loving Catholic Christian community. We believe, as they continue their lives in heaven, their love and prayers continue for us and our beloved Cursillo community. Thank you for your love. Together we say "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Phil. 1:3



**DeColores!** Ron, Marlene, Stephen and Maria Piersante



### FROM OUR POST-CURSILLO CHAIR— JIM KRAMER

We would love to see you at Youngstown Ultreya! If it's been a while since you have come, please join us and experience the new format. I think you'll enjoy it. We still meet on Thursday evenings at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School in Youngstown at 7:30. There are now just three parts to Ultreya; A witness, Group sharing and Spiritual Direction. This new format shortens the evening considerably. Hope to see you soon!

Partial funding of our Cursillo weekends are made possible by:

### The John Masternick Memorial Fund

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



THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT OF THE YOUNGSTOWN DIOCESE

### FROM RAY DECARLO—CURSILLO CHAIR



As you know, Women's weekend #61 will be held on April 26-29, 2012 at St. Joseph the Provider at 633 Porter Avenue in Campbell, Ohio.

Gina Fire will be working on the liturgy booklet and I hope to help with that.

Kim Molek has graciously volunteered to run the kitchen. (Thank you so much, Kim!)

The Secretariat has suggested that group reunions sponsor meals through a monetary donation. This would be a big help. If your Group Reunion is interested in doing this, please call Kim Molek to let her know. Kim's number is: 330-219-5135

We will need help moving our things from the warehouse on Vestal Road prior to the weekend. Watch your email for more details or go to our website: www.youngstowncursillo.org

It's my first weekend as the Cursillo chair and will need much help. There will be plenty to do for everybody who is willing.

Remember willingness is the key. Metanoia is the goal.

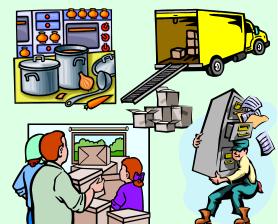
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The Youngstown Cursillo Center celebrated Christmas with our annual party on December 9th at 6pm. It was held at St. Joseph's School on New Road in Austintown. There were crafts, Christmas carols, and snacks. Santa took time from his busy schedule to pay a visit while he was in town. By the photos above you can see that everyone had a great time!

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

### FROM FATHER BILL LOVELESS



### What Does Jesus Mean in My Life?

What does Jesus mean in my life? That question comes to the fore in a startling scene from the Gospel of Mark. Jesus approached two groups of fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. When he saw Simon and Andrew casting their nets into the water, he called out to them:

### Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. Mark 1:17

And we hear that they abandoned their nets and their livelihood to follow this new preacher. Up until this point we have no information that they had any knowledge of who this person was. Moreover, he didn't come in all his glory. So he could have been any rabbi on the shores of the sea. And still they abandoned everything to be his disciples. Amazing!

And that's not all. Jesus then approached James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in the fishing business with their father, and they were mending nets. Yet when Jesus called to them, they dropped everything and followed. So I've often wondered what their father Zebedee had to say about losing both of his sons from his business. Again, amazing!

Clearly, those earliest disciples understood right away that Jesus was not just another preacher, not just another holy man, and not just another religious leader. They got the message immediately that they needed to follow Jesus with their whole heart. They knew that they had to commit their whole life to him.

How about me? And how about you? Jesus is not satisfied with part of my life or part of your life. He wants your heart. He wants your thoughts. He wants your life. If you hadn't given your heart, your thoughts, and your life to him in the past, you probably wouldn't be reading this article. That's good. But how about today? In the midst of all the concerns and distractions that have popped up in the beginning days of 2011, have you kept your eyes fixed on Jesus? Have you placed your life in his hands today?

Fr. Bill Loveless



### **CURSILLISTAS!**

Please notify Nancy Layko if you have 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 & Laurie Kramer

(Home) 330-792-9871

### Your urgent help is needed...!

It takes a lot of work to print, collate, assemble, and mail 1,750 newsletters... It would be more efficient to switch the majority of our distribution of the newsletters from regular mail to email. You can help us, and it's very easy to do. Just let us know your email address along with your home address (so we know which mailing label we don't need to print any longer). Then, each time we publish a newsletter, you will receive an email with a link to the latest Cursillo news. You will be able to view the newsletter electronically in Full Color, and will even be able enlarge sections that may have been hard to read before. Providing your email address will help us save expenses, and will give you an opportunity to view a more attractive version of the newsletter. Don't worry... your email address will be kept confidential. Please help by contacting me at: wjoyce1701@aol.com or Phone: 330.726.5989

(If you send an email, please write "Cursillo" in the subject line.)

Thanks and DeColores!

**Bill Joyce** 



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YoungstownCursillo.org

### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to submit articles, notices or "thank-you's" to be printed in the newsletter, please send them to the attention of:

Bill Joyce, 6611 Appleridge Drive, Boardman, Ohio 44512-5010

Or email them to: wjoyce1701@aol.com

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

### **DECOLORES!**

### WANT TO HELP?

We currently mail about 1,750 newsletters for each edition. Consequently, we incur a substantial expense in paper and mailing costs. If you can help defray our costs with any size donation it would be greatly appreciated. Please mail your donation to:

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Thank you!

### REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR:

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