



September 2022 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall weekends	Men's: Weekend #228 - September 15-18, 2022
	Women's: Weekend #229 - October 20-23, 2022
	Support Masses: September 10 th (Men's); October 15 th (Women's)
	4 th Day: November 12 th , 2022 at St. Vincent's
Virtual Ultreya	Bethany Ultreya meets virtually on Zoom the 2 nd and 4 th Thursday each month. This is ideal for those who cannot get out and those who have moved out of town. Contact Lynn Lomanto for the meeting information; Lomantolynn@gmail.com

Lay Director's Report

Whenever I develop a case of writer's blockhead, I can always rely on the Church to get things moving. Take today for example. At this writing it's September 1 and today's gospel reading was Luke 5:1-11. That's the one where Jesus teaches Peter how to fish. The ringing words for me are, "Put out into the deep and lower your nets for a catch" and "depart from me Lord, I am a sinful man" and "do not be afraid, from now on you will be a fisher of men."

Quite a while ago a popular acronym was WWJD. What Would Jesus Do? for those who somehow missed it. And one such response would be, what should I do in this situation that would be somewhere close to what Jesus would do? What I do might be an indication of how well I know Jesus. Or, that I should get to know Him a little better. So, I'd like to offer the question, not 'What Would' but 'What DID' Jesus Do and how can I emulate that?

What Jesus did was give Peter the gift of friendship. A boatload, TWO boatloads of friendship. And He offers us the same gift. He urges us to "Put out into the deep...". Go where it's a little risky. "Lower your nets." Very few fish jump into the boat, you have to go and catch them. "Do not be afraid..." He leads us to those He is calling. It's up to us to get them into the boat: The Bark of Peter.

With only a week or so before the next Men's Weekend there is still time to reel in a few more. And please plan on attending the Team Support Mass on Saturday, September 10th at 4:30 at St. Vincent's.

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Spiritual Director Report:

To be provided next month.

Historian Report:

Buffalo Cursillo History #10 (continued):

September 2022 “Cursillo Looks for a Permanent Home”

In the late 1960’s and early 1970’s parish schools, diocesan and private high schools were at full capacity with young baby boomers. Men’s and Women’s Cursillos were held wherever it was possible to use a school gymnasium with an adjoining kitchen during the summer months or Easter vacation.

Two Buffalo Catholic schools which had already closed were used extensively in the early days. From 1965 to 1968, St Mary’s Redemptorist Church hosted Men’s Cursillos #1 through #11 and #14 as well as several Spanish Men’s weekends. In 1968, St Mary’s Business School accommodated Women’s #2 and #4 and Men’s #12 in addition to Spanish Women’s #1 and #2.

In 1967-68, Women’s #3 and #5 were held at the new St. Mary’s High School, Lancaster, and also Men’s #10 and #13.

In 1969, Women’s #6 was held at Cana Grace Retreat House, Alden; Women’s #7 at St. Gerard’s Lyceum, Men’s #15 at Bishop Turner High School, Men’s #16 at St. Marks School, in Buffalo; and Men’s #17 at Bishop Neumann High School, Williamsville.

Members of the Secretariat formed the Cursillo Center Committee, composed of Fr. Barry Smith, Dick O’Donnell, Paul Needham and Tom Alberalla, to search for an available place for each weekend.

Finally, in November 1969, the Committee found a Cursillo Center at Brothers of Mercy Sacred Heart Home in Clarence where Men’s #18-#21 and Women’s #8-#11 were held as well as at least two Spanish weekends. For a year, there was no need to transport cots, big screens (which were used to divide the gym into a conference area and sleeping quarters), the essentials for Mass, songbooks and supplies for the candidates from place to place, week to week or month to month.

The Secretariat suggested a letter to Brother James Murphy, FMM, Provincial, be written thanking him for the use of the Brothers’ facilities.

The next year, Cursillo found another Center at the Consolata Mission Seminary, Brompton Rd., Williamsville. The Consolatas were an Italian religious order of priest founded to work in the foreign missions. Fr. Anthony Bellagamba, Dean of Studies, and Fr. Ralph Lombardo Superior, welcomed Cursillo in January, 1971. The Chapel in the building afforded the Candidates to visit

the Blessed Sacrament and attend Mass and Cursillistas to be at the Holy Hour on Saturday. There was a whole room for Cursillo Storage.

From February, 1971 to September, 1972, Women's #12 - #18 and Men's #22 - #28 were held there as well as one Spanish Men's and one Spanish Women's Cursillo. Imagine 16 Cursillos in 20 months! In addition, Leaders' School, a Single's Ultreya and the first Men's Second Touch Weekend* were based there.

Fr. Lombardo enthusiastically made Men's #22 and Fr. Tom Talentino, a teacher, made Men's #26 and later sponsored two Consolata Seminarians.

A farewell thank you letter was sent to Fr. Lombardo, IMC and the Consolata Fathers for their helpfulness and generosity extended to Cursillo.

Following the cultural upheaval of the 1960's and the end of the Vietnam War, Consolata like most religious order seminaries in WNY closed in the 1970's. The building later became Brompton Heights for Assisted Living.

