



## August 2022 Newsletter

Check out our website at <https://www.buffalocursillo.com/> You will find dates and information on Ultreya, Weekends, Reunion mass schedule, Newsletters, Applications, and much more.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Cursillo Picnic	Sunday, August 7 <sup>th</sup> 2-6pm at Dcn. Alex Manunta's
Fall weekends	Men's: Weekend #228 - September 15-18, 2022 Women's: Weekend #229 - October 20-23, 2022 Support Masses: September 10 <sup>th</sup> (Men's); October 15 <sup>th</sup> (Women's) 4th Day: November 12th, 2022 at St. Vincent's
Virtual Ultreya	Bethany Ultreya meets virtually on Zoom the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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; <a href="mailto:Lomantolynn@gmail.com">Lomantolynn@gmail.com</a>

### Lay Director's Report

Buffalo News sports reporter Larry Felser used to start out some of his columns thus, "It's one of those opinionated days...". Having just returned from the Cursillo National Encounter in Orange, California it's my humble *opinion* that EVERYONE should go to a national or at least a regional encounter. Full stop. Period. I'm like that babe-chick who has just come home on Sunday night after living their Cursillo weekend, full of spiritual motivation and ready to declare to unsuspecting family and friends: "YOU GOTTA DO WHAT I JUST DONE!" And we all know how that tends to get received.

But seriously, being my first time venturing out from the friendly confines of Western New York, and like a Thursday night pre-Cursillesta, I had no little trepidation about what I might be getting into. Questions arose in my mind: would I fit in? who are all these people that seem to know each other? If I leave now, can I catch a plane back to Buffalo tonight? But by Friday morning I was being welcomed (by friends I had previously not met) to join them at breakfast and we were off and running.

The first keynote speech was delivered by Bishop Eusebio Almaguer of the Archdiocese of Seattle on the topic, "The Eucharist in Cursillo". We celebrated Mass with Archbishop Jose Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The lay rollos and breakout sessions were all interesting and informative; each reinforcing the simple message that we are all one in Christ, we share a common charism of friendship and God really, really loves us.

The Saturday night fiesta was just too wonderful for words, so I won't try to describe it here. But come to an Ultreya near you soon and I will show you the pictures and videos. A common theme throughout the weekend was this: we are all slow learners, but by practicing the Cursillo Method of Group Reunion and Ultreya we will continue to grow in the love and service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the building up of His Church.  
De Colores!

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## Historian Report:

### **Buffalo Cursillo History**

(Addendum to July 2022 #8)

The 1<sup>st</sup> World Encounter was held in Rome in 1966 with delegates from the National Secretariats affiliated with the Cursillo Movement attending. This was combined with the 1<sup>st</sup> World Ultreya open to all Cursillistas from around the world.

### **Buffalo Cursillo History #9 (continued): August 2022 “The Sister in Christian Community”**

From the onset, religious sisters were a part of the Buffalo Cursillo Movement. Eight sisters from several religious communities were candidates on Buffalo Women's Cursillo #1, held at St. Mary's School for the Deaf (staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph) in 1966. By 1971, over 100 religious Sisters from over 12 local Apostolic Religious Communities participated in WNY Cursillos.

During the two previous decades, young women were entering religious communities at the rate of 15-20 per year. This included the local mother houses of the Alleghany Franciscans, the Williamsville Franciscans, Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, Felicians, Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, Mercy Sisters and Franciscan Sisters of Stella Niagara, who in the 1960's, built a three-story novitiate which later became Stella Niagara Center of Renewal. There was a great deal of enthusiasm for religious life.

Vatican II's "Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of Religious Life" recommended that instead of being sent out directly from the novitiate to teach, sisters were first getting college degrees in various areas of education, theology, psychology, music, nursing and other disciplines. Sisters were now not only nurses, teachers and sacristans but participated or conducted Scripture study groups and prayer groups in parishes, and ecumenical endeavors. They served on staff and boards of Peace and Justice Centers and Inner-City organizations. In the age of the Peace Corps and greater mission awareness, many sisters volunteered for the foreign missions and in the American South, following Vatican II's "Decree on Mission Activity in the Church".

From 1970 to 1977, one of the Saturday talks the Buffalo Cursillo movement added was "The Sister in the Church", later changed to "the Sister in Christian Community", given by a Sister Cursillista on the women's weekends.

Because sisters were able to expand their apostolates, the talk was a way of the sister sharing her vocational call from God, her life in a religious community as well as how her life of faith and prayer related to the life of the Church. It not only inspired the married women but served as an encouragement to the single women on the weekend.

Sisters soon offered their talents as Cursillo team members, as liturgists, serving on the Secretariat and writing for the Cursillo Newsletter.

