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MEN'S CURSILLO #60 SET FOR JANUARY



Thom Godward, Rector

The next Men's Cursillo Weekend is scheduled for January 15—18 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish center in Downtown Youngstown. This will be Men's Cursillo #60. Thom Godward will be the Rector, and Ron Piersante will be the Assistant Rector. See Page 3 for more information on the team formation and weekend.



Ron Piersante, Asst. Rector

A big "Thank You" goes out to Jim Kramer who served well as the Cursillo Chairperson on the Secretariat. Jim's term ended earlier in the year, but he graciously agreed to stay on until a replacement had been discerned.

Jim, we appreciate all of your dedication and hard work in making the set-up, operation and tear down of the Cursillo weekends function so well!

We would also like to Congratulate Thom Godward who has agreed to become the Cursillo Chairperson.

Thom will have his hands full serving as Rector for this next Men's Weekend, so we are asking for your assistance in the set-up and tear down of the upcoming Men's Cursillo Weekend. Please help us in any way you can!



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 -

May your Christmas season be filled with the peace and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Men's team is in formation and know we still have some Men's candidate applications floating around and we need to have them turned in. Remember, Christ is counting on you to **Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring your friend to Christ.**

Also, now is the time to turn in Women's applications. I am looking for a place to hold the women's weekend, so that information will follow when I know where and when. So... please turn in your applications for candidates as soon as possible.

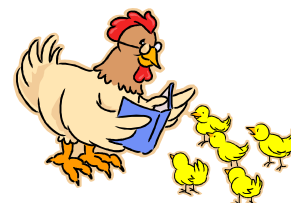
The Men's Team Formation will be held at St. Luke's once again. Father Fata has been very gracious as to allow us to use his facility again for the Men's Formation meetings. Please see page 3 for the meeting schedule. The Men's weekend has been scheduled for January 15-18, 2009, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall. Let us begin our Palanca for the team and candidates now. Please mark your calendars for the weekend and get your Candidate applications turned in as soon as possible.

There will be three openings on the Secretariat as of January 1st. The positions will be for Pre-Cursillo, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to submit a nomination for any of these positions, please speak with any Secretariat member. In order to serve on the Secretariat, you must be in a current Group Reunion and have worked a team.

Also, as of April 1st, my position will be open. The qualifications for Lay Director is that you must have served on the Secretariat, worked a team, and be in a current Group Reunion. If you know anyone who may be interested in any of these positions, please let us know. Don't forget to pray about this first.

Remember, Christ is counting on you.
DeColores !

Loretta Nagel, Lay Director



DAY OF REFLECTION SIGN UP SHEET

Our Lenten Day of Reflection will be held March 28 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) Please make your reservations by March 1st, or as soon as possible. Call Marlene Piersante at 330-757-3380 or fill out this form and mail to:

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NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ CURSILLO ATTENDED # _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (17.00 PER PERSON)

STAYING FOR DINNER? YES _____ NO _____

**Registration
will be at
8 am on
March 28,
2009**

**Congratulations to all of the new
Deacons who were recently ordained:**

Anthony Falasca, Jr.

Ernie Formichelli

Mark Fuller

William George

Carl Jerzyk

Gary Keefer

Ed Laubacher

Frank W. Marino

James L. Massacci

Robert T. Mintus

Nicholas Moliterno

Robert E. Norman

Robert T. Redig

Michael Seaman

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Michael W. Stabilla

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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

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

YOUNGSTOWN CURSILLO ONLINE

Would you like to see photos from your Cursillo weekend and those of your fellow Cursillistas?

Then please visit our website at: www.youngstowncursillo.org to see archival information from the beginning of our movement to the present day.

The class photos have been visible on-line for some time, and now you can see the names, dates and locations. For nearly every weekend since Men's #1 and Women's #1 in 1964, we have posted the date, place, photo, team roster and candidate roster, all available with the click of a mouse.

Please examine the pages for any weekends you attended, whether as a candidate or team member, and let us know if anything is misspelled or incorrect. Although there is information shown for every weekend, several items are still missing, because they could not be located (in most cases because the weekend involved was held over 30 years ago).

If you are one of our beloved "old-timers" who either worked or attended those weekends, please let us know if you can supply any missing information. Send an e-mail to Gary Deckant at gdeckant@yahoo.com or call 330-783-3037.

I wish to thank all those who were generous in lending me their class-photos and giving me copies of name-lists to use in compiling this project. Thanks to you, we can now present what is probably the most comprehensive collection of Cursillo archival material in the history of our Youngstown movement. Special thanks go to John Stanchin and Robert Gilliland for their technical expertise in helping to bring this project to fruition.

De Colores,

Gary Deckant gdeckant@yahoo.com 330-783-3037



BIBLE VIGIL THANK YOU

Dear Cursillo Family,

Thank you so much for coming to sing at Angeline Trumfio's funeral service. The music was so overwhelming, and I know that Aunt Angie was looking down and smiling at all of you. Words cannot express your thoughtfulness and kindness. God Bless you!

Thank you very much... all of our family thanks you!!

