Buffalo Cursillo

July Newsletter

Lay Director's Report:

"God, interrupt whatever we are doing so that we can join you in what you're doing"

Well summer has finally started. I want to talk about the topic "COMMUNITY". I wasn't sure where to start so I first checked Webster's Dictionary. In part, it describes a Community as: "a social, religious, occupational, or other group sharing common characteristics, or interests,"

We have Civic communities, Political communities, Church communities, Family communities and so on. Webster's dictionary did not satisfy me very much. So, I researched some more and became engrossed in our own "Leaders Manual". One sentence caught my attention. It was a sentence written by Pope John Paul II. It reads "each Christian in the COMMUNITY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD builds up the Body of Christ."

"The" COMMUNITY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD". WOW. Now we're getting somewhere. I then read further in the Leaders Manual.

"From the very beginning the Cursillo Movement has taken responsibility for providing a "community" for those who have lived the Cursillo. It is within this community where they will be accompanied, supported, and motivated to grow and share their Christian life together."

Now, stop and think. Isn't this the message we convey to our candidates on the

weekend? A review of my notes from the past two weekends #216 and #217 fortified my thoughts. Many of the candidates witnessing at both closings commented on the "SUPPORT" of the "COMMUNITY". The weekends really do work. We are getting the message across. In our 4th Day we are called to continue our transformation of the environments within our communities whether these communities are in our families, at work, in social groups, political groups or wherever we find ourselves. Keeping all of this in mind, we have new weekend dates fast approaching. The Men's is September 14th thru the 17th, and the Women's is October 19th thru the 22nd. Teams are being formed so we need candidates. It's time to enter these communities and MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND< and BRING YOUR FRIEND TO CHRIST. I know this is short notice but it is the only dates that were available. So let's bring our friends to Cursillo. Remember the Friendship Groups and Ultreyas are there to lend support in your

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NOTES: With all that being said, working a team is a great experience, when and if asked please pray about it. Remember that

asked, please pray about it. Remember that these weekends can't run without a very important group and that is the Palanca team. It is a thankless job, BUT the blessings received are abundant, if and when called to work a Palanca team, please pray about it and know that your "yes" is a weekend commitment.

Also a HUGE thank you to our outgoing Secretariat Members: Pre-Cursillo: Carolyn McNamara, Donna Foster, Carol Stier; Post Cursillo: Jack and Chris Thomann, and School of Leaders: MaryAnn DeMaria. Also, Mike McCarthy our Liturgist.

Thank you to our new members for saying YES: Pre-Cursillo: Diane Putt, Marge Fetterman, Post Cursillo: Mike and

MaryBeth Cuccinotta, Curtis and Maria Boyle, School of Leaders: Bill Gross and Jennifer Appenheimer.

As I said earlier, summer is here! We do not have meetings during July and August but Ultreyas continue all year long. Our next community get-together is Sunday August 13th Reunion Mass and picnic at Deacon Mike and Dawn Quinn's home, 532 South shore Blvd., Lackawanna. 1:00pm, Mass at 3:00pm. Please bring table settings, meat (a grill is available), and a dish to pass. Also bring a bathing suit as they also have a beautiful pool. Hope to see you then.

God's Blessings... Dennis J. Conklin #155 5303 - E Chestnut Ridge Road Orchard Park, NY 14127 480-2904 & 480-2964 Dnjconklin5305@gmail.com

Spiritual Director's Reflection:

No other words needed...



Pax et bonum!

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Pre Cursillo Report:

No report submitted.

Cursillo

Howdy Folks and Happy Summer!!!!!!! Not too much to report from our Section Team,

I hope they all got some well-deserved rest from our Spring Weekends. Once again, thank you all who said YES to working and helping out on the Spring Weekends. Your work is SO MUCH APPRECIATED!!!

We are looking forward to our Cursillo Picnic and Mass coming in August.

Our Men's Team Selectors have begun their job once again of starting to put together a Men's Team for the Men's Cursillo Weekend, September 14 – 17th. If called to work the Weekend, please think about it. "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called".

