



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.

[Application Forms](#)

Cursillo Weekends - 2027

Lial Retreat Center - Whitehouse, OH

Spring

Men's Spring - March 11 - 14
Women's Spring - April 8 - 11

Fall

Men's Fall - September 9 - 12
Women's Fall - October 7 - 10

Lay Directors Letter

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... Ecclesiastes 3:1

The kids have been back in school for around (6) weeks now. College football is well under way. The leaves are starting to change, not only on the trees but on the crops as well. Soon it will be time to harvest.

This time of year, has become bittersweet for me. Fall has always been my favorite season, but when I lost John the fall of 2021 it's brought a sadness to the season for me.

Losing a spouse (or anyone) ... it's not just the anniversary date that's tough, but the days, weeks and sometimes months leading up to the anniversary date of their death. It brings on anxiety, anticipation, memories... that can be like a cloud over your days. It's very painful as the sorrow is so deep! But I'm reminded that if it weren't for these extremely tough times, the good, happy times wouldn't be so joyful.

The apostles and Mary had to lose Jesus and grieve and suffer for (3) days before finding out Jesus had risen. Then, there was joy and celebration! They didn't understand why Jesus had to suffer and die until the resurrection day. Just as we often don't know and understand why we must suffer and grieve in life.

But ultimately, it's all part of God's plan. Whether it be God's plan for Jesus's life or His plan for our lives, He is walking with us and carrying us every step of the way.

Change is inevitable. Seasons come and go. We can choose to get stuck in the season's or we can choose to learn and grow through them, one step at a time, thanking God along the way and through it all.

Praying this fall season brings you closer to your creator through its changes in the colors and the changes happening in your life.

Blessings!

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Pre-Cursillo

This month's excerpt from The Cursillo Movements Sponsor's Booklet:

WHAT SPONSORS SHOULD KNOW AND DO: Things to know...the goal of the Cursillo Movement. ...Those who can go – They are simply anyone who is eligible to receive the Sacraments. The ordinary Catholic – the one trying to live the Catholic life as best they know how. ...Know your candidate, as well as possible, and pray for direction from the Holy Spirit. **Remember to speak to God about others before speaking to others about God.**

(THE AND DO PART): WALK THE TALK...Your candidate should be able to see the Jesus Christ in you and be attracted by His presence. In this way you can show your candidate how to develop a deeper and fuller relationship with Our Lord which will continue to grow and nurture. Don't tell your candidate what type of Christian to be. Show your candidate how to be a Christian by the way you live your life, love your family, care for your neighbors and speak out for Christ.

Next year's Springs weekends are:

Men's #303 March 11-14. Application deadline February 24.

Women's #304 is April 8-11. Application deadline March 24.

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.

I am looking for a Toledo Jesus parish area sponsor and a Mansfield area sponsor. If you think you could possibly be a sponsor for one of these candidates let me know.

You have time to start praying for possible candidates for next year's weekends. Time to Make that friend, Be that friend, and Bring that friend to one of the weekends. Please go to www.Cursillo419.org 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 are 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.

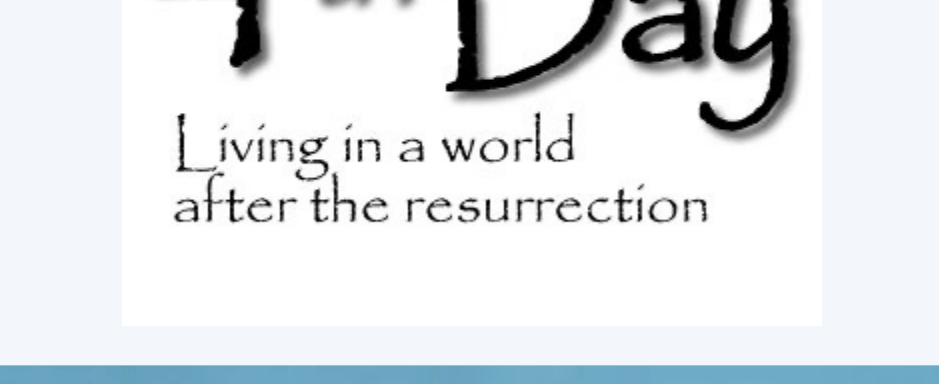
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Change! The seasons bring us change like summer flowing into fall. Like the seasons we continually see change in our surroundings and in ourselves. Cursillo see change. New Cursillistas joining our Cursillo family! New homes for our weekends. New leadership in the movement.

