#### **Buffalo Cursillo**

October Newsletter

#### Lay Director's Report:

"The well from which we receive grace is only filled by sharing with others."

The above quote is from a book I am reading by Richard Paul Evans. It is fiction, but what a thought provoking quote. If we think about all the graces God has provided us with it may be overwhelming.

The grace of our birth, our parents, and possibly our siblings. Or, maybe the school we attended, or a special teacher "He" put us in touch with. A Priest, a Deacon or Nun that crossed our path. Maybe we received some grace through something bad that happened in our life. I was asked to do a talk on Adoration which brought me to this topic. I began to think of all the graces I have received. I thought of my Grandparents that adopted me after my mother passed away. They raised me Catholic. I thought of my beautiful wife that God grace me with. I figured He must have had a plan for me as Joan has guided me to where I am today. God knew I needed Cursillo and all of the people I have met in Cursillo. By now you are wondering where I am going with this. I picked up a book at the National Encounter called "1st Conversations of Cala Figuera". One of the chapters is on Friendship by Eduardo Bonin. He starts out with the dictionary definition of friendship as "affection, a pure and disinterested feeling that exists between people, stemming from mutual esteem, appreciation and empathy". He further states that "mankind in its steady progress, has been able to discover and invent many things, but none has yet been able to overcome the joy that the delight of friendship brings to the person". All these graces, we as Cursillista's have been Blessed with. Eduardo Bonin gave us "Friendship and Love" through Cursillo. As I stated above, they are no good unless we share them with others.

Make a Friends, Be a Friend and Bring that Friend to Christ.

What beautiful graces we have been Blessed with. Let's continue to use them wisely!

God's Blessings.....

Pray for Peace

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#### **Spiritual Director's Reflection**

#### **October the Month of Mary**

#### **Deacon Greg Moran**

October 7<sup>th</sup> we commemorate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Besides the Indulgences attached to the Rosary, Our Lady revealed to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche additional benefits for those who devoutly pray the Rosary.

# Our Lady's 15 Promises for Praying the Rosary Whosoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.

Signal Graces are those special and unique Graces offered to us in particular to help sanctify us in our state in life.

## I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.

Our Lady is simply highlighting that She will watch especially over us who pray the Rosary.

## The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin and defeat heresies.

This promise, along with the next, is simply the reminder how fervent prayer will help us all grow in holiness by avoiding sin, especially a prayer with the excellence of the Rosary.

It will cause good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for Eternal Things.

This promise, along with the previous, is the positive part, that being to live in virtue. Becoming holy is not only avoiding sin, but also growing in virtue.

### The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.

Since Our Lady is our Mother and Advocate, She always assists those who call on Her implicitly by praying the Rosary.

Whosoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its Sacred Mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovoked death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of Eternal Life.

## Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.

This promise highlights the benefits of obtaining the most possible Graces at the hour of death via the Sacraments of Confession, Eucharist, and the Anointing of the Sick.

Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the Light of God and the plenitude of His Graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the Merits of the Saints in Paradise.

## I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.

Should one require Purgatorial cleansing after death, Our Lady will make a special effort to obtain our release from Purgatory through Her intercession.

The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of Glory in Heaven.

### You shall obtain all you ask of me by recitation of the Rosary.

This promise emphasizes Our Lady's role as our Advocate and Mediatrix of all Graces.

All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

If one promotes the praying of the Rosary, Our Lady emphasizes Her Maternal care for us by obtaining many Graces (i.e. spiritual necessities) and also material necessities.

#### I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire Celestial Court during their life and at the hour of death.

Since Our Lady is our Advocate, She brings us additional assistance during our life and at our death from all the saints in Heaven.

## All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my Only Son Jesus Christ.

Since the Rosary is a most excellent prayer focused on Jesus and His Life and activities in salvation history, it brings us closer to Our Lord and Our Lady.

### Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Predestination in this context means that, by the sign which is present to a person from the action of devoutly praying the Rosary.

Pax et bonum!

Deacon Greg Moran
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Cursillo Movement
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#### **Pre Cursillo Report**

We are gearing up for the Women's Weekend to be held October 19 through October 22. While it looks like we will have a nice size group, we are always accepting NEW applications.

