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Photos from our 60th Anniversary!



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Upcoming Ultreyas— June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10,
Nov. 14, Dec. 12

Ultreayas begin at 7 pm in the basement of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica
343 Via Mount Carmel, Youngstown OH 44505

FROM OUR LAY COORDINATOR



Hi, Brothers and Sisters in Christ

We're grateful for our **60 years** of Cursillo here, and since 1964 over **7,500** Catholics have participated in Cursillo in the Youngstown Diocese. Bishop David J. Bonnar celebrated a beautiful Mass on Saturday, May 11th, which was followed by a dinner in the Social Hall. The entirety of Bishop Bonar's homily is included on **Pages 4 and 5** of this newsletter. Everyone enjoyed getting together before Mass and at the dinner.

(Please see the photos on page 1 and 3.) We will continue the celebration at our annual picnic which will be held **August 15th at St. Luke Church** 5235 South Avenue in Boardman. More details as we get closer.

Recently, the Secretariat discerned the **Assistant Rector** for the Men's weekend #67 which will be held October 3 -6, 2024. He is **Howard Caskey**. Howard lived Men's Cursillo #61 in 2010 at St. Joseph in Austintown. The Secretariat will be meeting again soon to discern the rest of the team for the upcoming Men's weekend. If you would like to work on the team, please get your application to us quickly. You'll find one in this newsletter. Let's continue to make a friend, be a friend, and bring our friends to Christ. De Colores! *Bill*



Howard Caskey, Assistant Rector
Men's Cursillo #67

Email Notification



We are asking if you have an updated email address to please send it to us at:
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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!

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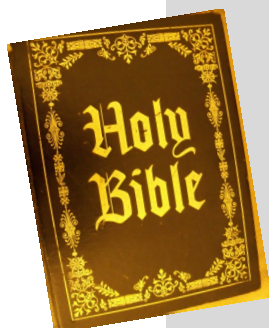
Bible Vigils

REQUESTS

Can be made for a Cursillista or an immediate family member.

Until the Kramer's return and are able to resume this ministry, to arrange for a Bible Vigil, please call:

Bill Joyce (Cell phone) 330-540-9602



James 5: 7 & 8

"Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."

More Photos from our
60th Anniversary Dinner...



Bishop David J. Bonnar Homily



On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of Cursillo May 11, 2024 Homily St. Columba Cathedral

When I was in high school, I vividly remember as part of my homework studying vocabulary words. This was something I came to enjoy. Even to this day, as a writer and speaker, I have a continued fascination with words. One word which is so familiar given my family upbringing is “celebrate.” My mom and dad taught us kids what it means to celebrate. In fact, when the Steelers won their first Super Bowl, my mom, God rest her soul, decorated a base drum and led all the neighbors through the neighborhood on a cold and snowy night, celebrating the Steeler’s victory after many, many years of losing.

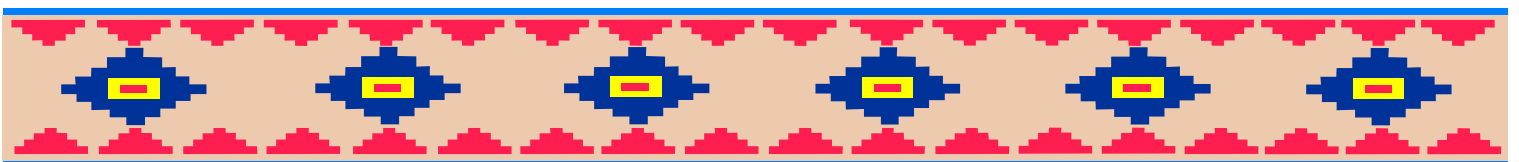
According to the Dictionary, the word “celebrate” means “to perform publicly and with appropriate rites, to honor especially by solemn ceremonies, or to mark something such as an anniversary by festivities or other deviation from routine.”

Today’s Liturgy encompasses all those aspects of celebrating. First, we perform as is our custom every Sunday with particular rites worship to our God around the table of his Word and Sacrament. On this Lord’s Day we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. We recall Jesus’ ascension into heaven preceded by his charge to the eleven to go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel. As Jesus ascends to heaven, the great novena to the Holy Spirit begins. Between now and Pentecost, the Church encourages us to pray and sing, **“Veni, Creator Spiritus,”** which means, **“Come, Creator Spirit.”** In this in between time from Ascension to Pentecost we pray for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to give us the courage to continue the mission of Jesus like the eleven and proclaim the joy of the Gospel. We rely not only upon God’s Word as nourishment but the Holy Eucharist as well. At the conclusion of our prayer, we are then sent forth like the eleven. Jesus’ words to “Go,” echo forth into our ears. Happy Sunday! Happy Ascension!

Second, today we honor in what for us is the greatest of prayers, the Holy Mass, all mothers living and deceased. While this is a secular celebration that should in no way diminish our Sunday celebration of giving praise and thanks to Almighty God, we nonetheless pray for our mothers bringing them to the altar. It is not uncommon to intentionally pray for all mothers as part of the universal prayers following the creed. Some parishes offer all the Masses on this weekend for living and deceased mothers. It should also be noted that it is permissible to invite all mothers to stand for a blessing from the Book of Blessings. Mother’s Day may be a secular feast, but mothers are a gift from God, in fact, with their loving presence and closeness and care, they model God to us. To all our mothers living and deceased, we thank God for you. And wherever you are, we say, Happy Mother’s Day!

