

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.

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Cursillo Weekends - 2027

Lial Retreat Center - Whitehouse, OH

Spring

Men's Spring - March 11 - 14
Women's Spring - April 8 - 11

Fall

Men's Fall - September 9 - 12
Women's Fall - October 7 - 10

Spiritual Advisors Letter

Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ.

Dear Friends,

As Cursillistas we are quite familiar (hopefully!) with this saying. I heard it recently again, and that got me pondering friendship and asking myself what that saying really means.

It's possible for us humans to have only a very few intimate friends, soul-mates, persons we've come to know and trust, usually over a long period of time, having shared many life experiences and grown in trust and vulnerability with one another. Those kinds of friendships don't develop overnight. If that is what we primarily understand by the word, "friend" then it is easy enough to say, "I don't need another friend" or "I don't have time or energy to make another friend."

Most, if not all of us, come away from a Cursillo weekend with a new or renewed conviction of Christ's unique love for us. And hopefully, we find ourselves wanting others to have this same experience of being loved in an overwhelming way. We want N and N to experience the grace of a Cursillo weekend and we start planning how and when to invite them. Maybe we've seen them at Mass; maybe they work alongside us; maybe they enjoy the same sports we do. Maybe that's what the saying means. Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Cursillo. GREAT!! DO IT!!! START NOW!

However, as important as that is for the life of the Movement, the majority of folks "out there" will never live a Cursillo weekend, either because circumstances in their life won't allow it or they simply have no interest, even after we've tried inviting them. Does that excuse us from friendship?

As we grow in God's unconditional love for us, we also grow in awareness of the preciousness of each person God has made. Awareness is so important, and being noticed and acknowledged is a way of extending friendship even to people we'll only meet once or casually pass on the street or in the store. We make eye contact with the clerk behind the counter, the person who works alongside us in factory or office or hospital or greenhouse and notice in the other the presence of Christ – rejoicing or suffering, discouraged or heavily burdened, fearful or guilt-ridden, trying to do what is right despite occasional failures. The offer of friendship is a gesture of meeting another person, not as an object or a functionary, but as a human being with needs and desires like mine. I can respond with a smile or a nod that genuinely says, "I see you. I value you. I am your brother/sister; we're on this human journey together and I want to offer you a bit of encouragement." Even if I never meet that person again, I will have gifted him/her with a blessing that says, "You are noticed, significant and loved." Through that simple gesture I am bringing that friend to Christ.

People can experience God through us without our even mentioning God's name. Perhaps there will be another chance encounter with that person. Perhaps a second or third one will flower into a "regular" friendship where mutual sharing of hopes and dreams, burdens and fears will be shared. Maybe this new friend will someday be an ideal candidate for a Cursillo weekend and Movement. We'll want to celebrate that wholeheartedly! But even if our efforts to be Christ and to see Christ in another/others never results in a new Cursillista, we need not be discouraged if we have brought that friend to Christ by the genuine attention, respect and care we've given – if only for a moment.

Thanks for the many ways God gives us to share friendship! Let's do it! Ultreya!

De Colores, my Friends!
Sister Edna Michel, OSF

Lay Directors Letter

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord oh my soul!" Psalm 146: 1

I don't know about all of you, but this summer is busy and flying by quickly! The Cursillo weekends in June, graduations and grad parties, weddings, baby showers and bridal showers, church festivals, family gatherings... and the list goes on. But during all this busyness don't forget to pray and praise Him!

I don't know about you, but I have found having a good prayer routine helps keep me in a prayerful mindset throughout my day. And this helps when things get thrown at me that I'm not anticipating or would normally throw me for a loop. It helps me remember or keep in mind God is always in control.

Earlier today I was reading the meditation for today's readings in *The Word Among Us*, "From the beginning, God knew every situation we would face. He knew what our families would be like. He knew the struggles we would encounter growing up. Nothing in our life comes as a shock to him. No matter what our situation may be, his overflowing grace is always available to us."

