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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

(Each month, a Spiritual Advisor will write an article)

Dear Friends,

Several years ago Pope Francis declared September 1 – October 4 as the Season of Creation. In the stark reality of climate change, affecting millions of people globally – typically the poorest - he wanted to call attention to the earth’s cry for help. We humans, he said, reiterating what scientists worldwide have said for years, are responsible for most of this devastation: for the catastrophic fires, floods, droughts and famine brought on by our greedy plunder of earth’s resources with little or no thought of preserving our home for future generations. It is a big change for many of us to think of the earth as a living organism that we must respect, as we respect all life forms. Unless we live(d) very close to nature/agriculture, we may have considered earth and its gifts as property to do with as we pleased for our short term benefit.

Pope Francis, in his monumental work, *Laudato Si*, (“Praise Be to You...”) gives us wonderful background to help us see our world as God must see it: a dwelling place for God as well as for humans and all other creatures. Yes, God delights in creation and God’s Spirit moves in all creation (just as Genesis says). Once we can make that attitudinal adjustment, we will naturally, I believe, walk more gently, gracefully, and gratefully on this earth. We will want to do what we can to preserve its beauty, its diversity, and its abundance. We will take care to “reduce, reuse, refuse and recycle” wherever we can, even if that takes a bit more time and effort on our part. We will advocate for greater accountability in the public and commercial sectors, and yes, we will financially support such efforts with carefully monitored tax money.

from *The Spiritual Canticle*
by St. John of the Cross,

Seeking my Love
I will head for the
mountains and for
watersides...

O woods and thickets
Planted by the hand of my
Beloved!
O green meadow,
Coated, bright, with
flowers,
Tell me, has He passed by
you?

Pouring out a thousand
graces,
He passed these groves in
haste;
And having looked at them,
With His image alone,
Clothed them in beauty.

Upcoming 2022 Cursillo Weekends

Women’s Oct. 6-9

Please share how Christ is working in your life.
Email Nancy Cook at nancy750@bex.net





Jesus obviously loved this earth, first of all enough to be born and grow up here; secondly he taught many lessons about God using fig trees, pearls, sheep, birds, lilies of the field, wheat, grapes, etc. He loved to pray on the mountains and in the desert; he even chose bread and wine to become his very own body and blood! THAT should tell us something pretty powerful about the high importance Jesus gave to what we have always called “the material world.” MATTER MATTERS! It can’t be rudely disregarded... or we risk walking away from God’s goodness and love.

I believe one of the best ways to grow in wonder, awe and profound appreciation is to take time to be outdoors: a walk down a country road or through a metro park, sitting on a swing the in back yard simply taking in the colors of the sky, the changing color of the leaves, the cool breeze on our skin, the aroma of harvest, the sound of birds singing and praising God. We breathe in peace and harmony as our body aligns with the rhythm of the universe. What a beautiful way to pray!

So even though the “official church” Season of Creation comes to an end in a few days, I do hope you will take a few minutes each day to notice the glory around you and to follow through on your particular way of caring for this earth – God’s beloved home as well as ours.

De Colores! (The colors will be even more astounding in a few weeks! Don’t miss them!)
Love, Sr. Edna

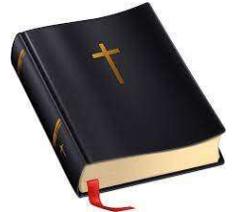
Lay Director (Each month, one of our Lay Directors will write an article.)

Greetings in Christ Sisters and Brothers!



What I keep hearing in the readings the past month or so, has been “calling”. Hmmmm. Who is calling? Easy; God. Calling me for what? Honestly, sometimes it’s a no brainer. Called to share His love to those I meet each day. Now the hard(er) part. How do I do this? Sometimes the “calling” is right in front of my face, but do I see it?

Over the years, since I first lived my Cursillo weekend in 2001, I have learned (sometimes the hard way 2X4), to keep close to God and likeminded friends. Most of them are Cursillistas! How? Piety, Study and Action. Or Holiness, Formation and Evangelization. How do I grow in my piety/holiness? Daily reading from the bible. (Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth) followed by either some more spiritual readings or a podcast. And if I can, a visit



to the adoration chapel. Trying to keep Christ in the forefront of my mind. Next is to try and Study/Formation. Again, good books help me with occasional podcasts or YouTube videos from various sources. Finally, Action/Evangelization. Sharing God in my life with others. Evangelization can be a scary word. But it really isn’t if you are using the other 2 legs to help hold you up! If you are working at living a holy life, studying God’s word to see what it says, then your action will flow naturally. St Francis said, “Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary”.

