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SPECIAL NEWSLETTER FOR MAY, 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters -

It is with sadness that I must report the passing of our Cursillo Spiritual Director, Father Bill Loveless. He made Men's Cursillo weekend #22 at JFK High School from November 28—December 1, 1974 when he was a Deacon, and from that point forward became very active in the Movement. He truly loved Cursillo. Over the years, he belonged to several small groups, and was always a source for Spiritual Direction and guidance. Whenever he was asked to serve as the Spiritual Director on a Cursillo weekend he always said yes. We will miss him very much.

The funeral services will be held privately. However, a Farewell Ceremony will be held **Tuesday May 5, 2020 at 11:45 AM** at St. Brendan Church 2800 Oakwood Ave., Youngstown, OH 44509. Family, friends, parishioners and Cursillistas are invited to gather at approximately 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday in their vehicles, and form a procession line in the St. Brendan Church parking lot (**by using the Schenley Avenue entrance**) for a drive-by tribute to Father Bill as he leaves the church. All are kindly asked to remain in their vehicles at all times during this farewell to Father Bill. More information can be found in his obituary on **page 2** of this newsletter.

In other news, Cursillo Region III is having a Spring Virtual Encounter **this Saturday, May 9, 2020** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT. The topic is The New Pre-Cursillo. It is being hosted on ZOOM. Details can be found on **page 4** of this newsletter. RSVP is not necessary, but they would like to know who is planning on participating. Please email, text or voice mail to Bobbi LaVoie, Region III Coordinator, with your name, phone, email address and diocese to: notestobobbi@yahoo.com or call her at **(585) 872-0660**. Bobbi can answer any questions you may have as well.

This last Sunday evening, our Cursillo group brothers met virtually by Facetime, and we went through our Piety, Study, and Action that way. It was a good way to get together and still maintain social distance. Your group might consider doing something similar by using Facetime, Zoom, or Free Call. There are lots of ways to meet virtually. I encourage you to try this with your Cursillo group and your family.

I was told by several Cursillistas that the link I provided last month to the National Cursillo newsletter did not work properly. I apologize for that. You will find the correct link below. I encourage you to take a look at the National Cursillo newsletter. It has lots of good information and provides an insight on the Cursillo Movement. Please continue to pray for our Catholic Church, for our hierarchy, for our Bishop, the priests, deacons and religious. Pray for the victims of the virus and their families, and also for a cure and a vaccine. May God Bless you and keep you.

DeColores, *Bill Joyce*

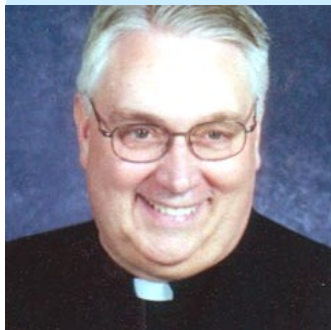
National Cursillo Newsletter:

https://www.natl-cursillo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CNN_2020.04_en.pdf

John 6:47



Amen Amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.



YOUNGSTOWN - Rev. William J. Loveless, 71, pastor of St. Brendan Church in Youngstown, passed away at St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital Tuesday afternoon, April 28, 2020, after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer.

"Father Bill" as he was affectionately known to all was born Oct. 17, 1948 in Youngstown, and was the first-born son of the late Holland Loveless and Helen Kostelnak Loveless.

He attended Sheridan and Jackson schools, and Woodrow Wilson High School in Youngstown, where he graduated in 1966 as the class valedictorian. He then attended Youngstown State University before progressing to St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati for his priestly studies.

After earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Gregory's, he attended Mt. St. Mary's of the West Seminary, where he earned masters degrees in philosophy and theology.

He was ordained June 7, 1975, by Bishop James W. Malone at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown, and Father Loveless's first assignment was as associate pastor at Boardman St Charles Parish.

In 1977, Father Bill was transferred to St. Patrick Parish in Hubbard and also began a three-year term on the diocesan Liturgical Commission. Early in his priesthood he became involved in the Cursillo movement, serving for years as spiritual director for the Youngstown-area Cursillo and as spiritual advisor for Region Three, which includes Eastern Ohio, West Virginia, and parts of Pennsylvania and New York.

In 1982 he became associate pastor of St. Rose Parish in Girard, and in 1985 was named chaplain at St. Elizabeth Youngstown Medical Center. The following year, he was named pro-tem associate pastor, and then associate pastor at St. Pius X Parish in Warren. In 1988, he served as pro-tem associate pastor at St. Mary Parish in Newton Falls. Following a leave for graduate study, Father Loveless was named pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Lowellville. In 1993, he became pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Warren.

Father Loveless became pastor of St. Brendan Parish in 2011, where he served until his untimely passing. Additionally, he served as a member of the diocesan Priest Retirement Board and as administrative secretary for the diocesan Priests Council.

Father Bill is survived by his sister Susan E. (John) Desko of Austintown; his brother, Michael T. (Colleen) Loveless of Kent, Wash.; a nephew, David Desko; four nieces, Katelyn Desko, Sarah (Joseph) Harrison, Megan Loveless, and Jennifer Loveless; two great-nephews, Nathaniel Desko and Bently Harrison; and two great-nieces, Kallie Harrison and Emma Loveless-Sawka.

