



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.

July 2024

Application Forms are on the Website:

www.cursillo419.org

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Our Spiritual Advisor

Ark Spiritual Directors Article

“For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” Mark 3:35

How many times a day do we say “thy will be done”?

How many times a day are we consciously doing God’s will?

God’s will isn’t “out there somewhere”. It is right in front of us most days if we are open to seeing it.

Often, we don’t have our eyes open to see what God wants us to do. We are looking past what is right in front of us. We look past what God wants us to do thinking that we have no talent to do anything; or that God’s will is some great task or that we have to do a lot of research, prayer and discernment before we can determine God’s will for us.

Most often, it is right in front of us. God’s will is to love others. Love isn’t feelings of tenderness. It is patience, kindness, not being rude, etc.

After Fr. Walter Cizek reflected on the Our Father and realized that he was not doing God’s will but what he thought God wanted him to do, it changed his life. A story is told of him vigorously digging a ditch in the winter in a Siberian labor camp while the other prisoners did as little as they could. A fellow prisoner asked why he was working so hard. Fr. Cizek responded that he gave his life to God and wherever he is, must be where God wants him to be and whatever he is supposed to do must be what God wants him to do. God must want him to dig the ditch, so- he must do it to the best of his ability because he is doing it for God.

2024 Fall Weekends

MEN -- September 12-15

Women - October 17 - 20

The child, spouse, neighbor, parishioner, stranger right in front of you wanting you to do something; is what God wants you to do. The opportunity to do something for someone at church, in the community, in your own home, is what God wants you to do. Just do it.

Deacon Andy McMahon

Lay Director

July is such a time of celebration. We remember the founding of our country with parades and fireworks, concerts and barbecues. Our gardens (or the gardens of friends) are beginning to yield their bounty, with lots to enjoy and share. It is a great month for vacationing, with warm weather and sunny skies.



How can we celebrate the gift of our faith this month? I tend to limit the celebrations of my faith to the big feasts, Christmas and Easter, and the times when family and friends are receiving Sacraments for the first time. I know that there are people who celebrate the anniversary of their (or family members') Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation. How about widening our celebrations to include the gift of our faith, especially this month which lends itself to gatherings?

As Cursillistas, we have learned to better see the presence of God in our everyday lives. Who hasn't been touched by a rainbow or the smile of a small child? Who hasn't received an unexpected blessing in a time when it was so needed (and knew where it came from)? Who hasn't learned something profound in a book or during a homily or while singing a hymn – new or old – because our hearts were open to receive that learning?

Take some time this month to ponder the gift of faith. Whether it's with friends at a gathering, or just by ourselves at a Mass, sitting by the lake, walking through a park, riding through the countryside, anywhere at all. We are so blessed by the gift of faith bestowed upon us. Let's celebrate! There is an opportunity this month to gather together to celebrate the gift of Cursillo. Our annual picnic will be held at Bernie and Joanie Rumschlag's home, 2851 S. County Road 591, Tiffin, on July 21st starting at 2 pm. We'll share a potluck meal and then celebrate at an Ultreya! Hope you can come! DeColores!

DeColores! John Lyons Kathy Otermat



Pre-Cursillo July gets us another month closer to the fall Cursillo weekends.

How are you coming along on your quests to "Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ"? If you haven't started yet, don't worry. There are many of us praying for your success. It's up to you to take the first steps. Don't forget to touch base with your prospective candidates that were not able to make a past weekend.

The Men's weekend is September 12 thru 15 and the Women's is October 17 thru 20.

Looking forward to receiving your candidate (and sponsors:) applications. Current copies are available on the Cursillo 419 website.

DeColores!

Helen & Gary Keel

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Cursillo A little note from Bob & Dave-

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer thus far.

It was very nice to see the folks who were able to attend the Focus day in June.

Please remember to get your team apps. in if you want to work. We need them for the records as well as the rectors.

