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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.

September 2024

Application Forms are on the Website:

www.cursillo419.org

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Our Spiritual Advisor

Ark Spiritual Directors Article

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It's been a wonderful time being with and sharing in our next men's Cursillo team meetings (#295). I'm enjoying time and time again our learning, sharing, and growing – even when I have faulty hearing and also speaking! It proves to me that our Lord will use all kinds of persons as precious tools in His hands. I get wonderful new ideas to amaze me as we share so much personal faith growth with one another. When shared as one's own personal faith experiences, we can see how they all fit together to actually BE the whole Body of Christ alive and well.

So... I'm becoming even more and more aware of how important it is that I make extra efforts to invite others to live our weekends and grow in our groupings and ultreyas. Our current generation is just as much in need as any previous ones were. And with the growth of the internet and AI and more ways of connecting, what we're all about in sharing the gift of faith is more challenging and can even be more powerful while still very personal. Discussing things like this can help us each (and all) grow and glow!!! Let's be great encouragers.....!

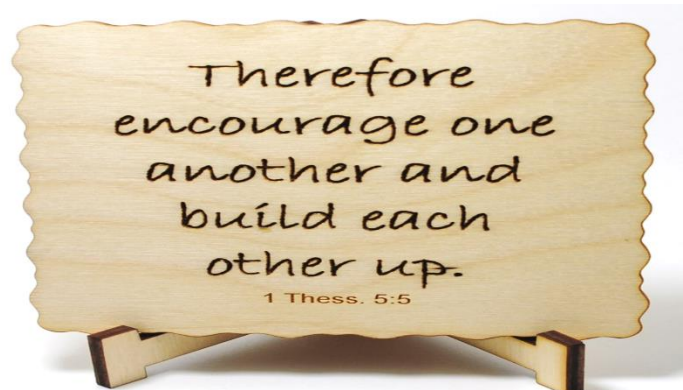
DE Colores,

Fr. Skip

2024 Fall Weekends

MEN -- September 12-15

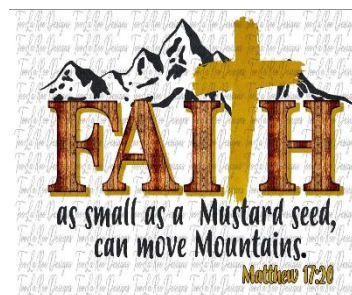
Women - October 17 - 20



Lay Director

Friends, summer of 2024 is just about over! And fall is right around the corner. It seems like only yesterday we were all celebrating Memorial day. Where has the time, the days gone? Hopefully and prayerfully you have been able to enjoy the days gone by.

One thing that life has been good at teaching me is that I need to live today to the fullest. And that can have different meanings for different people. We as Christians know that we need to live for Jesus. As it is so often said at a Cursillo weekend, we are Christ's hands, feet, ears, mouth! We are His body on earth, and He is counting on us to share His love with the rest of the world. So often I think, I can't do that. I don't have the strength or enough knowledge or faith to do it. But the Bible reminds us that faith the size of a mustard seed is all we need to move a mountain. Hmmm, what mountain(s) am I up against? Remembering that I am not moving the mountain, but my faith in Jesus Christ is moving it. "Apart from me you can do nothing" John 15:5 Jesus says this as He was talking about being the vine. That brings up another thought to ponder. What words do I use to describe Jesus? Here's a few that we talked about in grouping a few weeks ago. And these are only a few.



Love, Healer, Forgiveness, Ideal, Study, Caring, Understanding, Savior, Teacher, Welcoming, Thankfulness, Compassion, Trust, Powerful.

Maybe take some time and reflect on what words come to your mind when you say "Jesus". Such a powerful word! Such a calming word when we are in the midst of turmoil and don't know where to turn or what to do! "Jesus". I invite you to try it. Really try it. Give it a shot. Nothing to lose. Especially if you never have said that powerful one word prayer "Jesus".

Live today for today! Proverbs 27:1 "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring".

