



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.

November 2025

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www.cursillo419.org

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Spiritual Advisor

Dear Sister and Brother Cursillistas,

Wow! November is quite a celebrational month each year with the beautiful autumn weather changes, the colorful leaves in rising and setting sun. WE have the great spiritual feast days of All Saints and All Souls and Thanksgiving. We can add our birthdays (like mine) and anniversaries to augment the celebrational atmosphere and give God thanks for all the blessings that inspire our lives.

WE can encourage love, faithfulness, honesty, respect, value of human life unborn, justice and education so that we can support and celebrate God's love in and through one another in freedom and

fun! Let's share these ideas, challenges and hopefully successes, as much as we can and support one another in doing so in all our precious meetings and gatherings!

Spring Weekends 2026

Men -- June 4-7th

Women -- June 18 - 21st

Maria Stein, OH

Something I mentioned in the February ARK is still pertinent...Our present political situation (along with the information that currently only about 20% of baptized Catholics are present at Mass on Sundays) gives us the call to ponder who we can be in a nation (or world) that is conflicted in the human condition alone. The Faith and Hope and Love that we share in Christ are so needed, they can't be only thought about, mentioned and sometimes struggled with.

They need to be lived! They need to be prayed about, shared through invitations of companionship, pondered together (as well as individually), trusted, affirmed and joyfully celebrated as the Holy Spirit will lead us to and we can REJOICE IN. Read the Bible daily (at least a little) and try to do that with others as the Spirit gives you chances!

De Colores,

Fr Skip



DeColores my brothers and sisters in Christ!

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1
Thessalonians 5:18

Most of the time I view myself as a very thankful person. God has given me so much and for that I am thankful! In this verse from Thessalonians, the one word that trips a lot of people up, including myself from time to time, is the word “ALL”. Is it possible to be thankful in ALL circumstances?

When you lose your job, or your car won’t start, or your favorite football team loses are you thankful? How about missing a deadline at work, the weather keeping loved ones from making it home for the holidays, or losing a loved one, are you thankful? Probably not!

But I am thankful that I (we) have a good, loving, giving and merciful God who gives us the strength to get through these difficult times. Phil. 4:13 states, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Whether on our own, or through the help of family and friends, God gives us His strength at ALL times. We know this because he never leaves us and as it states in Jer. 29:11 “For I know the plan I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” I may not know what my future holds, but I do know it’s in God’s hands.

And even in these things we need to thank God. For through these tough times God is changing us, shaping us into who He needs and wants us to be to bring about His glory. We are fulfilling our destiny given by Him. We are His children, and we are fearfully and wonderfully made in His image. And for this, I am eternally thankful!

Blessings

Karen Fritsch (kittyrg1967@gmail.com)

Troy Peebles (tpeebles1007@gmail.com)

We would like to extend a great big hug and our gratitude to Brother Dan Hall for all the ways he has enriched our Toledo Diocese Cursillo movement. For the past 5 years Brother Dan has served numerous teams, given presentations at School of Leaders, and has written several insightful articles for the Ark. His genuine care and attention have touched everyone who had the pleasure of working with him. **Thank you Brother!**

To reach out to Brother Dan at his new address :

Brother Daniel Hall, CSSR

Redemptorist Renewal Center

7101 W. Picture Rocks Road

Tucson, AZ 85743

Email: brodanielhall@gmail.com



Candidate applications should be sent by email to:

Pat Montgomery At patmontgomery411@gmail.com

By mail: Pat Montgomery 155 E. Keegan St. Deerfield, MI 49238
DeColores, Pre-Cursillo Chairperson

Cursillo

Happy Fall & Happy Thanksgiving. if you are thinking about being on a team please get your Applications to Dave Zaborski(dzaborski411@gmail.com) or Robert Drewior(robertdrewior774@gmail.com)

Fourth Day / the Rest of your life.

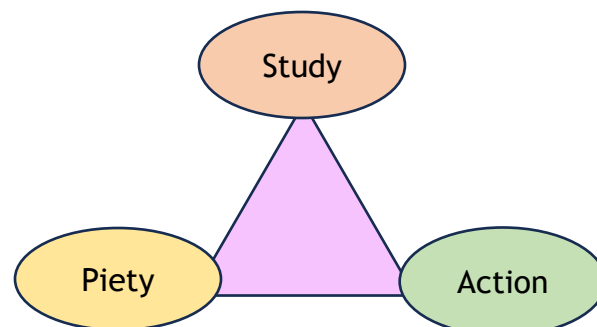
It's almost time for Thanksgiving. But then again, we should always be giving thanks for all the many blessings in our lives; for our friends, families, this Cursillo movement and everything. We are planning for the Focus Day on Nov. 15th (see flyer). It begins at 8:30 am, please bring something to share for breakfast. Soup and drinks will be provided for lunch and you can bring a brown bag if you like. Come and join us for faith and fellowship. Bring your name tags, voices, and new Cursillistas. God Bless and DeColores!!!! Bill and Betty Obringer and Becky Smeltz, Post Cursillo Chairpersons.