God bless all.

Dave Zaborski & Robert Drewior

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School of Leaders

Happy summer to all our Cursillo family!

As I sit amidst a bunch of boxes and packing materials, I am reminded that nothing on this earth is permanent. No matter how much we treasure our things, that's all they are. Just things.

Relationships are far more important and the most important one of all is with Jesus.

He is our solace and guide when we are just putting one foot in front of the other, sometimes going where we would rather not go...

Sometimes that is in the form of a scary diagnosis or job change, loss of a loved one, troubles within our families or close friends, and sometimes it's an actual move.

Some of you may be packing for a long-awaited vacation to your favorite spot. But whatever is going on in your world, there is room for finding "rest for your soul"!

Let's all take a break sometime this month to ponder the blessings in our lives. We all have troubles, but we have many blessings as well.

If you can't take a traditional vacation this year, make yourself a little spot in your home to reflect on your blessings every day for a bit.

God will refresh your soul!

No School of Leaders until August, but see the notes on our picnic this month.

Hope to see you there!
May your summer be blessed in many unexpected ways, dear friends!
Blessings & Hugs,
Annie Blum
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****School of Leaders+-** Make a Friend - Be a Friend - talk to Christ about that Friend, Then talk to that Friend about Christ.

Spiritual Warriors, we are on a summer break, We (SOL) will return **on August 17 in Findlay, St. Michael**. All our brothers and sisters are encouraged to attend. Again we will have prayer, learning, and of course singing. Piety, Study, Action. Please feel free to bring a snack to share if you wish. More info in the August ARK.

4th Day / Post Cursillo

June Focus Day was a wonderful experience for all who attended. Thank you for all those who attended and presented. We had about 40 people and we wished we would have had more. The Women's team for this fall is forming. The Men's team is complete and have started their meetings. We will soon be looking for witnesses and Deacons for the Holy Hours and Closings. If anyone would like to witness, please let us know. There will be a Picnic and Ultreya on July 21st at Bernie and Joan Rumschlag's; 2851 S. County Rd. 591, Tiffin. For more info contact Bernie at 419-595-2793. This will be the only Ultreya in Tiffin in July. Wishing all of you a glorious and grace filled summer.

Bill and Betty O., Becky Smeltz and Angie Mehling.



(prayers for the month of June) Sarah - missionary in New Guinea where there was a landslide, Frank - passed away, Patti - heading to her son's wedding, Geraldine Woods & family - passed away, Sara - recovery from surgery, Pat - broken shoulder & arm surgery, Lyla - Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Jan - in hospital, Mike - mental & physical health, Deacon Robb Beisser - stroke, Barb Hankenhof - clear PET scan, Deacon Robb - passed away, Vicki - serious injuries from a car accident, Ronald and Apollo - mental health issues, Jan Stainbrook - recovery from illness, Barb - mental health issues.

June Ultreyas

Area 7 and 10 Tiffin Area – Cursillo Picnic -- July 21st

Area 8 Area 8 Ultreya Galion area Ultreya will be Monday July 8 from 7/9 PM @ Galion St. Joseph activity center.
All are welcome!



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

2024-07-04	Women's 66 (Spanish)	Luque, Paraguay
2024-07-04	Woman's 56 (English)	Budapest, Hungary
2024-07-04	Men's 608 (English)	Tucson, AZ
2024-07-11	Women's 85 (Spanish)	Denver, CO
2024-07-11	Women's 779 (Filipino)	San Francisco, CA
2024-07-11	Men's 778 (Filipino) (English)	San Francisco, CA
2024-07-11	Women's 104th (English)	Harrisburg, PA
2024-07-11	Mens 91 (English)	Louisville, KY
2024-07-11	Women's 609 (English)	Tucson, AZ
2024-07-11	Men's 1230 (Spanish)	Cuguas, PR
2024-07-11	Men's 91 (English)	Louisville, KY
2024-07-11	Men's 66 (Spanish)	Luque, Paraguay
2024-07-18	Men's 90 (Spanish)	Las Cruces, NM
2024-07-18	Men's 49 (Korean)	Los Angeles, CA
2024-07-18	Men's 108th (English)	Harrisburg, PA
2024-07-25	Women's 182 (Spanish)	Oruro, Bolivia
2024-07-25	Women's 61 (English)	Lexington, KY
2024-08-01	Women's 15 (Koren)(English)	San Jose, CA