God's peace and love to all of you, fellow workers in God's fields.

John Lyons

Kathy Otermat

Pre-Cursillo

Men's #295 is up to 9 applications received and 5 Yes responses so far.
Weekend is September 12 to 15

Women's #296 has 3 applications received so far. (Weekend is October 17 to 20.
Looking forward to more applications.

De Colores!

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295 CANDIDATES Sept. 12- 15

- +Paul Hutchins -- St. Peter, Mansfield** **+Chris Mendoza --St. Michael, Gibsonburg**
- +Father Walter Oxley—St. Marys, Millersville & Gibsonburg**
- +Dennis Behm—St. Joseph, Tiffin** **+ Bruce Guzowski—St. Joseph, Tiffin**
- +Cory Decker—St. Joseph, Tiffin** **+Nick Foos – St. Mary, Millersville**
- +Michael Perry Jr. – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Temperance**
- +Deacon Michael Dazley—St. Michael, Gibsonburg**



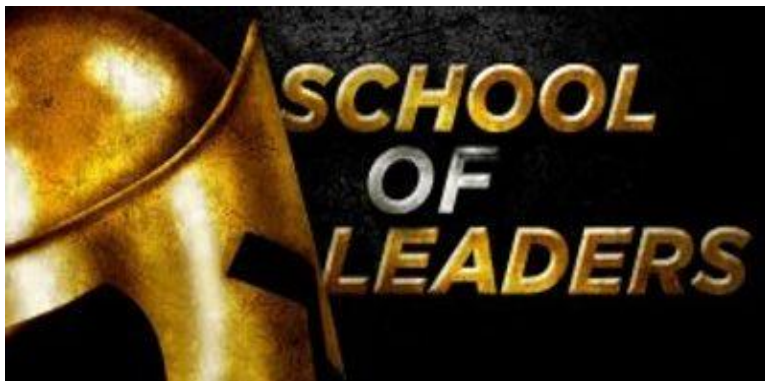
A little note from Bob & Dave-
Hello brothers and sisters-
I hope summer is going well. The good Lord can turn the heat down any time in my opinion. So far he hasn't ask for my opinion.
Anyway, it would appear that we are still short a few team applications. Please get them in ASAP.

On a personal note, I would like to suggest that if you can afford it, maybe consider a bit extra toward the scholarship funds. We have both candidates and team members that could use a hand. If you can't that is obviously your choice. Sr. Edna brought up the need back at our last focus day it really hit a chord with us.

Do what you can and ULTREYA!
Dave Z and Robert D. Website is Cursillo419
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TEAM # 295 September 12-15

Fr. Jim Brown Co-Spiritual Advisor	Fr. Skip Littellmann- Co-Spiritual Advisor
Dcn. Andy McMahon Co-Spiritual Advisor	Don Fritsch- Rector- Total Security
Mike Ruhlen- Ass't Rector---Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo	Greg Dobbertien- Disciple
Robert Drewior Disciple	Dcn. Jerry Gubernath Disciple
Al Ramirez – Disciple	Jamie Southers Disciple
Troy Peebles Head Disciple	Jeff Hammer Head Shepherd
Steve McCaw-Shepherd-Leaders	Dan Shaferly -Shepherd
Chris Solly -Shepherd -Study	Bob Swartzmiller-- Shepherd-Piety
Dave Zaborski-Troubador	Matt Hirt- Leader-Ideal- Ideal
Pat Montgomery-- Sacristan- Layperson in Church	Chuck Dobson -Table Leader -Action
Jim Vasko—Table Leader—Asst. Troubador- Study of Environments	Rami Martinez -Table Leader-Christianity in Action



Greetings to all our Cursillo family! It seems impossible that we are in September already. But it's a joyous month as we get the kids back to school and re-establish our routines even as we squeeze in a few more summer activities, right? We also have the mens weekend coming up so we can focus our palanca on the needs of those working and living the

weekend so their faith will grow and be strengthened through the working of the Holy Spirit! And, since we know we cannot “out-give” God, our own faith grows as we offer prayers and sacrifices for others.