Toledo Post Cursillo / 4th Day

The next phase, each day building upon the last, going out to others and to the world. The living out a Christian life in the environment of the real world that Cursillistas encounter everyday. It does not present magic formulas but offers guidelines and direction for continuing conversion after the weekend.

Fall Cursillo Focus Day 2025**Evangelization 101****With the Gospel of Luke**

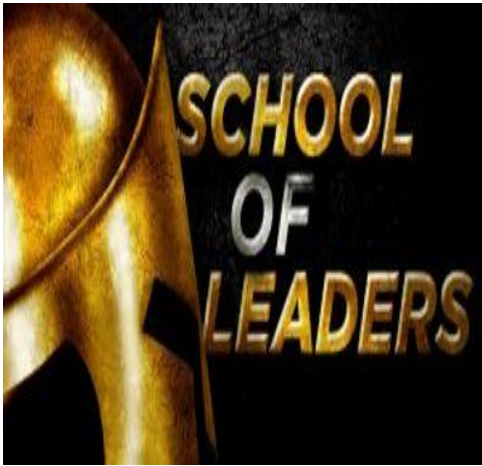
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Where: St. Wendelin Parish, 323 N. Wood St. Fostoria OH

When: Nov. 15 2025, 8:30am – 3pm

Registration, breakfast and fellowship from 8:30 – 9:30am



DeColores Friends In Christ!

November is upon us and before we know it, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. We give thanks during this time but Ephesians 5:20 says we should be “giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father”. Let’s thank God every day for our many blessings.

School of Leaders will be on break until January 17, 2026. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!
Shirley Fitz



Friend - trouble with blood volume, Shelly - asthma trouble, friend - car accident and a resulting death, Samantha - for safe & healthy delivery, Judah & Ian - both little boys in the hospital, future father-in-law - cardiac arrest & in an induced coma (he has since passed), Dani - health issues & having tests, Michael - back surgery, Chris - cancer, in hospice, Adolfo - heart fusion, Jan Stainbrook - heart surgery, Marilyn Hindgardner- heart issues, Marti Leopold - severe cough and congestion.



Area Ultreya Information

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

Area 7 & 10—Nov. Ultreya for Tiffin area is canceled due to Focus Day and Thanksgiving. See you in January.

Area 8 Ultreya St. Joe’s Galion Activities Center Monday, Nov. 10 th -- 7 – 9
All are welcome.



“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” – Psalm 107:1

As we enter November, our hearts are still full from the beautiful *Women's Weekend* we just shared. What a blessing it was to see God's grace moving through everyone involved in the weekend. We were blessed to have women from 18 to... lets just say seasoned :) living their weekend! Thank you to everyone who offered prayers, letters, time, and love — your palanca made a difference! We witnessed true transformation and renewal through the Holy Spirit.

Now, as Thanksgiving approaches, we continue to reflect on gratitude. We give thanks for this community of believers who support one another in faith. We thank God for the gift of fellowship, for the strength of our weekends, and for the joy of seeing new hearts set on fire for Christ.

Let's carry that same spirit of thanksgiving into our daily lives — finding God's blessings in the small moments, as we continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to work through the Cursillo movement.

De Colores,
Bob & Alicia Swartzmiller

Please fast and pray for these upcoming weekends around the world!

