



Cursillo

# 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.

## September, 2022

Application Forms are on the Website: [www.cursillo419.org](http://www.cursillo419.org)

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## Spiritual Advisor

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

### Piety Study Action

This has been a summer of the three legged stool for me. Our pilgrimage on earth leads us different ways in different years based on our openness to God's will.

This past year I have read more than usual and the books have been tied to becoming more and more open to the will of the Father. One book in particular had an immediate impact on me, He Leadeth Me by Walter Ciszek, SJ. Fr. Ciszek was born in Pennsylvania and as a Jesuit seminarian, he responded to a call from the Pope to join a group of priests who were to be trained to be missionaries to the Soviet Union in the years after WWI. After he completed the training, the program was dropped and he was assigned to a parish in a small town in eastern Poland. It was an easy life until 1939 when Germany and the Soviet Union decided to split Poland and eastern Poland was overrun by Soviet troops. Long and short of it, he ends up spending 5 years in solitary confinement in a Soviet prison and 15 years in a work camp in Siberia.

He wrote that after more than a year in the prison he began a meditation on the Our Father. It was right before him every day. From that moment on, he just opened his eyes to what God put in front of him and since it was God's will, he did it to the best of his ability to the glory of God.

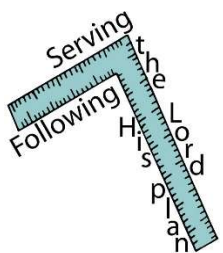


## Upcoming 2022 Cursillo Weekends

Men's Sept. 8-11  
Women's Oct. 6-9

**Please share how Christ is working in your life. Email Nancy Cook at [nancy750@bex.net](mailto:nancy750@bex.net)**

Immediately upon reading this chapter of his book, I felt convicted. How often, I had let my favorite sins of pride and sloth divert me from God's will. How often had I done what I thought God's will was rather than actually doing it? How often had I done Piety, Study and Action thinking I was learning so I could do God's will when His will was right in front of me all the time?



Rather than the formal prayer which rolls off the tongue but doesn't pierce the heart, just a simple offering of whatever happens to me today. May I be open to the Father's will and please, don't let me offer anything evil. Fr. Cizek wrote that the purpose of man is to know, love and reverence God. Reverence God! What a concept! How do I reverence God? In my prayer, study and action.

Deacon Andy McMahon

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



September! When I was a kid, it was the start of the new school year with all its changes from the prior grade. Now, as an adult, it ushers in the beginning of the changes from Summer to Fall, calling me to notice my surroundings more as the subtle differences begin. Even though I have lived MANY Summer to Fall transitions, they always beckon me to ponder what changes I will make to my life.

We do know that the upcoming Men's and Women's Cursillo weekends will be a time of change for the candidates. Regardless of the effect on a candidate, there is always some change, whether it's making some leap in faith, or the opening of the door to his/heart just a little, or something else. The teams already have experienced changes to themselves as they've become teams, both individually and as a group, which will continue into the weekends as they lead the candidates. Please offer prayers and sacrifices and come to the Holy Hours and Closings to support these weekends.

For myself, I have decided to be more of the person that God has called me to be, exploring my gifts and accepting my limitations. I have made this decision before, and it's time to make it again! What is God calling me to do? Who is God calling me to be? From 2 Timothy, 1:9, "He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began".



God has plans for all of us. There are quotes from Mother Teresa that are helping me as I work to discern what changes I can make to live a more holy life:

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

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

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## Pre-Cursillo

The four candidates for the Men's #287 Cursillo weekend (September 8 - 11, 2022), their parish, (and their sponsor's name) are listed below:

Edward Kanarowski, Most Blessed Sacrament, Toledo (sponsor John Lyons)  
 Thomas Ainsworth, St Joseph, Fremont (sponsor Frank Celestino)  
 Michael Roth, St. Peters, Mansfield (sponsor Lawrence Strauser)  
 Ron Leopold, St. John the Baptist, Glandorf (sponsor Roger Brickner)



The Women's #288 Cursillo weekend (October 6 - 9, 2022) has received 6 applications so far. Their names will be published in the October Ark.

Looking forward to receiving more applications soon. (Don't forget to send your sponsor's application along with the candidate's application:)



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

## Cursillo

The Fall teams are both well into formation. We've received one team application for the Spring Men's Team! Now is the time to beat the rush and send us team applications for the Ladies & Men's Spring weekends.

