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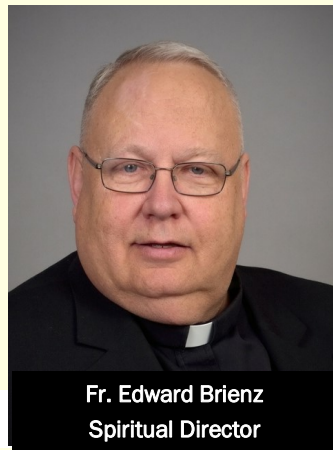
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MEN'S CURSILLO #69 "THE ROAD AHEAD"

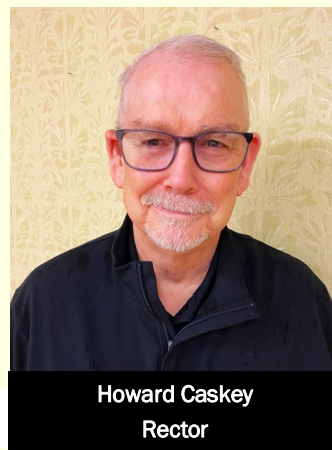
October 22–25, 2026 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Youngstown)

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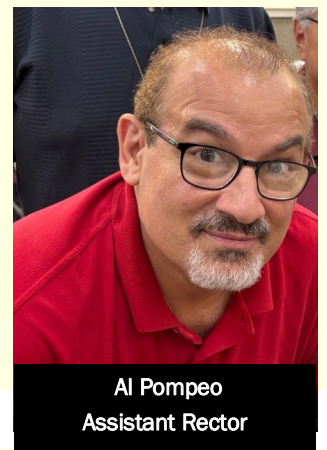
Father Edward Brienz
Howard Caskey
Al Pompeo



Fr. Edward Brienz
Spiritual Director



Howard Caskey
Rector



Al Pompeo
Assistant Rector

List of Candidates

Saint Carlo Acutis, Columbiana

- Brandon Blystone

Holy Trinity, East Liverpool

- Michael Treveline

St. Catherine of Siena, Boardman

- Paul Lehnerd
- Rick Milanek

Holy Family, Poland

- David Vuksanovich

We are awaiting applications for additional candidates that have not been submitted by the time of this publication. You will be notified the names and parish affiliations of additional candidates as they arrive.

If you have an application that hasn't been turned in yet, please contact Ray Newman as soon as possible at this email address:

Ray@Cursillo.me or call Ray at 330-227-8079

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, October 23, 2026

<u>Mass</u>	Father Edward Brienz	8:00 am
<u>Ideal</u>	Rick Smrek	10:00 am
<u>Habitual Grace</u>	Father Edward Brienz	11:15 am
<u>Laity</u>	Bill Joyce	1:30 pm
<u>Actual Grace</u>	Fr. Edward Brienz	2:45 pm
<u>Piety</u>	Don DeFluiter	4:15 pm

Sunday, October 25, 2026

<u>Environment</u>	George Schorsten	8:30 am
<u>Life in Grace</u>	Fr. Edward Brienz	9:15 am
<u>C C in Action</u>	Bill Joyce	10:15am
<u>Fourth Day</u>	Al Pompeo	11:00 am
<u>Total Security</u>	Howard Caskey	1:00 pm
<u>Mass</u>	Father Edward Brienz	2:45 pm

Saturday, October 24, 2026

<u>Sacraments 1</u>	Fr. Edward Brienz	8:45 am
<u>Sacraments 2</u>	Fr. Edward Brienz	10:00 am
<u>Study</u>	Brian Hammond	11:30 am
<u>Action</u>	Joe Hollabaugh	1:55 pm
<u>Mass</u>	Father Edward Brienz	3:00 pm
<u>Leaders</u>	Brian Hammond	4:15 pm
<u>Obstacles to a Life of Grace</u>	Fr. Edward Brienz	6:30 pm

Head Guide

Phil Wilson

Guides

Brandon Benson,
Andy Shenigo, Steve Tarajcak
Carlos "Charlie" Colmenares

Sacristan

Carlos "Charlie" Colmenares

Musical Director

Joe McKim



COVER CHAPEL REMINDER

An important part of every Cursillo weekend is the prayers and support you offer in the cover chapel for all those team members who will be speaking during the weekend.

