



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.

May 2024

Application Forms are on the Website:

www.cursillo419.org

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Our Spiritual Advisor

Ark Spiritual Directors Article

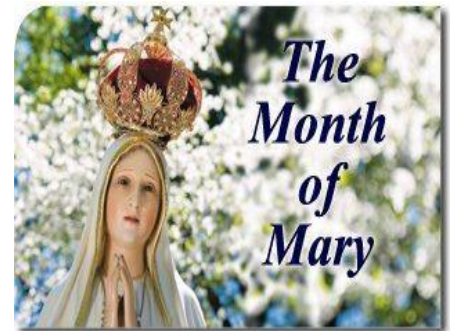
My dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, our Lord and risen Savior.

May Jesus be praised for all the good things He has done for us. May we return the favor by offering our own lives in His service.

As Easter Season continues to unfold we move into the month of May, the Month of Mary, the Mother of our Savior and our Mother too. For some, this is the merry month of May. For us it is the "MARY" month of May.

There are three Marian feast days: May 13th Our Lady of Fatima; May 20th, feast of the Blessed Virgin

Mary the Mother of the Church; and May 31st, the Feast of the Visitation. Many of our parishes begin the month of May with tribute to Mary by a Crowning Service giving honor to her as our Queen Mother of heaven and earth.



It is a good and wise thing to renew our own consecration to Mary again asking her protection, intercession and guidance on our journey through life. I encourage you to seek her intercession through the Rosary and Litanies and other Marian prayers. This month also would be a good opportunity to visit the Marian Shrines in our Diocese, the Sorrowful Mother Shrine

southeast of Bellevue on Rt 269. Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey and our own Cathedral, Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary on Collingwood Ave. in Toledo.

Make it a Marian Pilgrimage with families, friends, group reunions, maybe even a designation for an Ultreya.



Toledo Cursillo Weekends

Fall / 2024

Men – September 12-15

Women – October 17-20

The Month of May is also the occasion for the celebration of First Holy Communion for our children. I remember my First Communion (sort of) on May 4, 1952. I was six years old then and really didn't have a clue of what Eucharist really was. But Jesus knew and has allowed me to grow into a deeper understanding and relationship with Him. I find this month as an opportunity reflect on this wonderful mysterious gift. There is always more to discover, to appreciate and to love because I am in relationship with the Person of Jesus, His true Presence, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

The Eucharistic Revival that we are in will culminate this summer in Indianapolis, Indiana with the great Eucharistic Congress. I believe reservations are still open. But if you are not able to attend in person, I'm sure there will be plenty of opportunities on the local level to participate. Make plans now to meet in your groups and/or Ultreyas to be a part of this awesome occasion.

Another major part of the Easter Season is the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus to the right hand of the heavenly Father. And the Season culminates in the great Feast of Pentecost. My friends on the Board of the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal are planning a special Service on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th at 3 p.m. at Epiphany Parish/ St Thomas Aquinas site on White St in East Toledo. You all are cordially invited to pray with us for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our families, parishes, Church and world.

You all are a true blessing in my life. I pray that you will continue to BE a blessing for each other and for everyone you meet.

Ultreya!

Fr Jim Brown



Lay Director

What a glorious time it is in May! Outside, there are more sunny days, our gardens are or will soon be planted, farming machinery is on the road. May is such a month of promise.

Where are our minds directed? Toward the promise of eternal life? If so, how are we spending our time and talent and resources?

We had such beautiful Cursillo weekends this Spring. The witnesses and joyful faces of our newest Cursillistas certainly helped to reinforce my desire to better live my life for Christ, and to bring others to desire that even more for themselves than they do already.

This is the time to "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ". It seems as if when the weather gets better, we get together with friends more often. As we understand and embrace the gift of ourselves as beloved children of God, we draw others to us, giving us the opportunity to share our love of Jesus with them.

I grew up in a home where both my parents were very devoted to God and to their roles as members of the Catholic Church. My mom was a stay-at-home mom, although with 5 kids, her younger sister with Rheumatoid Arthritis, and my father with his very busy life to care for, she did not have a very quiet life. BUT she was a very peaceful, loving person even with the challenges of her daily life, and others were drawn to her by the essence of who she was. She was quick to say, from 1 Peter 4:8b, "Love covers over a multitude of sins." I didn't understand that as a child, but now I realize that she knew well that we are all struggling, that Earth is not Heaven, that we are not perfect, but love conquers all. She lived well the verse from 1 Peter 4:10, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Happy Heavenly Mother's Day, Mom!

