

Cursillo THE ARK

Toledo Diocesan Cursillo Mission Statement: Cursillo is a Catholic Lay Movement embraced by the Diocese of Toledo to bring hearts closer to Jesus Christ in order to transform society and be of service to the whole church. It is our mission to form small Christian Communities to deepen Spirituality in ourselves and in others.

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Application Forms are on the Website:

<http://www.toledocursillo.org/Download.html>

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Women's Weekend
9/19-9/22/2019

**Please share how
Christ is working in
Your life.**

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De Colores to my Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Autumn and De Colores really go well together, don't they? 'Tis the time of year to enjoy all the "colores" of ripe plants, trees, fruits the Creator provides in nature and Our Savior provides through faith and good works! Let's enjoy the fruits of all our times together in grouping, Ultreyas, weekends and their closings, School of Leaders and Focus days.

We have put a lot of extra work into inspecting the labor and the fruits of the Movement this year, seeking to provide for the costs, time and efforts of our weekends as the "planting" of our fruits. Hopefully, prayerfully all this will pay off really well as we work more fruitfully together in the coming years. But we can already enjoy the fruits of hopefulness and inspiration as we celebrate the already planned aspects. My prayer is that the enthusiasm of our faithfulness will pay off with more fruitful evangelization in sharing the joy of our faith more personally in our searching for others to share it with. We can help one another get better and better at sharing our faith stories as we group so that the fruits of our lives get spilled out all over our environments. The mess our world is struggling with at present calls for enthusiasm from us to provide the fruits of our labors for many many others to feast on!

We're in the process of taking a good deep look at the weekends' processes and their effectiveness. Many of our decisions will take extra plowing, tilling, planting, nurturing and harvesting. But that extra work can be very fruitful if we cultivate the eyes to look for and see the fruits of our labors and celebrate what we discover in each and one another. Let's celebrate together all our efforts in the name of the Lord. That means making what has become somewhat routine in our Movement a lot more centered on fruitfulness by paying attention to the persons in our lives that we have too long taken for granted!! We want to celebrate this time in the next two years with even more fruit and fun. It's what it's all about....

DE COLORES, de colores, DE COLORES, de colores: = my take on your tremendous celebration of my fifty years in priesthood with all of you. Thanks of MILLION! A **great** picture of what love's all about....

Fr. Skip [want a little inspiring clue? Spell check says "evangelization" is spelled wrong but has NO correction!!!!!!]

From the Lay Director.....

Do you ever feel like you are in an “in between” time? You know like being ten or eleven or twelve – a “tween ager” or that year you were 20 and almost an adult and pondering that first “legal” beer or other adult beverage. Maybe it was kind of like the summer just out of the 8th grade where you were at the top and then off to your Freshman year where you were at the bottom. Perhaps it was that longing to be sixteen so you could earn your Driver’s License. Those are times of anticipation and looking forward to something that might bring some trepidation, but will eventually bring a great sense of moving forward. Probably the most cosmic “in between” is the Lord Jesus’ promise of coming back ... as the world longed for His coming, it also groans for His return. That is the largest, but for our Cursillo Community, we are in the sweetly joyous expectation time.

We have just celebrated the 3-Day Weekend # 279 for four Cursillistas. Cursillo # 280 will be upon us in just a few weeks. Are you offering Palanca for the team and new Cursillistas? Can you be present at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center for the Holy Hour and Serenade or an Ultrea Holy Hour? Can you come celebrate at the # 280 Closing? Can you make a visit to the Palanca Chapel or spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament or pray the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet or your favorite Prayer Meditation during the period of the 3-Day Weekend ??? Please do what only you can do in offering your love for the Grace of the Holy Spirit to blanket the Women’s Cursillo in Jesus Christ and the example of Mary’s love.

By the first of October, we will enter another “in between” period for the Diocese of Toledo Cursillo Movement. The Fall Weekends will be over and there will be the discernment for the Rectors and Spiritual Advisors for the Spring Weekends. Those offering themselves in service are almost set and announcements will be made by early October. However we come to the challenges of who will give of themselves to serve on the teams and who will invite their friend to come and see about enhancing their relationship with Jesus Christ through the embrace of the Church, the Sacraments and the Cursillo Movement. This challenge also extends to our Spanish Community as they have 3-Day Weekends to also be lived in the Spring of 2020. Can you offer Palanca, please, for the love of our Jesus to be shared through the Teams to be embraced and grown in the new Cursillistas that are so much a part of our entire community?

