



December 2021 Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

School of Leaders (SoL) To be determined.

Reunion Mass            Date: February 11, 2022  
                                  Time: **7:00 pm NOTE: NEW EARLER TIME**  
                                  Place: To Be Determined (TBD)  
                                  Host: TBD  
                                  Presider: TBD

Fall weekends            Men's: #227 Spring April 7-10, 2022  
                                  Women's: #228 Spring April 28 May 1, 2022  
                                  Support Mass: TBD  
                                  Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> day June 4, 2022

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; [Lomantolynn@gmail.com](mailto:Lomantolynn@gmail.com)

### Lay Director's Report

Greetings in the name of the Lord! Our most recent Reunion Mass at St. Anthony's in Lackawanna was very well attended. It was great to see so many of our friends turn out to celebrate the Eucharist with Fr. Joe Badding. Mary Ann DeMaria delivered a very heart felt witness and afterwards Dcn. Alex Manunta installed five new Secretariat members including himself, Marty Ruhland, Mike and Kate Emery and me, your humble servant! Despite the fact that Southtowns and Come to the Well Ultreyas boasted the greatest numbers of attendees, it was unanimously decided to award the "cash prize" to Pueblo de Paz for having travelled the greatest distance to the event. Treasurer Ed Hackett deposited the crisp one-dollar bill into the treasury for future use.

As of November, I am honored and humbled to begin serving as your Lay Director. I lived Buffalo Cursillo #191 in 2005 and up to now have been content to be just another band member. In the year ahead I plan on making the rounds to the Ultreyas. This should be a year of restarts after what Fr. Robert McTigue has labeled "the covid interruption". And a year of getting back to the basics of the Movement. I encourage everyone to find a Permanent Group Reunion if they don't already belong to one, and group 'em if you got 'em. Groups need to encourage their members to attend the Ultreyas. Ultreyas should encourage everyone to attend School of Leaders.

And all of us need to be shining that Light of Christ to find friends, be friends & bring friends to Christ!

Looking to form or join a permanent group or add members to your existing group?

Call text or Email me at

[BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com) .

To find an Ultreya to attend, go to

<https://www.buffalocursillo.com> and click on the Ultreya tab

Peace and Joy!

Terry Johnson

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### Spiritual Advisor:

My brothers and sisters in Christ:

May you have a very happy New Year!!!

That's right! Advent is here, and a new liturgical year has begun!

This is a time for reflection and meditation (and that's no code for "Christmas shopping"). We prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior. We need to get ready our hearts and minds, also our homes and families. We are all part of this celebration. Jesus, as always, is coming to your encounter, to your home, to your life; how do you want him to find you this year?

A reminder, Advent is not Christmas. But once Advent is through...

Enjoy a Merry Christmas!!!

And always remember....

...Christ is counting on you!

And now, let us pray for the beatification of our founder,

O God, dispenser of all graces and charisms.

You granted your servant EDUARDO BONNIN AGUILO the grace of dedicating his whole life, with humility and generosity, to the work of the CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY MOVEMENT, as he traveled the five continents proclaiming that God in Christ loves us.

Grant us through his intercession the favor that we now implore Thee.

(name the favor being requested)

Also, grant us the grace of his beatification for your greater glory and the good of your Church that shines throughout the lives of its saints.

We beg this of You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father...

**To my Deacon brothers:** I want to extend to all of you my thanks and appreciation for all that you do within Cursillo and outside Cursillo. You are A BLESSING to all of us. I also want to invite all of you to participate in our liturgies, activities, and especially as spiritual directors for our weekends and for our members.

Through the intercession of St. Stephen and St. Lawrence, I ask for blessings to you all.

### **Historian Report:**

*(continued from last month)*

In the 1960's, each team met at the Pauly's home to discuss the objectives and focus of the next weekend and to review the talks. It was not uncommon for some in the leadership to attend a Closing (Clausura) on Sunday night and a team meeting the following night.

To promote the Cursillo, a few men set up a speaker's bureau and gave talks at various parish Holy Name breakfasts and Men's Clubs. An ad was also put in the Catholic paper, listing the Pauly's address and phone number regarding upcoming men's Cursillo weekends.

There were very few priests in Buffalo who were interested in becoming involved with Cursillo, and unfortunately for Men's #3 Cursillo, the Spiritual Director, Fr. Dave Doyle ended up in the hospital two weeks before the weekend.