10/30/2025		Woman's 50 (Spanish) A		berdanmat@gmail.com
10/30/2025		Women's 154 (Spanish)	Fayetteville, NC	darbasilio79@gmail.com
10/30/2025		Women's Cursillo (English)	Camden, NJ	jdgarozzo@gmail.com
10/30/2025		Women's 437 (English)		palanca.satx@gmail.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Women's 239 (English) B		bflotalanca@gmail.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Men's 2025 (English)	Rapid City, SD	cdbrechtel@gmail.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Women's 18 (Spanish) C		cursilloscharlotte2025@gmail.com

11/6/2025 11/6/2025	11/9/2025 11/9/2025	Women's 120 (English) C Men's 89 (Spanish) Men's 120 (Hungarian/English)	Denver, CO Tahitótfau, Hungary	debbi@cranley.net donygallegos@icloud.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Women's 44 (Hungarian/English)	Nyiregyháza, Hungary	eckandras@gmail.com fefer14@icloud.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Men's 104 (English)	Fort Wayne South/Bend, IN	fwsbmenscursillo@gmail.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Women's 272 (English) C		gbwomenscursillo@gmail.com

11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Sonora, Mexico	irma.consq@gmail.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Men's 104 (English)	Fort Wayne/South Bend, IN	joshuaismith5454@gmail.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Men's 1073 (Spanish)	Los Angeles, CA	Lacapalanca@Gmail.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Men's 95 (English)	St. Ambrose, Yarmouth, NS, Canada	mpollyr@hotmail.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Men's 982 (English)	Phoenix, AZ	palancadecolores@yahoo.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Men's Cursillo (English)		pdugger76@gmail.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Women's 75 (English)	Bridgeport, CT	rausermb@gmail.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Women's 3 (Portuguese)	Jaboatão - Pernambuco - Brasil	simonelemo@hotmail.com
11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Women's 485 (Spanish)		mcc.c.silao@gmail.com

11/6/2025	11/9/2025	Men's 21 (Spanish)	Lafayette, IN	palancaindy@gmail.com
		11/13/2025 Men's 144	Arlington, VA	pbettwy@aol.com
		11/16/2025 Women's Venice, FL		asevillanoa@hotmail.com
		11/16/2025 Women's Detroit, MI		detroitpalanca@gmail.com
		11/16/2025 Womens Dallas, TX		dianabergara5@gmail.com
		11/16/2025 Women's San Francisco, CA		kkain49r@yahoo.com
11/13/2025		Women's 1074 (Spanish)	Los Angeles, CA	Lacapalanca@Gmail.com
		11/16/2025 Men's 1242	De Caguas, Puerto Rico	mariascrespo1963@gmail.c om
11/13/2025		Women's 266 (Spanish)	Sacramento, CA	mccsacramento@outlook.c om
11/13/2025		Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Omaha, NE	omahapalanca@gmail.com
		11/16/2025 Women's Manchester, NH		Palanca@nhcursillo.org
		11/16/2025 Women's Phoenix, AZ		palancadecolores@yahoo.c om
11/13/2025		Women's 693 (Spanish)	Galveston-Houston, TX	palancashouston@gmail.co m
11/16/2025		Men's 50 (Italian)	Perugia-Citta della Pieve, Umbria, Italy	silviastaccini@libero.it

11/13/2025	11/16/2025	Women's 396 (Spanish)	Saint Paul/Minneapolis, MN	SpanishWomenPalanca@tc-cursillo.org
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11/22/2025		Women's 69 (Italian)	Modena-Nonantola e Carpi, Italy	cursillosmodena@gmail.com
11/20/2025		Women's 213 (Spanish)	Rockville Centre, NY	Alexvasquezfuentes20@hotmail.com
11/23/2025		Men's 296 (Spanish)	San Juan, Argentina	ciolguin@gmail.com
11/23/2025		Men's 148 (Spanish)	Fayetteville, NC	darbasilio79@gmail.com
11/20/2025		Men's 41 (Hungarian/English)	Nyiregyháza, Hungary	fefer14@icloud.com
11/20/2025		Men's Cursilo (Spanish)	Sonora, Mexico	irma.consq@gmail.com
11/20/2025		Women's 284 (Spanish)	Stockton, CA	kg5752817@gmail.com
11/23/2025		Men's 17 (Spanish)	Colorado Springs, CO	loreangl@hotmail.com
11/23/2025		Women's 84 (English)	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	pauline mc grath@hotmail.com
11/23/2025		Women's 134 (English)	Springfield/Cape Girardeau, MO	smcdecolores@gmail.com
11/23/2025		Women's 2 (Spanish)	Tamaulipas, Mexico	tania_6801@hotmail.com
11/23/2025		Men's 72 (English)	Worcester, MA	worcursillo@gmail.com
11/20/2025		Women's 134 (Hungarian)	Zalaegerszeg, Hungary	sztmarton.titkarsag@gmail.com
11/21/2025		Men's & Women's Cursillo (English)	Niagara/Huron, Ontario, Canada	predonr@yahoo.com
11/30/2025		Women's 182 (Spanish)	Brownsville, TX	zecaিদajuan@gmail.com
11/30/2025		Men's 81 (Hungarian)	Zalaegerszeg, Hungary	sztmarton.titkarsag@gmail.com

