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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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Spiritual Advisor

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

May you know the grace and peace of God our Father and of Jesus our Lord as you journey through life toward your goal of fully becoming saints.

We have successfully breached the 300 mark of Cursillo Weekends with 16 new Cursillistas from the men and women's weekend, 301 and 302 in Maria Stein Retreat Center. Congratulations to our new members: Men's Weekend #301: Don Christian, Jerry Comar, Bryan Hanlon, Dustin Humphrey, Steve Ladue, Scott Swint, Jim Tabler, Rick West.

The Ladies from Women's #302: Mary Burkart, Mykenna Donnersbach, Annette Gerding, Elizabeth Humphrey, Bonnie Miller, Rosemary Roesner, Holly Schoenberger and Teresa Wright.

They both were fantastic, wonderful (the best ones yet) weekends. A bit far to travel but oh so well worth it!

Lial Retreat Center @ Whitehouse, Ohio

2027 Dates

Spring

Men - March 11-14

Women - April 8-11

Fall

Men - Sept. 9 - 12

Women - Oct. 7-10

Since these are the last Cursillo Weekends of this year make sure you keep in touch by grouping on a regular basis, develop and attend Ultreyas. Come to School of Leaders in the Fall and to Focus Day. If we are not intentional about continuing the MOVEMENT, then it becomes just another nice weekend of memories. These too soon fade. Constant physical presence with one another can make the difference. How about contacting people who were on your weekend and invite them to get together for a prayerful reunion. Imagine the enthusiasm we could develop that could counteract what is often heard, "Cursillo. Are they still doing that?" We have to show by our

evidence YES! We are.

250 Years! The United States of America has been a formidable presence on the stage of the world. Happy Birthday USA.

This is a cause to celebrate the endurance of a unique form of government, underpinned by Divine Assistance. Not just by fireworks and picnics, parades and gatherings of patriotic songs and speeches, and prayer, but by a keen study of how and who made it all happen. Study our Founding Father’s and their intent on forming and producing the ***Declaration of independence***.

It was in August of 1776 that 56 courageous men came together in Philadelphia and framed the document that freed us from King George III and Great Britain to form a new nation. This Document is developed in five parts. **The Preamble**: “When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connect them with another...” **The New Theory of Government**: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” **The Indictment of the King**. “The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all of having a direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these States. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.” **The List of Grievances**: Here a list of 27 individual items are stated as fact of the Kings refusal to respond to the appeals made by the Continental Congress of the Colonies. The final two paragraphs are the efforts the Congress contued to make and an appeal to the British citizens (brethern0. Finally **the Declaration of Freedom**: “...That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States.” And for the support of this Declaration , with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred Honor.”

Of course, the War for Independence ensued. The colonies won and America became a separate Nation from the British Empire And then the task of drafting a Constitution for this new entity was the next daunting task. And that is a subject for another time.

My point is that we all need to study these sacred documents so we know who we are as citizens of the United States.

There are so many resources available today from the internet, YouTube and so many podcasts around this special year of our Nation. I found my material from Hillsdale College and from Turning Point. But there are so many resources available.

Fireworks are nice,... for the moment. Knowing about our Founding and the wisdom and grace that went into the formulation of our Country and government is amazing. May you enjoy your experience of discovery.

Have a grand Fourth! And a wonderful Summer.

De Colores!

Fr Jim Brown



LAY DIRECTORS

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The June Men's Cursillo #301 and the Women's Cursillo #302 are successfully behind us. We would like to thank all those that made the extra effort to join us at Maria Stein for either (or both) weekend to share the Holy Hour, serenade and closing with us. Thank you as well for all the Palanca for both weekends. We are so very blessed by all of you!

Our Cursillo weekend dates for 2027 are as follows, at Lila Retreat Center in Whitehouse, OH;

Men #303 March 11-14

Women #304 April 8-11

Men #305 September 9-12

Women #306 October 7-10

Please keep the Secretariat in prayer as we work on details for the 2027 weekends. Lial provides a few challenges, but by the grace of God and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit we have some ideas and all will come together, as always, for the greater good.