Everyone felt that God's Providence had brought the Cursillo to Buffalo and that He would help find a Spiritual Director. Of course, the team prayed.

*(From Lou Pauly's 40<sup>th</sup> year Reunion of the Buffalo Cursillo talk given Dec. 9, 2005)* "Our family was eating supper when the telephone rang and upon answering - Fr. Luke McArthur introduced himself and explained that he was just transferred from California to teach at St. Mary's High School in Lancaster and saw the ad regarding Cursillo in the Catholic paper. I invited him to our team meeting that evening and Fr. Luke accepted my invitation ... At the meeting, we finalized the preparations and gave an overview of the lay talks. Fr. Luke mentioned that he was free the next weekend and wondered if he might be of assistance. I then said, 'yes, we need a spiritual director and it appears that you are it!' After he picked his jaw up off the floor, we told him the story and he agreed to participate and give all the spiritual talks for the weekend." Fr. Luke was a dynamic speaker and much of the progress in the early days of the movement can be attributed to his teaching, as well as the fact that he brought Las Mananitas (a fixture in the Spanish culture and Cursillo) to Sunday morning that weekend.

"The Holy Spirit performed many miracles over the years of the Cursillo movement and still does." (Lou Pauly)

Carol Stier  
Buffalo Cursillo Historian  
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I am looking for any Buffalo Cursillo Newsletters from the 1980's and 2002

### Pre-Cursillo Report:

Pre-Cursillo has been visiting the various Ultreya's to review how to be a good sponsor. It is our hope that if we are well formed on how to sponsor a friend, that they will become involved in the movement. We still have one more Ultreya to visit.

We are beginning to receive registration forms and the candidates are excited at the prospect of attending a weekend in the spring.

May you have a Merry Christmas and let's pray for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Audrey and committee

### Cursillo Section:

The Cursillo section was able to have a meeting many things were discussed. Our Team Selectors are in the process of picking our next teams, and once again let us remind you that if you receive a call please do not say no right away, pray about it ask your Ultreya and permanent groups to pray for you as well. Your name was placed on their hearts and minds for a reason. Remember God doesn't call the qualified He qualifies the called.

The Cursillo Section wishes you a very Blessed Christmas.

Joan Conklin and Mary Ann DeMaria

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### Post-Cursillo:

No Reunion Masses are scheduled for December or January, but they will resume in February 2022. We will be contacting Ultreya Leaders to schedule the Reunion Masses for 2022.

We look forward to seeing you at the Reunion Masses and encourage you to attend Ultreya's to strengthen your relationship with Jesus and fellow Cursillistas.

Mike & Kate Emery

### School of Leaders:

As we enter the Advent season and begin to prepare for the coming of our Savior Jesus, I feel a great sense of hopefulness. One thing I am very hopeful about is the School and the fruits that it is meant to produce.

**Second Touch** weekend is not far off. Carol Palesh is working very hard, with the aid of Bill Gross and others to provide for an experience that will continue the conversion and regeneration of our faith that began or grew boldly on our Cursillo weekend.

This years' theme is #3 in the Living the Charism Series: The Charism of the First Day – Friday. Stella Niagara will once again host the event. Those of you on the fence about attending I strongly

encourage to sign up and soon. See the details under <<Events>> on our website (buffalocursillo.com) menu.

May God give you the Grace for Wisdom in your faith walk.

Marty Ruhland

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**Prayer Request:**

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

Pam Hornung

Tony Rozak

Mark Mullen

Shirley Barone

Paul & Terry Barone

Cathy Derrick

Lynn Lomanto

Patrick Johnson

Kathleen Montesanti

Carol Palesh

Kevin Urbanski

Fr. Joe Badding

Paul Kieffer

Chelsea Ellis

Laura, Betty and

Angelo Ciavarella

Chuck Stephan

Marie Sorrentino

Deacon Norm Foster

Marie Gannon

Mike Ryan

Timothy McCann

Alice's daughter-in-law,

Laura

Joan Roberts

Mary Flanagan

Bob Yager

Bill

Heidle

Corinne Giermek

Dcn Joe Barr

Jim Youngers

Cathy Agugliaro

TimHeidle

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KathyO'Keefe

Denise Bressette

Lynn Johnson

Diane Coughlin

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