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We are happy to report that we had a very successful Women's Cursillo weekend and Post-Cursillo seminar. See the Class photo on **page 3**. Please make an effort to come to Ultreyas so that you can meet our new Cursillistas who are living their Fourth Day. You'll find an Ultreya schedule at the bottom of page two..

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As part of your Lenten journey, consider attending *Companions on the Journey; Friends for Life*, which will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 Diocesan Conference Room behind the Cathedral in Youngstown. This seminar will help you learn the rationale and how to form small groups. **We recommend early registration because of limited seating.** The Registration form is on **page 4**, and can be emailed to: [Youngstown4thDay@gmail.com](mailto:Youngstown4thDay@gmail.com) For more information, please contact Father Edward Brienz at [ebrenz@youngstowndioocese.org](mailto:ebrenz@youngstowndioocese.org)

We are very excited to announce that the next **Men's Cursillo weekend** will be October 3–6, 2024. More information is below. If you would like to work on the Men's Team, please submit your own application (found on **page 5**) as soon as possible.

Also, please get your candidate applications to Peg Elston or any Secretariat member as soon as possible. Remember to Make a friend, Be a friend, and Bring your friends to Christ.

Have a good Lent and Easter. DeColores! *Bill Joyce*



**Great News! Men's Cursillo Weekend #67** has been scheduled for **October 3–6, 2024**. It will be held at

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel Hall, 343 Via Mount Carmel in Youngstown.*

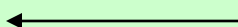
The Secretariat will be discerning the full team in May. If you are interested in working on this Men's team, please get your application (page 5) turned in as soon as possible to Peg Elston or any Secretariat member listed on the left.



Don DeFluiter,  
Rector  
of Men's Cursillo  
#67

We are seeking an Assistant Rector for the Men's Weekend. Qualifications are that you are living the Cursillo method, must be in a small group, and must have given at least one talk on a weekend. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone, let any member of the Secretariat know.

Our contact information is on the left column of this front page.



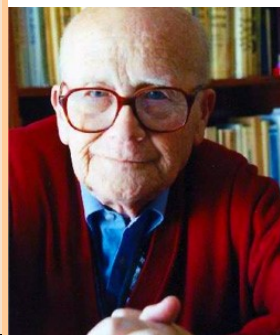
**CURSILLO FOUNDER EDUARDO BONNIN**

Cursillos in Christianity is a Movement which, by its own Method, attempts from within the Church, to give life to the essential Christian truths in the singularity, originality and creativity of the person. In discovering their potential and accepting their limitations, they will direct their freedom with their conviction, reinforce their will with decisiveness and direct their friendship with the virtue of constancy in their day-to-day life, personally and with others. Living their Piety, Study, and Action.

**7. Bishop Cordes: What is the meaning of "to evangelize" today?**

**Eduardo Bonnín:** In my view, this means the same thing in the past and the future. The Gospel does not change; it is up to us to change. The Gospel is always new and renews us. It is the means to live it that is changing. I see that the difficulty at present comes from the fact that man prefers what is immediate more than what is true, and this happens because the world is organized to prevent people from thinking or having time to think, to dominate them and manipulate them, and to propose anything to them, except to act as a person.

To evangelize a person is not only to speak about the Gospel, but it is necessary to place them in circumstances that will permit them to grasp Christ's message, and amid the complications of their life, they discover, under the light of faith, that the Gospel gives them the right orientation to use their freedom and be happier, a light by which to find the precise balance that gives them interior peace and constant encouragement to interpret the events of life, good and bad. ✝



Servant of God  
**Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló**  
 An Apprentice Christian  
 Founder of Cursillos in Christianity  
 1917 – 2008

***The first step in the process for Beatification and Canonization of Eduardo began in Mallorca, Spain on February 5, 2015.***

***The National Secretariat invites you to join them in prayer for Eduardo's canonization into the Sainthood of the Church.***



**Email Notification**

We are asking if you have an updated email address to please send it to us at:  
[Youngstown4thDay@gmail.com](mailto:Youngstown4thDay@gmail.com)

We have cut costs on the newsletter by sending it now only through email. Please, if you have an email address, let us put you on the list. Thanks!