**Team #288    Fall 2022    October 6-9**

**Spiritual Directors:** Fr. Jim Brown  
 Deacon Tom Soper

**Rector:** Mary Lyons  
**Assistant Rector:** Luanne Welch

**Troubadours:** Jeanne Badik  
 Karen Bonen

**Disciples:** Judy Brickner  
 Kathy Huffman  
 Helen Keel  
 Dottie LaPata  
 Becky Smeltz

**Shepherds:** Marilyn Heitkamp  
 Barb Lovell  
 Angie Mehling  
 Barb Stager



**Professors:** Angie Mehling Ideal  
 Becky Grau Layperson in the Church  
 Joyce Haney Piety  
 Nancy Smith Study  
 Juanita Ybanes Action  
 Mary Ann Hohman Leaders  
 Kathy Varga Study of the Environment  
 Betty Obringer The Cursillista Beyond Cursillo  
 Mary Lyons Group Reunion  
 Luanne Welch Ultreya



**Sacristan:** Mary Ann Hohman

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## School of Leaders

Greetings to all our Cursillo family!

Isn't this just the best time of the year? Summer is winding down and the gardens are providing the best fresh foods, even if you go to a farmers' market instead of your own backyard. School is starting back up for the kiddos with a fresh start toward learning and friendships. The memories of those reunions, vacations, and special events attended leave a warm spot in our hearts particularly for those dear to us. And best of all, there will still be plenty of opportunities for more of the same this month and next!



We had a fine group at the August School of Leaders and look forward to our September gathering. We will meet from 9 AM to noon at Findlay St Michael's in the Marian room on Sept 17. Doors open at 8:30.

Bill Obringer will do the Scripture and reflection. John Lyons will give a presentation on chapter 6 of "Into His Likeness", which is on page 61 titled, "Meeting God in the Valley". Deacon Jerry Gubernath will present the second half of chapter 4 (pp 51-64) in the book, "From Christendom to Apostolic Mission".



Come join us for inspiration, encouragement, and great fellowship! Bring a friend and bring a snack to share. We will have the coffee on!

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## Prayervine



Patrick - low hemoglobin & in hospital, Barb Grycza - sinus infection, Steve Grycza's sister - struggling, Patrick - leukemia treatment, Lori - stomach cancer, Wes - bypass surgery, Mary - cancer, passed away, person struggling with father's Alzheimer's disease, Patti Kreilick - lupus flareup, Darla Frech - having surgery, Tim St.Aubin - pneumonia, Claire - emotional issues, Michelle - car accident, Mike Mehling - emergency surgery, Kathy & fellow employees - Covid, a family is facing many challenges, Deacon Tom Hojnacki - passed away, Tito - needs a kidney transplant, Orchid Weavers - healing from cancer, Richard - back & neck surgery.

### Fourth Day

From the Fourth Day Team

\*\*\* Sept. 11, 2022 Men's Fall Cursillo  
Closing will begin at 4:30 PM. Please mark your calendars \*\*\*

Greetings Cursillistas,

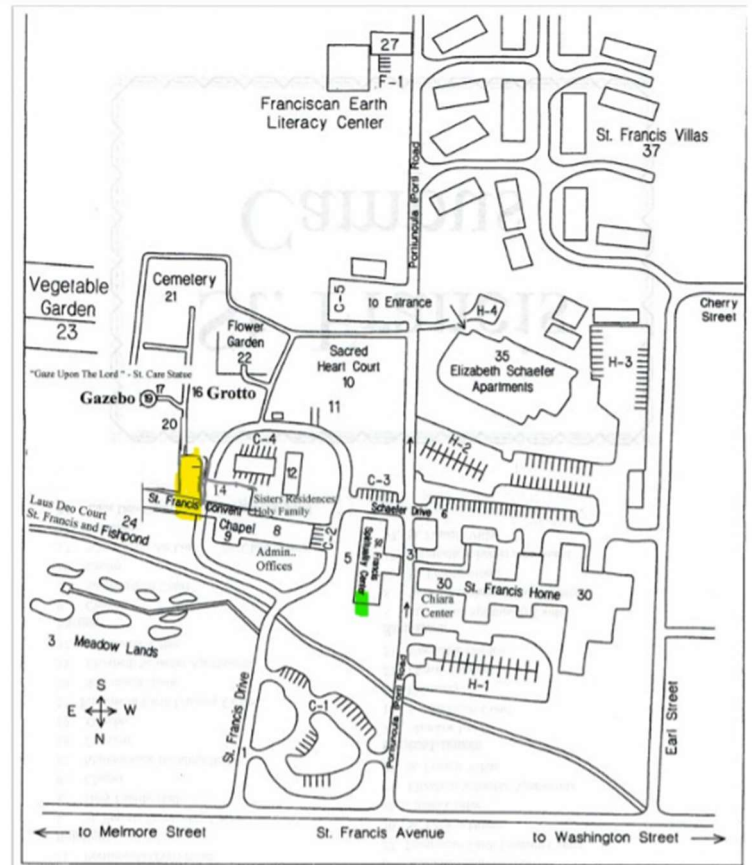
As we prepare to gather again at the Campus of St Francis for two more Cursillo weekends we want to give everyone as much information as we can. Please remember that a mask must be worn in all buildings on St. Francis campus for the protection of everyone.