2024-08-01	Women's 97 (Spanish)	San Martín, Argentina
2024-08-01	Women's 45 (English)	Belleville, IL
2024-08-01	Men's 59 (English)	Lexington, KY

Thank you for all you do for other people. Your Palanca is needed and appreciated. Your heart is better for it. As God brings us to pray, fasting and almes giving, we benefit from it also.

Please pray, fast, say rosaries, do “palanca” etc. for the Cursillistas and teams as they ready for their events. It may be a while before the next weekend, but I think it is never too early to pray, fast and give almes. Please pray that God helps soften hearts for the people who God wants to go to Cursillo, so they say yes!

Please share what you are doing for Palanca!

email to = Palanca419@outlook.com

Jack B. Reuter, Palanca Chair.

Witness : share how God is working in your life = email to = judbrick616@gmail.com



Spiritual Advisor Fr. Ed. Littelmann	Spiritual Director Fr. Jim Brown	Spiritual Director Sr. Edna Michel	Lay Director Kathy Otermat (6/23)
Lay Director John Lyons (6/23)	Treasurer Barb Stager (6/25)	Pre-Cursillo Gary & Helen Keel (6/24)	Co-Cursillo Robert Drewior (6/26)
Co-Facilities Zach Guernsey (6/27)	School of Leaders Walter Beckford (6/24)	School of Leaders Annie Blum (6/24)	Co-Cursillo Dave Zaborski (6/26)
Co-Facilities & 4th Day Angie Mehling (6/27)	Post Cursillo/ 4th Day Bill & Betty Obringer	Co-Post Cursillo/4th Day Becky Smeltz (6/25)	Palanca Jack Reuter (6/27)
Co-Facilities Mary Lyons (6/27)	Hispanic Representative Juanita Ybanes (6/26)	Communications Judy Brickner (6/26)	

Secretariat members

Secretariat Member openings
Current openings

For your information and reflection -- there are several positions on Secretariat that will be opening for replacements—

School of Leaders Co - Lay Director Pre-Cursillo

The current position holders will be with you one year to familiarize you with the service position.



Please reflect on these openings and hear the Holy Spirit to be the Hands, Feet and Voice of Jesus, you can continue to grow in your faith!

'What a shame it would be if someone came looking for Christ and only found us! But what a blessing if they came looking for us and found Christ!!'

Eduardo Bonnin, Founder Cursillo Movement

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TOLEDO CURSILLO WEBSITE: www.cursillo419.org Go here to view news of upcoming events, read the current month's Ark or download forms.

Cursillo for Christianity Financial Position	
Balance Sheet	
June 30, 2024	
Checking Account	5,332.58
Savings Account	\$ 13,061.63
Total Cash	<u>18,394.21</u>
Profit and Loss Statement	
January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024	
Revenues	
Contributions	\$ 2,504.00
Cursillo Weekends	13,445.00
Other Income	125.00
Total Income	\$ 16,074.00
Expenses	
Cursillo Weekends	\$ 18,179.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	791.28
Total Expenses	\$ 18,970.28
Total Income (Loss)	<u>(2,896.28)</u>

Annual Cursillo Picnic and Ultreya



Joanie and Bernie Rumschlag's home

2851 S. County Road 591, Tiffin

Sunday, July 21 starting at 2 pm

Please bring a dish, table service and beverage. We'll eat first, then celebrate an Ultreya!