We are back in the swing of things with our School of Leaders as well this month.

If you haven't been to one for a while, (or ever), consider this your special invitation to experience the camaraderie and joy of learning and sharing our faith with other Cursillistas. If you are sponsoring a new Cursillista, it's a great way to start your

commitment to group together.

We will meet in the Marian room at Findlay St. Michaels on Sat, Sept 21 from 9 AM till noon. Doors open @ 8:30.

Kathy Otermat will do the reading and reflection.

Fr. Skip will present Real Presence in our Relationship with Society (pp. 107-113) in Living with Real Presence.

Bill Obringer will present chapter 11, What was Jesus doing on the Cross? (Pp. 106-118) of Rescued.

We will have the coffee on and look forward to seeing YOU!

It's time well spent with Jesus and fellow Cursillistas, so bring a friend and a snack to share.

DeColores, dear friends,

Annie Blum annieblum516@gmail.com

Walter Beckford wbeckford@bex.net

4th Day / Post Cursillo

Greetings to all of our Cursillo community. Summer is coming to an end, school is back in session and the fall Cursillos will be here soon. Betty and I want to thank everyone who has given witnesses in the past on holy hours and closings, I pray those witnesses inspire others to live out their faith.

We still are looking for a couple of people to share with us how they evangelize their environments, please don't be afraid to witness it only has to be a few minutes long and we would love to hear how Our Lord works in your life. Please say

YES when you are asked to give a witness. If you have a story to tell us please call me at 419-447-6410. The men's weekend is Sept. 12-15 and the women's is Oct. 17-20. Thank you and God bless you all. Bill and Betty Obringer

Cursillo Strategy: Fourth Day

- Specific support for study, prayer and action through:
 - Ongoing small groups
 - Larger diocesan gatherings to hear encouraging examples of Christian action.



(prayers for the month)

For a special intention, for Jess - breast cancer treatment, for John - knee replacement & stroke, Charlie Doran - passed away, and for his family, young mother - motorcycle accident, Liam - passed away unexpectedly, Barb Lovell - blood clot in lungs, a woman with sepsis, Jess - chemo & radiation, friend - heart attack, Mary Jo - health issues, young woman - colon cancer.

Stay cool!

September Ultreyas

Area 2 Ultreya's are on the 2nd Sunday of each month. 2-3 pm Jaeger Hall St Clements church.

Area 7 and 10 Tiffin Area – September 22, @ 7 pm , Upper Room, St. Joe, Tiffin

Area 8 Ultreya will be held on September 9, 2024 at Holy Trinity in Bucyrus. We will have a Holy Hour for the Men's Cursillo 295 (Sept 12-15) from 7-8pm in the Chapel with fellowship and refreshments to follow from 8-9pm in the church office. All are welcome!



PALANCA

Please share what you are doing for Palanca! email to = Palanca419@outlook.com

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!

Jack B. Reuter, Palanca Chair

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS

2024-09-05	Women Cursillo (Spanish)	Laredo, TX	cursilloslaredo@aol.com
2024-09-05	Women's 63 (Vietnamese)	San Jose, CA	vphan62@hotmail.com
2024-09-05	Men's 145 (Spanish)	Raleigh, NC	darbasilio79@gmail.com

