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## **CURSILLO CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY!**

The Cursillo Movement is pleased to celebrate it's 50th anniversary in the USA.



The first Cursillo weekend in the United States was held in Waco, Texas in 1958.

To celebrate locally, a Mass, dinner, and dance is being planned for April 11th, 2008 to be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church and social hall. A committee is in the process of being formed and



anyone who is interested in helping make this a memorable event is invited to join. We especially encourage those who have been Cursillistas since our early beginnings in the Youngstown Diocese.

Anyone who has attended a Cursillo weekend will agree that we've been blessed in a special way. God has given the gift of Cursillo to over 3,000 Catholics in the Youngstown Diocese.

Do you have memorabilia from our early days? If you would like to display it, or if you would like to help us plan this special event... we would love to hear from you!

Please call Linda at 330-793-1896. And if you can't participate with us, please remember us in prayer. More information will follow in the next newsletter.



## **ULTREYA**

**Ultreya** is held every Thursday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church in Youngstown.

For those wishing to attend, a mass or prayer service is held at 7:30pm. Ultreya begins immediately following the Mass at 8:15 pm in the basement of the church.

### **Trumbull County Ultreya**

is held the first Tuesday of the month at St. Pius X church at 1401 Moncrest Drive NW, in Warren.

A Mass or Prayer service precedes the Ultreya and begins at 7:00pm. The Ultreya begins immediately following Mass at approximately 7:45pm.

### **Ultreya Hosts Needed!**

We are always in need of small groups who would like to host Ultreya for two or four weeks.

Please pray and talk to your group about hosting Ultreya. To get on the schedule, please contact Ron and Mar Piersante at 330-757-9447.

**FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR – LORETTA NAGEL**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -**

I regret giving this unfortunate news to the community... but due to the fact that we only have 7 new candidate applications for the next Women's weekend, the Secretariat had no choice but to postpone the next Women's weekend until the summer months of 2008. Therefore, we need to have at least 8 more new women's applications by the end of March before we can discern a team and begin Team Formation meetings.



The Women's Cursillo weekend has been rescheduled to July 24 to 27, 2008 at St. Joseph parish on New Road in Austintown. The Men's Cursillo weekend will be held the following January at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Downtown Youngstown. The exact dates for the Men's weekend will be announced in a future newsletter.

There is a ray of sunshine: Since we are not going to have a Women's weekend in January, and we had already booked Our Lady of Mount Carmel Hall, a Cursillo Leader's Workshop will be held there instead. This workshop is open to ALL Cursillistas. Talks will be given by the Region III Service team. There will be sharing, liturgies, Ultreya, and a Fun-Filled fiesta!

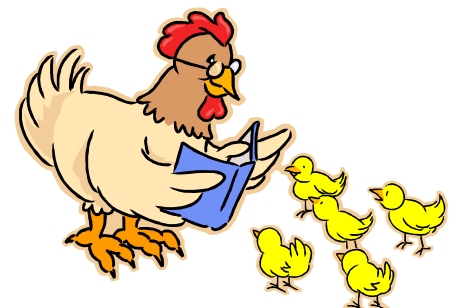
Plan on joining us for all or part of this CLW, January 19 & 20, 2008. If you can't attend the sessions, then please join us on Saturday evening for the Ultreya and the Fiesta. All musicians are welcome to come, and please bring your instruments! More information will be available in the next newsletter, and on our website at : [www.youngstowncursillo.org](http://www.youngstowncursillo.org)

We haven't had a workshop in four or five years. Many new Cursillistas have been showing interest in attending a Cursillo Leader's Workshop. Please sign up at the top of the next page.

May God Bless you

DeColores,

**Loretta Nagel, Lay Director**



REGION III CURSILLO LEADER'S WORKSHOP

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CURSILLO LEADER'S WORKSHOP SIGN UP SHEET

The next Cursillo Leader's workshop will be held January 19th and 20th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Downtown Youngstown. The cost with an overnight stay is \$35.00. If you commute, it will be \$25.00 Please make your reservation ASAP, so we have an idea of how many will be attending. Call Marlene Piersante at 330-757-9447, or fill out this form and mail it to: Youngstown Cursillo, PO Box 3414, Youngstown, OH 44513-3414

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CURSILLISTAS!

Please notify Nancy Layko if you have had a change of email address OR if you haven't been receiving emailed prayer requests or Bible vigil notifications.

Call Nancy at 330-799-3817 or send an email to her at: [nanlayko@zoominternet.net](mailto:nanlayko@zoominternet.net)

Please put the word "Cursillo" in the subject line. Thanks!

