

Buffalo Cursillo

November Newsletter

Lay Director's Report:

Hello Cursillistas! Bienvenidos mis hermanos y heremanas en Cristo! Welcome my brothers and sisters in Christ!

As first order of business; please join me in thanking Dennis Conklin and his wife Joan for all of their sacrifices, hard work, and dedicated efforts. Dennis served diligently as Lay Director for 4 years and has served Cursillo in many other capacities over the years. Joan supported his efforts and stepped forward when we needed help on the Secretariat. I'm sure I speak for the entire community when I say: Thank you Dennis, for a job well done!

I begin my term as Cursillo Lay Director for the Diocese of Buffalo with great pleasure and excitement. I look forward to serving you, the community, and working hard to promote and advance our wonderful movement to all those called to be disciples of Christ. I am surrounded on the Secretariat by a learned and enthusiastic group of dedicated cursillistas. This bodes well for the continued growth and spirituality of the Buffalo Cursillo movement.

I made men's weekend 191 at the end of March 2005. Don Appenheimer was my table leader. On our third day April 2, 2005 we received word that Pope John Paul II entered his 5th day. Our closing was on Divine Mercy Sunday of that year. It was very emotional for us all. My weekend was momentous and a significant milestone in my faith journey, as I am sure yours were too.

So, going forward I ask for your prayers and support. Several people have already made suggestions and requests on how to better serve our community. I welcome all of your

positive thoughts and ideas. Feel free to call me or email at any time.

Most importantly please pray for me and the other members of our Secretariat. Ask God to continue to bless our Cursillo movement and place in our path many new friends to bring to Him.

Jerry

Good bye thoughts from Dennis Conklin:

THANK YOU

In late 1994 my wife, Joan, introduced me to Don and Alice Appenheimer. After they took us to dinner and explained fully the Cursillo Movement we or should I say I agreed to attend a weekend in February 1995. After I lived my weekend, Don took me to my first Ultreya and shortly after invited me to join his friendship group. I have been in that group ever since. As I look back on those 22 years I remember Mike McCarthy inviting me to be a Team Selector. The two men I owe a lot to. Then there were the Lay Directors who also inspired me, Carol Palesh, Joanne Privetera, Don Appenheimer, Denise Peplowski-Hodur, Carl Stack, Cyndy Rebisz, Paul Grande and again Don Appenheimer. Once I was asked to be Lay Director, I prayed for over a month before finally accepting. At first I didn't believe I was worthy of such a position. I always held the previous Lay Directors in such high esteem. I thought if I could accomplish a small portion of what these people did before me I would be happy. Hopefully I did. I want to thank all of the them for their inspiration as well as all of the people I served with on the Secretariat. Most of all I want to thank my good friend, Don Appenheimer and God. See you in the Eucharist.

All God's Blessings

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Spiritual Director's Reflection

Forgive Us Our Trespasses As We Forgive Those
Who Trespass Against Us...
by
Deacon Greg Moran

Our first step toward spiritual maturity in ***forgiveness*** is to admit that we struggle with it.

We struggle to *ask* for it.

We struggle to *give* it.

We often stop short of seeking actual forgiveness. We are usually willing to say, "*I'm sorry,*" but seldom will we ask one another, "*Will you forgive me?*"

There's a big difference between the two statements. Saying, "*I'm sorry*" is a form of contrition, but it offers no opportunity for the other person to respond.

When someone just says, "*I'm sorry.*" The only response we can honestly give to them is, "*Okay.*"

But if they say, "*Will you forgive me?*" Don't we feel as though they have invited us into the healing process with them?

We can then grant them the forgiveness that is necessary for the restoration of the relationship and we have the opportunity to respond with a peace-giving and relationship restoring, "I forgive you" response.

The benefits of relationship are reestablished and free-flowing once again.

Here's why this is so hard:

Because when we say, "*Would you please forgive me,*" we are putting ourselves in a very vulnerable position. We are opening ourselves up to the possibility that other person might say, "*No.*" But, in our sin/error, we must be quick to confess and to humbly admit our faults. Our pride is what prevents us from responding in humility and brokenness; it prevents us from allowing ourselves to be vulnerable.

Through the humility and honesty of "*Would you please forgive me,*" we'll see healing come into our relationships and our life. Those are the words that we need to hear when our relationships have been obstructed or disrupted by sin, fault and/or thoughtlessness.

Those words, in the power of the Holy Spirit, will clear out the hurt/pain and bring in God's presence, His life and wholeness and His lasting peace.

Peace and all Good Things!

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Pre Cursillo Report

Well, we have (1) weekend under our belt and learned some things along the way! We are already thinking about the weekends for the Spring - Men's Weekend is April 19 - 22, 2018 and Women's Weekend is May 17 through May 20, 2018. Mark your calendar and Save the Dates!!

