

# 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.

## March 2020

Application Forms are on the Website: [www.cursillo419.org](http://www.cursillo419.org)

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## Unending Sabbatical

While transitioning from full-time compensated ministry to non-compensated ministry my Notre Dame Community gifted me with a much-needed sabbatical from 10-06-2019 to 12-13-2019 in Tucson, Arizona.

I appeared at the Redemptorist Renewal Center literally exhausted. There I was united with 10 other religious priests, sisters and a brother from around the world who also needed a break. It took an entire week before I could feel some of the fatigue leaving my body.

As I write, I'm living the last days of my sabbatical which afforded me a holistic renewal complete with Spiritual Presentations, times for reflections, outings, sacramental opportunities and fellowship. And I'm thinking to myself that such a powerful experience needs to continue in my ordinary daily routines going forward. If I've learned anything; it's that quiet, peaceful, enriching, stress free, fun-filled moments are a must for good health, wholeness and happiness.

In his book Sabbath, Wayne Muller states, "Sabbath requires surrender. If we only stop when we are finished with all our work, we will never STOP, because our work is never completely done."

Here are some steps that will enable me to experience sabbatical moments after I leave this sacred space:

1. Take time to be quiet, pray and ponder  
Read a book while breathing deeply,  
Practice centering prayer, attend daily Mass  
Sleep in when needed.
2. Make time to build relationships,  
Companion another.
3. Exercise, bicycle, take a walk, dance,  
And use silver sneakers for seniors.
4. Go to a movie with a friend.
5. Paint or color a picture,  
Do cross stitching

## Upcoming Cursillo Weekends 2020

English Men #281 March 12-15

Spanish Men #282 March 26-29

Spanish Women #283 April 16-19

English Women #284 April 23-26

Please share how  
Christ is working in  
your life.

Email  
Nancy Cook at [nancy750@bex.net](mailto:nancy750@bex.net)

6. Play a game with a group
7. Sing a song, listen to music
8. Take a nap.

Good as it sounds, I realize that this will only work when actually implemented. As a Cursillista, I am responsible for sharing happiness with others on my 4<sup>th</sup> day.

So, I invite all who read this reflection to choose some of the steps mentioned or make up some of your own. Remember, sabbatical moments help us all to inspire others by the good health, wholeness and happiness that radiates from us to others. Enjoy your unending sabbatical moments.

Sr. Elizabeth María García, SND

## Lay Director

Sisters and Brothers in our Jesus:

Feeling dusty? We get to remember that during the Lenten Season. Personally, I gave up giving up years ago, finding that I needed to displace the not so good with the better ... praying that the Lord can grace me to be a better me. Fifty years of chasing Jesus, and some years are much better than others. Looking forward to exiting the desert and finding more of Jesus as Easter arrives and I am redeemed in the loving embrace of my broken, now risen Lord Jesus and I see the marks and believe, fresh as a Spring rain and bursting blooms not to mention the beauty of the birds that are certainly a graced personal passion.

I implore you to love this Cursillo Movement of ours during this Lenten Season. There is grand excitement, well over a dozen Men's #281 Candidates this March and probably similar numbers for the Ladies # 284 with Hispanic Men's #282 & Hispanic Lady's #283 also in March at Wide Water near Liberty Center. There is your Palanca to offer and share with the Teams and Candidates. There are Holy Hours and Closings and the Walk Through for the Spanish. Come and serenade, come and offer time in the Palanca Chapel, come in the joy of recalling the grace of God, the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that were given to you during your 3 Day Weekend. Offer yourself as that living sacrifice this Lent to the blessing of the Cursillo Movement and celebrate your preparation for the Holiest of weeks in the loving embrace of those who belong to your Lord, too.