So how is God calling me and to what? Like I said, sometimes it’s right in front of my face. But if I am too concerned with a football team, or a TV show. I’m going to miss the nudge. I have been involved in RCIA for years. Due to changes at our parish, the meeting time was moved to Sunday afternoon. After much prayer, Mary and I decided to step aside. While this wasn’t what we truly wanted, it has allowed others to step in. I remind myself often that the real reason I am on this earth is to do a specific purpose that God has for me that only I can do. And If I’m too busy doing “my thing” I won’t have time to do God’s work. And I want to do the work He has called or will be calling me to do. I have talents and so do you! Pray and find out what God wants you to do with them!

**Be Still and Know
That I Am God.**

So, do you hear God calling??? He Is calling!! Be quiet and you will hear the small quiet whisper calling your name.

Peace, prayers, and blessings to all of you!
De Colores!

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Pre-Cursillo

The seven candidates for the Women's #288 Cursillo weekend (October 6 - 9, 2022), their parish, and their sponsor's name are listed below:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Marilyn Hinegardner	St. Gerard, Lima	Kathy Spears
Dianne Randall	St. Peters, Mansfield	Kim Randall
Debbie Santini	St. Gerard, Lima	Ericka Mendoza
Beverly Strauser	St. Peters, Mansfield	Larry Strauser
Marie Stanhope	Holy Trinity, Bucyrus	Deacon Jerry Gubernath

**OFFER PRAYER AND
PALANCA FOR THE
CANDIDATES OF #288**

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Make a Friend – Be A Friend – Bring a Friend to Christ

Cursillo

The Women's Team for Cursillo #288 is ready to go!!

Now is the time to send us team applications for the
Ladies & Men's 2023 Spring weekends.

The dates are: Men's March 9-12, 2023; Women's April 20-23, 2023.



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School of Leaders

Smell the coffee. For it is brewing. Just ask for a cup. You may not get cream or sugar, but your cup will surely be full (God's Mercy and Grace).



The next School Of Leaders will be held on Saturday October 15 in the Marian Room inside St. Michael's in Findlay. Use the office entrance and at the hallway turn to the right. The room is the first on the right.

Bill Obringer will be doing a Scripture reading and reflection. Deacon Jerry Gubernath will present the 2nd half of chapter 4 pages 51-64 of "From Christendom To Apostolic Mission". John Lyons will present chapter 6 of "Into His Likeness".



As always, we will be led in singing and have great fun sharing. Bring a snack or dish to share if you want. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate is provided.
Looking forward to seeing your smiles!

Rectors:

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Prayervine



Pat Miller - abdominal issues, Bob Drewior - Covid, continued prayers for Pat Miller, a widow living alone, brother - brain cancer, young couple whose baby was born premature.

Fourth Day



Hello fellow Cursillistas, we are Bill and Betty Obringer, the new Post Cursillo/ 4th day chairpersons. We pray that you are all doing well and we ask for your prayers as we take on this new position.

The Women's Cursillo 288 is Oct. 6-9 at St. Francis Spiritually Center in Tiffin. The Holy Hour begins Saturday, Oct. 8 at 8pm at the Chapel of the convent at St. Francis. (See map below, highlighted in yellow)

Depending on the weather, the Serenade will be outside the windows or in the hall outside the Rollo room of the St. Francis Spirituality Center. The closing on Sunday will begin at 4:30pm in the Chapel. Please come before 4:30 to be ready to welcome the new Cursillistas. Hoping to see all of you there!