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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 any of these people:

Jim Kramer (Home) 330-792-9871

Bill Rinehart (Home) 330-757-7979  
(Cell) 330-501-2034

Jimmy Gianotti (Home) 330-788-2899

**SCHOOL OF LEADERS**

The School of Leaders has been meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We are continuing to make progress on the By-Laws of our local movement. Our next meeting is on Nov. 14th at 7pm in the basement of Our Lady of Mount Carmel church, Downtown Youngstown. Please join us. This is a great way to understand the movement and grow in it.

starting to revamp the Cursillo weekend job descriptions. We will be clarifying all of the roles of each person on the team, both during formation and on the weekend. If you have ever worked on a team and wondered why something was done this way or that... here's your chance to have some input. Perhaps you might have a better idea...

regret it, I promise. We will also be sharing in the Christmas party for the kids and Cursillo community. It's always a great time for all. May our Lord Bless each one of you during this Thanksgiving and Holiday season.

DeColores.  
Your Sister in Christ,  
Nancy Layko



Nancy Layko

**BIBLE VIGIL THANK YOU**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We would like to thank all of you who participated in the Bible Vigil for our father, Al Yannerella. For those who were unable to attend, we thank you for all the prayers, which really gave us strength in the time of our need. If Al were able to tell you himself, he would have said, "this is one of the best Bible Vigils I have ever attended."

As we know, when ever two or more are gathered in his name, so is Our Lord present. This was very evident the night of the vigil. With everyone singing DeColores, we could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. From all of the Yannerella family, thank you again and may God bless you as he has blessed us.

DeColores,

The Yannerella Family: Patty and Jim Ianazone, Joe and Lynn Yannerella, Gloria and Jim Socciarelli, and Al and Elaine Yannerella, Jr.

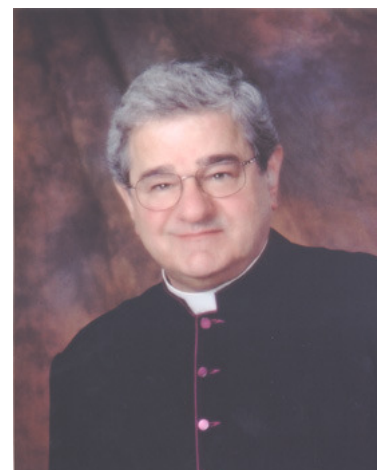
Be of good courage,  
and He shall  
strengthen your  
heart, all you that  
hope in the Lord.

-Psalms 31:24

**THANK YOU TO OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS**

The Priests and Deacons of our Diocese have been so gracious when called to celebrate Mass or a prayer service with Eucharist before our Ultreya. Please remember them in your prayers. Here is the Upcoming Schedule:

- November 15 — Rev. Chris Luoni, of Holy Family in Poland
- November 22 — No Ultreya — HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- November 29 — Rev. Msgr. Michael Cariglio, of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- December 06 — Rev. Bill Loveless, of St. Pius X in Warren
- December 13 — No Mass — Christmas Party from 6 pm to 7:30 pm — Ultreya follows.
- December 20 and 27 there will be no Ultreya. We will take a Christmas Break.



Rev. Monsignor Michael Cariglio

**A PERFECT THANKSGIVING****BY DEACON RON BUNOFSKI, ASSISTANT SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

With Thanksgiving just around the corner let us consider this question:  
**For what or to whom are we thankful today?**

Maybe a broken relationship is on its way to being rebuilt. Perhaps some problem that has been weighing heavy on your heart has been lifted from you. Maybe you give thanks for years of love and dedication of your spouse. Parents often feel pride in the accomplishments of their children. We all have our own stories of thankfulness.



And there are many blessings, less dramatic, we receive everyday. A cold drink of water when we are really thirsty, a smile, a laugh of a child, fall colors and many more.

For things people great and small we should be thankful. Yet there is another aspect of thankfulness, often overlooked that is important. If we want our thankfulness to be complete we must also give thanks for our crosses and burdens in life. Why give thanks for our crosses? Because some of our greatest opportunities to grow only comes through the pain and suffering of our crosses.

In St. Luke's Gospel (17:11-19) we read about the ten lepers who cry out to Jesus:  
**"Jesus, Master have pity on us!"** All ten are healed yet only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

Or consider St. Paul who was brought down low as he was literally knocked off his "high horse" and blinded before he came to see the glory of God. (Acts 9:1-9)

With St. Paul and the Samaritan leper a physical healing took place, however, a deeper healing also happened. Through their adversities, they both received a living faith, a true spiritual healing, through the saving grace of our God. We call this salvation. Their crosses became an opportunity for true healing both physically and spiritually. The Samaritan leper and Paul are what they are because God's healing grace worked through their burdens and pain.

So it is with us, every cross we carry, every burden we have, has the potential of producing good in our lives because of the power of Jesus Spirit within us. It is up to us to use this saving power of Christ.