If you would like to help the team in this way, please arrive at least 15 minutes before the talk is scheduled. Please meet in the kitchen and listen for the guide to announce cover chapel for the speaker that

you wish to pray for.

The guide will then escort you to the cover chapel. You may wish to bring your rosary, prayer books, a Bible or any form of spiritual aid to assist you.

Your prayers and palanca are needed and are an integral part of the success of the weekend. Bring your group to pray as well.



FROM THE LAY COORDINATOR



DeColores, Everyone! The time has come for our **Men's Cursillo Weekend!** The team is very excited to be bringing these candidates to a closer relationship with Christ. We are looking forward to seeing you on the weekend. Thanks to **Thom Godward** who as Cursillo Chair oversees all things pertaining to the weekend. He will be ensuring everything runs smoothly. We will need lots of help setting up, working in the kitchen during the weekend, for closing and putting things away afterward. Please come and join us. You'll have fun while serving the Lord! Please read Thom's notes on **page 5** of this newsletter. **And please read the special message** from Thom on the **last page** of this newsletter. We need your help with this! Also, special thanks also to **Lou Fusillo** who is in charge of the kitchen. Lou is requesting assistance in preparing the meals and washing dishes afterward. We need at least **8 to 10** people working in the kitchen for all meals. (Especially on Friday.) There will be lots to do. Please see his notes on **page 4**, and the schedule of meals on **page 5**.

Musicians! We need you for music with the serenade, Holy Hours, and especially for Boom and Closing. **PLEASE** come and play. Music is SO important to the weekend. And for our **Community**, please pray and come and support the men on this weekend. The candidates will want to see their new family of Cursillistas at Boom, Closing, and afterward at the following Ultreyas. Please note the times for the weekend Ultreya and Holy Hours on **page 4**. Come support our candidates, team, and the priests who are graciously giving their time come to celebrate Mass with us. Please remember to **wear your name tags** when you come to work the weekend.

God Bless you.

Peg Elston

Email Notification

We are building an updated address list. Please let us know the following information: Your email address, phone number, home address, which Cursillo you attended and your home parish. Please send this info to:

Youngstown4thDay@gmail.com

We have cut expenses on the newsletter by sending them through email now. (You can help us keep in touch by sending us your email address) Thanks!

KITCHEN HELP REQUEST!!

Lou Fusillo is looking for any help he can get in the kitchen. We also need help in the dining area, for setup, and decorations, especially for Saturday evening dinner. Also, groups can bring desserts, not make them all, but to make sure they are there and ready to be served. A few people have agreed to help with cooking, but he'd love to have more join in. Lou will hang up a menu and recipes so if you choose to help, you can see what needs to be made. Your help is most welcome! 330-503-4804 or Fussy13@hotmail.com

Post Cursillo Seminar & Ultreya

POST CURSILLO SEMINAR— will be at the first Ultreya after the weekend.
7PM ON NOVEMBER 12TH IN THE BASEMENT OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG!

Upcoming Ultreyas are on Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica—Youngstown

...And 6:30 pm on October 27 and November 24 at St. Jude in Columbiana



LOU FUSILLO NOTES—KITCHEN HELP IS NEEDED !

Set Up for the weekend
is 5pm Wednesday
October 21, in the OLMC
Social Hall

We will also need help
on Sunday afternoon for
tear down and clean up!
More info on Page 5.

Many hands make for
light work!

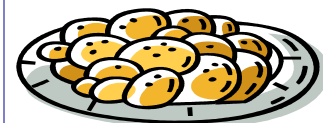


As always, kitchen help during the weekend is much needed and appreciated, especially on Friday.

Come help us chop veggies,

prepare food, set the tables, color napkins and clean up and do dishes. Have fun while doing something good for our Lord.