Beginning in 1979, sisters became Associate Spiritual Directors with priests on Women's weekends. Only Sister Noreen McCarrick, O.S.F. and Felician Sister Antoinette Sikora served as Associate Spiritual Directors on Men's Cursillos #85 and #159 respectively. Bishop Head appointed Sr. Noreen McCarrick, Buffalo Cursillo Spiritual Director from 1979 to 1980. She was also Spiritual Director of the Rainbow County Ultreya which met at Stella Niagara Educational Park in the 1980's.

Sister Jane Marie Brach, a Franciscan Sister of St. Joseph was assistant Spiritual Director for the Buffalo Cursillo from 1988 to 1989.

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### [Pre-Cursillo Report:](#)

Update to be provided next month.

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### [Cursillo Section:](#)

The next weekends are planned for September and October. Teams are in formation and registrations are coming in. The men's will be from September 15th through 18th and the women's from 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) to support the men and 4:30 and at Nativity in Clarence on October 15<sup>th</sup> to support the women. The Fourth Day dinner is scheduled for November 12th at St. Vincent DePaul's.

Are you being called to a leadership position on the Secretariat? Pray about it.

### [Post-Cursillo:](#)

**Buffalo Cursillo Picnic**

All Cursillistas and your families are invited to a Buffalo Cursillo summer picnic on Sunday August 7, 2022. Please put this on your calendar and invite your Ultreyas, your small groups, and Cursillistas that you've been meaning to contact.

Deacon Alex Manunta is hosting the picnic at his house, 38 Summerview Road, Getzville, NY 14221 from 2 pm – 6 pm. Bring a dish to share, something to grill for your family, drinks, plates, silverware, cups, napkins, chairs, games, and a friendly smile. Grills, ketchup, mustard, and relish will be provided. We hope to have a tent for sun or rain. Please RSVP by August 3rd to [memery289@gmail.com](mailto:memery289@gmail.com) or 716-207-2834 (call or text).



### **Zach Williams at Erie County Fair**

Zach Williams is a contemporary Christian musician who can be heard on Christian radio stations and is playing a 'free' concert at the Erie County Fair on Monday August 15, 2022 at 8:00 PM at the Buffalo News Grandstand. Well, 'free' means the concert is included with admission to the Fair. Check the Fair website for more information - <https://www.ecfair.org/events/2022/zachwilliams> and [Zach's website](#) or YouTube for some of his music. He is one of my favorite Christian artists and I am looking forward to the concert. Hopefully we see some of you there!

Speaking of Christian radio stations, I'd like to let you know about some of the ones available locally - Family Life Network (Niagara Falls - 95.7 FM, Buffalo – 106.1 FM, Silver Creek – 89.3 FM, Attica – 88.3 FM, Arcade - 89.5 FM, check the website for more) and K-Love ( 89.9 FM), SiriusXM (The Message ch 63), Apple Music and I'm sure other outlets. The above primarily play music but may include some talk shows. There is also 101.7 FM The Station of the Cross and SiriusXM The Catholic Channel (ch 129) that carry more talk shows. Check some of these out during your drive time, whether it is to work, Ultreya, or on vacation.

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There are no Reunion Masses planned for the rest of the summer (July & August) or during the fall (Sept – Nov) due to the current Cursillo schedule of events. Check the website <http://www.buffalocursillo.com> for the latest news.

Have a Blessed and safe summer!

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### **School of Leaders:**

Great news: 2nd Touch 2023 is in the planning stages for the weekend of January 27th.

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Marty Ruhland

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Not really a School of Leaders event but something like it...

Think about your Cursillo Weekend. How many new friends did you meet? Now imagine living that weekend again with at least 50 people, men and women. Kinda sounds like 2<sup>nd</sup> Touch, but it's bigger than that.

Region III is hosting a Cursillo Weekend called Living the Rector's Guide for anyone interested in learning the "how" and the "why" of what we do on a Cursillo. It will be held at the Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua on September 8-11. This is an invitation to ALL Cursillistas: Secretariat members, School of Leaders, Ultreya Leaders and participants, team members, and people who feel the call to better live and understand Cursillo! Notre Dame is a very comfy place, truly a place of rest and relaxation. Food service will be served by Notre Dame staff. Space will be limited so please to register sooner than later. See the registration page at the end of this newsletter for details.