Rather than asking why me Lord believe and know that with the Lord and His saving grace within you, you can overcome any problem and good will come from it. And although you may not see today how things will work out, know that, with God good things will happen regardless of how hopeless circumstances may seem at first.

So, for what or whom are you thankful for this day? Do you give thanks for all good things great and small and do you give thanks for your crosses and burdens? This makes for a perfect Thanksgiving. Be thankful in this way because when you do you will hear the words of Jesus in your life:  
**"Stand up, go your way, your faith has saved you!"** (Luke 17:19)

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!

Deacon Ron Bunofsky





**POST CURSILLO UPDATE**

It is with great joy and excitement that I accept the position as Post-Cursillo Chairperson for the Youngstown Center Secretariat. My love and devotion to our great Community has led me to answer a call to “action.” I find Post-Cursillo as the area of Cursillo that is most exciting because it includes sharing, study, and most of all the gathering of the community. Some of the Cursillo activities the fall under the Post-Cursillo are: Ultreya, the School of Leaders, Post-Cursillo Seminar, the annual Day of Reflection, the Dinner Dance and the Christmas party. If you have any ideas for these areas of Post-Cursillo, please let me know. I am open to representing your ideas at the School of Leaders meetings and at the Secretariat meetings.



**Marlene Piersante,  
Post-Cursillo Chair**

**ULTREYA PLANS**

Our Ultreya got my most immediate attention. Ultreya is every Thursday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Downtown Youngstown. Mass begins at 7:30 pm and Ultreya follows immediately after in the basement of the church. Ultreya is vitally important to the life of our Cursillo Community. Ultreya is the “onward” force of the movement.

We are currently working on forming an Ultreya team of Cursillistas who would learn the procedures of hosting Ultreya and then helping the hosting group reunions with set up and clean up. Because our community is blessed to have Mass preceding our Ultreya, we will have a few Sacristan training sessions for the Ultreya Team Leaders and anyone else that is interested in serving Mass. A Sacristan is one who helps prepare for Liturgy and can help others to properly serve Mass. Monsignor Cariglio and his parishioners have been very welcoming to Cursillo, allowing us to use their parish Church and facilities for our Ultreya. The Ultreya team needs to be trained on the particulars of proper use of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church facilities. If you are interested in joining the Ultreya Team, pray first and then call me at (330) 757-3380 or email me at marpiersante@hotmail.com

**ATTENTION GROUP REUNIONS!**

A rewarding project is hosting Ultreya for a month. All the supplies you will need (including beverages) are available to you. We ask you to bring some light snacks, find a witness speaker, and a musician for Mass. Other duties include set up and clean up. There will be an Ultreya team leader to help you with set up and clean up. I ask all group reunions to move “Onward.” Sign up to host a month of Ultreya.

Call me at (330) 757-3380 to arrange for your group reunion to host Ultreya.

**Love and Friendship,**

**Mar Piersante**



**PRE CURSILLO – LINDA SMREK**

Dear Cursillistas,

I would like to give you with some guidelines on sponsorship that are taken directly out of the *Cursillo Leader's Manual*: As you already know, in order to make a Cursillo Weekend, a Cursillista must sponsor you. Before you offer to sponsor an individual, you should really know your candidate. Will your candidate be good for the Cursillo, and will Cursillo be good for your candidate?

**Those who attend a Weekend:**

- Must be a graduate of High School to the age of 70, however exceptions can be made.
- Must be eligible to receive the Sacraments.
- Should be trying to live the Catholic life as best they know how.

**Ideally, candidates should be leaders in their environments.** By leader, I'm not referring to a "boss" or supervisor, but to anyone who is respected and whose opinion matters. Someone who by their presence makes a difference in their environment. Someone who brings Christ to family, friends, or co-workers by their actions.

**Those who cannot attend a Cursillo weekend are...**

- Those who have psychological or emotional problems
- Those who have deep drinking, drug or moral issues
- Someone looking for a quick fix to severe life problems
- Non-Catholics or those who cannot receive the Sacraments.

The most important thing when you consider sponsoring someone is to talk to God about your friend before you talk to your friend about God. It is *suggested* that you sponsor no more than one candidate for the same Weekend, and you are asked to be an active member of Cursillo for at least one year before sponsoring a candidate.

We have Sponsorship Guidelines that explain how to be a good sponsor to your candidate before, during and after the Weekend. I encourage you to review these guidelines. When you sponsor someone, have their spouse fill out an application to attend a Cursillo as well. Even if the spouse decides not to make the next Weekend, it will be on file for them for three years. Above all else, you should be a member of a Group Reunion, and your candidate should be able to see Jesus Christ in you and be attracted by His presence.

**De Colores!**

**Linda Smrek, Pre-Cursillo Chair**

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The Region III CLW, January 19 and 20, 2008**