If you or your group would like to help in the kitchen, or donate desserts for meals, please contact Lou Fusillo at 330-503-4804. **DeColores!**



**REMEMBER -
WE NEED
COOKIES AND
DESSERTS
FOR THE
CLOSING !**

PALANCA REMINDER:

Palanca is gifts of love, sacrifices and prayers that are offered up for the spiritual success of the weekend.

ALL PALANCA SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY 12 NOON

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY!

(NO PALANCA IS DISTRIBUTED ON SUNDAY.) **No gifts for candidates or Team**



HOLY HOURS are at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica

THURSDAY 7:30 pm

FRIDAY at 7:30pm

SATURDAY 7:30pm

ALL MUSICIANS PLEASE BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS FOR HOLY HOURS, FOR FRIDAY'S SERENADE AFTER HOLY HOUR, AND FOR BOOM ON SUNDAY.

BOOM ON SUNDAY STARTS AT 4 pm SHARP.

Remember... the Serenade and Boom are limited to Cursillistas only.

DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAGS !

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

Sponsors, please explain to your candidates that there should be NO cell phone use in the conference room during the weekend.

ALL SPONSORS are asked to attend a short meeting at 7:00pm Thursday, October 22nd in the Hall before Holy Hours. Please attend this important briefing. Remember to please bring your candidate to the **Post-Cursillo Seminar and Ultreyas** .



FROM CURSILLO CHAIR THOM GODWARD



Hello, everyone. I am asking for help to set-up for the Men's Cursillo weekend. We will meet at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall at 5 pm on Wednesday, October 21st. The address is 343 Via Mount Carmel, Youngstown, OH 44505.

We are using our trailer to transfer our materials to the church hall, and it would be very appreciated if YOU could come and help us unload the bins. That way, we can take the bins directly to the areas in the hall where we can set up the Conference Room, Chapels, sleeping area, kitchen etc.

We will also need help for all meals in the kitchen, in Cover chapel...praying for our speakers, doing Palanca, decorating, and all the regular things that come up during weekends.

Tear down begins Sunday morning, and continues through closing. Please stay for clean up and to help load the trailer so that we can return all materials to storage. Thank you!

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE KITCHEN!

Cursillo Kitchen

We need your help in preparing and serving meals for our candidates and team for the weekend. We need at least 6 to 8 workers for each meal. Please come at least an hour or two before the serving times listed to the right. There is plenty for us to do!

*October 23***FRIDAY MEALS** *PREP:* *SERVE:*

Breakfast: 7:00 AM 9:00 AM

Lunch: 10:30 AM 12:30 PM

Dinner: 3:30 PM 5:30 PM

*October 24***SATURDAY MEALS** *PREP:* *SERVE:*

Breakfast: 6:00 AM 8:00 AM

Lunch: 10:30 AM 12:30 PM

Dinner: 3:30 PM 5:30 PM

*October 25***SUNDAY MEALS** *PREP:* *SERVE:*

Breakfast: 6:00 AM 7:30 AM

Lunch: 10:00 AM 12:00 PM

Please stay to help clean up the tables and wash the dishes so that we can reset the tables for the next meal. It's a big job and together we can do it as a Cursillo community.



IMPORTANT!



...A reminder about **BOOM**...

Boom will commence at **4 pm sharp**
on Sunday, October 25, 2026

Please make a note of the time.

SEE YOU AT OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL HALL!

➡ PLEASE—NO PHOTOS OR RECORDINGS

4_{pm} BOOM!



Last year, we purchased a very nice used trailer that meets our needs. Thanks to your help, we can now store all our weekend materials in the trailer, and then transport it to the weekend. It makes everything so much easier.

Here are some photos of what it looks like today.

De Colores, and May God bless you.

Thom Godward,
Cursillo Chair



Storage racks were built by Ken Wohlwend to easily identify and store bins containing materials that are used during the Weekends. Don DeFluiter fixed the front of the trailer, and enhanced the lighting and battery. Candice DeFluiter painted the floor with three coats of non-slip surface. This will be the second Cursillo weekend that we have used our trailer.

Photo on the right :

Lou Fusillo, Don DeFluiter, Thom Godward, John Schiavone, and Ken Wohlwend