Additionally, I am entreating your prayers and Palanca for the Movement and particularly the Secretariat here in Toledo, as there are many issues in front of us that need the Lord's blessing and the Spirit's wisdom as well as the Father's creativity. Decisions need to be made in a time of transition, as my term ends in July (as do the terms of the School of Leaders and the Facilities positions), and the issues addressed will be implemented by others, but the decisions need to be made and passed forward. The excitement of this Spring's Cursillo weekends may be a growth for our Movement, which we have been in prayer and hope for -for quite a while. A Decade of the Rosary a day, please – and more if you are so lead

All that the Lord has blessed you with in time, talent and treasure are yours to give. Figure out what part of those the Cursillo should be graced with and extend your graciousness. I am excited and blessed and a bit overwhelmed. God is good ..... right now, and right here – Wow!  
Joy in your Lenten sojourn ....

Ultrea!  
De Colores!!!  
Tim Haney

## Pre-Cursillo

How many times have we heard a candidate witness at the closing of a weekend something like, 'Wow! Just wow!' I don't know what else to say about the response we have had for the men's weekend but 'Wow! Just wow!'. We have 18 men signed up. We have not had numbers like this, especially for the men, in a long time. Usually, we are scrambling to have the bare minimum to put on a weekend. The Spirit is definitely moving right now. Thank you to all of the sponsors who will be bringing these candidates to the weekend. It should be awesome! Please watch the Pray Vine for the names of the candidates.

Can we do it again for the women's weekend in April? I currently have 5-6 applications for the women, with more coming in. Please don't hesitate to send in those applications now. Deadline for the women's apps is Thursday, April 2. At this time, we can accommodate 16-18 candidates at the Pines. Just a couple of reminders before sending the apps in are all signatures in place, including the candidate, her pastor, and you as sponsor; and is your sponsor application included. If any of these pieces are missing, it will delay processing the applications. I would also like to ask that you contact me either by email or phone (leave a message) if you are sending in any apps so that I can be on the lookout for them. Let's make another 'Wow! Just wow!' moment for the women's 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....

Dear Friends,

The winds of the Holy Spirit will be blowing all month!

The Men's English Cursillo will take place the weekend of March 12 -15. The team consists of:

Spiritual Directors - Fr. Jim Brown and Deacon Denis Scherger

Rectors -John Reinhart and Bernie Rumschlag

Troubadours -John Lyons and Gino Di Mattia

Disciples - Chris Kosta, Frank Celestino, John Middleton, John Benner, Pail Borer and Steve Carrol

Shepherds - Dave Estep, Walt Beckford, Rich Kulaga and Ernie Berry

Table Leaders - Ric Smith, Dan Thiel, John Welch, Mike Baltzel. and Roger Brickner

Sacristan - Mark Pickett

Ideal - John Welch

Laity - Mile Baltzel

Piety - Dave Estep

Study - Walt Beckford

Action - Ric Smith

Leaders - Ernie Berry

Study of the Environment - Mark Pickett

Christianity in Action - Dan Thiel  
 Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo - Roger Brickner  
 Group Reunion - Bernie Rumschlag  
 Ultreya - John Reinhart

18 Candidates !

Mike Banks	Ricky Qin	Matthew Chiles
Chris Gould	Kevin Coulter	Tim Kearny
Jim Wonderly	Greg Lonsway	Stan Heitkamp
Deacon Joe Malenfant	Kenneth Coss	Peter Szymanski
Chris Solly	Andy Rich	Bill Dukeshire
Tom Russell	Tim Haslinger	Matt Estep

Holy Hour will be at the Pines on Saturday at 8:00 and Closing on Sunday at 5:30. Please come and support these fine gentlemen. And remember Palanca, Palanca, Palanca

The Spanish Men will live the weekend March 26-29. At Wide Water Landing in Liberty Center, Oh. The team list was in the February Ark. They currently have 5 candidates. The names will be sent to the Prayer Vine when we get them. Also, come support these gentlemen at their Holy Hour Saturday at 8:00 and their Closing on Sunday at 5:30 both at Wide Water.

God is good. All the time!  
 Praying your Lenten journey is filled with blessings.

Love and prayers,  
 The Huffmans

## School of Leaders...

Our next School of Leaders meeting will be March 21st at 9:00 AM at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 750 Bright Road. Findlay, Ohio. We meet in the Teacher's Lounge. Enter through the main office door, turn right at the first corridor then left at the next corridor. Teacher's Lounge will be on your right.

