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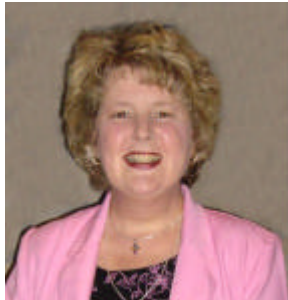
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**ASSISTANT RECTOR NAMED FOR WOMEN'S TEAM!**

Carol Rinehart has been discerned to be the Assistant Rector for the next Women's



Rector Marlene Piersante

Cursillo Weekend. She will join Rector Marlene Piersante in helping to lead the weekend on January 20 - 23, 2011 at our Lady of Mount Carmel in downtown Youngstown. The Women's team is in Formation now at St. Luke's School in Boardman. (See page 3 for location and schedule.)



Assistant Rector Carol Rinehart

The rest of the Women's team is listed below:

**Spiritual Director:** Father Bill Loveless

**Asst. Spiritual Director:** Deacon Ron Bunofsky

**Musical Director:** Gina Fire

**Professors:**

**Ideal:** Alexis Domico

**Laity:** Debbie Skica

**Piety/Holiness:** Marlane Bone

**Study/Formation:** Renita Mintus

**Action/Evangelization:** Marijane Bowman

**Leaders:** Laurie Kramer

**Environment:** Carol Wagner

**Christian Community in Action:** Peg Elston

**Head Guide:** Pat Costello

**Guide:** Francine Cubellis

**Guide:** Rosemarie Kotchmar

**Guide:** Patti Rossi

**Head Sacristan:** Rosemary Hollen

**Sacristan:** Miriam Cipriano

**ULTREYA**

**Ultreya** is held every Thursday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall in downtown Youngstown.

For those wishing to attend, Ultreya begins at 7:30pm.

**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.

**Canton Ultreya**

December 6th at St. Paul in North Canton at 7:30 pm

**Ultreya Questions?**

If you have questions about Ultreya, please contact our Post -Cursillo Chair:

**Peg Elston** at  
330-542-0130 or  
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FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR – BILL JOYCE

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -**

I'm pleased to tell you that we have had a lot of activity in our Cursillo community over the past few months. Following Men's Weekend #61, both the Canton Ultreya center and the Youngstown Ultreya Center had their picnics, The School of Leaders has been activity meeting each month, several of us participated in the Region III weekend in Ebensburg, PA, and the Secretariat discerned the team for the upcoming Women's weekend. That team is now in Formation, and each week two Professors will present their talks starting on Monday, November 22. I encourage you to support the team with prayers, and if possible to come hear the Professor's talks. (See page 3 for more details on times and location.)

Also, I'd like to mention that because of term limitations, we have several positions which will become open on the **Secretariat** within the next two months. **Chairpersons are needed** for the following:

- **Treasurer** Some of the duties are: to oversee and report on donations and expenditures for operation of our Movement
- **Pre-Cursillo** Some of the duties are: to oversee Team and Candidate applications, Professor's School, solicit Palanca
- **Cursillo Chair** Some of the duties are: preparing for set-up and tear-down of the Cursillo weekends, warehousing supplies.

Each position is for a term of one year, with an option to continue for one more year. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one of these positions, please contact me soon as possible at **330-540-9602** or [wjoyce1701@aol.com](mailto:wjoyce1701@aol.com)

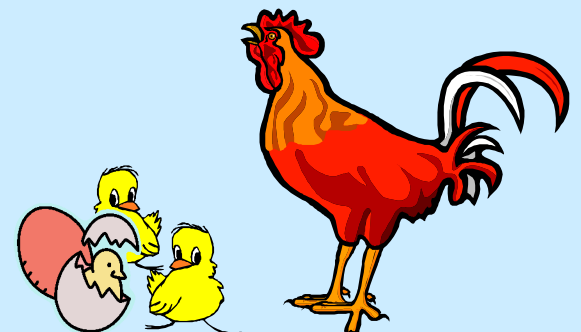
I would like to thank **Joe Calcagni, Gina Fire, and Thom Godward** for the wonderful jobs they have each done in heading their respective positions during their terms. They have each served admirably and have accomplished much over the past two years. It is because of good people like these who volunteer for this ministry that our Cursillo movement perseveres.