Weekend starts on April 19 (May 17) with a meet and greet before we send the candidates and teams off at 8:00 to begin their journey. Join us Saturday April 21 (May 19) for the serenade at 7:30 and Holy Hour at 8:00. All are welcome. Join is for Las Mañanitas 6 am and the Closing on April 22 (May 20) at 3 pm.

We also hope to have dates for the Fall within the next few weeks.

We would like to also thank our predecessors - Donna Foster, Carolyn McNamara and Carol Stier for all the work they did previously, that helped us step into this positions. They had great notes and recommendations and made stepping up to the plate easy. Thank you, ladies!

Continue to pray of whom to invite; invite and mail the applications to: Diane Putt, 11691 Whitetail Drive, Marilla, NY 14102. If we can help you, please feel free to contact us - Diane Putt at 380-0187 or Marge Fetterman at 698-5828.

God bless -

Diane and Marge

Diane-380-0187 or Marge-698-5828
or contact us via email -
bfloprekursillo@gmail.com

Cursillo Report

My Brothers and sisters in Christ!!!!!!!!!!

What a blessing it is to see the Holy Spirit at work. At work I mean, working through our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, teaching others about the love God has for them.

Once again we became the hands, feet and heart of Jesus to the beautiful women of Weekend 219. To everyone who helped make this weekend happen, my sincere blessings to you and your families. From the littlest thing of peeling a potato to giving Spiritual Direction, it's all done for Jesus. To the people who worked the Palanca Team. I know we are not to be mentioned but this Section Head can't help himself. The team was under staffed and a bunch of new-bee's on top of it. They came up big for Jesus. Whatever was asked of them they did it to the best of their ability. They all hung around to the very end to see if there were any last minute things to be done.

Once again my sincere THANKS for all your help. May God bless you and your families!!

Bob Piskun,
Cursillo Section Leader
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Post Cursillo

Thank you to everyone who participated in making Women's Weekend #218 a success and welcome to our new babe chicks! We can't wait to meet you as you join our community. As you heard on the weekend Cursillo has a wide breadth of options to get involved whether it be Ultreya, Reunion Masses, or permanent groups. As always the Ultreya schedules for the month can be found at the end of the newsletter or please feel free to reach out to us or your

sponsor for information on any of the ways to stay involved. And finally, for everyone, we hope to see you all at the upcoming 4th Day Dinner on Friday, November 17th 6:00pm at St Vincent De Paul in Spring Brook bring a dish to pass as well as your own place settings. If you are interested in further retreat opportunity, the dates for Second Touch have been set for Friday Jan 26 at 7 pm through Sunday Jan 28th at 1:30 PM at Stella Niagara. For those who do not know Second Touch is a weekend retreat for individuals who have already lived a Cursillo weekend. The theme this year will be "Essence of Being a Christian". The cost is as follows; overnight \$160, commuter \$85, Saturday all day \$55, Saturday dinner and Ultreya \$25. For more information or to sign up to attend please contact Carol Palesh by phone at 716-694-0942 or by email at grannypalesh@verizon.net. We will be having a reunion on December 8th more details to come via your Ultreyas, email, Facebook, and our Buffalo Cursillo website. As always if you have any questions or request please reach out, were here to help and always looking to see what we can do to help our community continue to grow together!

Ultreya,

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School of Leaders

A Deeper Look at How to Approach Piety
Deacon Greg Moran

God has promised always to be with us, but often times our awareness of His constant presence in our lives fades.

We get so caught up in dealing with the demands of our daily lives that it's easy to lose sight of God. And, sometimes I'm sure we all wonder when – if ever – we may experience the thrill of encountering Him again.

The good news is that God loves to be close to us and wants us to know Him better.

When we want to experience more of God's presence, what steps should we take that will lead us closer to Him?

How do we invite Him to make His presence known more strongly in our life?

Are you interested in some answers to these questions and more?

Come Join Us!

Monday, November 20th, 2017
St. Vincent DePaul Elma NY
6:30 pm

Bill Gross
wfgross45@gmail.com

SECOND TOUCH 2018

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 26th to January 28th 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, for sharing, 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. ESSENCE - The Essence of Cursillo and the Essence of being a Christian. It is explained through TRUTH and LIFE. The Truth being

the word of God. The LIFE being the living of the TRUTH.

To sign up call Carol Palesh 716-694-0942 or E mail grannypalesh@verizon.net.

