

# Newsletter for the Cursillo Movement of the Youngstown Diocese

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## News from our Lay Director



### DeColores, Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to announce that Men's Cursillo #63 has been scheduled for August 8-11<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph the Provider Church, 633 Porter Avenue in Campbell. The Men's Team was discerned, and the Team Formation began on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke School in Boardman. Please check the Formation schedule on the next page of this newsletter and try to attend some Formation meetings to support the Team. Don Shilling is the Rector and Gary Deckant is the Assistant Rector. In this newsletter also is the list of who is on the Team.

Please begin to pray and offer Palanca for these men and our new friends, the Babe Chicks. It is not too late to sponsor a candidate for the weekend. Please get those applications in to Amy Shilling.

Also, we need your help for the weekend... all weekend long. Setting up, cover chapel, kitchen, clean up, closing, etc.

At the first team formation, the men were asked why they said yes to being on the team. I would like to share a few of those answers; "I really believe in this method", "It is a remarkable method of evangelization", "My Cursillo weekend was a life changer", "God figures I must have a reason the say Thank You" and "It's a team effort".

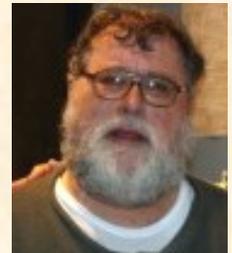
The next Leader's School is June 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at St Brendan's School. We need your support. Please come to our meetings and help with the weekend. Remember "Christ is counting on you."

Yours in Christ, *Kim*

Don Shilling will be serving as Rector for Men's Weekend # 63. Gary Deckant will be the Assistant Rector.



Don Shilling



Gary Deckant

## OPENINGS ON THE SECRETARIAT !

There are three positions on the Secretariat that will be ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The positions are Leader's School Chair, Cursillo Chair and Post Cursillo Chair. The primary requirements to hold a position on the Secretariat are as follows; must be in an active group reunion, must have work at least one Cursillo weekend, and attend Secretariat meetings. On June 10<sup>th</sup> the Secretariat will be voting on filling these three positions. If you meet the requirements and are interested in being considered for one of these positions, please call Kim Molek at 330-219-5135.

## ULTREYA

**Canton Ultreya** is held on a rotating basis at various churches. Call Mary Marxen at 330-673-7071 for current schedule.

**Trumbull County Ultreya** is held after 8:30 am Mass on the second Wednesday of the month at Blessed John Paul II church, 420 North Street NW in Warren.

**Youngstown Ultreya** is held at 7:30 pm Thursdays at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall in Youngstown. The last Thursday of the month at St. Brendan's with Mass.

## TEAM MEMBERS for Men's Cursillo #63

**Weekend Theme:** "In This Place"

**Spiritual Director:** Father Bill Loveless

**Asst. Spiritual Dir.:** Deacon Bob Redig

**Rector:** Don Shilling

**Asst. Rector:** Gary Deckant

**Musical Director:** Alan Pavalko

**Professors:**

**Ideal** Ray Greenwood

**Laity** Ron DiBacco

**Holiness** Dennis Palazzo

**Formation** Larry Kent

**Evangelization** Thom Godward

**Leaders** Rick Smrek

**Environment** Mike Hripko

**C.C. in Action** Bill Joyce

**Head Guide** Ed Sunseri

**Guide** Phil Gonzalez

**Guide** Bill Varner

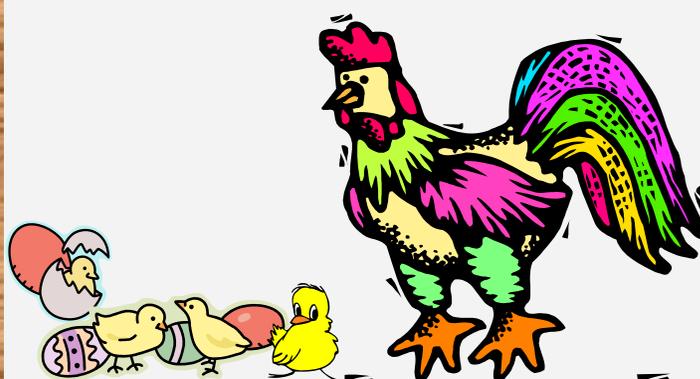
**Sacristan** Ralph Roberts

**Professor's School:**

Loretta Nagel Ron Piersante

Pat Costello Maria Pavalko

Nancy Layko



### SUPPORT THE MEN'S TEAM

**Team Formation** is being held in the Father McGivney Room (#13) at St. Luke's School / Banquet Center on **Wednesdays** beginning promptly at **7 pm**.