Men's 218

Wardens:

Rector: Carl Stack

Stephan Mychajliw Asst. Rector: Robley Evans Ideals: Martin Ruhland Laity: Study:

Bill Gross

Action: Mike Szematowicz Leaders: Frank Gullo Environments: Gilbert Doway CCA: Curtis Boyle 4th Day: Rich Foster

Don Appenheimer Jr.

Karl Tackas Dan Almeter

Liturgist: Mike McCarthy

Rob Gill

Men's Cursillo Weekend - Sept. 14th - 17th

Women's Cursillo Weekend - Oct. 19th - 22nd

Peace,

Bob Piskun, Cursillo Section Leader

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Post Cursillo

Happy July 4th!!!

Some dates that need to be put on your SUMMER CALENDAR:

July seems like "low season" for Cursillo, but is it? It's a great time to celebrate with Fireworks, Vacations, & Family Reunions*
Yet, wherever there are family & friends gathering, it's also a time to deepen friendships! In Cursillo that means Friendships in Christ, Sonshine Praise & Worship, and Celebrating Mass under the trees!

All these are part of the THE ANNUAL CURSILLO AUGUST FAMILY REUNION!

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Dcn. Mike & Dawn Quinn will host our August Reunion Mass, Sunday August 13th at 1pm, with mass at 3pm, & a pot luck picnic to follow. GPS 532 South Shore Blvd. Lackawanna.

Bring your FAMILY! Bring swimwear.... pools open, your meat to grill, dish to share, & chair or blanket for mass.

It's great that so many from recent weekends are meeting & encouraging one another in their friendship groups! HELPING to "Keep on going" also includes ULTREYA. Plan to ATTEND YOUR SUMMER ULTREYA. Take advantage of the warm July nights & have a patio Ultreya meeting! Hoping to see you soon,

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School of Leaders

Hello. My name is Bill Gross, and I am the new coordinator for the School of Leaders, following in the footsteps of MaryAnn DiMaria. I am relatively new to the Cursillo movement, having mad weekend 210. I am a member of the South Towns Ultreya. This autumn the meeting dates for School of Leaders will be: 9/18; 10/16; 11/20 & 12/18. They will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Church (corner of Rte. 16 and Rice Road) in Springbrook. School will open at 6:30 and usually finish by 7:30. Optional section meetings will follow

Deacon Greg and I have been meeting and will continue to meet to plan what we hope will be interesting and attractive programs. We hope to have the topics ready for the next newsletter.

Bill Gross wfgross45@gmail.com

Reunion Mass

No Reunion Mass in July

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

September 8th GRAND ULTREYA hosted by Pueblo de Paz

Ultreya Schedule for July

Bethany (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday July 6, 20 @ 7:00pm St. Martha's March Parish

New Bethany Satellite (3rd Tuesday)

Tuesday July 18 @ 7:00 pm Call Jack Thomann for location 583-2320

Full of Grace (Last Tuesday)

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

<u>Pueblo de Paz (2nd Wednesday)</u>

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

Pueblo de Paz (Last Sunday)

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

Rainbow Vineyard (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday July 6, 20 @ 7:30 pm Our Lady Czestochowa Church, 64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda Witness Speaker: Carol Palesh 6/1.

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

Thursday July 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 July 6 @ 7:30pm Don & Alice Appenheimer's 3710 Salisbury Ave, Blasdell, 825-3427 Witness; Linda Piskun

Thursday July 6, 20 @ 7:30pm Curtis and Maria Boyle's 3936 Jefferson Ave. Hamburg, 785-3275 Witness; Deacon Mike Quinn

Notable News

I will be putting on a presentation on the Fatima Apparitions on Thursday, July 13th at 700pm- 815 pm at St. Martin of Tours on Abbott Rd in South Buffalo. July 13th is the anniversary of the date when the children saw the vision of hell. Come one come all. Bring a friend. If your parish or vicariate, prayer groups, etc. would like a presentation call me at 515-8725 or email me with some dates.

August will be tough but after that let me know. I will be putting this on for the Springville area Vicariate on October 2nd.

Deacon Michael D. Quinn

Sick List:

Liz Pauly, Corrine Giermack, Marie Sorrentino, Abby and Dcn. Mike Quinn, and Denise Daniels

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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