Here at Pre-Cursillo, we take applications ALL year, not just prior to a weekend. For me, it is much more exciting to get applications in the mail instead of bills and junk mail! Are you praying of who God wants you to reach out to? Did you know we have dates for the spring of 2018? Yes, save the dates - Men's Weekend will be April 19 - April 22 and the Women's weekend will be May 17 through May 20. Mark

your calendars. We are firming up dates for fall weekends.

When saving the dates for the upcoming weekends and prayerfully considering who you are being called to sponsor; also keep in mind that maybe God is calling YOU to serve - to work a Team? To work the Palanca Team, to help in the kitchen? To be people of palanca - pray now, participate in the activities of the weekend.

If we can help YOU, please don't hesitate to contact us (Diane) 380-0187 or (Marge) 698-5828 or contact us via email - bfloprecursillo@gmail.com

God bless -

#### Diane and Marge

Women's Weekend #219 will be held from Thursday, Oct. 19 -22 at St. Vincent's in Elma. Please pray and do palanca for the candidates and the team as they prepare for and live their weekend.

Team #219:

Rector: Carolyn McNamara
Asst. Rector: Karen Trimper
Ideals: Peggy Barkley
Laity: Kathleen Almeter
Study: Carol Cucinotta
Action: Sue Leverentz
Leaders: Del Leaderstorf
Environments: Lisa Gauthier

CCA: Joan Conklin

Wardens: Terry Felong, Kate Emery, Heather

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Liturgists: Vida Frysz and Jennifer Appenheimer Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo: Mary Ann

DeMaria

Spiritual Directors: Dcn. Michael Quinn and Dcn. Peter Walders, Dcn. Greg Moran

#### **Cursillo Report**

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Once again we are on the verge of another Cursillo Weekend. To my understanding we are running close with the number of Candidates for the Women's Cursillo Weekend. We need to start evangelizing more to other Brothers and Sisters of our own Catholic Faith. We cannot

and should not keep Cursillo to ourselves, it was meant to be shared among the people of the catholic faith.

We are looking for some help on the Palanca Team. As you know The Palanca Team works behind the scenes with setting up, taking down and where they are needed for the weekend. Please, if you are called to help out, give it some very serious thought and prayer to having a really great time with other Brothers and Sisters of Cursillo.

Our last Section Meeting was once again not very well attended. We are always looking for new ideas to help better the weekends. Come and show your support at our next School of Leaders.

#### **Post Cursillo**

Thank you to everyone who attended the September Grand Ultreya. We had a great turnout for our wonderful witness Liz Wascak and thank you very much to Pueblo De Paz Ultreya for hosting!

If you missed out on the opportunity but would like to see your fellow Cursillistas, you're in luck! We have our Women's Weekend coming up this month and our 4th Day Dinner in November! So plenty of opportunity for fellowship, discipleship whether it be at Las Mananitas, the Support Mass, or the Mass of Unity. Please come and support the team and candidates in joining our Cursillo family, dates can be found below.

WHAT: Women's Weekend WHEN: Oct 19th - 22nd

WHERE: St Vincent De Paul Parish, 6441
Seneca St, Spring Brook, NY 14140
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 28<sup>th</sup> 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-<u>0942</u> or by email

#### at grannypalesh@verizon.net.

When thinking about retreats for yourself, do not forget about your friends. We are called to make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ. Whether that be inviting a fellow Cursillista to Ultreya or if someone you know would be brought closer to Christ from living a weekend. Consider inviting them to attend and of course keep them in your prayers.

#### Ultreya,

Curtis Boyle 430-1963 Maria Boyle 785-3275 3936 Jefferson Ave Hamburg NY 14075 mhens77@gmail.com curtisbo@buffalo.edu

Mike Cucinotta 310-2861 Mary Beth Cucinotta 573-8205 4077 Thornwood Lane Williamsville NY 14221 Mcucinotta@roadrunner.com Mbcucinotta@roadrunner.com

#### **School of Leaders**



feature Deacon Gary Tirrana speaking about the true meaning of Palanca. We will meet at St. Vincent de Paul Church on Rte. 16 and Rice Road in Elma. Class starts at 6:30 and those not staying

for section meetings can expect to be out by 8:00.