Now, we are looking for a few more Leaders in our community to step up to continue this rich tradition of service to the Lord by serving on the Cursillo Secretariat. Please pray about it. If you would like to consider doing it yourself, or if you would like to nominate someone else... don't delay... please let me know your nominations soon.

May God Bless you

DeColores,

Bill Joyce, Lay Director



## WOMEN'S TEAM FORMATION MEETINGS

Women's Team formation meetings will be held on Mondays in the **Art Room** of the **St. Luke School building** at 5235 South Avenue in Boardman. The Professor's School is being lead by Judi Hanna, along with Don Shilling and Nancy Layko.

Meetings begin promptly at **7 pm**. Here is the schedule for upcoming meetings:

**November 22**, IDEAL and LAITY

**November 29**, PIETY/HOLINESS and STUDY/FORMATION

**December 6**, ACTION/EVANGELIZATION and LEADERS

**December 13**, ENVIRONMENT and CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN ACTION

**December 20**, GROUP REUNION and FOURTH DAY

**December 27**, OFF

**January 3 and 10**, SECOND ROUNDS, (if necessary)

**January 19**, Set-up for the weekend is at [Our Lady of Mount Carmel](#), Via Mt. Carmel Way, Downtown Youngstown



St. Luke Church  
5235 South Avenue  
Boardman, OH



### 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 :

Jim or Laurie Kramer

(Home) 330-792-9871

SCHOOL OF LEADERS – MIKE HRIPKO

School of Leaders continues to work to enhance Youngstown Cursillo. In the past few years we have worked to implement meaningful changes to the Youngstown Cursillo and ensure continuing "Movement". Among our activities and accomplishments:



Mike Hripko

- Finalized Youngstown Diocese Cursillo Movement's Pastoral Plan.
- Outlined the "Fourth Day" Weekend Talk.
- Implemented format changes to Ultreya deigned to comply more closely with National Cursillo guidelines.
- Supported enhanced email communication to Cursillistas using "Return Service" feature of the Postal Service, eliminated more than 600 Cursillo Newsletters previously mailed to incorrect addresses.
- Instituted annual "All Souls" Ultreya in November to commemorate deceased Cursillistas and family members.
- Supported St. Rosa De Lima Veterans Day Mass as our initial new outreach to Spanish Community
- Revised Cursillo Bylaws (In Process)

School of Leaders will not meet in December, but will resume monthly meetings again on January 19 at St. Luke's School.

We welcome your feedback, input and participation. Please contact me at 330-502-7239 or [mahripko@aol.com](mailto:mahripko@aol.com).

FROM THE CANTON ULTREYA CENTER – MARY MARXEN



The Canton Center "End of the Year" dinner will be December 27, 2010. It will be held at St. Barbara parish in Massillon. A Prayer service will begin at 5:30 pm and the dinner should start between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. For the dinner, Pork, Sauerkraut, and Mashed Potatoes will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. It's a time to enjoy the blessings of this past year and those to come in the new year. Hope to see many of you there. The address for St. Barbara Parish is 2813 Lincoln Way NW, Massillon, OH. Let me know if you are coming so we will know how much to prepare. **DeColores!** Mary Marxen 330-673-7071

REGION III FALL MEETING

The Region III meeting was held on the weekend of October 8-9-10 in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania (near Altoona). The topic of the weekend was Planning The Basics. The weekend was hosted by Cursillo Region III Coordinator Mary K. Fleckenstein and her husband Wayne. Talks on "Renewing the Commitment, Piety, Close Moment, Study, Action, and Leadership" were presented by Father Tom Galvin (Region III Spiritual Director), Barb Bundy and Jo-Ann Semko, Mary K. Fleckenstein, Marge Lash, and Wayne Fleckenstein respectively.