We will have Bible reading and reflection presented by Joan Alge. The Spiritual Advisor's presentation will be given by Fr. Jim Brown covering chapter 9 of The Joy of Discipleship. Our Lay presentation will be given by Sharon DeCant covering chapter 7 of 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 a while, or a new Cursillo member to our movement to experience the joy we have in our fellowship at these meetings.

We end our morning in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a decade of the Rosary and individual prayer.

Pope Francis reminds us that "Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, who

lives in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. It should remind us to create something new within ourselves and around us. At the basis of everything is the Word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. Let us all find inspiration in God's Word, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life.

We look forward to seeing you all as we travel this Lenten journey together.

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

#### Fourth Day . . .

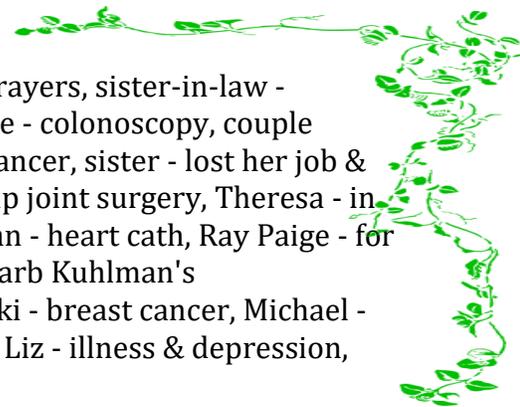
Hello Cursillistas,

Lent is around the corner. What are you doing for the 40 days? I'm trying something new this year. I'm not giving up Chocolate, special treats, and all the other usual things associated with Lent. I'm trying to improve my relationship with Our Lord. There are many ways we can do that. Small Grouping if you are not meeting. Try to find someone who is willing to take that chance with you to get closer to God. Our Small Group is going to meet with our Deacon for Bible Study. Ultreyas is a great chance to share your Passion of God with other Cursillistas. School of Leaders is a beautiful day filled with God's Graces. Ask someone to be a Prayer buddy with you. Find a church that offers Adoration, spend that time with God. He is always looking to have a conversation with you.

Karen and John Reinhart and Luanne and John Welch

#### **Prayervine:**

Jim - chronic pain, Patti Kreilick - home from hospital, needs continued prayers, sister-in-law - treatment for breast cancer, man having emergency heart surgery, Debbie - colonoscopy, couple expecting baby with deformities, Gus & Pat's son - shingles, Rush - lung cancer, sister - lost her job & has MS, young man - seizure, Paul Kaiser - failing health, Jim Knueven - hip joint surgery, Theresa - in ICU with flu like symptoms, Deacon Floyd - eye surgery, MaryAnn Hohman - heart cath, Ray Paige - for coaching job to happen, Jeanine's nephew & wife lost their baby, Ron & Barb Kuhlman's granddaughter - serious health issues & in hospital, Jim - still in pain, Nikki - breast cancer, Michael - shingles, Claude - triple bypass and not healing, Kaylee - moved to rehab, Liz - illness & depression, Tim - MS, Natasha - double pneumonia.



