



Buffalo Cursillo
February 2018 Newsletter

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Lay Director's Report:

We just completed a wonderful 2nd touch weekend. There were 73 participants including five Region 3 guests from Pennsylvania and Rochester. The Rollos were outstanding, all based on the theme of "The Essence of being a Christian". Click here to read [Second touch 2018 Rollos](#).

Joe and Brittani Tomasello gave a heartfelt and miraculous witness about their wedding, life together and baby on the way. Thank you for sharing and reminding all of us to truly trust in God.

Afterwards we discussed Workshops that we may offer for our Cursillistas. We realized that these past 25 years of 2nd touch weekends are the best, most intensive workshops that any diocese could possibly offer. We are blessed from the dedicated work that Carol and John Palesh have done for so many years. Everyone, please take advantage of this great blessing. Next year's 2nd touch weekend is scheduled for February 22 – 24, 2019.

The Secretariat held a strategy / planning meeting Monday January 29, 2018. We discussed ways to improve attendance at Ultreya, Permanent Group, and School of leaders. We also discussed possible changes to the Cursillo weekend itself. All aspects of Cursillo were on the table for review and improvement. A second meeting is scheduled to continue the brainstorming and firm up the many ideas expressed. If you have thoughts and suggestions on how to improve our Cursillo Movement please call,

text or email me. Every idea will be discussed and prayerfully considered.

I am thrilled to report that Marty Ruhland has volunteered to be the Secretary for the Secretariat. Please pray for Marty and all the members of the Cursillo leadership. Ask God to lead and inspire us on how to advance and grow this needed Catholic movement in the Buffalo Diocese. All for the glory of God and the salvation of many.

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

Call text or Email me at BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com.

To find an **Ultreya** to attend, go to <https://www.buffalocursillo.com/> and click on the Ultreya tab.

Peace,
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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

An Invitation:

It's hard to imagine that Christmas seems like it was only weeks ago and Lent is only weeks away. And, this time in between is anything but "ordinary."

We may still be wondering how we might maintain the Christmas spirit throughout the coming year or reflecting on what changes we need to work on as Lent approaches. No matter which one you may be pondering, perhaps this can be a good starting point:

Two weeks ago, we heard Mark's account of when Jesus calling four fisherman, Simon, Andrew, James and John to "Come after Me." (In Matthew's account He says "Come follow Me.")

Did you ever wonder if day after day it was the same thing for them; the same sea, the same net, the same boat, the same fish and even the same sore muscles?

While we may not fish for a living, we all cast and mend nets of some sort to make our living, to feed our family; to pay the bills. We cast and mend nets to gain security and get to retirement. We cast and mend nets to support and hold our families together:

- to make our marriages work
- to raise our children,
- to obtain the things we need/want.

It's just the reality and the routine of life that, all too often, we come to live on autopilot. But these are also the circumstances in which Jesus comes calling to us.

Most often, they are the very framework and context in which we hear Jesus' call to new life; they are the events where God calls us to be changed from the *ordinary to the extraordinary*.

Jesus has a way of showing up in the ordinary and unexpected places of life and interrupting our daily routines of casting and mending nets.

That's exactly what He did to the lives of Simon and Andrew, James and John. That's exactly what He does to our lives! "Come after Me" is an invitation to a new life.

Like these four fishermen, if we accept Jesus' invitation, our lives will forever be different – we will be different! Like these apostles, we are called. But Jesus doesn't offer a map, an itinerary, or even a destination; only an invitation.

This is God's call to participate in His saving work. It's the work of change and growth – our own and of those we impact. It's not about planning, organizing, making lists or packing supplies for the journey.

If anything, this call to "Come after Me", is an invitation on a journey of our own our spiritual growth which often involves some kind of *letting go* and/or *leaving things behind*.

We will never get anywhere new if we're unwilling to leave where we are...

Our letting go happens in the context of our everyday activities and events; work, school, raising families, paying the bills, running errands, fixing dinner, maintaining our relationships... it happens when we always try to do the right thing when doing each of them. In other words, it happens in the casting and mending of our nets...there's nothing *ordinary* about this time or this invitation!

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Pre Cursillo Report:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -
The WEEKENDS are 3and 4 months away.
They are scheduled for the Spring - April 19 - 22 for the Men's and May 17-20 for the Women's weekend.

Marge and I sent out letters in early January to the men and women who were not able to attend the last weekend with the dates of the spring weekends, along with their sponsors. We are beginning to get a sense of who will be able to participate in the weekend. Who Is God calling you to sponsor? Who do you know that can bring Jesus Christ into their environments, bringing Jesus into the world?