Shown in photo above: Mary and Wayne Fleckenstein

In the photo on right are attendees from the Youngstown Diocese: Pat Costello, Peg Elston, Laurie Kramer, Jim Kramer and Bill Joyce.



## FIND THE KEY

BY DEACON RON BUNOFSKY



**H**as this ever happened to you? You arrive home and go to open the door and you can't find the key. Life can be like that. We all seek to enter into happiness yet sometimes life presents challenges that prevent us from finding the key. How do we find the key?

Our faith gives us the key that will open the door to happiness... and that key is **prayer**. Prayer always brings good results, so it is important that we know how to pray.

You might say: "I know how to pray; I've been praying all my life." Yet Jesus' disciples (who probably had been praying all their lives) didn't think they knew how to pray. In the Gospel of Luke 11:1 the disciples ask Jesus: "**Lord, teach us to pray.**" They asked this because after seeing Jesus pray they realized they didn't know how to pray like that. Jesus' prayer meant so much more in His life than theirs had. They were amazed because as a result of His prayer they saw circumstances around them change.

What was different about the way Jesus prayed? The answer is found in the way Jesus responded to their request. Jesus said: "When you pray, start '**Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name.**'" When Jesus prayed he first acknowledged... **he felt**... the presence of God **right there** where he was praying, and he praised God's name.

The key to prayer then is to pray as Jesus did by first recognizing God's presence with us where we are, and praise His name in **Thanksgiving**. For example, at Mass we say many prayers. However, we begin by **first** recognizing God's presence there with us, we then give thanksgiving for the blessings He has given us, and we praise His name.

The Psalmist said it best: "**Be still and know that I am God with you.**" Many people never learn to pray this way because they don't put the cares of the world aside and consciously and deliberately open their minds to God's presence, His spirit, His voice, His will for us.

Jesus also said: "**Your Father knows what things you are in need of before you ask Him.**" So, the object of prayer is not telling God a lot of things, but rather to recognize the presence of God and to praise His name.

A short course in prayer can be found in the 6th verse of the 23rd Psalm (The Lord is my shepherd). In it, David first recognizes the presence of God with him, then he prays in a positive way about his own problems and weaknesses, and ends with two more positive statements.

The key then to happiness is prayer and the key to prayer is first recognizing the presence of God, then pray with optimism and accept God's will for goodness to come into your life.

Jesus summed it up: "**Your Father knows what things you are in need of before you ask Him.**"

**"Be still and know that I am God with you.**

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!

Deacon Ron Bunofsky



## FROM THOM GODWARD, CURSILLO CHAIR

I would like to take a few moments to thank all those who made the past Men's Weekend so successful. Many people came together and did a wonderful job in the kitchen, preparing the facility for the weekend and taking the place down and packing it away. Lori Kramer and Kim Molek were kitchen chairs. Teresa Cipriano was in the Palanca room, Carol Rinehart did a great job as liturgy person, and to all the ladies who helped this color blind guy decorate the Mary statue, I could not have had more gracious help. Set up was flawless, take down was quick. The weekend was a joy for all of us working together. It was God's weekend!



Thom Godward

And now we have a women's weekend in January, God is blessing us again. Lou Fusillo will be in the kitchen, Loretta Nagel will be doing the liturgy duties and Teresa Cipriano will again be in the Palanca room. I am looking forward to working with these people and for the blessing that we all receive doing God's work. The Mount Carmel facility is a great place for a weekend.

I look forward to seeing you in the kitchen and at Holy Hours in January. Remember, this is God's Weekend, and our chance to serve Him!

**DeColores, Thom Godward**

The Women's Weekend is January 20-23, 2011 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Downtown Youngstown. Set up will begin at 5 pm on Wednesday January 19, 2011.

One of the best ways to support the weekend (next to prayer of course) is helping with the set up and tear down. Please consider this as part of your Palanca.