So, remember that no matter what gets thrown at you today, or tomorrow, or next week, God is always in control! Praise Him in all and through all for He is always with us, guiding us and giving us His strength and peace!

And if you don't have a good routine and are busy, as most of us are, start today! It doesn't have to be hours long or the same every day. Make it something you enjoy that will help you stick to it. If your day gets derailed and you must start at noon instead of at 9:00 am, don't be surprised, just go with it. But the most important thing is taking and making that time for Jesus daily. And remember to praise Him in all things!

Blessings!

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Pre-Cursillo

I know the Spring weekends may seem far off, but when you look at all the vacations, weddings, family get-togethers and holidays (Labor Day, POW-MIA Day, Columbus Day, Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, New Years Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Valentine's Day, Washington's Birthday) between now and then the time will fly by quickly.

Next year's Springs weekends are:

Men's weekend #303 March 11-14. Application deadline February 24.

I have no new candidate applications. I do have two candidates that could not make June's weekend and I will invite them for #303. I also have two inquiries that I am following up on. One of these is new to Toledo and is looking for a sponsor from the Jesus parish area.

Women's weekend #304 is April 8-11. Application deadline March 24.

I have no new candidate applications. I have one candidate to invite again that has moved to the Mansfield area and will be needing a new sponsor. If you think you could possibly be a sponsor for one of these candidates let me know and I will get you in touch with them so you can Make that friend, Be that friend, and Bring that friend to an upcoming weekend.

Next year's Fall weekends are:

Men's #305 September 9-12. Application deadline August 24.

Women's #306 October 7-10. Application deadline September 22.

You have time to start praying for possible candidates for next year's weekends. Time to Make that friend, Be that friend, and Bring that friend to one of the weekends. Please go to our website at www.cursillo419.org for the most up to date candidate and sponsor applications.

Also we are looking for someone to work with me as Co-Pre-Cursillo chair. There are some basic computer skills needed but I can teach those to you if necessary. If you think you might be called to this ministry please pray on it and contact Troy Peebles, Karen Reinhart-Fritsch or myself.

Thank you.

Pat Montgomery Pre-Cursillo

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It is always so hard to follow a good Rollo. The same may be said about following a great Cursillo Team, Robert Drewier and Dave Zaborski. Thank you Bob and Dave for the great service you have given to Toledo Diocese Cursillo!

Now a quick introduction. We are Luanne (254) and John Welch (253) and members of St. Catherine's Parish in Toledo. Our responsibilities include helping rectors fill out their teams and document their teams.

That being said we are already receiving applications for next springs weekends.

Men's weekend will be held March 11, to March 14, 2027

Women's weekend will be held April 8 to April 11, 2027

Interested in working?? Download a form from our website cursillo419.org.

Look under the "ARK and Forms" page.

Fill it out and email it to us at cursillo419@gmail.com.

We can't wait to see you on the next team!

