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## CURSILLO NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER, 2020



### Dear Brothers and Sisters -

We continue to hope and pray that you are safe and well during this coronavirus epidemic. Like many of you, through the Summer months, Sandy and I had been attending Mass online each weekend. For the past several weeks we have been going back to church again for Mass. It is so good to be able to join with our fellow parishioners at Mass.

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, are very pleased to welcome Mike Hripko back to the Chair of the School of Leaders. Mike is looking to restart the School of Leaders with virtual meetings to begin with and then eventually having meetings on site. There is lots to accomplish, and we need your participation! Mike has put together these dates for the meeting schedule:

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| • 1/20/21 | 7/14/21  |
| • 3/17/21 | 9/15/21  |
| • 5/19/21 | 11/17/21 |

Please make a note of these dates, and plan to join us for The School of Leaders meetings. More details will be coming soon. As we get closer to the dates, we will email you the links for the Video conference, along with instructions on how to participate.

We are continuing our annual tradition of having a **prayer service** in November. This is to celebrate **All Souls Day**. This year, we are going to host it virtually on Zoom the evening of Thursday, November 12th at 7pm. Deacon Ron Layko is preparing a homily, and there will be music provided by our own Cursillo musicians; Thom Godward, Paul Toth, Joe McKim, Rick and Linda Smrek. We hope you will join us. You will find complete details are on **page 3** of this newsletter.

There will be a Virtual Encounter hosted by the North American and Caribbean Group of International Cursillo on November 20 and 21. It's a great opportunity to meet Cursillistas in other countries. More details and a registration link can be found on **page 5**.

Also, the link to the **National Cursillo newsletter for October** is in the box right below my letter. I encourage you to take a look at the National 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 priests, deacons and religious. Pray for the victims of the virus and their families, and also for a cure and a vaccine.

Most especially, please pray for peace in our land.

May God Bless you and keep you.

**DeColores,**

*Bill Joyce,* Lay Director



### Link to the October National Cursillo Newsletter:

[https://www.natl-cursillo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CNN\\_2020\\_10\\_En\\_Final.pdf](https://www.natl-cursillo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CNN_2020_10_En_Final.pdf)

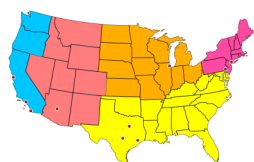


Joshua 24:15

*"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*

## PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

*Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Source: [www.usccb.org/resources/prayer-election](http://www.usccb.org/resources/prayer-election)*



## Novena for the Nation

Click here: <https://12ede87b-bc3d-7ea7-7a54-6dc8dc507f17.filesusr.com/ugd/>

## Spiritual Resources for Daily Reflection



### Daily Email:

Jimmy Gianotti's DBP ministry, including Prayer intentions, Daily Scripture, Homily, Music, and more. Email Jimmy and ask to be put on the mailing list: [BuccoBuddy@aol.com](mailto:BuccoBuddy@aol.com)

Daily email: Scripture, Reflection, Prayer: [Faith@ND.edu](mailto:Faith@ND.edu)

Daily email—link to Scripture, Daily Reflection [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

### Websites:

This website answers questions on the faith and offer some personal spiritual direction:

<https://catholicspiritualdirection.org/>

This is a website that hosts the web version of the Catholic New American Bible: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>

Knights of Columbus Information Service answers questions about our Catholic Faith:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cis.html>

### Some Catholic Online News and Magazines:

EWTN: [www.ewtn.com/](http://www.ewtn.com/)

Relevant Radio: <https://relevantradio.com/>

Catholic World News: [www.cwnews.com/](http://www.cwnews.com/)

Zenit News: [www.zenit.org/](http://www.zenit.org/)

National Catholic Register: [www.ncregister.com](http://www.ncregister.com)

Our Sunday Visitor: [www.osv.com/](http://www.osv.com/)

Catholic News Service: [www.catholicnews.com/](http://www.catholicnews.com/)

Ignatius Insight (Ignatius Press): [www.ignatiusinsight.com/](http://www.ignatiusinsight.com/)



You are invited to a live virtual Ultreya meeting for Cursillistas in the Youngstown Diocese.

**This will be our annual All Souls prayer service.**



**Hope you can join us!**

**November 12th, at 7:00 pm**

**Duration: 40 minutes or less**

**Video and Screen sharing:**



### **Youngstown Cursillo virtual prayer service**

On your smart phone, tablet or computer, go to [www.Zoom.com](http://www.Zoom.com). Once there, enter the following information:

**Meeting ID:** 713 4142 3992

**Password:** Ultreya

*Note: You may need to download the Zoom app first. It's free.*

**(We will begin the session at 7 pm.)**



## **National / Regional Cursillo News**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a declaration on their website; "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" and urges all Catholics to vote.

Here is the meeting info to the Cursillo National **Saturday Morning Sabatina** at **11am** East Coast time each Saturday:

**Zoom Meeting ID is:** 876 6110 5518

**Passcode:** decolores

The North American—Caribbean Group Ultreya held every **Wednesday at 9pm** East Coast time.

