



## January 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:

School of Leaders (SoL) To be determined.

Reunion Mass            Date: February 11, 2022  
                                  Time: **7:00 pm NOTE: NEW EARLER TIME**  
                                  Place: St. Jude the Apostle  
                                  Host: Rainbow Vineyard  
                                  Presider: TBD

Spring 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](#)

#### **The Service Sheet**

Merry Christmas y'all! As I look out the kitchen window, the sun is setting on this beautiful WNY winter Sunday afternoon and it is still Christmas and will be for a few more days. The new year is upon us, praise be to God, and it is the time when people make a lot of resolutions that they will quite likely break before Lent. But here's one that you can keep: Update your Service Sheet. My what, some of you may be asking?

On Sunday morning of our Cursillo weekend we all filled out a Service Sheet and stated our intentions to live out our 4th Day, specifically naming our Piety, Study & Actions we would commit to perform. It's quite possible that many of us, well me to name one, have not gone back to update that information as time has passed and our environment has changed. Maybe we were faithful in carrying out our intentions, perhaps we fell short. Nevertheless, this is a good time to

renew our resolve and start again. Personally, if I recall, my original goals were to attend daily mass, go to Adoration at least once a week, and try not to be such a jerk at home. Lord, have mercy.

As we are all members of Christ's body and all have different talents and abilities, we are called to a life of grace that is natural for us though not necessarily easy. We may even feel called to do what is impossible. So pray first and ask Jesus what HE wants you to do this year. Then write down on a piece of paper or a small card that you can carry with you, the Piety, Study & Action(s) that you will commit to. Put a date on it and bring it to Group Reunion and Ultreya and together we will build up the Church.

De Colores,

Terry Johnson – Lay Director  
Buffalo Cursillo #191  
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### Spiritual Director:

Dcn Alex Manunta

### Historian Report:

#### **Buffalo Cursillo History**

*(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:

We have received a number of new registration forms for the men's and women's weekend. We will be contacting the sponsors and candidates in January. Have a happy New Year.

Audrey DiMaria and committee  
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### Cursillo Section:

Well another year has gone by, where does the time go? Seems to be going faster these days. There is really no news from the Cursillo Section, our Team Selectors are working on Spring weekends. Keep up the prayers for the Spring weekends.

We wish each and every one of you a very Blessed New Year, filled with much happiness and good health.

God's Blessing  
Ultreya  
Joan and Mary Ann

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### Post-Cursillo:

Rainbow Vineyard (north towns area) will host the first Reunion Mass of 2022 on February 11th at 7:00 pm. We will contact Ultreya Leaders to schedule more Reunion Masses for 2022. We look forward to seeing you at the Reunion Masses!

Saying yes to God and attending your Cursillo weekend was the first step on your Cursillo path and a closer relationship with God. Cursillo offers Ultreyas and small group meetings to foster your Catholic faith and life. Ultreyas typically meet once or twice a month (see the events calendar

for dates) where you can meet others who've attended Cursillo and hear a witness. If you are part of a small group you know what it is like to build friendships that all have the Catholic faith as the foundation. If you would like to join a small group or your group is looking for another brother or sister in Christ, please let us know and we will work to make the right connections.

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### School of Leaders:

Peace and Joy that abounds from the Love of God be with you all, and Merry Christmas!

My hope is to convene the next School of Leaders session in March pending a conversation and guidance with and from the Secretariat. I also plan in January and February to visit each of the Ultreyas and have a brief conversation about the School of Leaders and its role in our movement. I had an opportunity to attend the School of Leaders in Rochester via zoom recently to get a flavor for what they are doing. The community of Cursillatas in Rochester are a warm and welcoming bunch to say the least.

Please keep our community in your prayers as we begin to move forward, up and out of this Covid stagnation. The School will be one of those opportunities for all of us to grow closer together and closer to Christ.

Blessings to you,

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 | Shirley Barone | Patrick Johnson     |
| Tony Rozak  | Terry Barone   | Kathleen Montesanti |
| Mark Mullen | Cathy Derrick  | Carol Palesh        |
|             | Lynn Lomanto   | 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  
Tim Heidle  
Owen Mangan  
Kathy O'Keefe  
Denise Bressette  
Lynn Johnson  
Diane Coughlin  
Deacon Dan McGuire  
Gary Banas  
John Agugliaro  
Marcia Moretti  
Cheryl Besant

Quinn children  
Mary Mercurio  
Elaine Stack  
Bobby Lovenetti  
Frank Gallagher  
Vinnie Barone  
Linda Orszulak  
Ellie Wieleba  
Lou Pauley  
Lorrie Dickerson  
Doug Shroul  
Dan Graesser  
Kevin Urbanski  
Norman Chip Foster

Notify Marty Ruhland (716-481-0662, [rdservices@roadrunner.com](mailto:rdservices@roadrunner.com)) of any names to add or remove from the prayer list.