## CURSILLO CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Santa will visit with our children**

**Our annual Christmas party has a new location this year!** We will gather at St. Paul's in New Middletown on December 10 at 6:30 pm. This is always a fun evening to get together with fellow Cursillistas and their families. There will be snacks, sing-a-long Christmas carols, and we've arranged for Santa to stop by when he is in the area that night. Bring your children and grand-children for an early evening of fun. Please let Peg Elston know how many will be coming from your family, so that she can plan for food. You can reach Peg at either 330-542-0130 or [peg9970@aol.com](mailto:peg9970@aol.com)

## THANK YOU LETTER

My Dear Brothers & Sisters In Christ--Christ Is Among Us!

My heartfelt thanks to all of you for the beautiful Bible Vigil. Those of you there in body and spirit--your words and music meant so much to me and my family. They all said that it touched them the most and were happy that the close of the evening ended with an upward feeling. The Cursillo weekend was truly a turning point in Ted and my life.

Christ had always been a part of our marriage. Even as a young couple of 18 & 21 when we got married in 1961, our invitation read "Invitation to a Sacrament with Gratitude to God---that Joan and Theodore will be united for life in Jesus Christ in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony. As I stood in St. Mary's in the spot about where I stood on the day we were married spoke those words that were asked of me--to love, honor and obey--49 years, 4 months and 1 day later, facing the people instead of the altar with my husband's casket at my side. I gave a witness as to how God has been there for us by the love Theodore had for me and our children, and the love I have for him.

As years go by and we get busy with our worldly things and with people, we need that refresher course. You know, Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ. We learned to weed out our lives and tried to keep on God's path through the rest of our marriage. Theodore made his Cursillo Weekend Oct 7-10, 1976, exactly 34 years to the date this new weekend began--he entered his eternal life Oct. 7, 2010 as the clock chimed 10 pm. As all of you walked in about 7 pm I thought BOOM-BOOM again--this time with God! He had gotten a book marker that was marked the date and it was given to him by Jon and Susan (my cousin, who was our best man) and also a pall bearer for Theodore, the Marker read--Today is the first day of the rest of your life! I couldn't find his name tag from that weekend, but I believe it was called, "I Have Returned".

I am a person who believes in signs. We just don't always see or hear them. Are you seeing the connections? I pray that all of us continue to bear witness that God has given to us. Theodore was the love of my life; I would say God 1st, Theodore 2nd, then our children. I thank you, Jesus for having him by my side. I know he will continue to be by me in spirit, even as I write this. Theodore had a wish that he go home before me. That was one wish I had no control over.

As he passed I saw more signs that I have shared with some of you. When I would leave the house Theodore would call me and say, "When are you coming home?" When I got home he would be waiting for me. As I wrote his tribute I wrote this: I have been told at the end of a day we get rest...at the end of life we get sleep. This was said to me about two days before my Theodore was called home and it was said to me by the same person who sent him that book marker 34 years ago. We must open our hearts and share with others our love of Christ, not to turn them off by a bunch of words, but by living so that others will see Christ in you.

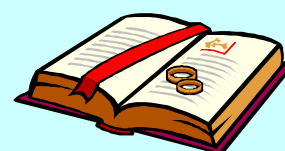
I have peace and joy--you know, Jesus-Others-You--in my life, and I pray that those around me will stay close to support me as I go through this time and pray, for me to stay strong until God's will be done. When that happens and I get called to the house of many rooms and my Theodore says to me, "Joni, where have you been?" I will answer, "I have been resting." I will continue to thank Jesus daily and pray Come Holy Spirit...

I never wrote a thank you for the Bible Vigil given for my mother, Mary Hudak Savko, In July of 2002, so thank you for that one also. It was a most beautiful gift for her.

**De Colores,**

Love in Christ,

**Joan (Joni) Edgar**



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**REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR**

**The Christmas Party– 6:30 pm December 10 , 2010  
St. Paul’s in New Middletown**