My last “in between” was the graced experience of being a Disciple in the Palanca Chapel for the Men’s # 279. I cannot say that it was my favorite place to be when the Spirit helped chose me for this role of support to the Team and new Cursillistas, but after my initial questioning and lack of excitement, the Holy Spirit enlightened me each and every day that I needed to serve in prayer. This prayer time, Palanca time, was not just for # 279 and the new Cursillistas, but also for the Diocesan Movement and then especially for my own discipline to increase my prayer life. This blessing is not something I would have rediscovered if I was in the Rollo Room.

Sometimes in the Palanca Chapel you do not realize the immediate power of prayer until you hear the reflections of the team and the new Cursillistas. That is the grace that is so visible and spoken of in the loving embrace of Jesus Christ and the flaming enthusiasm flowing from the Holy Spirit through our offering our prayers and Palanca for the benefit of the Body of Christ. It is so very humbling to see Our Lord sweetly acknowledging and gracing the pain in the knees.

Finally, (I know you expected a closing with my last “in between”) – I once was discerned to offer the Ideal Rollo. The point of view I got to offer was a walk through a cemetery, with the closing introduction to the big questions being a poem “The Dash”. “The Dash” is etched upon your grave memorial or stone. There is your birth date and there is your death date, in between is “The Dash”. We are in one of those “Dash” times for our Movement. Pray to Our Lord for the best use of your “Dash” and offer yourself as Palanca. Thank you! May the Lord Jesus bless others with the gift that is you.

De Colores and Ultrea!!!

Tim Haney

Pre-Cursillo News...

What an awesome group of men we had for the Men's weekend! They might have been small in numbers, but gave us a lot of insight in their witnesses at the closing.

We are now in the process of finalizing candidates for the upcoming Women's weekend. At the time of this writing, we have 8 candidates confirmed, and are waiting on replies from several more. We should have a good number of women for the weekend.

It is not too early to start thinking of candidates for the spring weekends. Now is the time to 'Make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ'. Let's strive to have full houses for the spring weekends.

At this time, we are revising the candidate applications. Once Secretariat approves the final version, and the new website is up and running, these new candidate applications will be available to down load from there. Please watch the upcoming ARKs for more information.

I hope that each of you has a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Make a Friend – Be a Friend – Bring a Friend to Christ

From the Cursillo Chair....

We are humbly stepping in to fill Bill Obringer's shoes as Cursillo Chairs. We pray that we will measure up to the wonderful job he did. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The change of season is upon us. The other morning sitting on the porch, I could FEEL the smell of Fall. There will still be a few hot, humid Ohio days but they will smell different. You can feel change coming. Somehow that speaks to me of the change of us stepping out of our comfort zones to take this role in the Cursillo. Right now it doesn't seem to be that daunting of a task. We will see how that feels 3 years from now!

For those who don't know us, we lived our weekends in the Spring of 1994. Our sponsors were our

beautiful friends Curt and Kay Vogel. Mike went hoping Curt would quit bugging us about going to this "thing". Kathy went grateful for a weekend of no ball games, no carpools, no cooking, and to catch up on her reading. That sure backfired on all counts! Since then we have served Jesus, between us, on 52 teams. Mike also having served with our Spanish brothers a few times.

So we have been around the Cursillo block more than once. We don't know everything to know about Cursillo, but we love and embrace the Cursillo Movement with all our hearts. We have been faithful to group reunion since the beginning. It has changed over the years, but we group regularly and our "groupies" are family to us. EACH of you are family to us. We have witnessed more than once to the power of prayer through this family. In the best of times you rejoiced with us. In our worst times, you surrounded us with love and prayer like an armada and held us together when we were a pile of mush! We would walk through fire for you. Okay. Mike says I am getting too "sappy". Enough of that!

It may seem way early to think about Spring weekends, but think about it anyway. If you have trouble getting a team application online, call us and we will mail you one. If you haven't worked a team in ages, no matter. Nothing has changed. We are all still committed to Piety, Study and Action. If you lived the weekend very recently, and you feel you don't know enough to be on a team, fill out an application anyway. You will learn by doing. And trust me, Cursillo is a forgiving crowd, and each of us learns more every team we work 🙌

Love and Prayers,
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Here is the Team List for Cursillo 280:

Spiritual Directors: Fr. John Lehner
Sr. Wanda Smith

Rectors: Denise Biddle
Judie Kelley

Troubadours: Kathy Otermat and Barb Grycza

Sacristan: Pat Gies

Disciples: Joyce Haney (Head)
Betty Obringer
Anthea Simpson
Jan Stainbrook

Shepherds: Jane Distel (Head)
Kathy Brown
Deb Colson
Karen Reinhart
Kathy Huffman

Table Leaders: Sr. Claudia Bronsing
Dottie Lapata
Angie Roth
Judy Ruhlen

Rollos
Ideals – Kathy Huffman
Laity-Deb Colson
Piety – Karen Reinhart
Study – Sr. Claudia Bronsing
Action – Dottie Lapata
Leaders – Angie
Study of Environments – Judy Ruhlen
Christianity in Action – Kathy Otermat
Cursillista Beyond Cursillo – Team
Total Security/Ultreya – Rector

Post Cursillo Team Report

De Colores!