*NACG holds a virtual Ultreya every Wednesday evening at 9:00 pm. All Cursillistas are invited to attend.*

Zoom. Meeting ID **879 4881 3169**



## A report on Region III virtual Fall meeting (from notes by Jerry Casillo - Lay Director Buffalo Diocese)

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The Region III fall meeting was held virtually as a Zoom conference on October 9 & 10. On Friday, the Lay Directors from five member Dioceses each gave reports on their Cursillo centers. Youngstown, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Rochester, Altona-Johnstown and Erie PA were represented.

Nadia Lopez, National English Coordinator, attended the meeting. She supports virtual events like Ultreya for those who are homebound or uncomfortable in public.

The focus of the Saturday meeting was on Ultreya. Cursillo **Region III Coordinator Bobbie LaVoie** made the following points on “**What Ultreya is and what it is not**”

- Ultreya was created to encourage one another to share their experiences i.e. “experience based communication”.
- Group reunion should be Men with men, and women with women. Try to group with different people each time.
- Witness speaker should share with Spiritual Advisor and those asked to give Echo beforehand.
- Should end in prayer for community, personal petitions, and praise. Pray the Our Father.
- Snacks or meals are ok, but not required.
- Sponsors and team leaders should be regular attendees of Ultreya.
- The true benefit of Ultreya is afterwards when we go out and live the experiences learned.



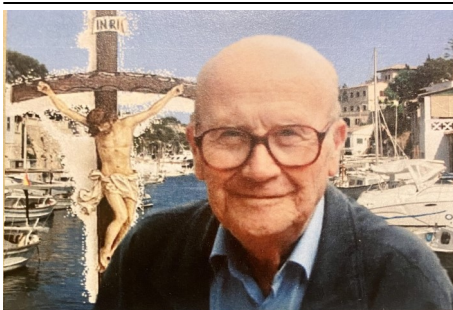
### Fr Tom Galvin spoke on “What it means to you.”

Regarding Group Reunion when sharing our Piety, Study and Action:

- Piety is not our ritual or what we do (mass, rosary, novena, etc.) but rather “how am I growing in my relationship with God?”
- Study – Don’t simply say what you read or watched or heard, but share what it was and what you learned from it.

### Julie Fleckenstein discussed “How to give an Echo” (After the Speaker’s Witness)

The main purpose and characteristic of an echo should be a summation of the witness recounting all the pertinent points and events. An echo may include some shared similar experiences, devotions or thoughts by the person giving the echo.



#### **EDUARDO BONNÍN AGUILO**

*“To be a Christian today, we must be faithful to the Gospel, open to all realities and responsive to the people”*

Thus spoke a **layman** who was the depositary of the Foundational Charism of Cursillos in Christianity Movement. Born in Palma de Mallorca, Spain on May 4, 1917. He opted for celibacy to give himself fully to the lay apostle mission and died at 90 years, February 6, 2008. On that Ash Wednesday, was departing from the same Mallorca to the Father's house to live his fifth day, who always called himself:

*A Christian Apprentice*

Due to rising printing and mailing costs, going forward, ALL newsletters will be sent by email only. PLEASE give us your current email address. Email them to:

[Youngstown4thDay@gmail.com](mailto:Youngstown4thDay@gmail.com)

If you know someone who needs a printed newsletter would you please print one and give it to them? Thank you.

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

**DeColores !**

We are asking for your monetary support. We have some ongoing expenses such as dues to the National Cursillo, and Region III, plus monthly costs for storage of our equipment and supplies. Please consider a donation to our Cursillo. Any size donation would be greatly appreciated. Please mail your donation to:

**Youngstown Cursillo Movement**  
**P.O. Box 3196**  
**Youngstown, Ohio 44513-3196**



# North America and Caribbean International Group of Cursillo in Christianity



- **Ultreya**
- **Rollos**
- **Song**
- **Friendship Across Borders**
- **Witness**
- **Mass**
- **Fiesta**
- **Ultreya**
- **Rollos**
- **Cantos**
- **Amistad sin Fronteras**
- **Testimonio**
- **Misa**
- **Fiesta**

## VIRTUAL ENCOUNTER November 20-21, 2020

FRIDAY 7PM CST – 9:45PM CST  
SATURDAY 8AM CST – 8:30PM CST

Register at:

<https://www.nacg.mx/nacg-encounter-2020>

**This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

It is with great joy that, we, your friends of the NACG announce the **NACG VIRTUAL ENCOUNTER 2020!** We hope and pray that you can join us in celebrating friendship in a climate of Ultreya on **November 20–21, 2020**. Your timely registration will allow our committee the ability to create breakout sessions and plan accordingly based on number of attendees, countries, etc. Registration is now open, as well as the webstore to purchase t-shirts and face masks.

Registration deadline is **November 17th**. T-Shirt orders do not have a deadline, but there is a date of November 9th to guarantee U.S.A. delivery in time for the Virtual Encounter. For additional information, please LIKE our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NACGOMCC/> or visit [www.nacg.mx](http://www.nacg.mx) for more registration information.

***Let no one remain unaware that God in Christ loves him!***

**Friends, please share this invitation with other friends to join this festival of friendship!**