Next Reunion Mass – Friday December 8th – Join us and bring an instrument
School of Leaders/Section & Secretariat meetings Monday November 20th @ St Vincent's 6:30 pm

Ultreya Schedule for November

Bethany (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday, November 2 & 16 @ 7:00pm
St. Martha's March Parish

New Bethany Satellite (3rd Tuesday)

Tuesday November 21 @ 7:00 pm
Call Jack Thomann for location 583-2320

Full of Grace (Last Tuesday)

Tuesday November 28 @ 7:00 pm
Annunciation Church, Selbert Hall
Clinton Street, Elma

Pueblo de Paz (2nd Wednesday)

Wednesday November 8 after 7:00pm Mass
St. Mary's Church
6785 East Arcade Rd., East Arcade

Pueblo de Paz (Last Sunday)

Sunday November 26 @ 7:00pm
St. Mary's Church
23 Church St., Silver Springs

Rainbow Vineyard (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday, November 2 & 16 @ 7:00pm
Our Lady Czestochowa Church,
64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda
Witness Speaker: Carol Palesh 6/1.

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

Thursday, November 2 & 16 @ 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, November 2 @ 7:30

Bob and Linda Piskun
38 Bernadette, West Seneca
998-2503

Thursday, November 16 @ 7:30
Alice Appenheimer
370 Salisbury Blasdell
825-3427

Sick List: Please keep the following people in your prayers and palanca:

Joe and Diane Manuel, the Quinn children,
Lorrie Rackozynski, Denise Daniels,
Ron Lomanto

Don Appenheimer entered his 5th day on
October 17, 2017



May we remember with joy and love our dear friend and brother Cursillistas. Don brightened the hearts of all who he came in contact with. He loved Cursillo and remained active after making his weekend #85 in 1979. He served God and the community tirelessly in many capacities, working many weekends and leading us twice as Lay Director. Let us pray for Don and his family and keep him ever in our thoughts. We love you Don, and may you rest in peace!

APPENHEIMER - Donald N. of Blasdell, NY.
October 17, 2017; beloved husband of Alice M. (nee Hogan) Appenheimer; loving father of Jennifer Appenheimer, Donald Jr. (Laura), and Patricia (Robley) Evans; cherished grandfather of William Appenheimer, Margaret Evans, Robley Evans, Michael Evans, Jennifer (Kurt) Moore, Jason (Kaitlyn) Hopkins, Jorge (Amanda) Hopkins, Gary Kasniak and Chelsea Kasniak; dearest son of the late Arthur and Marie Appenheimer; step-son of the late Charles Pfalzer; dear brother of Thomas (Pamela London), Marylou (Wally) Szumczyk, James

(Arlene) and the late John (June) Appenheimer; stepbrother of Sharon (John) Allen and the late Robert (Hazel) Pfalzer; brother-in-law of Daniel (Janet) Hogan, Kathleen (Donald) Volk, James (Beverly) Hogan, Patricia (Bill) Mager and the late Michael (Nancy) Hogan; also survived by many loved nieces and nephews.

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

Newsletter Address:

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Cursillo Region III – Fall Meeting
November 17 - 18, 2017 - Mt. Alvernia,
Pittsburgh
Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann
Communities, 146 Hawthorne Road, Pittsburgh,
PA 15209

The Motherhouse of Mt. Alvernia Sisters of Saint Francis will be the location of the Region III Fall Meeting. Cost for the full meeting is \$65.00. Commuter price is \$30.00. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday and concludes following Saturday supper at 6:00 p.m. Focus of the meeting will be the topic "Friendship". Join our Cursillo gathering of Cursillistas from Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Buffalo, Rochester, Altoona-Johnstown, Cleveland, and West Virginia.

Experience the joy of Cursillo on a broader scale through personal contact, interactive meetings and sharing the Cursillo method within our region. Meet new Cursillista friends and renew old friendships at this meeting, and participate in a program of learning and planning.

Receive current Region & National Cursillo information and inspire others with your joy of Cursillo.

Clean linens and towels are supplied, but please bring your favorite pillow and other

items which you normally use. Cost includes three meals Saturday.
(Please Print legibly – Thank You – Please fill in all the blanks)

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Address: _____

City: _____
State: _____
Zip Code: _____
Home Telephone: _____
Cell#: _____
Name: _____

(Please Print or Type) (Last) (First) (I
initial) (Nickname)

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell phone) _____

Parish: _____ City: _____
Age: _____

E-mail address (if any) _____

Marital Status: - Single Married
 Widowed Separated Divorced
- Male Female
- Priest Deacon Religious Order

Are you a baptized Catholic? _____ Are you able to receive the Sacraments? _____
Religious Denomination of Spouse: _____

Occupation _____

If you have any medical problems, such as diabetes, disability, arthritis, mobility problems or special dietary requirements, please check yes or no so that we may provide

for your special needs. ____ yes ____
no
Please specify _____

Do you require a special diet? Yes ____ No ____
Explain _____
Do you need an outlet for sleep apnea or similar machines? _____ Please bring extension cord
In what way do you participate in parish, diocesan or community activities (list specifically):

Do you play a musical instrument? _____ If yes, which one?

