

Buffalo Cursillo

April Newsletter

Lay Director's Report:

He has won you for himself.....and you must proclaim what he has done for you: he has called you out of darkness into His own wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

Well here it is almost Easter! I'm sure the 40 days did not go by very fast for our Lord as it has for us. We are constantly bombarded with outside activities keeping us from the prayerful journey I am sure that Jesus took. We are filled with the many distractions the devil places in our path. The Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Lent talks about how Jesus gave sight to the blind man. Through Grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. Is that not what Cursillo calls us to do? To bring sight to those that are not quite seeing the path to a closer relationship with God through the use of our tripod; Piety---Study---Action. There are many ways to obtain the help one might feel they need to bring someone closer to our Savior. We are so blessed to have all of the various guide books and literature provided by National Cursillo. All one has to do to access this information is to go online to: WWW.NATIONALCURSILLO.ORG and open "CURSILLO LITATURE". There you will find every piece of literature about our beloved movement, OR just attend our "School of Leaders" meetings where you will just sit and listen to all of the topics that will enhance your knowledge of our movement and help you on your journey to "EVANGELIZE THE WORLD".

Our meetings are once a month and usually only run for 1-2 hours. Why not attend? What have you got to lose?

Dates to mark your calendar:

- 1) Spring Regional Meeting to be held on May 12th -13th at St. Ann's Convent, Ebensburg, PA.
- 2) 2017 National Encounter to be held from July 27th – 30th at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX.

All are invited. See me if you are interested.

Our next School of Leaders meeting is April 17th. Hope to see you all there.

Joan and I wish all of you a Blessed Easter...and we will see you soon!

All in God's Name

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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

As we approach the midway point of our Lenten journey, we continue our commitment to renewing our desire/effort to answer God's call to greater holiness. But do we have a practical spiritual strategy? In other words, in order to ***become*** holier, have ***we first proactively and thoughtfully considered how will we overcome the devil's temptations when they challenge us?***

In his book, ***Introduction to a Devout Life***, St Francis DeSales suggests that when tempted we should act like a little child and ***run as far away from the temptation as possible - calling for help along the way!*** **Perhaps, he meant that we should:**

Remove ourselves— physically, mentally and emotionally from the tempting situation.

We extricate and disentangle ourselves by:

Shifting our physical settings

Changing our thoughts without lingering

Counterbalancing any emotional triggers

that may cause or accompany our temptations by keeping ourselves filled with the Holy Spirit.

Come to know our Scriptures even better-

When tempted by Satan in the desert Jesus

responded by quoting God's Word. He

went right to the source of righteousness

for His defense...**so should we!**

Call on Jesus/Blessed Mother, the Angels and Saints:

Direct Prayer and Intercessory prayer are our weapons of choice when overcoming temptation.

Praying the Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet daily creates strong amour. Every time we pray the Rosary - Mary protects us as she walks us through the Life of Jesus in the Scriptures.

We Consciously **Starve** Our **Old** Nature

Identify and eliminate from ourselves whatever belongs to our earthly nature:

Things the devil uses against us like our immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed/idolatry;

Things like: anger, prejudice, rage, malice, slander, foul language, unkind and

judgmental thoughts/comments about

others – One by one we recognize them and

starve them out of our nature by choosing not to support them any longer.

We Feed Our New Nature – we can only replace an old, bad habit with a new, good habit!

*Lent is meant for us to focus ourselves more on constantly nourishing **our new nature** with God's Word, Reconciliation and the Eucharist; through repentance, prayer, kind acts and all things of Christ; they protect us and strategically brace ourselves to*

overcome temptation as we strengthen our relationship with God.

This Lent, as God's children, **let us run to Him ... calling out in prayer all the way.**

Let us clothe ourselves with more compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience toward others.

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances we may have against one another.

Forgive as the Lord **forgives us.**

Running to our Father, Jesus, Mary, reading our Scriptures and devoting time for our prayers ... all provide us with tangible and effective solutions to the devil's temptations.

... But it's our responsibility to willingly and persistently put these solutions into practice!

God Bless!

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School of Leaders

Our March meeting was canceled due to the weather, and there will be no meeting in April due to the Men's weekend.

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Men's 216

Rector: Jerry Casillo
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Laity: Chuck Miller
Study: Chuck Stephan
Action: Ed Hackett
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Environments: John Jacskolka
CCA: Joe Biddle
4th Day: Tom Felong
Wardens: Chuck DiMaria and Paul Keiffer
Liturgist: Terry Johnson and Paul Johnson
Spiritual Directors: Fr. Karl Loab, Dcn. Greg Moran, Dcn. Matt Hens and Dcn. Marc Ledersdorf

April Cursillo Men's Weekend:

Men's Weekend Support Mass:

Sunday, April 9 @ 3:00 pm
St Vincent's

Men's Weekend Setup:

Wednesday, April 19 @ 6:00 pm
St Vincent's

Men's Weekend Begins:

Thursday, April 20 @ 7:00pm
St Vincent's

Men's Weekend Holy Hour

Saturday April 22 @ St Vincent's 7:00pm

Men's Weekend closing

Sunday April 23 @ St Vincent's 3:00pm

April/May Reunion Mass

Holy Hours for weekends (*this could change*).

JUNE 6/16 Fourth Day dinner @ St. Vincent's

JULY 7/14 GRAND ULTREYA hosted by Bethany @ St. Vincent's

AUGUST 8/6 PICNIC (location to be announced)

SEPTEMBER 9/8 Pueblo de Paz

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER Holy Hours for weekends

DECEMBER 12/1 Fourth Day dinner

Ultreya Schedule for April

Bethany (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday April 6 & 20 @ 7:00pm
St. Martha's March Parish

New Bethany Satellite (3rd Tuesday)

Tuesday April 18 @ 7:00 pm
Paul & Diane Gianadda
5060 Elmcroft Ct., Clarence

Full of Grace (Last Tuesday)

Tuesday April 25 @ 7:00 pm
Annunciation Church, Selbert Hall
Clinton Street, Elma

Pueblo de Paz (2nd Wednesday)

Wednesday April 12 after 7:00pm Mass
St. Mary's Church
6785 East Arcade Rd., East Arcade

Pueblo de Paz (Last Sunday)

Sunday April 30 @ 7:00pm
St. Mary's Church
23 Church St., Silver Springs

Rainbow Vineyard (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday April 6 & 20 @ 7:30 pm
Our Lady Czestochowa Church,
64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda

The Spirit of the City (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday April 6 & 20 @ 6:00 pm
The St. Jude Center in Downtown,
760 Ellicott Street, Buffalo. For information
please call Eva Tamoga @ 689-8431

Southtowns (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday April 6 @ 7:30pm
Don and Alice Appenheimer
3710 Salisbury Blasdell, 239-8419
Ilona Klein will witness

Thursday April 20 @ 7:30
No Ultreya because of Men's Weekend.

Sick List: Marie Sorrentino, Charlie
McCarthy, Lorrie Rakoczynski, Cassie Haak,
Romaine Lillis and the Quinn Children.

Notable News

Region III Meeting May 12 & 13 at St. Ann's
Retreat Center, Ebensburg, PA

Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts can
be ordered by mailing a check with name,
weekend # and color preference for
nametags: Contact Dennis Conklin for
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