#### All Are Welcome

When I first lived a Cursillo weekend, I pretty much misunderstood what Palanca was. In fact when I wrote palanca to babe chicks, I still misunderstood what it was. Turns out palanca is not just a greeting card. It's not a collection of trinkets either. When someone wrote "I am dedicating my illness to you," I had no idea what that meant, or whether I should be grateful.

Perhaps I was denser than the average bear, but I am sure that I am not completely alone. In any event, I am sure that after hearing Deacon Gary, I will have a much better idea about what is and what isn't authentic palanca. And so will you.

Bill Gross

wfgross45@gmail.com

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#### **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.

School of Leaders/Section & Secretariat meetings Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ St Vincent's 6:30 pm

#### October Cursillo Women's Weekend:

#### Women's Weekend Support Mass:

Sunday, October 15 @ 3:00 pm St Vincent's

#### Women's Weekend Setup:

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

#### Women's Weekend Begins:

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

#### Women's Weekend Holy Hour

Saturday October 21 @ St Vincent's 7:00pm

#### Women's Weekend closing

Sunday October 22 @ St Vincent's 3:00pm Palanca

#### **Ultreya Schedule for October**

#### Bethany (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday October 5 & 19 @ 7:00pm St. Martha's March Parish

#### **New Bethany Satellite (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)**

Tuesday October 17 @ 7:00 pm Call Jack Thomann for location 583-2320

#### **Full of Grace (Last Tuesday)**

Tuesday October 31 @ 7:00 pm Annunciation Church, Selbert Hall Clinton Street, Elma

#### Pueblo de Paz (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

Wednesday October 11 after 7:00pm Mass St. Mary's Church 6785 East Arcade Rd., East Arcade

#### Pueblo de Paz (Last Sunday)

Sunday October 19 @ 7:00pm St. Mary's Church 23 Church St., Silver Springs

#### Rainbow Vineyard (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

No Ultreya in Oct. due to Women's Weekend Our Lady Czestochowa Church, 64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda Witness Speaker: Carol Palesh 6/1.

#### The Spirit of the City (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

Thursday October 5 & 19 @ 6:00 pm 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 October 5 @ 7:30pm Jennifer Appenheimer 80 Arthur Ave, Blasdell, 912-8775

### No Ultreya on Oct. 19 due to Women's Weekend

Sick List: Please pray for: Diane Manuel, Lorrie Rackozynski, Ron Lomanto, Dcn. Joe Barr, Liz Pauly, Denise Daniels, Maggie Evans, Don Appenheimer, Mary Lou Mecurio, Maureen McCarthy

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

#### **Newsletter Address:**

Buffalo Cursillo PO Box 2185 Buffalo, NY 14219 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: \_\_\_\_\_ State:\_\_\_\_ Zip Code:\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone:\_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: Name:

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Sponsor's Name:	If married, is the spouse's application included?
Weekend #	Are you aware of any medical or physical handicaps that may need special attention on the weekend?
(Signature	If yes, please describe;
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Candidate)	
(Date)	
There is a suggested donation of \$75 for all	Our candidate is: talkative In-
Cursillo participants.	between Quiet (check one)
(more accepted, less never turned down.	Have you read the checklist of sponsor
Collected at weekend registration desk)	responsibilities on the last page?
Mail Application to: Diane Putt, 11691	Is there a co-sponsor? If so, Name:
Whitetail Dr., Marilla, NY 14102. Cell phone:	Cursillo
380-0187	weekend#
Or Marge Fetterman, 10 Franklin St., Lancaster,	Address
NY 14086. Cell phone: 698-5828	CityNY, Zip code
Email: Bflo-PreCursillo@gmail.com	
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(cell)	application and Sponsors sheets), to the
(work)	Pre-Cursillo Section. Please keep a
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candidate?	Mail Application to: Diane Putt, 11691
Are you in group reunion? If so,	Whitetail Dr., Marilla, NY 14102
how long?	
Will you bring your candidate to the Cursillo?	<u>.</u>
Attend the holy hour?	<u>Updated 7/2017a</u>
Attend the closing? Will you attend	
the Welcome to Your Fourth Day?	
To which Ultreya will you bring your candidate?	DIOCESE OF BUFFALO,

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 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

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 keeping 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? 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