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We are happy to report that we had a very successful **Women's Cursillo** weekend April 23-26. (See the Women's Cursillo Class photo on **page 3**.) As a result, we have **ten new Cursillistas** that have joined our community. Our **Post-Cursillo Seminar** takes place during Ultreya on May 14th.

Once again, our thanks go to everyone who pulled together to make the Women's Cursillo weekend so successful. Especially all those who donated gifts of money and food, the musicians, all the volunteers, and the committees lead by Thom Godward, and Lou Fusillo. We are truly blessed to belong to a such a wonderful community of Catholic friends.

We ask the Cursillo community to please make an effort to come to Ultreyas and the upcoming Schools of Leaders meetings so that you can meet our new Cursillistas who are living their Fourth Day. You'll find a Ultreya schedule on **page 2**. The School of Leaders schedule is on **page 3**.

We are happy to announce that **Howard Caskey** will be serving as **Rector** for **Men's Cursillo** #69, which will be October 22-25, 2026. **Al Pompeo** will be joining him as **Assistant Rector**.

Any men who would like to work on this team should fill out a team application and send it to Peg Elston. Here is a link to the application form:

https://youngstowncursillo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/team_application.pdf

Peg's contact info is in the left column on this page. ←

Get your Team application in quickly, because discernment will take place soon.

DeColores!

Bill Joyce



The most recent National Cursillo Newsletter is available by clicking this link:

https://cursillousa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/CNN_1225_Christmas_ENF.pdf

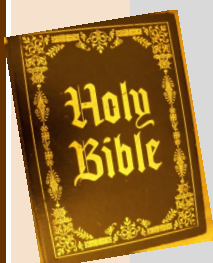
Psalms 27: 10

"The Lord is my light and my salvation;

Whom should I fear?

The lord is the strength of my life;

Of whom should I be afraid?"



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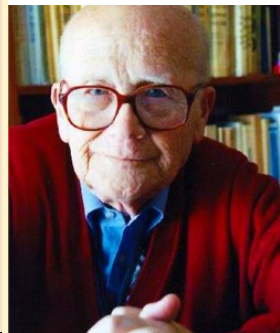
CURSILLO FOUNDER EDUARDO BONNIN

Cursillos in Christianity is a Movement within the Church which attempts by its own Method, 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.

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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:

Jim & Laurie Kramer

(Cell phone) 330-720-7987

UPCOMING ULTREYAS

Youngstown: May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10

7pm in the basement of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 343 Via Mt. Carmel, Youngstown OH 44503

Columbiana: May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 22

6:30 pm at St. Jude Church, 180 Seventh Street, Columbiana OH 44408



Women's Cursillo #67 Class Photo



WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND #67 HELD APRIL 23-26, 2026 AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL HALL

TOP ROW: PEG ELSTON, TERI WILSON, KATHY RIGGLE, SHIRLEY PIERI, CECILIA LANGE, MARY HOUGHTON, PAIGE GENOVA, MAUREEN WALSH, SHARON HUMMER, SISTER SOCHIMA MAMAH, MICHELLE SPAGNOLETTA, HEIDI FEKETY, MELINDA KOPNISKY

MIDDLE ROW: LINDA SUSANY, KIM MOLEK, RENITA MINTUS, TINA THOMPSON, FATHER EDWARD BRIENZ, DEACON MARK IZZO, FAYE TARAJCAK, LAURIE KRAMER

BOTTOM ROW: GINA LOVE, JEN CORVINO, ERIN WILLGOHS, JANENE RODGERS, ERIN KLEIN, VICTORIA COLLOTTA, LORI WOJTON

SCHOOL OF LEADERS



Don Shilling hosts **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 need your input, and

All Cursillistas are invited to participate. Please join us!

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

Future meetings: July 15, September.16, November 18

After the conclusion of Women's Cursillo Weekend #67, a familiar ceremony took place.

Pictured below, Howard Caskey receives the Rector's bell from Tina Thompson, who was Rector of the recently completed Women's Cursillo #67.

Howard will be the Rector for Men's Cursillo #69, which will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall on October 22-25, 2026.



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