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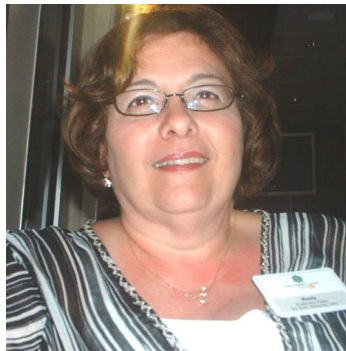
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WOMEN'S CURSILLO #58 SET FOR JULY



Rosie Hollen, Rector

The next Women's Cursillo Weekend is scheduled for July 24–27 at St. Joseph's in Austintown. Rosie Hollen will be the Rector, and Kim Molek will be the Assistant Rector. See Loretta Nagel's article on page two for more details on the weekend.



Kim Molek, Assistant Rector

The History of the Cursillo in the United States

The first Cursillo weekend was held on the island of Majorca, Spain in January of 1949. The movement spread throughout Spain and has since grown and now covers all five continents. Cursillo finally reached the United States in 1956, and after much study, a National center was set up in Waco, Texas in 1958.

The movement spread rapidly in the Southwest US, and in 1965, a National Cursillo office was established in Dallas, Texas where it remains today.

By 1981, almost all of the 160 Dioceses in the United States had introduced the Cursillo Movement. In June of 1964, the first English speaking Cursillo was held at St. Edward's church in the Youngstown Diocese.

The Cursillo Movement in the United States is divided into 12 regions. The Youngstown Diocese is part of Region III. The Regional Coordinator represents Youngstown at the Bi-yearly meetings in Dallas.

Many lives and environments have been touched and made better because of the thousands who have responded to God's call. On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Cursillo in the United States, let us rededicate ourselves to strengthen our commitment to Christ and His church. *(Anniversary party details on page 7.)*

ULTREYA

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.

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 Ron and Mar Piersante at 330-757-9447.

FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR — LORETTA NAGEL



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -

I hope your Christmas season was filled with the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Most of you are aware of the recent Cursillo Leaders Workshop that was held at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Hall on January 18th. We had an attendance of 40 Cursillistas who attended the workshop. It has been 5 years since our last CLW, and we really needed to have another workshop in our diocese. This was put on by some of the service team in Region III. It was refreshing to see so many new Cursillistas attending the workshop. I hope to have another workshop in the near future since this was so successful.

Just a reminder that our Lenten Day of Reflection will be held on March 8th at St. Paul's in New Middletown. The cost of the day will be \$17.00. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. This includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner. (Dinner will be served after Mass.)

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. For Reservations, contact Marlene Piersante at 330-757-3380.

Mark your calendars for School of Leaders- the 2nd Wednesday of each month, held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the church basement at 7 p.m.

And please also reserve April 11th for our 50th anniversary celebration. We would like to make this a special and big celebration of Cursillo. Look for more information about the 50th anniversary celebration in this newsletter written by the committee chairperson.

I know we have Women's candidate applications floating around and we do have 15 new applications. But, if they are not in our hands by March 1st, we can not pick a team. Remember, Christ is counting on you - Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring your friend to Christ.

So... please turn in your applications for candidates as soon as possible. The tentative date that we are looking to discern a Women's team is March 11th. If you are planning on putting in your application to work the team, please fill it out and turn it in as soon as possible. Please remember to pray for our Secretariat as we discern the Women's team in March.

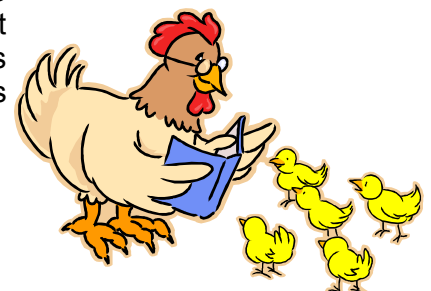
Team formation will be held at St. Luke's once again. Father Fata has been so gracious as to allow us to use his facility. The Team formation schedule is as follows: 1st meeting beginning on March 31st in the School Music Room. April 7th and 14th: Off. April 21st: Martha, Mary Room; April 28th - School Music Room; May 5th: MMR May 12th & 19th: MMR; May 26th: off; June 2nd, June 9th and 16th: MMR; June 23rd & 30th: School MR; July 7th & 14th: MMR. The women's weekend will be held July 24-27th at St. Joseph in Austintown.