[youngstown4thday@gmail.com](mailto:youngstown4thday@gmail.com)

**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

(Cell phone) 330-720-7987

**Ultreyas are on the second Thursday of each month**

Upcoming Ultreyas– Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9, June 13, July 11,  
 Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12



Ultreyas begin at 7 pm in the basement of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica in downtown Youngstown



# Women's Cursillo #65 Class Photo

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**WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND #65 WAS JANUARY 18-21, 2024  
AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL HALL**

**TOP ROW:** ELAINE TOTH, JANET GODWARD, GINA LOVE, SANDY JOYCE, KIM MOLEK, PATTY BEARD, TINA DEVITO, MAUREEN WALSH, LINDA MONK, DEB TOWNS, GLORIA STACK, ANNA SLOMCHECK, LAURIE KRAMER

**MIDDLE ROW:** TINA THOMPSON, HEIDI FEKETY, DEACON RON LAYKO, DEB SKICA, PEG ELSTON, FATHER JOE BLASKO, ANNE MOSS, TERI WILSON

**BOTTOM ROW:** KATHY RIGGLE, LAURA HAMMOND, BRIDGET PEREZ, NORA HEESTAND

## SCHOOL OF LEADERS



Don Shilling has been hosting the **School of Leaders** meetings on the third Wednesday every other month. We would like to encourage more Cursillistas to become involved with the School of Leaders, as there are many things to discuss and work to

improve within our local movement. We welcome your input. All Cursillistas are welcome to participate. Please join us!

The next meeting is set for **March 20** at 7pm,  
in the **Rectory of St Columba Cathedral:**  
**At the corner of Elm Street and West Rayen Avenue**  
**Youngstown, OH 44503**

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

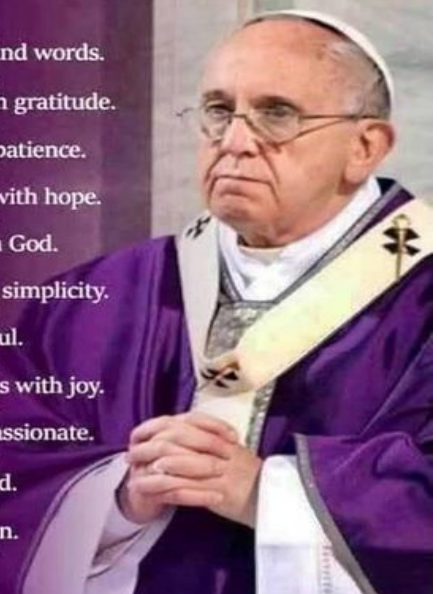
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



PLEASE COMPLETE &amp; SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
— OF YOUNGSTOWN —

Father Edward Brienz, Spiritual Advisor to the Cursillo Movement of the Youngstown Diocese, invites you to an opportunity to **earn up to 4 hours of ministerial continuing education credit.**

This parish minister event in two sessions is especially for Directors of Religious education, Catechists, Liturgical ministers, and other parish personnel/volunteers.

Entitled: ***Companions for the Journey; Friends for Life***

First session will be held Saturday, **March 2, 2024** from 9:30am to 11:30am. (2 hours credit)

in the **Diocesan Conference Room - directly behind the Cathedral**

**144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503**

(Please park inside the green fenced lot on the corner of Elm Street and Rayen Avenue.  
Enter the Diocesan office building through Door #1 which faces Elm Street and the Green fenced lot.)

The Follow-up session will be held **Saturday May 18, 2024** from 9:30am to 11:30am. (also 2 hours credit)

Send your registration to the address on the registration form below.