The Men's weekend will happen Sept 8 to 11, 2022. Holy hour will begin at 8:00 PM in the chapel, highlighted in yellow of the convent at St. Francis. (See map)

Closing will begin at 4:30 PM (new time) in the chapel of the convent at St. Francis. (See map)

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.



**Please remember you must wear a mask at all times inside the buildings.**

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. John 12:46

The Fourth Day Team hopes and prays that the Light of our Lord truly shines upon you. Bringing the Grace of the Holy Spirit and Mercy of God the Father to each and every one of you. May His light shine through you to everyone you meet today, tomorrow and all your tomorrows!



Blessings!

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**Utreyas**

Toledo area Utreya is scheduled to be at St. Clement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. For September, it will be Sunday September 11th in Jaeger Hall at 2 pm.

The September Utreya for area 8 will be in the activity center at Bucyrus Holy Trinity on Monday, September 12, from 7-9 PM. All are welcome!

Area 10 (Tiffin area) is holding an Utreya on Sunday, September 25th at St. Joseph Church in Tiffin at 7 pm. It will be held in the Upper Room. We'll be making rosaries for the women of Cursillo #288!! (No experience required!!)

**Palanca**

OMG- This is amazing!! There are 59 Cursillos this month. If I were to list them all it would take up way too much room so I will list the second half mid-month on the Prayer Vine. I ask you all to sincerely pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ for an embracing of love from God our Father and a renewed Spirit in Christ Jesus his son. Please note our Men have one listed too. I know this is getting to be a busy time of year with summer ending and activities/obligations rising but what can you do to really lift up these Cursillistas- fast from some recreational device once a week, pray an extra decade of the Rosary, or write a little note. We need to pray for each other. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us. Jan Stainbrook



9/1/2022	9/4/2022	Men's Cursillo Spanish	Los Angeles, CA
9/1/2022	9/4/2022	Men's 1 (Spanish)	Owensboro, KY
9/1/2022	9/4/2022	Men's 126 (Spanish)	Oklahoma City, OK
9/1/2022	9/4/2022	Men's 1 (Spanish)	Owensboro, KY
9/1/2022	9/4/2022	Women's 101 (English/Filipino)	Oakland, CA
9/1/2022	9/4/2022	Women's 675 (Vietnamese)	Galveston-Houston, TX
9/1/2022	9/4/2022	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Los Angeles, CA
9/2/2021	9/5/2022	Men's 31 (Spanish)	Venice, FL
9/2/2022	9/5/2022	Men's 238 (Spanish)	San Diego, CA
9/2/2022	9/5/2022	Men's 63 (Spanish)	Tulsa, OK
9/2/2022	9/5/2022	Men's 238 (Spanish)	San Diego, CA
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Los Angeles, CA
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Women's 1 (Spanish)	Owensboro, KY
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Men's 242 (Spanish)	Austin, TX
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Women's 1 (Spanish)	Owensboro, KY
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Men's 676 (Vietnamese)	Galveston-Houston, TX
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Men's 91 (English)	Allentown, PA
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Men's 96 (English)	Evansville, IN
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Region 3 Living the Rector's Guide	Buffalo, NY
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Men's 287 (English)	Toledo, OH
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Women's 20 (Spanish)	Seattle, WA
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Men's Cursillo (English)	Corpus Christi, TX
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Men's 1200 (English)	Peoria, IL
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Los Angeles, CA
9/8/2022	9/11/2022	Women's 155 (English)	Arlington, VA



## Secretariat Member openings

### Current Openings

Communications

Cursillo

Post-Cursillo (4<sup>th</sup> day)

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

### NATIONAL CURSILLO INFORMATION:

[www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org) Read about Cursillo news, palanca requests from around the world, or read the national newsletter.

**CURSILLO WEBSITE:** [www.cursillo419.org](http://www.cursillo419.org) Go here to view news of upcoming events, read the current month's Ark or download forms.