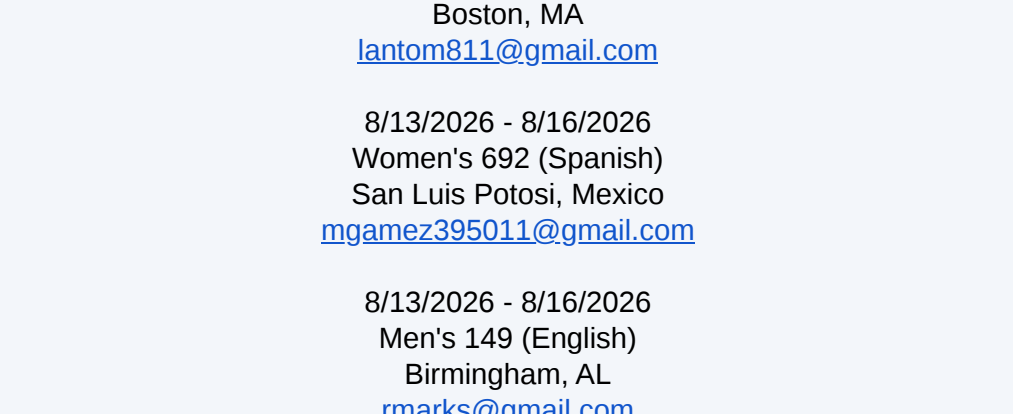
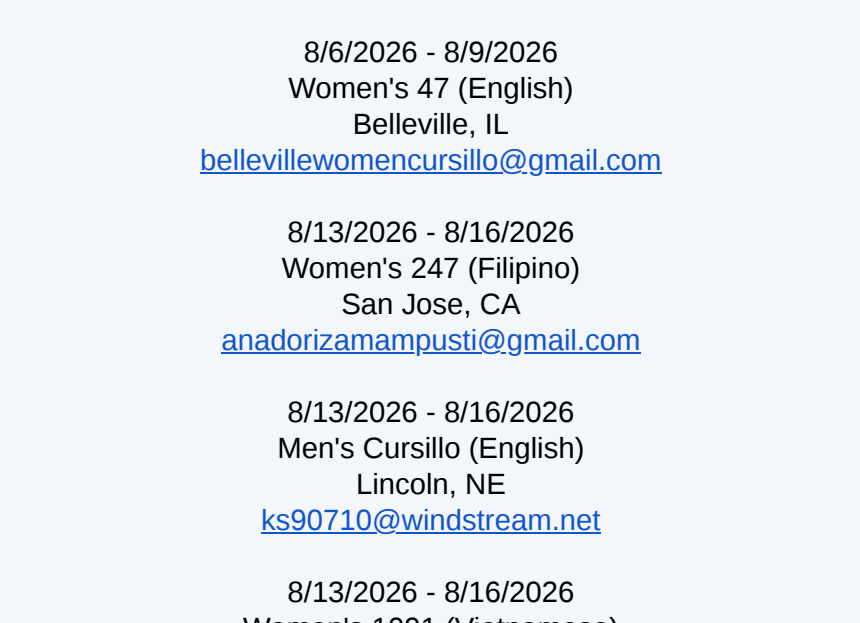
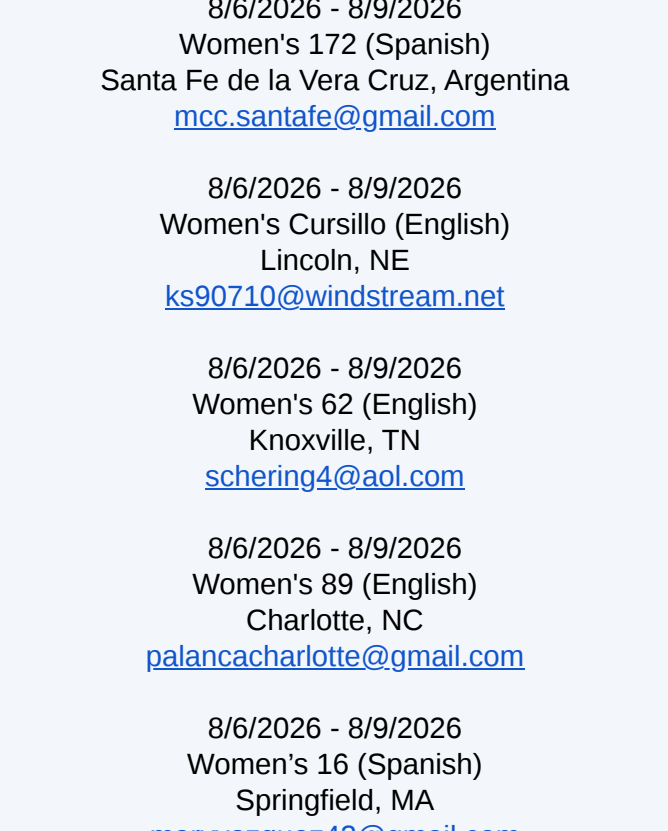
De Colores,

Luanne and John Welch

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Post Cursillo



Tiffin and New Riegel Ultreya will be on August 23 at 7:00pm
in the Upper Room of St. Joseph Activity Center in Tiffin.
All are welcome.