DeColores,

The Angeline Trumfio Family

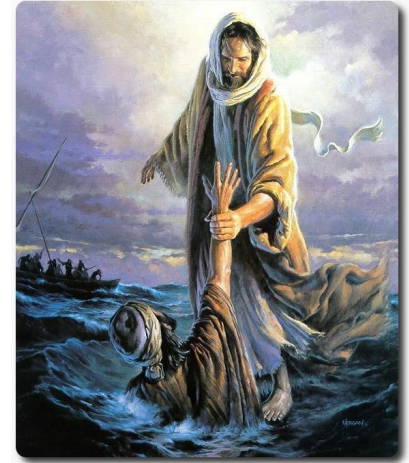


WELL THEN— LET'S WALK ON WATER**BY DEACON RON BUNOFSKY, ASSISTANT SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

In Saint Matthew's gospel 14: 22-33, our Lord works two miracles. He walks on water and He calms the storm.

On that day, Jesus and His disciples were somewhere on the eastern shore of Lake Genesareth. As evening moved in, Jesus tells the disciples to get into their boat and return to the western shore as He stayed and spent the night in prayer. The disciples ran into a heavy head wind and were moving very slowly.

By 3 am they still hadn't reached the western shore, and they were afraid. Suddenly Jesus came to them walking on the water. The disciples were now really frightened as they thought they had seen a ghost. Jesus told them it was He, their Master, and not to be afraid. Peter was almost ready to believe Him, but wanted to put Jesus to the test. Peter reasoned that if this was really the Master, He could give him the power to walk on water. Peter was given that power as long as his faith in Christ lasted. When Peter saw a large wave coming at him, his faith weakened and he began to sink. Peter called out frantically, "Lord save me." Jesus caught him and lifted him into the boat. Jesus told him that it was his lack of faith that caused him to sink. As Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind suddenly stopped.



For us, there is a very important lesson to be learned from this event. We have to continue to trust in Christ even when it seems God has deserted us.

Sometimes we have troubles (storms) in life and we may think we have to walk on water to solve them. **Well then, let's walk on water.** All we have to do is ask God to hold us up in our sea of troubles, the same way Peter did.

Our lives are not problem-free. We don't go looking for problems... but don't they just seem to find us? Every day has challenges of its own. The question is how we look at them and what we do with them. We can rebel, curse our fate, blame God and give into self pity. If we do so, our problems then become excuses for failure. There is another way. Our problems/ challenges can become possibilities for learning and for drawing closer to Christ. They can become opportunities to reach out and grab the hand of Christ and be saved.

God foresees all of our problems and He could prevent them, yet He doesn't. Instead, He lets them run their course because they are means for us to understand the true meaning of our lives. Jesus foresaw the risks His disciples would have that night on Lake Genesareth, yet he sent them off anyway. Why? Because the danger was for their own good, as that day they once again realized that Jesus was from God and they could trust Him to deliver them. In much the same way, by trust in Christ we will not only overcome our problems, but also become a better person... a person closer to Christ.



In this way, our faith and trust in Jesus will increase and as a result we will become a more joyful and happy person.

So then, let us reach out, grab His hand and walk with Him on water.

With the love of Jesus,

Deacon Ron Bunofsky



Dear Cursillistas,

Thank you for the love, prayers and support during my mother's illness. My mom, Theresa Polito, went to our loving Father on August 6th, and is resting in His love and peace.

I am especially grateful for the tremendous outpouring of love and support at her Bible Vigil despite the late notice. The Vigil was so beautiful. The music, readings, prayers, and yes, even the tears were so very comforting to me and my family.

I am blessed to be one with you. Know that I keep all of you in my thoughts, my prayers and my heart..

Yours in Christ, Jo Subler



CHRISTMAS ULTREYA

THE CHRISTMAS ULTREYA will be held on December 11th at 6 p.m.

This year we will be having a Christmas party only... so bring the children! There **WILL NOT** be a Mass or Ultreya because the following day is a school day for the kids.

We will be having pizza, snacks and refreshments. There will also be entertainment.

(Please remember to **BRING COOKIES!**)

Please contact Marlene Piersante at 330-757-3380 to provide her with the number of adults and children you will bring to the party. Please let her know how many will be attending so that we can make the arrangements for food, etc.

ULTREYA will resume the regular schedule on January 8TH.

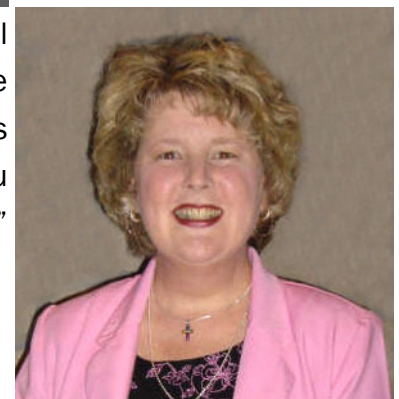


ATTENTION GROUP REUNIONS!

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



MEN'S TEAM #60 FORMATION SCHEDULE

Men's Team #60 will have Formation meetings at **St. Luke Parish** located at 5235 South Avenue in Boardman.

Meetings will start **promptly** at 7 pm.

The Team formation schedule is as follows:

Nov. 6: School Music Room
 Nov. 10: Martha & Mary Room
 -(Next two weeks off)-
 Dec. 1: School Library
 Dec. 8: School Music Room
 Dec. 15: Martha & Mary Room
 Dec. 22: School Music Room
 Jan. 5: School Music Room
 Jan. 12: Martha & Mary Room



In the event that a snow day or a Bible Vigil is called on these Mondays, the Formation meeting will be moved to the Wednesday of that same week.

Men's Cursillo Weekend #60

-WILL BE HELD AT-

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center
Youngstown, Ohio

From January 15th To 18th.

If you are sponsoring a candidate,
 turn in the application as soon as possible to:

Don and Amy Shilling
6060 Applecrest Drive
Boardman, OH 44512



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