12/4/2025	12/7/2025	Women's 297 (Spanish)	San Juan, Argentina	ciolguin@gmail.com
12/4/2025	12/7/2025	Women's 1243 (Spanish)	De Caguas, Puerto Rico	mariascrespo1963@gmail.com
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Witness:

Let us know 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—



4th Day / POST CURSILLO

Co-School of Leaders

Co- Pre-Cursillo

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

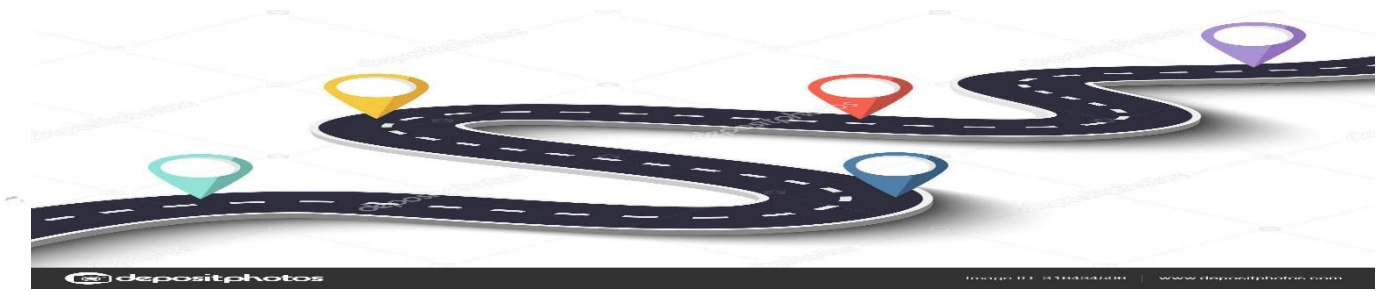
Please reflect on these openings and hear the Holy Spirit to be the Hands, Feet and Voice of Jesus, you can continue to grow in your faith!

'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

NATIONAL CURSILLO INFORMATION: www.natl-cursillo.org Read about Cursillo news, palanca requests from around the world, or read the national newsletter.

TOLEDO CURSILLO WEBSITE: www.cursillo419.org Go here to view news of upcoming events, read the current month's Ark or download forms.



BRIEF HISTORICAL RECORD OF OUR CURSILLO JOURNEY

#1 Men's, St. Peter and Paul, 733 S. St. Clair St., Toledo
November 4 - 7, 1965

#1 Women's, St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing, Toledo
April 28 - May 1, 1966

#100 Women's, Lutheran Home, February 22 - 25, 1979 **You should know where this is as you worked 99**

#200 Women's, Pilgrim House, Carey, April 5 - 8, 2001

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42 - 59	793	St Peter/Paul Parish, Toledo	2
60 - 79	733	St Vincent School Nursing	1
80 - 99	516	Blessed Sacrament, Toledo	1
100 - 119	575	Divine Word Seminary	90
120 - 139	510	St Joseph HS, Fremont	1
140 - 159	238	St Boniface, Oak Harbor	2
160 - 179	473	Newman Ctr, BG	3
180 - 199	295	Holy Spirit Seminary	1
200 - 219	210	St Rose, Lima	2
220 - 239	181	St Anthony Villa	2
240 - 259	155	St Michael, Findlay	3
260 - 279	164	St. John, Delphos	1
280 - 299	186	St. Mary, Tiffin	2
300	11	Schaefer Hall, Tiffin	2
		St Peter, Mansfield	1
		Wauseon St Casper	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES IS 5,850			

PLACES WHERE WE HAVE HELD CURSILLOS

Bellevue, I.C.	2		
St Gerard, Lima	1	Lial Renewal Ctr.	1
St Mary, Tiffin	2	OLC, Carey	65 (1987)
Lutheran Home	2	The Pines, Fremont	53 (2007)
Cathedral, Toledo	1	SFSC, Tiffin	16 (2022)
New Bavaria S.H.	8	COVID 7 cancelled March 2020 – Sept.2021	
OLC School, Carey	1		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS OVER THE 60 YEARS