DeColores!

Kathy Otermat

John Lyons



Pre-Cursillo

The Spring Cursillo Weekends were great! Thanks to all the team members and sponsors we had fantastic results. We can do it again this fall, Contact some of your past possible candidates and develop some new ones too.

It's never too early to begin the process of "Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ".

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

Looking forward to receiving Candidate (and Sponsor's) applications from you. Copies of the current application forms are available to download from the Cursillo 419 website.

DoColores!

Helen & Gary Keel
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Cursillo

A little note from Bob & Dave-

Ladies and Gentlemen if you are interested in joining/working the fall Cursillo weekends please fill out the team app. Available on the Cursillo419.com web page. The time is now because the weekend formation is not far off.

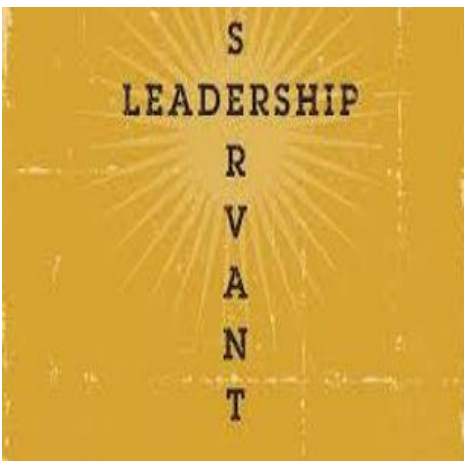
Please send the completed applications to Bob Drewior and Dave Zaborski per the email addresses written at the bottom of the application.

Thanks and God Bless,

Robert Drewior robertdrewior774@gmail.com or

Dave Zaborski—Dzaborski@gmail.com.

School of Leaders



Greetings to all our Cursillo family!

What a glorious time of year is the springtime!

We have the Easter season with those daily inspiring readings so full of miracles and conviction evangelizing those unaware of who Jesus really is.

Doesn't it remind you of how we work together on teams to bring the love of Jesus into the hearts of our dear candidates, each with our own gifts to offer yet working with one purpose to bring others to Christ?

And how our community comes together to celebrate and praise God at the closings, Focus days, School of Leaders, Ultreyas and groupings?

That continual growth is the key to keeping the Spirit alive in our hearts as we learn and develop as followers of Jesus, right?

The signs of spring surround us with sweet smells, colors, and the feel of the earth (for those of us who love to garden), just to remind us when we are out and about how much God loves to spoil us with His extravagant surprises!

Our next School of Leaders will be at Findlay St Michaels on Saturday May 18th from 9AM-noon. Doors open at 8:30.

We will be in the Marian room again in May. (First right turn in the hallway & first room on the right).

We will have a scripture and reflection by Roger Brickner.

Deacon Tom Soper will present parts 3.2 & 3.3 (pp. 95-106) of the book "Living with Real Presence".

Tom Russell will lead us through chapters 7 & 8 (pp. 75-92) of "Rescued".

Bring a friend and a snack to share. We will have the coffee and hot water on for tea as well as lots of hugs, great music and thoughtful discussions

All are welcome to come and share with us!

Annie Blum and Walter Beckford, rectors

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(prayer requests for the month of April)

Gus Miller - passed away, Dorothy Blum - in hospital on comfort care, Dorothy Blum - passed away, Karen - broken ankle, Theresa Fisher - diagnosed with Parkinsons, grandson's teacher's husband - heart surgery, Mary Ann Hohman - shoulder repair, Dee D - surgery after car accident, Mike - pinched nerves in spine, daughter of a close friend - breast cancer, Tracy - Crohns Disease, good friend's mom - passed from dementia. Ron who has been fighting liver cancer,



4th Day / Post Cursillo

Greetings from the Post-Cursillo Chairpersons, it looks like the weather is finally warming up and we had a nice warm day for the closing of the women's Cursillo weekend. It sure was nice to see so many at the closing and Holy hour on Saturday night, what great celebrations they were. A big thank you to Greg Siebenaller for presiding at the Holy Hour and to John and LuAnn Welch and Shirley Fitz for their witnesses, thank you all so much. We have been planning for the Focus Day on June 15th and I hope you all can be there for what will be a great chance to share our love of Jesus and the Cursillo Movement. Please see the Flyer in this Ark. Those who were a part of the recent weekends will receive invites in the mail. Hope to see many of you there. God bless, DeColores. Bill Obringer, Post Cursillo Chair.