We have a couple of dates we would like you to save;

Sunday Sept. 22 at 5:30 pm is the closing for the women's Cursillo # 280

Saturday Nov. 16 is our Fall Focus Day

As the fall men's and women's Cursillo teams came together, we again became aware of how much we all need to reach out to all fellow Cursillistas', both inactive and active. Are you grouping? Going to Ultreya's? Interested in working a team? Please contact us and we will help you find a group, Ultreya and direct you to the right people in your area.

Many are feeling they are "no longer needed". We need EVERYONE! God needs ALL OF US to spread his love, peace and word to all around us! We are always looking for people to work on a team, no matter when you lived your Cursillo, or your age. We all have God given gifts. God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called!!

Hope to see you all soon!

Blessings,

John and Luanne Welch

John and Karen Reinhart

Ph 419-722-0927

Ph 419-722-4257

School of Leaders...

Our School of Leaders meeting on August 17 was, to say the least, very good. While we had 18 people attend it was a lively discussion group. Thank you to Sr. Edna for her presentation from The Joy of Discipleship, Tim Haney for his Lay presentation from Perfectly Yourself, and Joan Alge for her Bible reading and reflection.

Just a little side note, the treats that we had were pretty darn good too. While we could not use the teachers lounge since it was closed for the day for waxing of the floors we were able to get set up and have our meeting in the newly renovated Merianne room. A special thank you to all who helped clean up and put everything away following our meeting.

We then could not use the Blessed Sacrament Chapel because of a Baptism being held in the Sanctuary, so we had our Rosary and prayers outside in God's home under the beautiful blue sky. All in all, it was an awesome morning.

Our next School of Leaders meeting will be Sept. 21, 2019 at 9:00AM. (750 Bright Rd.) At this time, we are planning on returning to the teachers lounge. Enter through the office door, turn right at the first corridor then left at the next corridor. Teacher's lounge will be on the right.

Bible reading and reflection will be presented by John Welch
 Spiritual presentation will be; Fr. Ed (Skip) Littellmann, Chapter 6 The Joy of Discipleship.
 Lay presentation will be; Roger Brickner on Chapter 5, Perfectly Yourself.

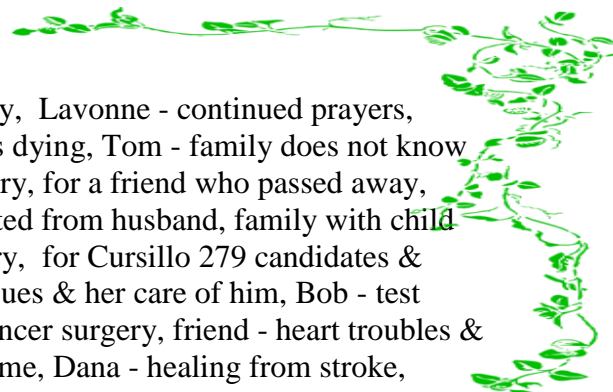
Coffee and tea are provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share. Also bring a fellow Cursillo member who has not been to School of Leaders for some time or who has never been to School of Leaders. If you know any new Cursillo members, urge them to come along to experience the Faith filled day.

I have recently read Letter to a Suffering Church. A Bishop speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis, Written by Bishop Robert Barron. It is a very worthwhile read and I suggest if you get a copy of it, take the time to read it. It is a short book, nicely written and easy to read. There are many things we can do to help us get through this period of Crisis, but most importantly we must stay firm to our faith in Jesus Christ and our Church. Running away from any problem does nothing to solve the problem. As I have said many times, "When we stop living in the problem and begin living in the solution, the problem will go away. Let's all begin living in the solution.

