

# Buffalo Cursillo

*November Newsletter*

## Lay Coordinator's Report:

Here I am again saying "WOW"! What a great Men's weekend we just experienced. Of course I say that after a very weekend because we are so blessed to have them here in Buffalo.

I think of all the areas of the world where they can't express their religious beliefs. We are so BLESSED.

Back to the weekend. The kitchen crew was again excellent as the Team and Candidates ate is out of all the food. The candidates seemed to be with it right from the start. My

Hat is off to all the sponsors and their preparation of the candidates before the weekend. The Holy Hour was well attended as well as Las Manianitas. I was very impressed

With the Candidates witness' at the closing. It was very obvious that the message we try to convey was really captured by the men. I know we had two of the candidates come to

Southtown's Ultreya and hopefully they will continue to come. The candidate that was from out of town called for information on Ultreyas in his area that we provided to him.

Also, our Palanca Team was fantastic. They were so good and stayed on top of everything to the point that some of them became bored. Great job to everyone.

And now I am told we have 20+ women candidates. Don't forget you palanca and

Pray - Pray - Pray for the team and candidates.

P.S. Thank you all for your prayers, we finally closed on our Condo in Orchard Park.

God's Blessings

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## Spiritual Director's Reflection:

### Meditation for November 2016

Deacon Greg Moran

It's so hard to believe that the Year of Mercy will be drawing to a close next month.

Over these past few months especially, we have heard numerous parables and other Scriptural readings like the Prodigal Son, that remind us that God is constantly seeking us out - "running" to us - and how our Father and all of heaven celebrates when we return to Him.

Hopefully, this Year of Mercy has brought us to a deeper awareness of how God's mercy is not only constantly acting in our lives and also how we are to cascade His love, forgiveness and mercy through our thoughts, words and our actions toward others.

In the parables we have heard this year, "mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon".

When we find that we have drifted and wandered from God, we know that He will always accept our contrition and welcome us back home. We know that our Father is eternally offering His love, mercy, and

compassion to us. Just like the son who was lost and finally came to realize that his father will have mercy on him if he returns, it may take us a while to open our hearts enough to recognize how God offers His mercy to us.

Nonetheless, God's mercy is always available to us, and He is always ready to celebrate when we find our way back to him.

### **Some Things to Ponder**

Do we take enough time to fully appreciate and celebrate our relationship with God?

How important is it to include a real sense of joy in our Christian life?

Think back to a time when you were lost or when you lost something. How did it feel when you made your way back to a place you knew? How did it feel when you found what you were looking for?

Can you imagine God's response to our return to Him or when we simply choose to open our heart even more to receive His mercy and grace?

What would He say to you?

How would you celebrate with Him?

God's peace and blessings, always!

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### **Pre Cursillo Report:**

***"Make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ"***

Save this date....Men's Support Mass  
St. Vincent's ... In Elma, New York  
October 9, 2016 @ 3:00 pm sharp...Hope to see you all there!!!!

We will gather and pray for the Men working the weekend as well all the Candidates!!!

Hope to see you all there, God's Blessings on you, Once again, the dates for the Fall Weekends are Men's # 214 on October 13th ~ 16th, 2016 & Woman's #215 on November 3rd ~ 6th, 2016. Remember, Talk to God before you talk with you candidate.

"Christ is counting on YOU!!

Love and prayers from the Pre~ Cursillo Team,

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### **Cursillo Section:**

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ!!!!

What an incredible time of the year for us. We finished our Men's Cursillo Weekend 214. They are starting to get into some Ultreyas and Permanent Groups which is fantastic. I'm always looking for new blood as they say. My Secretary, Lisa Gauthier, is moving on in Cursillo. She will be working

with the Palanca Team Selectors. Lisa has worked quit a few years as secretary for The Section and has done an EXCELLENT JOB.

On that note I am looking for a new secretary to take her place. Male or female with a little bit of Secretary Skills to take notes at our Section Meetings. Other jobs, make coffee, take my shirts to cleaners and bring me my paper. (JUST JOKING!!!!!!) Please contact me if interested or I'll be looking for you.

Our Sisters in Christ are getting geared up for the weekend. Women's Cursillo Team 215 will start their Weekend November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Candidates will start arriving at 7:00pm. Come and welcome them!!!!!!!!!!!!

The building, teams, crews, selectors, all of The Section Team has done a FANTASTIC JOB once again with Gods Hand to guide these new Babe Chicks to a whole new LOVE.

PEACE!!

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## Post Cursillo

This past month & continuing "onward" have been great times of prayer & hard work (sacrifice)!

It has been good for body & soul! Ours & the new Cursillo members!

The December "Welcome to Your Fourth Day" Reunion is a well-earned celebration for all of us.

We celebrate & welcome our newest members! We celebrate God's Grace & Love that has been showered down in "DeColores" colors!

The gathering begins at 6:15 Friday, December 2nd at SVDP. Bring a dish to pass & your utensils for the best potluck ever!

Drinks are provided. Along with some musical memories of 214 & 215! Sit back & enjoy Cursillo Community at its best! UNTIL then,  
ULTREYA...KEEP GOING..... "ONWARD"!!!

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## School of Leaders

No Article Submitted

## Ultreya Schedule for October

Bethany (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)  
Thursday, Nov. 3 & 17 @ 7:00 pm  
St. Martha's Parish

Bethany Satellite Meeting (Last Tuesday)  
Tuesday Nov. 29 @ 7:00  
Annunciation Church, Selbert Hall  
Clinton Street, Elma

Pueblo de Paz (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
Wednesday Nov. 9 after 7:00 Mass  
@ St. Mary's Church, 6785 East Arcade Rd.,  
East Arcade

Pueblo de Paz (Last Sunday)  
Sunday Nov. 27 @ 7:00 pm  
Oatka Village Apts. Community Room  
Linwood Ave, Warsaw (Next to YMCA)

Rainbow Vineyard (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)  
Thursday Nov. 3 & 17 @  
Our Lady Czestochowa Church,  
64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda

The Spirit of the City (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)  
Thursday Nov. 3 & 17 @ 6:00  
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, Nov. 3 No Ultreya

Thursday, Nov. 17 @ 7:30 pm  
Don & Alice Appenheimer  
S-3710 Salisbury Ave.  
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## Second Touch

It's that time again to mark your calendars for the annual Second Touch (more than a retreat) weekend for all Cursillistas.

The Date is January 27th to January 29th at Stella Niagara Center of Renewal, Lewiston NY. All Cursillistas are invited to attend. This weekend is a very special time for all of us, a time for prayer and community building, a time for sharing, for making new friends and reconnecting with old friends. These weekends help us to continue our understanding of Cursillo. Each year we have a special theme. This year the Theme is "God' Gift of Grace".

The weekend starts on Friday night 7pm and finishes on Sunday afternoon about 1pm. To come for the weekend and stay at the center the cost is \$160. To come as a commuter \$85, come for all day Saturday \$50, or for Mass, dinner and Ultreya Saturday night \$15, or Saturday Ultreya at 7:30pm - no charge. Scholarship donations are welcome and needed for those who need financial help to attend.

To sign up or for more information call Carol Palesh 716-694-0942 or E-Mail [grannypalesh@verizon.net](mailto:grannypalesh@verizon.net)

**Sick List:** Please keep the following people in your prayers: Dcn. Joe Barr,

Peggy Walders, Carol Ellis, Mary Ann DeMaria, and Linda Johnson, Liz Pauly, Quinn children, Gary Tatu

**Notable News:** Shirts can still be purchased by contacting Dennis or Joan Conklin at 827-2627.

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

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