

Buffalo Cursillo  
August Newsletter

### **Lay Director's Report:**

Well, I'm off to the National Encounter my "Delta" flight left Buffalo a few minutes late and arrived in Atlanta at Gate B2 where I was supposed to catch my connecting flight at Gate B36. Yep! One end of the terminal to the other. Only problem was we didn't land until 1:15 and boarding at B36 was at 1:04. Needless to say I had to rebook the next flight at 5:30. What a great start. On the connecting plane the flight attendant spilled hot tea all over the front of me. This trip is really looking good!!!! I arrived in San Antonio at 8:15 pm. TEMPERATURE – HOT! (Over 100)

The next 2 days were beautiful. Over 740 people attended from all over the country. There were 5 different language groups and we experienced all of them. Thursday evening we experienced Mass by Most Reverend Carlos Sevilla, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Yakima and our National Episcopal advisor. On Friday we had a presentation "Evangelization in the Environment" by Most Reverend Francisco Jose' Senra Coelho. This was followed by Mass and in the afternoon we had a presentation by Marg Weber, "WHY WE HAVE CURSILLO (Mentality, Essence, Purpose)". Then we had an extraordinary presentation by Luis Salinas and Fr. Stephan Jasso on "History of Cursillo in the USA". Mr. Salinas was the very first Rector. He explained how difficult it was with no money and nowhere to hold weekends and how people volunteered for food. Their perseverance is why we are here today. What a blessing they were to us. Later that day Hoang Tran talked about "Cursillo Past, Present and Future".

On Saturday our very own Gail Terrana gave an excellent talk on "Popes, Cursillo and Charism". Then we received a talk by Holly Wentworth (Group Reunion and Ultreya). In the afternoon we had a Region 3 meeting where we built "friendships". Just what we all need to do. All in all it was a beautiful weekend meeting and making friends from all over the USA. The only drawback was 101 temperatures. If you ever have a chance to attend one, you will not regret it. The next one will be in Seattle.

All of these talks will eventually be on the National's website: <https://www.natl-cursillo.org>  
As most of you know Mike McCarthy's daughter suffered a heart attack on Saturday. Please keep them all in your prayers.

The Men's weekend is almost here so let's "Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring them to Cursillo".

Also we need some help with our kitchen on the upcoming weekend. We serve 8 meals, 6 of which are covered by Ultreyas. In the past my permanent group and my wife's permanent group have helped with the Friday and Sunday breakfasts. What we are asking is some permanent groups that can help out with the cost of these 2 meals. (the cost would be approximately \$50 to \$60.) For the Men's weekend, the Friday breakfast is covered. The Sunday one is not. Also both need to be covered for the Women's

weekend. Again, we are asking more for donations rather than actual working, but you are more than welcome to prepare. Please call me at 480-2904 if you can help out.

God's Blessings...

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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

I would like to offer the following for our prayer time this month:

The Litany in honor of Jesus in His Most Precious Blood.

This powerful litany was drawn up by the Sacred Congregation of Rites and promulgated by Pope John XXIII on February 24, 1960. The devotion to Jesus in His most Precious Blood was first popularized by Saint Gaspar del Buffalo (1786-1837, feast Dec. 28) who founded the Missioners of the Most Precious Blood.

A partial Indulgence is granted to the faithful who recite this litany.

Lord, have mercy.

*Lord, have mercy*

Christ, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy.

*Lord, have mercy*

Jesus, hear us.

*Jesus, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of Heaven,

*Have mercy on us.*

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*Have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Spirit,

*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God,

*Have mercy on us.*

Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father,

Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God,

Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in the Agony,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, price of our salvation,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness.

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, stream of mercy,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, victor over demons,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, courage of Martyrs,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, strength of Confessors,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, bringing forth Virgins,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, help of those in peril,

*Save us.*

Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened, *Save us.*  
Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow, *Save us.*  
Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent, *Save us.*  
Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying, *Save us.*  
Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts, *Save us.*  
Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life, *Save us.*  
Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory, *Save us.*  
Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor, *Save us.*  
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world. *Save us.*  
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *Save us.*  
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *Save us.*  
You have redeemed us, O Lord, in your Blood. *Save us.*

*Save us.*

*Save us.*

*Save us.*

Let us pray,

Almighty and eternal God, you have appointed your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by his Blood. Grant we beg of you, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

Pax et bonum!

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Pre Cursillo Report:

We have begun the transitioning process and as the new coordinators to Pre-Cursillo, are looking forward to serving in this role for the upcoming weekends. We still have room for more candidates! Get those applications in soon, as the Men's weekend will be here before you know it - September 14 through September 17. Applications can be sent to: Diane Putt, 11691 Whitetail Dr., Marilla, NY 14102 or call me at 380-0187.

In Christ - Diane Putt and Marge Fetterman

Cursillo

We are off and running my Brothers and Sisters!!!!!!!!!!!!

The process is underway for the Fall Cursillo Weekends. Men's Team has already begun their first Professors School and will be meeting shortly for their second. The Women's Team I believe is underway with the selection of the Team.