Has the Cursillo Movement been explained to your satisfaction?

Sponsor's Name: _____
Weekend # _____

(Signature of Applicant/Candidate)
(Date)

There is a suggested donation of \$75 for all Cursillo participants.
(more accepted, less never turned down. Collected at weekend registration desk)
Mail Application to: Diane Putt, 11691 Whitetail Dr., Marilla, NY 14102. Cell phone: 380-0187
Or Marge Fetterman, 10 Franklin St., Lancaster, NY 14086. Cell phone: 698-5828
Email: Bflo-PreCursillo@gmail.com

For more information, see our web site: www.buffalocursillo.com Updated 7/2017a

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Candidate's name _____

Sponsor's name _____

Weekend # _____

Sponsor's
address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Parish _____
Ultreya _____
(E-mail) _____

Phone (Home) _____
(cell) _____
(work) _____

What Cursillo weekend did you make?
_____ How long have you known your
candidate? _____

Are you in group reunion? _____ If so,
how long? _____

Will you bring your candidate to the Cursillo?
_____ Attend the holy hour? _____

Attend the closing? _____ Will you attend
the Welcome to Your Fourth Day? _____

To which Ultreya will you bring your candidate?

If married, is the spouse's application included?

Are you aware of any medical or physical
handicaps that may need special attention on the
weekend?

If yes, please describe;

Our candidate is: talkative__ In-
between__ Quiet__ (check one)

Have you read the checklist of sponsor
responsibilities on the last page? _____

Is there a co-sponsor? If so, Name:
_____ Cursillo
weekend# _____

Address _____
City _____ NY, Zip code _____

Phone _____ (cell phone)
_____ E-mail _____

Why do you think your candidate will benefit
from a Cursillo weekend?

I promise to offer prayer and palanca for my
candidate before, during and after their Cursillo

weekend. I will fulfill my sponsor
responsibilities and will encourage my
candidate's attendance at Ultreya and in the
formation of a permanent group.
Sponsor's signature

Sponsor - please return all sheets, (candidate's
application and Sponsors sheets), to the
Pre-Cursillo Section. **Please keep a
copy of page 3 for yourself**

**Mail Application to: Diane Putt, 11691
Whitetail Dr., Marilla, NY 14102**

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CURSILLO APPLICATION FORM
SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES Page 3 of 3

Being a sponsor is an important
responsibility. You are asked to look over the
following list of guidelines and periodically check to
see if you're continuing to walk with your candidate
as he/she grows through the Cursillo method. Please
check the ones you plan to follow.

A. BEFORE CURSILLO

Before speaking to your candidate about God, have
you spoken to God about your candidate?

Did you give your candidate a general idea of what
Cursillo is about?

Did you explain the Fourth Day?

Did you share how the Fourth Day has impacted your
life?

Did you complete the application with your
candidate?

In the case of married persons, did you complete both
spouses' applications?

Did you return the sponsor's form with each
application?

Did you plan transportation to and from Cursillo for
your candidate?

Do you have palanca ready to take with you
Thursday night?

Remember to: 1. Mark palanca with the
word "sponsor" on each envelope.

2. Notify pre-Cursillo of any
changes of status of your candidate.

B. DURING CURSILLO

Are you doing palanca for your candidate?

Have you re-assured your candidate that throughout
the weekend, you are doing

Palanca for him/her?

Have you made plans to attend the holy hour, las
mananitas and closing?

Have you made yourself available to your candidate's family if there are specific needs?

C. AFTER CURSILLO

Have you made plans to accompany your candidate to "Welcome to your Fourth Day"?

Will you keep in close contact with your candidate showing the same level of interest and concern as you did before their Cursillo?

Will you be taking your candidate to Ultreya the first few times?

Will you be taking your candidate to Group Reunion the first few times?

Will you encourage your candidate to continue his/her education through the school of Leaders?

Death in the immediate family

Treatment of any kind for emotional or mental issues

Divorce or separation

If you have been an active Cursillista for less than one year, please ask either your sponsor or an experienced Cursillista to co-sponsor your candidate. In signing this, you as a sponsor are committing to adhere to all of the above.

Sponsor's signature

_____ **updated 2016**

Have you encouraged your candidate to affect his/her environments?

Will you encourage or take your candidate to the Reunion Masses?

Your personal contact, your Christian concern, love and friendship with your candidate should continue even after he/she has joined a permanent group.

Seek out the advice of the Buffalo Cursillo Movement's Spiritual Director and/or candidate's Parish Priest before inviting your candidate if he or she has experienced within the last two years any of the following:

Rehabilitation or a recovery program for drug, alcohol or other behavioral addiction

Serious legal troubles