PRIESTS - 86

+ Deceased

Highlight = Spiritual Director

Fr Ernie Waechter +
 Fr John Queneville +
Fr Joseph O'Brien +
 Fr William Richter +
 Fr. Tom Wehinger +
 Fr John Notter
 Fr John Fleck +
 Fr. Bonaventur Crowley
 Fr. Gerald Knueven +
 Fr. Michael Tynan +
 Fr Earl Loeffler +
 Fr. Ed Hoover +
 Fr. Bill Bodart +
 Fr. Fabio Blanko
 Fr. Nobert Howe +
 Fr. Juniper Cummings
 Fr. Gilbert Lazette
 Fr. Charles Dendinger
 Fr. John Laska
 Msgr. Ed Dunn +

Fr John Lester +
 Fr James Ozga +
 Fr Francisco Caballero +
 Fr John Bishop +
Fr. Robert Lamentia +
 Fr Nick Weibl
 Fr. Ed Schleter
 Fr. Richard Notter
 Fr. Cyprian Uline
 Fr. Jerry Nowakowski +
 Fr. Jerry Ceranowski
 Fr. Al Ceranowski
 Fr. Ray Shepherd +
 Fr. Phil Feltman
 Fr Frank Kehres
 Fr. Tony Gallagher
 Fr. Roger Boniface +
 Fr. Andenagio
 Fr. Jose Martin Sorto

Fr. Charles Ritter
 Fr. Fr Kent Biergens
 Fr. John Shanahan +
 Fr; Don Peterson +
 Fr. George Kerber +
 Fr. Fred Duschl
 Fr. Paul Mueller +
 Fr. Clarence Yeager
 Fr. Carlos Munoz
 Fr. Mike Brown +
 Fr. Steve Nemeth
 Fr. Kevin Milton
 Fr. Ron LeJeune +
 Fr. Herb Weber
 Fr. Jack Reuscher
 Fr. John Mott
 Fr. Dick Notter
 Fr. Mike Madden +
 Fr. Dick Miller +

PRIESTS - continued

Fr. Dick Buckenmeyer	Fr. Louis Komorowski	Fr. Robert Hass +
Fr. Steve Benalewicz	Fr. Ken Kehres	Fr. Ramos Prez
Fr. David Tscherne	Fr. David Beck +	Fr. Humberto Puente
Fr. Edward Littelmann	Fr. Stan Ozga +	Fr. Chris Bonsack
Fr. Robert Holden +	Fr. Mike Ricker +	Fr. Kevin Moebius
Fr. Benedict Ringholz +	Fr. Jose Correl	Fr. Steve Blum
Fr. Martin Donnelly +	Fr. Tom Extejt	Fr. Jim Morman
Fr. Robert Armstrong +	Fr. Carl Recker	Fr. John Murray
Fr. Frank Neiset +	Fr. E. Madragon	Fr. Don Helpin

Fr. Jim Brown**SISTERS – 27**

Sr. Cristela	Sr. Laurene Toeppe	Sr. Regina Albers
Sr. Pat	Sr. Carol Reamer	Sr. Joan Froning
Sr. Joan Marie	Sr. Edna Michel	Sr. M. Garcia
Sr. Beatrice	Sr. Joyce Hoile	Sr. Joyce Marie Bates
Sr. Barbara Schmidt	Dr. Barbara Davis	Sr. Mary Jo Szpila
Sr. Gema Fenbert	Sr. Angiel Keil	Sr. Pat Meyer
Sr. Roberta McKinnen	Sr. Pat Schnapp	Sr. Mary Jo Toll
Sr. Angelita Abair	Sr. Joanne Mary Francis	Sr. Deb Huss
Sr. Jane Schimmoeller	Sr. Janice Rospert	Sr. Wanda Smith

DEACONS – 30

Deacon Len Fox	Deacon Jesse Bautista	Deacon Pat McCabe
Deacon Jose Romo	Deacon Ben Cooley	Deacon John Alge
Deacon Val Lopez	Deacon Valentin Lopez	Deacon Andy McMahon
Deacon Bob Billmaier +	Deacon George Miller	Deacon Terry Philpot
Deacon Gene Betz	Deacon Dick Gleason	Deacon Mark Worthington
Deacon Dave Voorman	Deacon Greg Kirk	Deacon Frank Tello
Deacon Dave White	Deacon K. Wintersatler	Deacon Jerry Gubernath
Deacon Loyal Balongea +	Deacon Floyd Hohman	Deacon Denny Scherger
Deacon Alfredo Diaz	Deacon Ron Plenzler	Deacon Tom Soper
Deacon Harold Nye	Deacon Jesus villagomez	Brother Dan Hall