### Treasurer:

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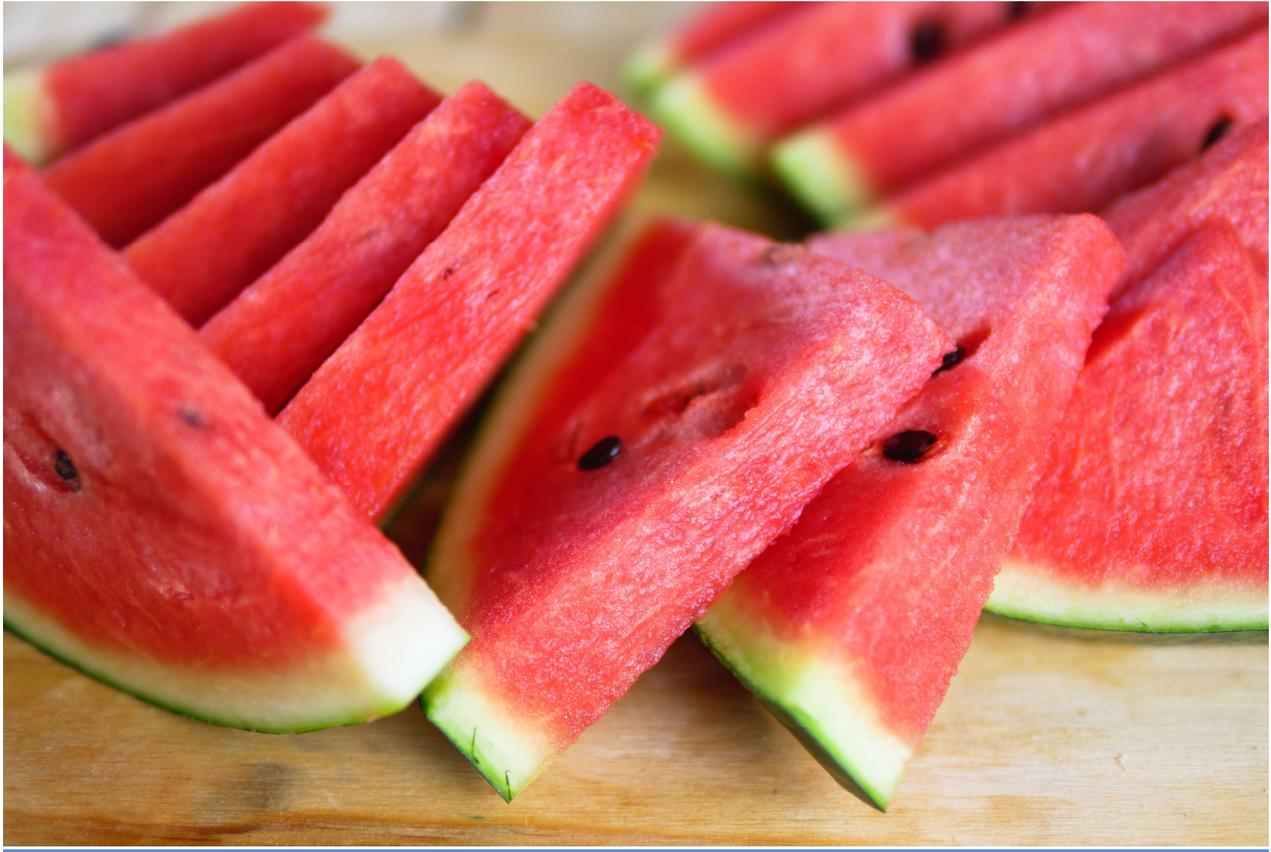
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**Prayer Request:**

Entered into their 5<sup>th</sup> Day:

Rev. Robert G. Beiter (Men's #87) - June 13, 2022

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

Cef Aguillon	Tony Rozak	Bill Heidle	Cole Coons	Mark Mullen
Corinne Giermek	Kimberley Stribing	Wayne Dryzmala	Ken Dryzmala	Mike Matyas
Teresa Barone	Randy Rakoczynski	Jean Claire Buchbinder	Dcn Gary Teranna	Pam Hornung
Valerie Suto	Terry Barone	Cathy Derrick	Lynn Lomanto	Patrick Johnson
Kathleen Montesanti	Kevin Urbanski	Fr Joe Badding	Chelsea Ellis	Laura Ciavarella
Betty Ciavarella	Angelo Ciavarella	Marie Sorrentino	Marie Gannon	Mike Ryan
Timothy McCann	Alice's daughter-in-law Laura	Joan Roberts	Mary Flanagan	Bob Yager
Dcn Joe Barr	Jim Youngers	Cathy Agugliaro	Tim Heidle	Owen Mangan
Kathy O'Keefe	Denise Bressette	Lynn Johnson	Diane Coughlin	Dcn Dan McGuire
Gary Banas	John Agugliaro	Marcia Moretti	Cheryl Besant	Quinn children

Mary Mercurio	Elaine Stack	Bobby Lovenetti	Vinnie Barone	Linda Orszulak
Ellie Wieleba	Lou Pauley	Lorrie Dickerson	Doug Shroust	Dan Graesser
Cathy Boyd				

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