**There is limited seating so we encourage advance registration**

Name #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Name #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Your primary contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email a copy of this registration to: [youngstown4thday@gmail.com](mailto:youngstown4thday@gmail.com)

Or Mail registration to: **Youngstown Cursillo, P.O. Box 3196, Youngstown, OH 44513-3196**

For more information, contact Fr. Edward Brienz at [ebrienz@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:ebrienz@youngstowndiocese.org)

or Text: **330-205-8632**

Join Father Edward Brienz and leaders of the Youngstown Cursillo Center for a discussion and practical field experience of how small groups can energize your parishioners and create a broader pool of leaders. This local team will share how you can bring people together to create lifelong friendships and small groups that nurture busy parishioners in their walks of faith.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THE NEXT MEN'S TEAM, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND GIVE IT TO PEG ELSTON OR ANY SECRETARIAT MEMBER (LISTED ON PAGE ONE) BY May 10, 2024



### APPLICATION TO WORK A TEAM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CURSILLO ATTENDED # \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### YOUNGSTOWN CURSILLO

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As a TEAM MEMBER you have a COMMITMENT to both the team and to all the candidates that goes FAR BEYOND the three day weekend. Your ATTENDANCE at EVERY team meeting is necessary for formation and to support your RÉCTOR and ALL the OTHER TEAM MEMBERS. PRAYFUL support along with performing your SPECIFIC duties is a MUST at professor school as well as during the weekend. CURSILLOS were developed for the 4<sup>th</sup> day. Your contact with the BABE-CHICKS after the CURSILLO is MOST IMPORTANT. Encourage and help the BABE-CHICKS to form GROUP REUNIONS, call them for ULTREYAS, and remind them of the POST CURSILLO SEMINAR.

1. WHY do you want to work this Cursillo Weekend ? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. EXPLAIN your understanding of the purpose of Cursillo. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. HOW do you see your role as a team member ? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. WHAT would you work as ? Please rank your choices in order:

Guide ( ), Sacristan ( ), Professor ( ), Musical Director ( ).

5. Have you worked any other Cursillos? Yes ( ) or No ( ). Please indicate

where, when, and what you have done. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Do you attend Ultreya weekly ( ), monthly ( ), or \_\_\_\_\_.

Are you a member of a permanent reunion? \_\_\_\_\_.

\*\*\* SEND THE APPLICATION TO THE PRECURSILLO CHAIRPERSON \*\*\*

Application Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Good to see you!



Dear Cursillo Family,

It was so nice to see so many of you during our last Women's weekend. We did our work and had a lot of fun at the same time. We have many other events planned for later this year, such as the Small Group Seminar, our monthly Ultreyas, our annual Picnic on August 15th, and the Men's Cursillo Weekend in October. It's always nice when our Cursillo community has an opportunity to get together. Looking forward to seeing you at any or all of these Cursillo events!

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[www.youngstowncursillo.com](http://www.youngstowncursillo.com)



*This edition of the Cursillo Newsletter is only being sent out by email.*

*If you know someone who does not have access to email,  
please make a copy of this and give it to them. Thank you!*

### 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:

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

Or email them to: [Youngstown4thDay@gmail.com](mailto:Youngstown4thDay@gmail.com)

The Secretariat makes the final decision on newsletter content.

Your suggestions on improving the newsletter are welcomed.

**DeCOLORES !**

### Thank you for your help!

As you may know, we incur expenses throughout the year not just for our Cursillo Weekends, but also for National and Region III membership dues, storage of our weekend materials and other necessities. Thank you for helping defray our costs. Any size donation is greatly appreciated. Please mail your donation to:

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

### REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR:

**Small Group Seminar:** March 2 at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown OH

**School of Leaders:** March 20 at St. Columba Rectory, Youngstown OH

**Annual Cursillo Picnic:** August 15, Mauthe Park, Struthers, OH

**Men's Cursillo Weekend:** October 26-29, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Youngstown, OH