The Men's weekend has been scheduled for January 15-18, 2009, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall. Please mark your calendars and get your Candidate and Team applications turned in as soon as possible.

I know this is quite a bit of information, but there is one thing we need to remember: We need to be true to our faith and its teachings wherever we are, whomever we are with, whatever we are doing. That truly is what "Living what is fundamental of being a Christian" means. If others can really see Christ in us... we will bring them, whomever they may be, closer to **Christ**. Most importantly, we need to remember that we can do nothing without God and He is waiting eagerly to have us surrender to Him so He can accomplish great things through us.

DeColores!

Loretta Nagel, Lay Director





Celebrating Fifty Years of Walking the Talk...
Come spend an evening of celebration

April 11, 2008 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Hall
downtown Youngstown, OH

6:30 Mass -Monsignor Siffrin 7:30 Dinner/Dance



Tickets are \$30.00 each (Cursillistas/Spouses or date only)

Dinner, Dancing, Music, Chinese Auction, Fifty/Fifty Raffle

BYOB (cups, ice and mixers provided... wine will be provided with dinner)

- Historical Table -

Rector's Banner Display (Rectors are requested to bring the banner from their weekend.)

Tickets are available at Ultreya or from any Secretariat member or call

Gail at 330-545-5912 or Betty at 330-545-6589



CURSILLISTAS!

Please notify Nancy Layko if you have 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

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) 330-757-7979
(Cell) 330-501-2034

Jimmy Gianotti (Home) 330-788-2899

CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



Santa Claus made a special appearance at our Cursillo Christmas Party in December.

The children were entertained by Linda Smrek, who played piano and lead a Christmas carol sing-along, and by Yo-Yo the clown who made balloon animals for the children.



LETTER TO YOUNGSTOWN CURSILLO

De Colores to All:

This is to advise you of our permanent address. We have decided to remain in Virginia for the duration. We do not miss the cold weather nor the snow falls, but we do miss the warm Christian fellowship with the Youngstown Cursillistas. We do maintain communications with a fellow group member in Rev. Mr. Jim Hostutler, who resides in Phoenix, AZ.

Our church in Virginia is St. Andrew, a small parish of about 139 permanent families, which of course swells during the vacation season may through Labor Day. Ellen and I remain active as Eucharistic Distributors, Lecturer, Migrant Ministry, and Justice & Peace Committee. While the parish is small, we accomplish much. Anyone interested can check us out on the website of St. Andrews at: <http://StAndrew.Catholicweb.com>

You have an open invitation to anyone visiting or vacationing in the area to call upon us for any help needed. You remain in our prayers. With Christ's Love, Don & Ellen Barkman

3110 Meridian Drive, Greenbackville, Virginia 23356 Telephone: (757) 824-5405 Email: barkman1936@yahoo.com

RESURRECTION—NOW AND LATER**BY DEACON RON BUNOFSKY, ASSISTANT SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

Every Sunday at Mass we pray the Creed. As we pray it, we proclaim what we believe as Catholic Christians.

The heart of the Creed is found in two statements. First: "I believe in God the Father Almighty and in His only Son Jesus Christ who for our sake was crucified, died and was buried and on the third day He rose again." The second: "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen."

There are some people today who look at our belief of resurrection of the dead with disbelief. To them it is a foolish idea. These people do not realize that our resurrected bodies will exist in a newer, better, glorified manner. Our risen bodies will be in the state of perfection by the power of God. (1 Corinthians 15: 12-23)

Jesus lived a fully human life. He was born poor, lived poor and died poor. The resurrection brought fulfillment to His life on Earth. It was a new life of happiness and union with the Father in heaven.

We too, are meant for much more than our present life on Earth. Resurrection is our goal. In fact, it gives meaning to our lives.

Yet, the resurrection is not something we only look forward to at some future time. We all have within us, right now, that resurrection spirit of Jesus. Although we may not associate resurrection with our daily lives, we are experiencing it right now, although we may call it by another name.