May Ultreyas

Area 7 and 10 Tiffin Area May 26th 7pm Tiffin St. Joseph Upper Room

Area 8 Area 8 Ultreya will be Monday, May 13 from 7-9 PM at Holy Trinity activity center in Bucyrus, Ohio. All are welcome!

GRAND ULTREYA --- May/Mayo 4th @ St. Mary's Church. 120 E. Wesley St. Jackson, Michigan. Mass/Misa @ 10 A.M. Bring a dish to pass , Meat will be provided. TRAIGA UN PLATILLO PARA COMPARTIR Y NOSOTROS PROPORCIONAREMOS LA CARNE.



PALANCA

Please pray, fast, say rosaries, do “palanca” etc. for the Cursillistas and teams as they ready for their events. share what you are doing for Palanca! email to = Palanca419@outlook.com

A person suggested I communicate the list of other Cursillo going on to allow other people to know how to send emails to.

Remember, our prayers, fasting and praising our lord all help in this conversion of other people. This is why we need Palanca, with many hands, the work is lighter.

Jack B. Reuter, Palanca Chair.

Date	Name	Location	Contact
2024-05-02	Women's 152	Fargo, ND	kathyrishling@yahoo.com
2024-05-02	Women's Cursillo	San Jose, CA	sanjosepalancaletters@gmail.com
2024-05-02	Women's 605	Tucson, AZ	TamicahJones@gmail.com
2024-05-02	Women's 682	Galveston-Houston, TX	reina.orrego@yahoo.com
2024-05-02	Women's 81 (English)	Jefferson City, MO	JC.Cursillo.Serviceteam@gmail.com
2024-05-02	Men's 143 (English)	Joliet, IL	cborre1964@gmail.com
2024-05-02	Men's Cursillo (English)	Antigonish, Canada	Cbcursillo@gmail.com
2024-05-02	Women's 180 (Spanish)	Oruro, Bolivia	mauricio7295950@gmail.com
2024-05-09	Men's 33 (Spanish)	Cochabamba, Bolivia	ezuritagalcos@hotmail.com
2024-05-09	Women's 116 (Hungary)(English)	Budapest, Hungary	cursilloszandi@gmail.com
2024-05-09	Men's 18 (Spanish)	Lafayette, Indiana	palancaindy@gmail.com
2024-05-16	Women's 24 (Spanish)	Washington, DC	precursillowashingtondc@gmail.com
2024-05-16	Men's 963 (English)	Phoenix, AR	palancadecolores@yahoo.com
2024-05-16	Women's 95th (English)	Nova Scotia, Canada	mpollyr@hotmail.com
2024-05-16	Men's 709 (Vietnamese)	Orange, CA	natpham10@gmail.com
2024-05-16	Women's 277 (English)	Kansas City-St Joseph, MO	mike.thompson884@gmail.com
2024-05-16	Women's 380 (Spanish)	New York, NY	Yolieagle2006@yahoo.com
2024-05-23	Men's 155 (Spanish)	San José, CA	sjcursillopalancas@gmail.com
2024-05-23	Men's 90 (English)	Worcester, MA	worcursillo@gmail.com
2024-05-23	Women's 3 (Spanish)	Richmond, VA	michgrau@verizon.net
2024-05-23	Mens 75 (English)	Miramichi , Saint john NB	leoleblanc777@gmail.com
2024-05-23	Men's 176 (Spanish)	Hartford, CT	marilopez1778@gmail.com
2024-05-23	Men's 87 (Portuguese)(English)	Santa Maria, RS	alavancas.mccsm@gmail.com
2024-05-23	Women's 710 (Vietnamese)	Orange, CA	natpham10@gmail.com
2024-05-23	Men's 225 (Spanish)	Fresno, CA	fresnodecolores@gmail.com
2024-05-23	Men's 176 (Spanish)	Hartford, CT	marilop1778@gmail.com
2024-05-23	Women's 18 (Spanish)	Lafayette, Indiana	palancaindy@gmail.com
2024-05-23	Men's 69 (Spanish)	Tulsa Ok	gcarolinag@outlook.com
2024-05-23	Women's 45 (English)	Agana, Guam	almafaith1004@gmail.com
2024-05-30	Women's 156 (Spanish)	San José, CA	sjcursillopalancas@gmail.com
2024-05-30	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Omaha, NE	Linda.Munoz1225@gmail.com
2024-05-30	Men's 245 (Spanish)	Las Cruces, NM	escueladirigentesroswell@hotmail.com
2024-05-30	Men's 199 (English)	Newark, NJ	199cursilloweekend@gmail.com
2024-05-30	Men's 96 (English)	Rochester, NY	welby89@hotmail.com
2024-05-30	Women's 87 (Portuguese)(English)	Santa Maria, RS	alavancas.mccsm@gmail.com
2024-05-30	Women's 83rd (English)	Ontario, Canada	pauline_mc_grath@hotmail.com
2024-05-30	Men's 181 (Spanish)	Oruro, Bolivia	mauricio7295950@gmail.com
2024-06-06	Women's 246 (Spanish)	Las Cruces, NM	escueladirigentesroswell@hotmail.com
2024-06-06	Men's Cursillo	Charlotte, NC	pattymead8910@gmail.com
2024-06-06	Women's 964 (English)	Phoenix, AR	palancadecolores@yahoo.com
2024-06-06	Women's Cursillo (English)	Antigonish, Canada	Cbcursillo@gmail.com
2024-06-06	Women's 260 (Spanish)	Sacramento, CA	mccsacramento@outlook.com