May God send blessings, peace and protection upon our great country and our service men and women as we celebrate 250 years of freedom! Let us never take for granted our right to worship the one true God! Along with our right to assemble, praise and worship Him together!

Have a safe, fun, blessed July 4th everyone!

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Next year's 2027 Spring 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 web page 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 plenty of time to start praying on possible candidates for next years weekends. Plenty of time to Make that friend, Be that friend, and Bring that friend to one of the weekends. Please go to the www.Cursillo419.org site 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 is 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.

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Cursillo

DECOLORES ALL,

A special shout out for those who recently joined our journey to evangelize our environments and our world.

Monica, myself and Patrick M. were fortunate to get away this weekend to visit the Maria Stein Retreat Center for Cursillo #302. We were there for both the Holy Hour Saturday as well as the closing Sunday.

As always, the chance to spend time with spiritually charged friends is very uplifting. I mentioned to Bernie R. Sunday that I have always looked up to him. I was talking about his dedication and love for our Lord. *He said it's because he is taller than me.*

We are very hopeful that all the new Cursillistas will carve out their spot in the Cursillo Movement and continue to trust in the Holy Spirit for guidance. There are many opportunities to be fulfilled and God has selected each of us to complete these task. It is our responsibility to find our place and get about His work.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of the Secretariat for both Robert D. and myself. Thank you Kathy O. for helping us to say yes. Soon a beautiful couple by the last name of Welch will be taking over the Cursillo position. Best wishes and prayers for them.

Finally, if you care to work next year on the Cursillo weekends I suggest that you send an application to John and Luanne Welch. I don't feel at ease to share their personal information so please hold off until our transfer of job responsibilities and files are complete, hopefully by next month.

God bless from the Zaborski's and Robert (Bob) Drewior



4th Day / Fourth Day



School of Leaders does not meet in July. We will resume in August. Have a safe and Happy 250th Independence Day!

DeColores,
Shirley Fitz and Diane Gutschalk



Young couple - expecting a child that may have Downs Syndrome, Jamie Southers - heart issues, Bill Owens - chemo treatments, Tre & Sarah - family needs prayers, thanksgiving prayers - Bill Owens' remission, Ed Kanarowski - heart surgery, one year old Archie - passed away, family members - out of work, Dan & Tina - Dan's dementia, Helen & Gary Keel - health issues, Jan Stainbrook - in hospital, Luke Welly & family.



Area 2 Ultreyas are on the 2 nd Sunday of each month, 2-3 pm. Jaeger Hall St. Clements Church

Area 7 & 10 The Ultreya for July is on Sunday, July 26th at 7:00 pm in the Upper Room of the St. Joseph Activity Center in Tiffin. All are welcome to join in Prayer and song and bring a friend.

Area 8 July 13 at Resurrection in Lexington 7-9 PM.



PALANCA

Happy Summer! The June Cursillo weekends held at Maria Stein were a beautiful time filled with grace & new beginnings as the Holy Spirit led our team and candidates. Welcome to our new 4th dayers! Please add the following cursillo weekends to your prayers as we offer up palanca to teams and candidates around the world.

7/2/2026	7/5/2026	Women's 171 (Spanish)	Santa Fe de la Vera Cruz, Argentina	mcc.santafe@gmail.com
7/2/2026	7/5/2026	Men's 620 (English)	Tucson, AZ	ocovar24@aol.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Men's 146 (Spanish)	Tulancingo, Hidalgo, Mexico	tulancingomcc48@yahoo.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Men's 160 (English)	Jefferson City, MO	JC.Cursillo.Serviceteam@gmail.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Women's 781 (Filipino)	San Francisco, CA.	Ichin53@yahoo.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Men's 780 (Filipino)	San Francisco, CA.	Ichin53@yahoo.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Men's 159 (Spanish)	San Jose, CA	sjcursillopalancas@gmail.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Men's 91 (Spanish)	Denver, CO	cursilloscristiandaddenver@gmail.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Women's 621 (English)	Tucson, AZ	ocovar24@aol.com