Area 8 Ultreya will be held on August 10 from 7:00 to 9:00pm
at Holy Trinity in Bucyrus.



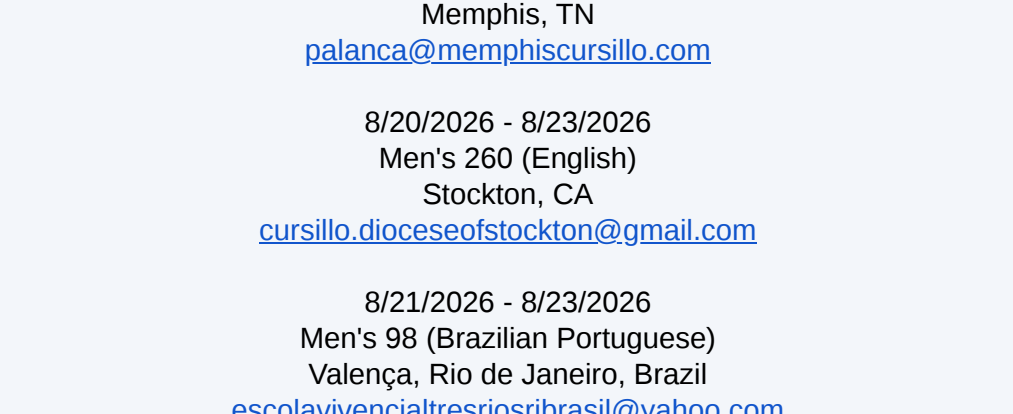
Hello fellow Cursillistas,

We hope you have been enjoying the summer, but school is almost in session. SOL will meet August 15, 2026 in the Marian Room at St. Michael's Findlay. Doors open 830 am and we will begin at 9am and end at noon. Roger Brickner will provide the scripture reading and reflection. Fr. Tad Oxley will present chapters 1 and 2 of "The Religion of the Day". Walt Beckford will present chapters 15,16 and 17 of "Rediscover Jesus".

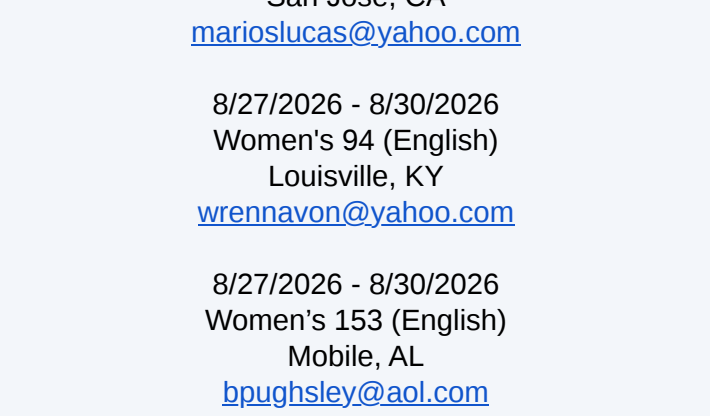
I have a very limited number of "The Religion of the Day" remaining for purchase . Cost is 15.00. Hope to see you there and as always feel free to bring a snack to share.

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Jon Hampshire & family - Jon passed away,
Jim & Tina Mira family - Jim passed away,
Betty - cancer biopsy,
Dani - for safe delivery,
Friends - attending Retrouville weekend,
Chuck - cancer,
Betty - cancer,
Dillon - for him & his family,
For Special Intentions



Summer is a busy season for Cursillo weekends around the world. While each weekend is unique, they are all united through the power of Palanca. Our prayers, sacrifices, and acts of love offered for the movement around the world connect us all.