God Bless,
 Karen & John Bonen, Rectors
 Team; George & Carol Miller, Joan Alge, Sharon DeCant

Prayervine:

Mother of a friend - may have leukemia, Connie Peebles - passed away, Lavonne - continued prayers, Addie - bone marrow transplant, family conflicts, friend whose wife is dying, Tom - family does not know where he is, Jan Marie - needs job ASAP, Chuck Warner - heart surgery, for a friend who passed away, Matt - serious illness & surgery, friend - breast cancer, friend - separated from husband, family with child suffering mental illness, for the men's Cursillo, Jeremiah - knee surgery, for Cursillo 279 candidates & team, Cassie - for good test results, Amanda & her dad - his health issues & her care of him, Bob - test results to be good, Patrick Hanna - father passed, coworker - breast cancer surgery, friend - heart troubles & mini strokes, wife's boss - upper mgt problems, Clair - Down's syndrome, Dana - healing from stroke,



Danny Decant - brain tumor, for the Miller family, Fr. Scott Woods & sick dad, for those living with broken relationships in family, Leslie - - back surgery, first born - premature and passed away, Addie -recovery from bone marrow transplant, formation problems.

*Please send your prayer requests to Jane Distel at
prayersaregoingup@gmail.com.*

*Save the date
November 16, 2019
Is our next Focus day!!!!*



*We are thinking about the day.
More info to come in the ARK and after
the Men and Women Weekends.*

The Reinharts and the Welchs

Spanish Cursillo

Spanish Cursillos.

Men's - March 26-29, 2020

Women's April 16-19, 2020

At Wide Water Camp and Retreat Center, located in Liberty Center, Ohio.

Spanish leader School 1st Saturday of each month

Alternatives to Catholic Cursillo

As you form environmental groups, make friends, etc, and find candidates who would benefit from the Cursillo experience, but who are not Catholic, this information may be helpful:

Koinonia - This is open to Christians of all denominations. Men's and women's weekends are separate and are held in the spring and fall of each year. Weekends are held at the Olmsted Community Church, 7853 Main St., Olmsted Falls, OH 44138. *Very active community in Toledo.*
For applications and further information, contact any of the following:

Rev. Nancy Kin, contact	Bert Wisbar
St. Matthew Church (Episcop.)	Olmsted Falls
5240 Talmadge Rd.	Ph. 440-897-9246
Toledo, OH 43623	
Ph. 419-473-1187	

Emmaus Walk – Although sponsored by the United Methodist Church, this program is ecumenical. Weekends run from Thursday evening to late Sunday afternoon. Talks and terms exactly like Cursillo. Men's and women's weekends occur typically in fall and spring. Weekends are held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Findlay and Widewater Retreat Center, Liberty Center, OH. *More information can be obtained online "Emmaus Walk" or "Walk to Emmaus."* *For applications and further information, contact:*

St. Mark's United Methodist Church	Harmony Lodge
800 S. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840	Widewater Retreat Center (UMC)
Ph. 419-422-4236	4050 US 24, Liberty Center, OH
Contact Person: Mike Noggle, Ph. 419-306-7248	Ph. 419-262-7598 -retreat scheduler

Via de Cristo –Southeast Michigan & Northwest Ohio Initially Lutheran, now open to Christians of all denominations. Weekends run from Thursday evening to late Sunday afternoon. Talks and terms exactly like Cursillo. Spring and fall weekends are held separately for men and women at locations below. *More information can be obtained online by searching for "Good News Via de Cristo" or contact info@gnvdc.org or any of the following:*

Current Lay Director is Kevin Kay and he can be reached at laydirector@gnvdc.org.
 Current Spiritual Director is Pastor Ray Maurer and he can be reached at spiritualdirector@gnvdc.org.
 Current Communications Chairperson: Gregg Blossom: blossomsgnvdc@gmail.com
 The people may change but these email addresses will always get your message to the correct people.
 Another local contact is Debbie Wade, Ph. 419-350-8423.

Epiphany Lutheran Church (<i>spring</i>)	St. Paul Lutheran Church (<i>fall</i>)
915 N. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH	21915 Beech St., Dearborn, MI
Ph. 419- 536-5986	Ph. 313- 561-0168

Tres Dias –Cleveland. Open to all denominations, this is also nearly the same as Cursillo. 3-Day weekends are held separately for men and women at Camp Burton. Tres Dias communities are in Bay Village, Burton, and Lakewood, OH. See website for more info.

Ultreya

Location

St. Clement Parish, Jeager Hall
2nd Sunday of the Month, 2:00 PM

Tiffin, St. Francis Home
Sunday, September 15 7P

Lima St. Charles Gathering Space
Sunday, September 29 at 7P

Bucyrus/Crestline/Galion/
New Washington/Bethlehem
New Washington.
September 11
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Findlay Ultreya
St. Michael School- St. Michael Rm.
Enter the east side of the complex
Look for signs
Monday September 16 at 7PM

Spanish Ultreya
Bowling Green – St. Aloysius
Claire Hall
September 21 at 1:00 p.m.

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