Please support the team by praying for them and attending Formation meetings.

**Formation Schedule:**

May 15: First Meeting & How to Write a Talk

May 23: Five Minute Summaries & Chapel Visit / Palanca

**- Two weeks off to prepare talks -**

June 12: Ideal and Laity

June 19: Piety and Study

June 26: Leaders and Christian Community in Action

June 26: Environment and Christian Community in Action

July 10: Evangelization (Action) and Environment

July 17: Total Security and Fourth Day

July 24: Role of the Auxiliary, and Music Practice

July 31: Guides and Sacristans Meeting

August 7: Weekend set-up

August 8-11: Men's Cursillo weekend # 63



## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

### FROM FATHER BILL LOVELESS



#### What We Need Is a “Jesus Story”

Fr. Nick Shori of our diocese was quoted recently in the *Catholic Exponent* on evangelization. He emphasized that we need to have a “Jesus story” if we are to evangelize others, a story of how the experience of Jesus has touched our lives.

That idea of a “Jesus story” I would like to take in two ways. First of all, I believe we always need to ground who we are and what we are about in the story of Jesus. That means, of course, that we can never stop growing in our knowledge of the Scriptures. None of us is too young to dig into the Scriptures, and none of us is too old to learn. We can always grow in our experience of Jesus in the Scriptures. That’s why study or formation remains part of our tripod.

A lot of people these days offer their opinion on many matters and expect that their opinion is just as good as the wisdom of the Scriptures or the teaching of the Church. Baloney! We always need to be grounded in the Good News of Jesus. That’s the base. If Hollywood promotes something, and the media follow, and you hear Washington going along, does that mean it’s right? No. If it’s not grounded in Jesus, then it’s not Good News.

But there’s another way to understand the notion of a “Jesus story,” and it’s the way Fr. Shori emphasized in the *Exponent*. He reminded us that each of us has a story of what Jesus has done in our life. And that story is critical. It doesn’t have to be a dramatic story of conversion, although it might be. It may be a simple story of the Lord’s caring for us and answering a prayer. But the essential thing is that it is witness from our life about what Jesus means to us, and by extension, what he might mean to another person. For example, when we explain to someone who seems troubled that we find peace in praying the rosary or reading some favorite Scripture passages, it is always an invitation for the other person to try the same approach. That witness is always necessary for evangelization, and our gentle suggestions may make a big difference. So we need both the grounding in the Good News and the witness of our lives. The two together make for powerful evangelization.

Fr. Bill Loveless



#### **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!

#### **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 & Laurie Kramer**

(Home) 330-792-9871



## PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS

Proclaim the Good News to all people, everywhere and at all times to the ends of the earth. This is what Jesus commands us to do.

*“You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.”*

**-Acts 1:8**

As Cursillistas, we are aware of what God expects us to do in our environments and we have been given the intellectual and spiritual tools needed to get the work done. Through prayer and apostolic action, there are more people being introduced to the love of Jesus Christ on Cursillo Weekends.

Because of faith filled Cursillistas who sponsor friends and believe in their ability to make a difference, lives are being touched by the love of Christ, perhaps for the first time, and a light in the darkness is being illuminated.

When thinking about becoming a sponsor to a future new Cursillista, try to imagine the bigger picture. Imagine the corners of the world waiting to be illuminated by the light of Christ, waiting for you to find that special friend of Jesus whose job it will be to bring the light to them.



See back issues of the newsletter, photos of Cursillo weekends and more at our website:  
[YoungstownCursillo.org](http://YoungstownCursillo.org)



## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to submit articles, notices or “thank-you’s” to be printed in the newsletter, please send them to the attention of:

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The Secretariat makes the final decision on newsletter contents. Your suggestions on improving the newsletter are welcomed.

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## WANT TO HELP?

We currently mail about 1,700 newsletters for each edition. Consequently, we incur a substantial expense in paper and mailing costs. If you can help defray our costs with any size donation it would be greatly appreciated. Please mail your donation to:

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Thank you!

## REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

The next Leaders School meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at St Brendan’s School. We will be discussing the possible moving of the Ultreya to a new location.



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