Once again we will be calling on the Cursillo Community to help in any way to bring these Candidates closer to Jesus. Please help out in any way you can and be a part of this wonderful experience of Cursillo. Go back and remember your weekend!!!!!! There was someone there for you doing something to help you come a little closer to Christ. No matter what small task they did they were there for you.

Set up for Men's Weekend – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm  
Men's Weekend – September 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Women's Weekend – October 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Peace,

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Post Cursillo

We are so happy to be introducing ourselves as the new post Cursillo team. We certainly have some big shoes to fill. We hope that you will all join us in thanking Jack and Christine Thomann and ask that you will keep us in prayer as we join this wonderful team of leaders.

Please be sure to join us for the ANNUAL CURSILLO AUGUST FAMILY REUNION mass and picnic! It is a wonderful time to join together with Cursillo friends and family to celebrate our faith, our friendship and this community that we are all blessed to be a part of.

**WHAT:** Annual Cursillo August mass and picnic

**WHEN:** Sunday August 13th at 1pm (mass is at 3pm with a potluck to follow)

**WHERE:** Dcn. Mike and Dawn Quinn's home

532 South Shore Blvd. Lackawanna 14218

**WHAT TO BRING:** Your family! Swimwear, meat to grill, a dish to share, plates/utensils, drinks, a blanket or chair for mass, and your Cursillo songbook if you have one

We hope that you are having blessed summers with family and sunshine and fellowship. A great way to have fellowship is to attend an Ultreya! Things to remember: it doesn't matter how long it's been since you attended, or if it's a different Ultreya than you usually attend. You are ALWAYS welcome at any and all Ultreyas!

We are also blessed to be having a grand Ultreya in September. While we hope that you are regularly attending an Ultreya near you, this will be an opportunity to join together with members of Ultreyas throughout Buffalo Cursillo.

**WHAT:** Grand Ultreya

**WHEN:** Friday September 8th at 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** St. Cecilia's Parish Sheldon NY

**HOSTED BY:** Pueblo de Paz

Last but most certainly not least, we have fall weekends coming up. If someone you know would make a good candidate what's stopping you from talking with them? We hope nothing, so get those applications in and pray, pray, pray for both the teams and candidates!

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School of Leaders

It has been my privilege to serve as the coordinator of the school of Leaders for the past two years. I would like to thank all those who help me by sharing their knowledge of Cursillo at our meetings. A special thank you to Deacon Mike Quinn and Deacon Greg Moran for their help and support.

I am thankful that the Lord sent us a great new leader in Bill Gross. Thank you Bill for your yes, if I can be of assistance just call. A special thanks to Dennis Conklin and the members of the Secretariat it has been a pleasure serving with you.

God Bless and Ultreya  
Mary Ann

Bill Gross  
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Reunion Mass

**August 13<sup>th</sup>** Cursillo Picnic/Mass, Dcn. Mike & Dawn Quinn @ 532 South Shore Blvd. in Lackawanna, NY 14218

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** GRAND ULTREYA hosted by Pueblo de Paz  
Ultreya Schedule for August

**Bethany (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)**

Thursday August 3, 17 @ 7:00pm  
St. Martha's March Parish

**New Bethany Satellite (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)**

Tuesday August 15 @ 7:00 pm  
Call Jack Thomann for location 583-2320

**Full of Grace (Last Tuesday)**

Tuesday August 29 @ 7:00 pm  
Annunciation Church, Selbert Hall  
Clinton Street, Elma

**Pueblo de Paz (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)**

Wednesday August 9 after 7:00pm Mass  
St. Mary's Church  
6785 East Arcade Rd., East Arcade

**Pueblo de Paz (Last Sunday)**

Sunday August 27 @ 7:00pm  
St. Mary's Church  
23 Church St., Silver Springs

**Rainbow Vineyard (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)**

Thursday August 3, 17 @ 7:30 pm  
Our Lady Czestochowa Church,  
64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda  
Witness Speaker: Carol Palesh 6/1.

**The Spirit of the City (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)**

Thursday August 3, 17 @ 6:00 pm  
The St. Jude Center in Downtown,  
760 Ellicott Street, Buffalo. For information please call Eva Tamoga @ 689-8431

**Southtowns (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)**

Thursday August 3 @ 7:30pm  
Jim and Marilyn Molloy  
101 South Dr Orchard Park 662-4017

Thursday August 17 @ 7:30pm  
Louise O'Connor  
2814 Bell Hamburg 627-9601

**Sick List:**

Please pray for: Dcn. Mike Quinn and the Quinn children, Dcn. Joe Barr, Lynn McCarthy Howard, Pat Milligan, Peggy Walters, Ron Lomanto, Liz Pauly

Please pray for the family of Fr. Robert McCartney who entered his 5<sup>th</sup> Day. He was a gentle servant of God and was greatly loved by anyone who knew him through his many years of serving God's people. We are going to miss his beautiful smile and never ending stories and jokes.

**Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts** can be ordered by mailing a check with name, weekend # and color preference for nametags: Contact Mike Szematowicz. Contact: Call 812 0633 or e-mail szematm@gmail.com  
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