*Note: One of the traditional parts of the 4th day program described in the official Cursillo literature is that each Cursillo should hold an annual reunion. Buffalo followed the practice rather sporadically. In June, 1971, the Secretariat approved the new program of annual reunions in the form of a Cursillo-style weekend from Friday evening till Sunday afternoon open to men or women separately. The talks would include a review of the major points of a three-day weekend, with a re-introduction, on Sunday, to the other elements of the fourth-day program (since Buffalo was still trying to solidify the Ultreyas). The name "Second Touch" was adopted from the story (Mark 8:22-26) of the blind man whom Jesus cured upon touching him a second time. The second Touch Weekend didn't become an annual event until 1992 and continued for 28 years until 2020 (Covid-19). The weekend was open to any man or woman who had ever made a Cursillo. It was intended to be a retreat and reunion for all who attended.

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[Pre-Cursillo Report:](#)

We are looking for candidates for the Men's Weekend #228 coming up Sept. 15-18. Please send in your registration forms and sponsor forms to audimaria80@gmail.com or mail to: 160 Villa Maria Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224 ASAP.

Also, the Women's Weekend is coming up on Oct. 20 -23 There is limited space available.

Thank you to all who have sent in the information for their candidates. KEEP PRAYING for all who are working the weekend and candidates who will attend and those who are discerning the weekend attendance.

God Bless,
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Cursillo Section:

To be provided next month.

Post-Cursillo:

Buffalo Cursillo Picnic

We'd like to send a huge thank you out to Deacon Alex Manunta for hosting the Cursillo picnic at his house, for cooking a lot of his special cuts of meat for everyone, for providing a tent and having patience while the three of us attempted to assemble it and put it up, but we got it done. About twenty attended and had a nice time. We enjoyed visiting with those from other Ultreyas.

We will be asking an Ultreya to host the 2023 picnic, so please consider if that will be your Ultreya.

Cursillo Weekends

As others have mentioned, the next weekends are planned for September and October. The Men's will be on September 15th through 18th and the Women's on October 20th through 23rd. Now is the time to invite your brothers and sisters in Christ to join the Cursillo Movement! Support masses are planned for September 10th for the men, and October 15th for the women. Support from the Cursillo community means a lot to the teams, so please add these dates to your calendars and join us at 4:30 PM mass at St. Vincent DePaul's (6441 Seneca St, Spring Brook, NY 14140) in September and at Nativity of the BVM (4375 Harris Hill Rd, Williamsville, NY 14221) in October. The Fourth Day dinner is scheduled for November 12th at St. Vincent DePaul's too.

Reunion Masses

Aside from the Support Masses, no other Reunion Masses are planned for the fall (Sept – Nov) due to the current Cursillo schedule of events. Any changes will be posted in the newsletter.

A Women's retreat at Ss. Columba-Brigid, 75 Hickory St. Buffalo will be Saturday September 24, 2022 from 8:30-2:00. Many of you came last year; Betty Reiter hopes you will return and bring a friend. Please come and join us; it's a blessed time of sharing, encouraging each other, learning from each other, hearing God's word in Scripture, and of course having some fun.

Breakfast goodies and a lunch are included, for \$15.00.

Our theme this year is *You're Never Alone in the Storm*.

Questions or to register, please call Betty Reiter at 716-322-1185 or email at leobettyreiter@gmail.com.

Have a Blessed end of summer!

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School of Leaders:

Christian Leadership will be the topic of our September school. If you can recall the Leadership Rollo of your Cursillo weekend, it may have provided you with insight into Christian leadership.

The goal of our upcoming school is to refresh your memory by bringing this topic to front and center and build on it.

The next school will be held on Saturday, September 24th from 10:30am to Noon with a pizza lunch to follow. The location is tentatively set for Holy Cross Parish, 345 7th Street, Buffalo NY. I hope to see all of you once again as we reconvene the School of Leaders in September.

“THE HUMAN PERSON IS THE VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH, WHAT IS FUNDAMENTAL FOR BEING **CHRISTIAN** IS EXPRESSED.” – Eduardo Bonnin

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Prayer Request:

Entered into their 5th Day:

Deacon Terrance P. Harter OCD, August 28, 2022

Please keep the following people in your prayers and Palanca along with all Cursillistas who are ill or suffering:

Wayne Dryzmala	Jim Youngers	Kathleen Montesanti	Elaine Stack Bobby Lovenetti
Ken Dryzmala	Cathy Agugliaro	Kevin Urbanski	Vinnie Barone
Mike Matyas	Owen Mangan	Fr Joe Badding	Linda Orzulak
Teresa Barone	Kathy O'Keefe	Chelsea Ellis	Ellie Wieleba
Randy Rakoczynski	Denise Bressette	Laura Ciavarella	
Jean Clair Buchbinder	Lynn Johnson	Betty Ciavarella	Lou Pauly Lorrie Dickerson
Dcn Gary Terrana	Diane Coughlin	Angelo Ciavarella	Doug Strout
Pam Hornung	Dcn Dan McGuire	Marie Sorrentino	Dan Graesser
Tony Rozak	John Agugliaro	Marie Gannon	Corrine Giermek
Mark Mullen	Marcia Moretti	Mike Ryan	Dcn Joe Barr
Shirley Barone	Cheryl Besant	Timothy McCann	Bill Heidle
Cathy Derrick	Quinn children	Joan Roberts	Patrick Johnson
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