*Please send your prayer requests to Jane Distel at*

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

## Palanca Requests...Please pray for the success of these Cursillo Weekends.

Cursillo weekends for the month of March, 2020

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Men's 218 (English)	New York, NY
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Men's 142 (English)	Ottawa, Ontario (Canada)
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Men's 46 (English)	Gaylord, MI
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Men's 122 (English)	Indianapolis-Lafayette, IN
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Women's 137 (English)	Atlanta, GA
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Dallas, TX
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Women's 75 (English)	Owensboro, KY
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Men's 932 (English)	Phoenix, AZ
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Men's 455 (Spanish)	Leon, Gto (Mexico)
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Women's 145 (English)	Mobile, AL
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Men's 31 (English)	Bismarck, ND
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Woman's 955 (Spanish)	Los Angeles, CA
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Women's 179 (English)	St. Louis, MO
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Men's 154th (English)	Fargo, ND
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Men's 95 (English)	Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Men's 111 (English)	Covington, KY
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Mens 17 (English)	Salina, KS
3/5/2020	3/8/2020	Women's Cursillo (English)	Boston, MA
3/5/2020	3/9/2020	Men's 133 (English)	Grande Prairie, Alberta (Canada)
3/12/2020	3/15/2020	Women's 72 (English)	Charleston, SC
3/12/2020	3/15/2020	Women's 132 (English)	Wichita, KS
3/12/2020	3/15/2020	Men's 73 (English)	Kalamazoo, MI
3/12/2020	3/15/2020	Women's 16 (Portuguese)	Boston, MA
3/12/2020	3/15/2020	Men's 283 (English)	Toledo, OH
3/12/2020	3/15/2020	Men's 996 (English)	San Francisco, CA
3/12/2020	3/15/2020	Women's 956 (Filipino)	Los Angeles, CA
3/12/2020	3/15/2020	Men's 180 (English)	St. Louis, MO
3/12/2020	3/15/2020	Women's 57 (Spanish)	Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas (Mexico)
3/12/2020	3/15/2020	Men's 1200 (English)	Peoria, IL
3/12/2020	3/15/2020	Women's 17 (English)	Salina, KS
3/13/2020	3/16/2020	Women's 73 (English)	Fort Wayne / South Bend, IN

3/19/2020	3/20/2020	Spiritual Advisor's Workshop R XI (English)	Anaheim, CA
3/21/2020	3/21/2020	Step by Step Rector's Guide Workshop (Filipino)	San Bernardino, CA
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Men's 456 (French)	Outaouais, Quebec (Canada)
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Women's 45 (English)	Gaylord, MI
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Women's 112 (English)	Indianapolis-Lafayette, IN
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Women's 140 (English)	Birmingham, AL
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Men's 65 (Spanish)	Wichita, KS
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Men's 69 (English)	Spokane, WA
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Women's 31 (English)	Bismarck, ND
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Women's 53 (English)	Knoxville, TN
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Omaha, NE
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Men's 394 (English)	San Angelo, TX
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Women's 155 (Spanish)	Chihuahua, Chih (México)
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Women's 109 (English)	Springfield - Cape Girardeau, MO
3/19/2020	3/22/2020	Mens Cursillo (English)	Peoria, IL
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Women's 52 (Spanish)	Peoria, IL
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Men's 125 (English)	Altoona-Johnstown, PA
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Women's 934 (English)	Phoenix, AZ
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Women's 70 (English)	Spokane, WA
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Women's 239 (Spanish)	Austin, TX
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Women's 214 (Spanish)	Lubbock, TX
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Men's 18 (Bilingual)	Kaposszentbenedek (Kaposvar) (Hungary)
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Men's 317 (English)	Manchester, NH
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Men's 62 (English)	Scranton, PA
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Men's 255 (English)	Green Bay, WI
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Men's 324 (Spanish)	Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Women's 269 (English)	Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Women's 13 (Spanish)	Springfield, MA
3/26/2020	3/29/2020	Womens Cursillo (English)	Crookston, MN

## Ultreya

### Location

### Contact

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

Ron and Carol Plenzler  
[carron@buckeye-access.com](mailto:carron@buckeye-access.com)

Tiffin, St. Francis Home  
Sunday, March 22  
7:00 p.m.

Betty and Bill Obringer  
[wobringer@woh.rr.com](mailto:wobringer@woh.rr.com)

Lima St. Charles Gathering Space  
To be determined

Dale Fair (419-339-1516)  
[kfair@woh.rr.com](mailto:kfair@woh.rr.com)

New Washington  
St. Bernard's  
Wednesday March 25  
7:00 p.m.

Karen Bonen  
[karenbonen@yahoo.com](mailto:karenbonen@yahoo.com)

Findlay Ultreya  
St. Michael School  
723 Sutton Place  
Monday, March 16  
7:00 p.m.

John and Karen Reinhart  
[jreinhart2911@gmail.com](mailto:jreinhart2911@gmail.com)

St. Mary's, Millersville  
Church basement  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month  
6.00 p.m.

Amy Hoffman  
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Spanish Ultreya  
Resume in spring

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