So, when have you been resurrected? Remember the time you felt down and out about yourself and life and someone or something changed your thinking... and you picked up the pieces of your shattered life and made a new start? That was a resurrection. Every time you are able to forgive and forget some injury... Every time you prove you are not at the mercy of your moods... Every time you are stronger than any negative thought or habit that pulls you down... That was a resurrection. That spirit of resurrection within us gives us what we need to change our thinking and to create a new life for ourselves.

You may have thought that someday with Jesus, you will be resurrected into eternal life, and you will be. However, let us all realize and get in touch with the resurrecting spirit of Jesus that is within us right now. Let us recognize that the resurrection is not only a happening that will take place at a later date... Let us realize that the spirit of Christ's resurrection can be used today, right **now** to bring order to our lives, to solve problems and bring us happiness.



We are resurrection people because of what Jesus did for us. Let us all live it today!

Because of Jesus,

Deacon Ron Bunofsky



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of my sister Bea, my brothers Larry and Terry and on my own behalf, I thank you for the beautiful fruit basket.

Lucretia was a very fine and good sister. We are most grateful and are confident that she rests in the peace of the Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Reverend Monsignor
Michael J. Cariglio, Jr.
Pastor



THE HOLY ALPHABET

The Holy Alphabet

Although things are not perfect

Because of trial or pain

Continue in thanksgiving

Do not begin to blame

Even when the times are hard

Fierce winds are bound to blow

God is forever able

Hold on to what you know

Imagine life without His love

Joy would cease to be

Keep thanking Him for all the things

Keep thanking Him for all the things

Love imparts to thee

Move out of "Camping Complaining"

No weapon that is known

On earth can yield the power

Praise can do alone

Quit looking at the future

Redeem the time at hand

Start every day with worship

To "thank" is a command

Until we see Him coming

Victorious in the sky



We'll run the race with gratitude

Xalting God most high

Yes, there'll be good times and yes
some will be bad, but...

Zion waits in glory...where none are
ever sad!!

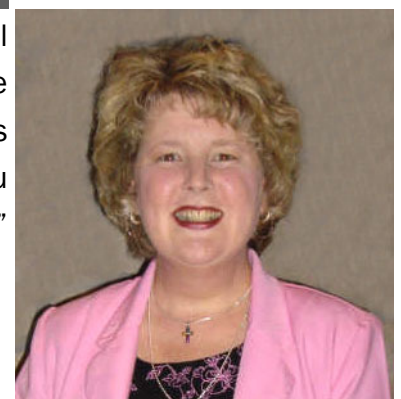
-from Loretta Nagel

ATTENTION GROUP REUNIONS!

A rewarding project is hosting Ultreya for a month. All the supplies you will need (including beverages) are available to you. We ask you to bring some light snacks, find a witness speaker, and a musician for Mass. Other duties include set up and clean up. There will be an Ultreya team leader to help you with set up and clean up. I ask all group reunions to move "Onward." Sign up to host a month of Ultreya.

Call me at (330) 757-3380 to arrange for your group reunion to host Ultreya.

Love and Friendship, Mar Piersante



DAY OF REFLECTION

The theme for our next Day of Reflection will be:

“Lord, We lift your name on high”

The Day of Reflection has been scheduled for:

Saturday, March 8, 2008

At St. Paul's Church in New Middletown

Cost: \$17.00

Registration is from 8 am to 8:45 am, and Includes

Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Mass will be at 4 pm, and Dinner will follow.



Bring your family and friends... the Day of Reflection is open to all Non-Cursillistas.

DAY OF REFLECTION SIGN UP SHEET

Please make your reservation by February 28th, or as soon as possible.

Call Marlene Piersante at 330-757-3380 or fill out this form and mail it to:

YOUNGSTOWN CURSILLO
P.O. BOX 3414
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44513-3414

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cursillo Attended # _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ (\$17.00 per person)

Staying for Dinner? YES _____ NO _____



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Or email them to: *wjoyce1701@aol.com*

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**REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
The Day of Reflection, March 8, 2008**