De Colores!
Bob and Alicia

8/6/2026 - 8/9/2026

Women's 172 (Spanish)

Santa Fe de la Vera Cruz, Argentina

mcc.santafe@gmail.com

8/6/2026 - 8/9/2026

Women's Cursillo (English)

Lincoln, NE

ks90710@windstream.net

8/6/2026 - 8/9/2026

Women's 62 (English)

Knoxville, TN

schering4@aol.com

8/6/2026 - 8/9/2026

Women's 89 (English)

Charlotte, NC

palancacharlotte@gmail.com

8/6/2026 - 8/9/2026

Women's 16 (Spanish)

Springfield, MA

marvazquez42@gmail.com

8/6/2026 - 8/9/2026

Men's 413 (English)

San Angelo, TX

noreenr11@gmail.com

8/6/2026 - 8/9/2026

Women's 47 (English)

Belleville, IL

bellevillewomenscursillo@gmail.com

8/13/2026 - 8/16/2026

Women's 247 (Filipino)

San Jose, CA

anadorizamampusti@gmail.com

8/13/2026 - 8/16/2026

Men's Cursillo (English)

Lincoln, NE

ks90710@windstream.net

8/13/2026 - 8/16/2026

Women's 1091 (Vietnamese)

Los Angeles, CA

marynhuongt@yahoo.com

8/13/2026 - 8/16/2026

Women's 17 (Vietnamese)

Boston, MA

lantom811@gmail.com

8/13/2026 - 8/16/2026

Women's 692 (Spanish)

San Luis Potosi, Mexico

mgamez395011@gmail.com

8/13/2026 - 8/16/2026

Men's 149 (English)

Birmingham, AL

marks@gmail.com

8/13/2026 - 8/16/2026

Men's 269 (Spanish)

Sacramento, CA

mccsacramento@outlook.com

8/13/2026 - 8/16/2026

Men's 92 (English)

Louisville, KY

peregov1@juno.com

8/13/2026 - 8/16/2026

Men's Cursillo (English)

Fort Worth, TX

dftemister32@gmail.com

8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Women's 190 (English)

Cincinnati, OH

wsallen4444@yahoo.com

8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Women's 67 (English)

Albany, NY

82muchmandms@gmail.com

8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Men's 1092 (Vietnamese)

Los Angeles, CA

marynhuongt@yahoo.com

8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Men's 2 (Spanish)

Indianapolis, IN

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8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Men's 18 (Vietnamese)

Boston, MA

lantom811@gmail.com

8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Men's 440 (English)

San Antonio, TX

palanca.satx@gmail.com

8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Men's 66 (Vietnamese)

San Jose, CA

haiducnguyen1407@gmail.com

8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Women's 1248 (Spanish)

Caguas, Puerto Rico

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8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Men's 42 (English)

Belleville, IL

bellevillewomenscursillo@gmail.com

8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Women's 34 (Spanish)

Venice, FL

asevillanooa@hotmail.com

8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Men's 141 (English)

Memphis, TN

palanca@memphiscursillo.com

8/20/2026 - 8/23/2026

Men's 260 (English)

Stockton, CA

cursillo.dioceseofstockton@gmail.com

8/21/2026 - 8/23/2026

Men's 98 (Brazilian Portuguese)

Valencia, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

escolavivencialtresriosejbrasil@yahoo.com

8/27/2026 - 8/30/2026

Men's 84 (English)

Charleston, SC

amarcella1206@yahoo.com

8/27/2026 - 8/30/2026

Men's 51 (English/Korean)

Los Angeles, CA

koreancursillo.la@gmail.com

8/27/2026 - 8/30/2026

Women's 67 (Vietnamese)

San Jose, CA

haiducnguyen1407@gmail.com

8/27/2026 - 8/30/2026

Men's 248 (Filipino)

San Jose, CA

marioslucas@yahoo.com

8/27/2026 - 8/30/2026

Women's 94 (English)

Louisville, KY

wrennavon@yahoo.com

8/27/2026 - 8/30/2026

Women's 153 (English)

Mobile, AL

bpughslvey@aol.com

8/29/2026 - 8/29/2026

Regional Ultreya (Sapnish)