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

Secretariat Member openings

Current openings

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



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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

NATIONAL CURSILLO INFORMATION: www.natl-cursillo.org Read about Cursillo news, palanca requests from around the world, or read the national newsletter.

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



CHRIST is COUNTING on YOU!

Join us for a day of renewing the basics of Cursillo.

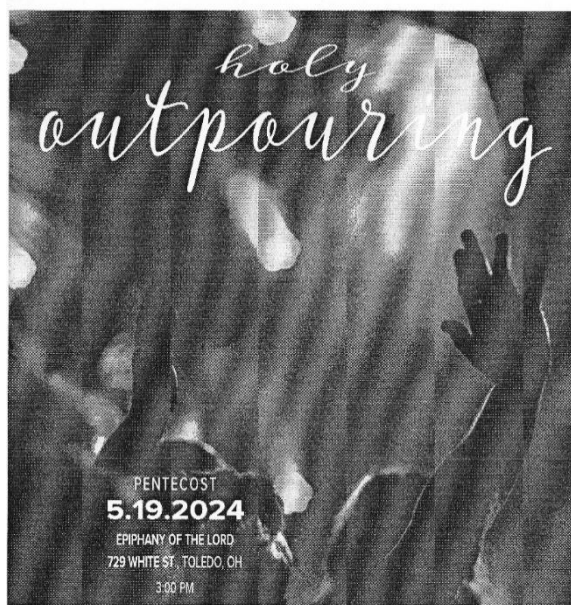
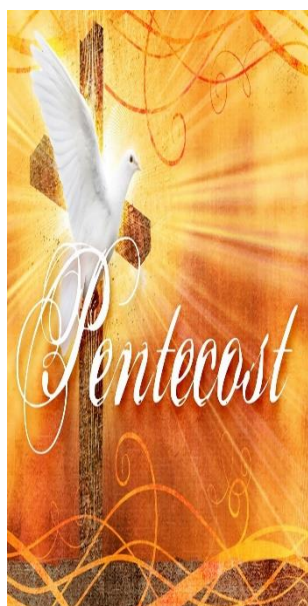
Saturday - June 15, 2024

8:30am – 9:00am Registration, Fellowship & Breakfast

Starting at 9:00am to 4:00pm

Mass is at 4:30pm at St. Wendelin (if desired)

St. Wendelin Parish, 323 N. Wood St. Fostoria, Ohio



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