Finally, in this Sacred Liturgy we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Cursillo movement in our diocese. Cursillo is an apostolic movement. The word “Cursillo” means courses. The movement began in Spain between 1940 and 1949. Cursillos de Cristiandad translates as “Short Courses in Christianity.” These courses typically amount to three days.

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(Bishop Bonnar's homily, continued)

Today, we give thanks to God in this Holy Mass for the Cursillo Movement in Youngstown. As part of our celebration, we remember. I want to share with you some historic facts about Cursillo in our Diocese.

Fact 1: In 1961/1962 Father James Channell sponsors Cursillos in Spanish in his parish of St. Rose of Lima and notices significant positive changes in those who participate in this movement. People move from being non-communicants or non-participating members to daily communicants and active participants in the parish.

Fact 2: On April 24, 1964, Bishop Walsh gave approval for the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Youngstown. He appointed three priests to oversee the movement. The first Men's gathering was held at Saint Edward Junior High School. The gathering consisted of a combination of lectures, singing, discussion, and prayer. Reaction to the event was inspiring. Father Joseph Kennedy, assistant at Saint Patrick, Kent said, "The Cursillo teaches people to love God with their whole heart and emphasizes the joy of Christian living and the joy of grace." Attorney John Masternick from Saint Rose, Girard, said, "It's the most impressive thing that ever happened to me. It gives us purpose for living for others rather than for ourselves." Finally, Paul Kemp, from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, McDonald said, "The first day was apprehensive, the second day we were argumentative, and the third day we just settled back, and the whole world opened up."

Fact 3: In the Fall of 1964, the first Cursillo for Women takes place. Women whose husbands have already participated in the movement are given preference. The Diocesan Cursillo Commission expands from 6 to 22 members. Both the Men's and Women's groups continue to grow beyond expectations.

Fact 4: In February 1966 the First Cursillo for Men in Canton takes place with 53 lay men and 6 priests. Subsequently, as the movement grows throughout the country there is a need to evaluate the program and standardize procedures. Leaders undergo extensive 26 week training precluding any gatherings from happening at that time. New leaders emerge in both Youngstown and Canton. In 1969 Bishop James Malone attends a Men's Cursillo. The movement continued to grow. In 1970 a married couple's retreat was held at Sacred Heart Retreat House for couples who had participated in Cursillo.

Fact 5: In January 1971, Cursillo goes north to Ashtabula for Men with themes of peace, love, and joy. An Ashtabula parishioner, Joseph Torma said, "The Cursillo is like God pouring five gallons of happiness into someone whose capacity is only a quart – and it hurts."

Fact 6: In the early 1980's Bishop Malone presides at the 15th Annual Cursillo Mass for Vocations at a farm on East Western Reserve Road. In 1988, Bishop Malone dedicates a Canton Cursillo Center at the convent of Saint Mary Parish and marks 78 Cursillo Weekends in Canton. Ten years later the Youngstown Cursillo Center marks their 100th weekend in Youngstown with over 4,900 participants recorded at that time.

Fact 7: In March of 2010 the Cursillo Centers of Canton and Youngstown merge into one unit under a new name: The Cursillo Movement of the Youngstown Diocese. At that time, it was reported that more than 6,000 individuals had completed a Cursillo Weekend. And that brings us to this moment in time as we celebrate 60 years of this apostolic movement that has brought so much new life to this portion of the Lord's vineyard. To all our Cursillo brothers and sisters, thank you for making a difference. Happy Anniversary.

Well, as you can see, there is much for us to celebrate today. In gratitude for Jesus' ascension and trust in us, as well as for the gift of mothers living and deceased, and for 60 years of the Cursillo Movement in our Diocese... we remember, we celebrate, and we believe. Let us go forth!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THE NEXT TEAM, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND GIVE IT TO PEG ELSTON OR ANY SECRETARIAT MEMBER (LISTED ON PAGE ONE) BY May 30, 2024



APPLICATION TO WORK A TEAM

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

CURSILLO ATTENDED # _____ PHONE: _____

YOUNGSTOWN CURSILLO

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 RECTOR 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 4th 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 ? _____

2. EXPLAIN your understanding of the purpose of Cursillo. _____

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

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. _____

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: _____

SCHOOL OF LEADERS



Don Shilling has been hosting the **School of Leaders** meetings on the third Wednesday of 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 need your input. All Cursillistas are welcome to participate.

Please join us!

The next meeting is set for **July 17** at 7pm, in the
Rectory of St Columba Cathedral
At the corner of Elm Street and West Rayen Avenue
Youngstown, OH 44503

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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

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Your suggestions on improving the newsletter are welcomed.

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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:

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REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR:

Annual Cursillo Picnic: August 15, at St. Luke Church Picnic Area
5235 South Ave. Boardman OH 44512

Men's Cursillo Weekend: October 3-6, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall
343 Via Mount Carmel, Youngstown, OH 44605