We will pray for you as you discern who God is calling you to invite and we ask for your prayers as we prepare for the weekend. If God has not placed a name of someone on your heart to invite, YOU are invited to pray

and offer palanca for the Team and candidates. They need you! 1 John 3:18 says” Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions in truth”. Your presence is desired to LOVE the Team and candidates through your actions. Can you pencil it in your schedule to help set up? Serve a meal? Work the palanca team? Sing at the Holy Hour on Saturday? Stay for Mass, afterwards? Help break down from the weekend? Attend the closing? How can you demonstrate your love for your brothers and sisters?

Christ is counting on YOU; I am counting on Christ!

God bless
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Cursillo Section

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are gearing up for another set of Men’s and Women’s Cursillo Weekends in the spring. Men’s Team is almost complete with a big THANK YOU to the people who are reteaming once again. We have a couple of spots still needed to be filled and pray men will say yes when asked. **MEN’S WEEKEND – APRIL – 19th – 22nd.**

The Women’s Team Selectors are working to start up another Team.
WOMEN’S WEEKEND – MAY 17th – 20th.

Set ups for the weekends are the day before at 5:30pm. The more hands we have the faster set up goes.

The Section Team will be meeting on our own to iron out a couple of issues to make our weekends run a little better.

Last but not least, we need our Community to step up and start evangelizing to bring Candidates to Cursillo.

PEACE!!
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Post Cursillo:

REUNION MASSES

February 9, 2018 –Come to the Well Ultreya
7:30 pm, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Church
4375 Harris Hill Road, Williamsville, NY
14221

ULTREYA SCHEDULE

Wednesday February 7, 2018

The Spirit of the City @ 6:00 pm
The St. Jude Center in Downtown,
760 Ellicott Street, Buffalo

2nd Wednesday February 14, 2018

Pueblo de Paz: Warsaw area after 7:00pm
Mass

St. Mary's Church
6785 East Arcade Rd., East Arcade

3rd Thursday February 15, 2018

Bethany @ 7:00pm
St. Martha's Parish
10 French Rd, Depew, NY 14043

Rainbow Vineyard @ 7:30pm
Our Lady Czestochowa Church,
64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda 14120

South towns @ 7:30pm
Mike Dawn Quinn’s 824-8347
532 South Shore, Lackawanna
Witness: Dawn Quinn

3rd Tuesday February 20, 2018

Come to the Well @ 7:00 pm
location to be determined

3rd Wednesday February 21, 2018

The Spirit of the City @ 6:00 pm
The St. Jude Center in Downtown,
760 Ellicott Street, Buffalo

Last Sunday February 25, 2017

Pueblo de Paz: Warsaw area @ 7:00pm St.
St. Michael's Church Hall at [171 North
Main Street, Warsaw, NY](#)

Last Tuesday February 27, 2018

Full of Grace @ 7:30 pm
Annunciation Church, Selbert Hall
7580 Clinton Street, Elma

1st Thursday March 1, 2018

Bethany @ 7:00pm
St. Martha's Parish
10 French Rd, Depew, NY 14043

Rainbow Vineyard @ 7:30pm
Our Lady Czestochowa Church,
64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda 14120

South towns @ 7:30pm
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School of Leaders:

Monday February 19@ St. Vincent de Paul
Church, Springbrook, 6:30 pm.

This month's school of leaders will feature a presentation by Bill Gross. His talk will be about the role of study in the life of a Cursillista. Bill will be speaking about our need to fully understand, faithfully proclaim and vigorously defend our Catholic faith. Come and bring a friend.

Bill Gross
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Prayer Request:

Please keep the following people in your prayers and Palanca:

Helga Pollak – Knee Surgery
Bob and Cheryl Besant, Audrey DiMaria
Karen M. Koneski daughter Carly
Ellie Wieleba, Lou and Liz Pauley
Lorrie Dickerson,
Diana Sotarczak's friend Carol,
Doug Shrout - Cardiac arrest
Otto Misso - surgery recovery
Toni Sessamen - surgery
Linda Piskin's neice Jennifer
Scott Crowe, Rosebud Casillo
Mary Flanagan,
Jennifer Ross - Auto accident
Sylvia Dains – surgery, Mike Quinn
Jan Nosbisch and friend Bev
Mary Flanagan, Joe Insana
Maria Boyle & Child, Maureen McCarthy
Corinne Giermek, Leo Reiter
Quinn children, Ron Lomanto,
Denise Daniels, Lorrie Rackozynski
Donna Foster,
Mary Lynn Heidle's daughter in law:
Jeannette Shields
Suzanne McCarthy Leverentz's Father-in-law Harold

Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts

Contact Mike Szematowicz; 812 0633
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List shirt size, color preference, weekend #.
Mike will provide price and address where to send the check.