2024-09-05	Women's (English)	Monterey, CA	californialeo1@sbcglobal.net
2024-09-05	Men's 48 (Filipino)(English)	Bernardino, CA	dsbfilipino3day@gmail.com
2024-09-05	Women's 22 (Spanish)	Seattle, WA	gabihidalgo@hotmail.com
2024-09-05	Men's 128 (English)	Lafayette-Indianapolis, IN	palanca@cursillo-cicc.org
2024-09-05	Women's 66 (English)	Seattle, WA	gabihidalgo@hotmail.com
2024-09-05	Men's 81 (English)	Charleston, SC	amarcella1206@yahoo.com
2024-09-05	Men's 100 (English)	Evansville, IN	kmgries87@gmail.com
2024-09-05	Men's 85	Denver, CO	donygallegos@icloud.com
2024-09-05	Women's 15 (Spanish)	Colorado Springs, CO	sotomirna1968@gmail.com
2024-09-05	Women's 42 (English)	Venice, FL	bmeiderdrut@hotmail.com
2024-09-12	Men's 81 (English)	Charleston, SC	amarcella1206@yahoo.com
2024-09-12	Women's 281 (English)	Gary, IN	breanonbarsic@gmail.com
2024-09-12	Men's (English)	Sacramento, CA	jwill1972@hotmail.com
2024-09-12	Men's 261 (Spanish)	Sacramento, CA	mccsacramento@outlook.com
2024-09-12	Louisville 60th Anniversary (English)	Louisville, KY	wrennavon@yahoo.com
2024-09-12	Men's 135 (English)	St. Augustine, FL	staugustinecursilloweekend@gmail.com
2024-09-19	Men's 22 (Spanish)	Seattle, WA	joserigoberto.hdz@gmail.com
2024-09-19	Men's 66 (English)	Seattle, WA	gabihidalgo@hotmail.com
2024-09-19	Men's 76 (Spanish)	Orlando, FL	cursillomovementorlando@outlook.com
2024-09-19	Women's 1 (Spanish)	Charleston, SC	amarcella1206@yahoo.com
2024-09-19	Men's 297 (English)	Biloxi, MS	palancamscursillo@gmail.com
2024-09-19	Men's 66 (Spanish)	Atlanta, GA	vocalcursillo-atl@outlook.com
2024-09-19	Women's 90 (Portuguese)	Valença - RJ	mccgedvalenca@gmail.com
2024-09-19	Men's 74 (English)	Jefferson City MO	JC.Cursillo.Serviceteam@gmail.com
2024-09-19	Women's 7 (Spanish)	Evansville, IN	kmgries87@gmail.com

2024-09-19	Men's 267 (English)	Green Bay, WI	gbmenscursillo@gmail.com
2024-09-19	Men's 93rd (English)	Allentown, PA	allentowncursillo@gmail.com
2024-09-19	Women's 116 (English)	Memphis, TN	palanca@memphiscursillo.com
2024-09-19	Men's 130 (English)	Oklahoma City, OK	jamesfletcher1401@gmail.com
2024-09-19	Women's 351 (English)	Oakland, CA	Oak.cursillo.palanca@gmail.com
2024-09-19	Women's 133 (English)	St. Augustine, FL	staugustinecursillopalanca@gmail.com
2024-09-25	Women's 1 (Italian)	Ragusa - Caltagirone	segr.cursillosrg@libero.it
2024-09-25	Men's 49 (Spanish)	Allentown, PA	shparishsec@gmail.com
2024-09-25	Men's 106 (Filiapino)(English)	Oakland, CA	nvamedoff@aol.com
2024-09-25	Women's 226 (Spanish)	Fresno, CA	fresnodecolores@gmail.com
2024-09-25	Women's 49 (Korean)	Los Angeles, CA	koreancursillo.la@gmail.com
2024-09-25	Women's 59 (Spanish)	Atlanta, GA	vocalcursillo-atl@outlook.com
2024-09-25	Women's E-64 (Spanish)	Peoria, IL	cursillocdop@gmail.com
2024-09-25	Women's 1 (Spanish)	Charleston, SC	amarcella1206@yahoo.com
2024-09-25	Women's 93rd (English)	Allentown, PA	allentowncursillo@gmail.com
2024-09-25	Woman's (Spanish)	San Diego, CA	cursillos239@gmail.com
2024-09-25	Men's (Spanish)	Allentown, PA	valeriorafael001@gmail.com
2024-09-25	Men`s 93 (Spanish)	San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora	silvia_al2108@hotmail.com

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

Current openings on Secretariat

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

School of Leaders Pre-Cursillo

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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