7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Women's 113 (Spanish)	Cleveland, OH	nelson.cec@gmail.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Men's 98 (English)	Rochester, NY	jscheuerlein@gmail.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Women's 134 (English)	Oklahoma City, OK	okcok.cursillo@gmail.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Men's 1248 (Spanish)	Caguas, Puerto Rico	mariascrespo1963@gmail.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Women's 63 (English/Hungarian)	Budapest, Hungary	vacs kamati9@gmail.com
7/9/2026	7/12/2026	Men's 399 (English)	Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN	bkattllc@gmail.com
7/16/2026	7/19/2026	Men's 5 (Vietnamese)	Orlando, FL	pinebay1820@gmail.com
7/16/2026	7/19/2026	Men's 22 (Spanish)	Charlotte, NC	Cursilloscharlotte2025@gmail.com
7/16/2026	7/19/2026	Women's 158 (Spanish)	Tulancingo, Hidalgo, Mexico	tulancingomcc48@yahoo.com
7/16/2026	7/19/2026	Women's 161 (English)	Jefferson City, MO	jc.cursillo.serviceteam@gmail.com
7/16/2026	7/19/2026	Men's 73 (English)	Salt Lake City, UT	rita.stelmach@gmail.com
7/16/2026	7/19/2026	Women's 16 (Korean)	San Jose, CA	mwcursillo.palanca@gmail.com
7/16/2026	7/19/2026	Women's 51 (English/Korean)	Los Angeles, CA	koreancursillo.la@gmail.com
7/16/2026	7/19/2026	Women's 440 (English)	Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN	sheryltufo@icloud.com
7/16/2026	7/19/2026	Women's 414 (Spanish)	Santa Fe, NM	ana.olivas@icloud.com
7/17/2026	7/19/2026	Women's 4 (Portugues)	Jaboatão dos Guararapes, PE, Brazil	precursilho.ipe@gmail.com
7/23/2026	7/26/2026	Men's 174 (Spanish)	Santa Fe de la Vera Cruz, Argentina	mcc.santafe@gmail.com
7/23/2026	7/26/2026	Women's 6 (Vietnamese)	Orlando, FL	pinebay1820@gmail.com
7/23/2026	7/26/2026	Women's 19 (Spanish)	Charlotte, NC	Cursilloscharlotte2025@gmail.com
7/23/2026	7/26/2026	2026 National Encounter USA (ALL)	Wheaton IL	cursillousa.palanca@gmail.com
7/23/2026	7/26/2026	Men's 134 (English)	Oklahoma City, OK	okcok.cursillo@gmail.com
7/23/2026	7/26/2026	Men's 42 (Vietnamese)	Rüdesheim am Rhein, Mainz, Germany	congngan@gmx.de
7/23/2026	7/26/2026	Men's 87 (English)	Charlotte, NC	palancacharlotte@gmail.com
7/23/2026	7/26/2026	Men's 112 (English)	Harrisburg, PA	hbgmenscursillo@gmail.com
7/23/2026	7/26/2026	Women's 252 (Spanish)	Las Cruces, NM	maria5758@aol.com
7/30/2026	8/2/2026	Women's 160 (Spanish)	San Jose, CA	sjcursillopalancas@gmail.com
7/30/2026	8/2/2026	Women's 74 (English)	Salt Lake City, UT	rita.stelmach@gmail.com
7/30/2026	8/2/2026	Women's 108 (English)	Harrisburg, PA	hbgwomenscursillo@gmail.com
7/30/2026	8/2/2026	Men's 253 (Spanish)	Las Cruces, NM	maria5758@aol.com



Witness: *Let us know how God is working in your life email to toledocursillo@gmail.com
For your information and reflection -- there are several positions on Secretariat that will be opening*

Current openings on Secretariat

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The current position holders will be with you one year to familiarize you with the service position you assume/step into.



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.

**GOD NEVER CEASES TO
SPEAK WITH US**
inviting us to make progress in one
way or another...