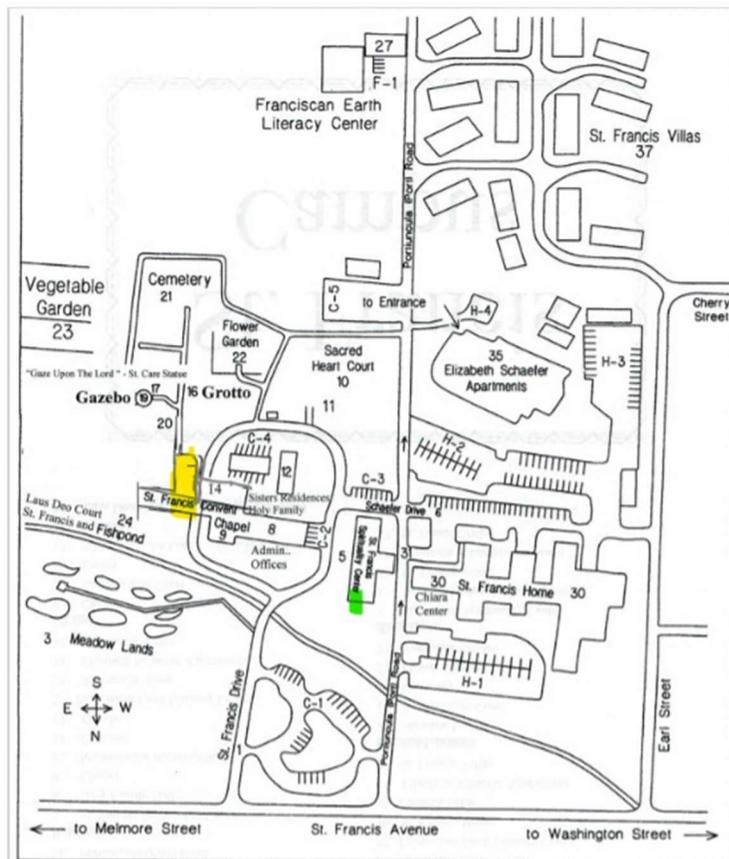
If you cannot climb up stairs, please park behind the convent parking lot C-4. Please enter the rear door and take the elevator to the chapel. Everyone else please take the outside stairs to the left of the main entrance to the convent into the chapel.

You may drop off any palanca letters by going to the north entrance, highlighted in green, of the Spirituality Center, building #5, (see map) where a box to place them is just inside the door. You may also go down the stairs to the palanca room to write additional letters. You may also visit the palanca chapel for prayer located one flight up the stairs first room on the right. Sorry but the elevator is only available to the candidates and team.

We are asking the 4th Day to wear a mask inside the buildings.

Blessings! Looking forward to seeing you!

John and Luanne Welch
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Ultreyas



Toledo area Ultreya is scheduled to be at St. Clement on the 2nd Sunday of the month. For October, it will be Sunday October 9th in Jaeger Hall at 2 pm.

The October Ultreya for Area 8 will be held at Resurrection Parish in Lexington on Monday, October 10, from 7-9 PM. All are welcome!

Area 10 (Tiffin area) is holding an Ultreya on Sunday, October 23rd at St. Joseph Church in Tiffin at 7 pm. It will be held in the Upper Room.

Palanca

The last article I wrote I could only put in half of the events for the month followed by adding the second half mid-month. This time, I can only put in one week at a time or the whole Ark will be upcoming Palanca requests. What a horrible situation to be in, right? That just means that the movement is getting back to where we left off pre-pandemic and that's a good thing. At least something is getting back to normal.



What we can't let get back to normal is our complacency in our prayer life. Having all these events coming up is great practice in expanding our prayer life and to show support to our growing number of brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Imagine- if each event (and there are 81 Cursillos registered for October) had at least 5 Cursillistas attend -that would be over 400 new brothers and sisters in Christ. Imagine 10 people attending. OMG - Come Holy Spirit Come. Breathe new life into your world. Amen DeColores- Jan Stainbrook, Palanca Footstool

Start	End	Event	Location
10/6/22	10/6/2022	Men's 70 (Italian)	Assisi, Italy
10/7/22	10/9/2022	Men's Cursillo (Portuguese)	Nova Iguaçu RJ (Brasil)
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's 171 (Spanish)	Hartford, CT
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's 50 (Spanish)	Madera, Cuauhtemoc
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Rockford, IL
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Mens Cursillo (English)	San Jose, CA
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Men's 127 (English)	Altoona-Johnstown, PA
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's 76 (English)	Fort Wayne South Bend, IN
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's 132 (English)	Joliet, IL
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's 171 (Spanish)	Hartford, CT
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's 112 (English)	Memphis, TN
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's 182 (English)	Newark, NJ
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Cuauhtémoc-Madera, Mex
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Men's 383 (English)	Mpls./St. Paul, MN
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's 288 (English)	Toledo, OH
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Cuauhtemo, Chih (Mexico)
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Men's Cursillo (Bilingual)	Antrim Down and Connor Ireland (United Kingdom)
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Men's 119 (Spanish)	Fresno, CA
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's 128 (English)	St Augustine, FL
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Men's 114 (English)	Covington, KY
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's 91 (English)	Worcester, MA
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Women's 41 (English)	Venice, FL
10/6/22	10/9/2022	Men's 175 (Spanish)	Detroit, MI

Secretariat Member openings

Current Openings

Communications

Cursillo

Post-Cursillo (4th day) - additional persons for team

Hispanic Representative

Palanca



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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