We will be in a new home for weekends in 2027. The Lial Retreat Center in Whitehouse Ohio will welcome us this Spring. A beautiful retreat center. This will bring a change back to our earlier days. We will once again be preparing our own food for the weekends. We guess we could call it "back to the future." More chances to serve our sisters and brothers like we have in the past. We are still working on how this will work and how much help will be needed. We are excited about this new "old" way. More information to come.

Just a reminder our next weekend dates including the start date of team meetings are below.

Men's Spring : March 11 to March 14, 2027. Team meetings begin January 7, 2027.

Women's Spring: April 8 to April 11, 2027. Team meetings begin January 28, 2027

Should you have any questions concerning filling out forms or if you are new to a team and would like to know what to expect please give us a call. From past teams we can tell you that being on a team is a wonderful experience!. Come see for yourself!

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Forms may be found at cursillo419.org

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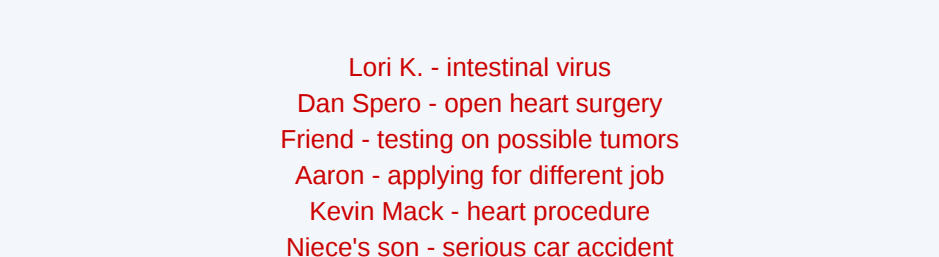
FOCUS DAY!

It's Finally Here!

A TIME OF RENEWAL, PRAYER, AND LEARNING

9AM- 3PM, OCTOBER 17, 2026

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Area 8 Ultraya

October 12 @ Resurrection parish in Lexington.

7-9 PM



**CURSILLO
SCHOOL OF LEADERS**

Greetings,

School of Leaders will not meet in October. We hope all of you are able to attend Focus Day. The next meeting for School of Leaders is November 21st.

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PRAYER REQUEST

Lori K. - intestinal virus

Dan Spero - open heart surgery

Friend - testing on possible tumors

Aaron - applying for different job

Kevin Mack - heart procedure

Niece's son - serious car accident

Sharon M. - radiation, bone cancer

Grandma Arleen - passed away

Laura Stewart's mom - heart attack

David - having tests in hospital

Delores - fighting melanoma

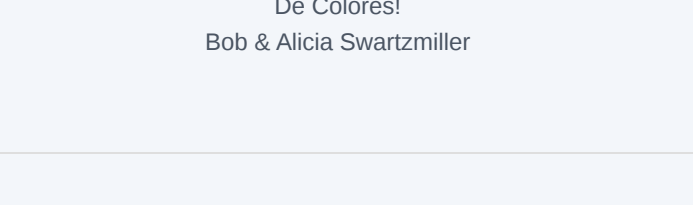
Friend - pancreatic cancer, for a special intention

Ron & Shelley - husband & wife both fighting cancer

Jerry Miller - passed away

Friend - travel sickness

Lily - serious car accident.



Fall is a beautiful reminder that change is always happening. Through the Cursillo movement lives are changed, communities grow. Ninety-two Cursillo weekends are taking place around the world this month, a wonderful sign that the Holy Spirit is moving!

As 4th Dayers, let's remember the importance of Palanca. Our prayers, sacrifices, and acts of love may be unseen, but they can make a powerful difference for the candidates and teams.

Change is happening. The Spirit is moving. Let's keep the Palanca flowing!

Link to the National site where palanca requests from around the world can be found.

National Cursillo Website - <https://cursillousa.org/palanca-requests>

De Colores!

Bob & Alicia Swartzmiller

Witness: Let us know how God is working in your life.

Email to: communications@cursillo419.net

For your information and reflection -- there are positions on Secretariat that will be opening.

Current Openings on Secretariat

-- 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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