Because of the current virus pandemic, a private Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Brendan Church in Youngstown on Tuesday, May 5. Family, friends, and parishioners are invited to gather at approximately 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday in their vehicles, and form a procession line in the St. Brendan Church parking lot (by using the Schenley Avenue entrance) for a drive-by tribute to Father Bill as he leaves the church. All are kindly asked to remain in their vehicles at all times during this farewell to Father Bill.

Private entombment will follow the farewell tribute, and will be at Calvary Cemetery in Youngstown. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kinnick Funeral Home in Youngstown.

A public Memorial Service will be held at St. Brendan Church at later date. We will let you know in the Cursillo Newsletter for date and time as details become available.

Memorial contributions may be made in Father Bill's name to the:

St. Brendan Church Memorial Fund, 2800 Oakwood Ave., Youngstown, OH 44509.

Memorial Day Relection — Father Bill Loveless

Thank you to Mike Hripko, who found the reflection below in one of the old bulletins from St. Brendan's Church. Father Bill wrote this in 2014, and yet it seems very appropriate to share it this month.

Remember With Love

In my family there was always a special ritual connected with Memorial Day. Every year within a few days of the holiday, my mother and my Aunt Jane, and after my mom had died, Aunt Jane and I made a point to visit all the graves of our family members. We would go to a garden shop and buy 15 to 20 geraniums. They had to be white, pink, and red, unless we could find some that were coral-colored. Then we would visit each of the graves of our family members in Calvary, Resurrection, Forest Lawn, and St. John's Cemeteries. And, on my own, I would add Hubbard Union to our list of cemeteries to visit, because that is where my father's family members are buried.

At first, when Aunt Jane was still healthy, she would take small grass clippers, a bucket of water, a cloth, and a whisk broom to clean each grave stone. In those days, I was still learning from her how to find all the graves. In more recent years, she could only sit in the car and pray as I would visit each grave, spruce up the marker, and offer prayers before leaving a geranium.

In American society at large, Memorial Day and Labor Day have become bookend holidays enclosing the summer season, and so they are often devoted to outdoor summer activities, like picnicking, boating, and the like. Of course, I enjoy those activities as much as anyone else. But I hope that Memorial Day (Labor Day too!) will keep its unique focus for us. If you haven't been to a family member's grave recently, why don't you go? Think of the events of their life that you enjoy recalling. Think of your own life and its limits. Enjoy the green of the cemetery. Enjoy the quiet. Then say a prayer.

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this:

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," said the Spirit,

"let them find rest from their labors,

for their works accompany them."

Revelation 14:13

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Spiritual Resources

Our thanks to Mike Hripko who shared his list of spiritual resources at Ultreya after the last Men's Cursillo weekend. These are some of the sources he uses for Piety and Study.

DAILY EMAIL:

BuccoBuddy@aol.com Jimmy Gianotti's ministry, including Prayer intentions, Daily Scripture, Homily, Music, and more

Faith@ND.edu Daily email: Scripture, Reflection, Prayer

www.wordonfire.org Daily email—link to Scripture, Daily Reflection

PODCASTS:

Daily Disconnect Podcast: Ten minute meditation on a scripture verse

Clerically Speaking: Two young priests discuss the Catechism, Parish Life, Seminary Life, and topics of interest

APPS:

Laudete: Link to audio prayer, Rosary, devotionals, Pray As You Go, etc.

Hallow: Audio prayer, Meditations. (Much free content, more with subscription.)





Cursillo Region III Spring Virtual Encounter

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The New Pre-Cursillo

In these days of social distancing, we invite you to join your fellow Cursillistas from the various dioceses in Region III on a virtual ZOOM presentation to discuss the Pre-Cursillo section of the movement.

- Discover what is written in Cursillo literature about Pre-Cursillo.
- Learn techniques on how to recognize who to sponsor.
- Understand what Cursillo means by using friendship in the PreCursillo.
- Review what are the duties of a sponsor.
- Virtually meet Cursillistas from the various dioceses
- Hear news from our National leadership.

You can link to **ZOOM** with your smart phone or computer via this link or go to the Zoom app/website and to JOIN A MEETING and enter the below meeting ID / password:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/519625176?pwd=ZVlhSWVDeS9tNlZLSlQxbGJkRXZwQT09>

Or you can dial in via phone to 1 929 436 2866 US (New York) and enter the below meeting ID / password:

Meeting ID: **519 625 176** Password: **036470**

If you are not already using ZOOM, we suggest you download the ZOOM app or sign-up on their website <https://zoom.us/> before the call since it may take you some time to connect. Zoom has tutorials on their website if you need assistance: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697>

We will ask you each to MUTE your phone or microphone during the presentations to reduce noise. Please make sure you know where the MUTE button is on your device.

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The Regional team usually host these meetings in person and charges a fee for participation of which a percentage is used to help support regional operating cost. Since this spring's meeting is virtual, no income will be made. If you can offer a donation, we would appreciate it, please send to:

Wayne Fleckenstein, Region III Treasurer, 2313 Banker St, McKeesport, PA 15132

Make checks payable to: Region III Cursillo

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