



## October 2021 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:**

#### Reunion Mass

Date: Friday October 8, 2021

**Time: 7:00 pm NOTE: NEW EARLIER TIME**

Place: St. Mary's, Swormville

6919 Transit Rd

East Amherst, 14051

Host: Bethany

Presider: Fr. Ryan Keating

School of Leaders (SoL) To be determined.

#### Fall weekends

Men's #227 Spring April 7-10, 2022

Women's #228 Spring April 28 May 1, 2022 NOTE NEW DATE

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;

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### **Lay Director's Report:**

#### **Region III encounter.**

*Message from Bobbi LaVoie Region III*

*Coordinator:* I am reaching out to remind all that the Fall Region III Encounter is scheduled for November 19-20, 2021 at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua NY.

ALL are invited not just lay leaders. We encourage all the secretariat members and diocesan Cursillistas to attend as well. Get the date out to people.

The theme this year is "Let the Spirit Guide You". There are Rollos and discussions, Mass and of course great meals and fellowship.

This facility is just lovely. We can arrange for rooms for Saturday night for people who need to drive a distance. Click on this link for details and registration.

[Region III Flyer & Registration Form](#)

### **Reunion Mass Time Change.**

We changed the time to 7:00 pm for the October and November Reunion Masses. If this is favorable to the community, this will remain the new standard time.

### **Steubenville Conferences**

Franciscan University conducts 5 adult conferences each summer. Many of us from Buffalo Cursillo attend several of these. I am asking if there is interest in the Cursillo Community for renting a charter bus or large rental van to bring a group of us there together.

The dates are June 3-5, 2022 for "Power & Purpose Conference" or July 29-31, 2022 for "Defending the Faith Conference". Some of us stay on campus in dormitories and some like to stay in nearby commercial hotels.

For details of each conference go to <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/>  
Prices and agendas are forthcoming.

Email me so I can get a count on the number of people that might consider attending.

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### **Spiritual Director**

My brothers and sisters in Christ:

I recently heard a homily that got me thinking. It was an invitation to reflect on many of the controversial current events. Covid issues, abortion legislation, government issues. Some of these topics have some of us on opposite sides, generating friction and not very Christian feelings. I can see the action of the enemy taking advantage of the circumstances and of our weaknesses.

But we are better than that, we have Christ on our side and with Him on our side who can be against us. A priest friend of mine used to say "Christ and I" absolute majority!!!

Back to the homily, it indicated that the solution to these confrontations was to be found in our practice of humility. Strive to be humble!

That reminded me of the good old litany of humility. A good tool that I use whenever I feel that I'm not being as humble as God asks me to be (way too often 12). So, I decided to share it with all of you this month.

Here it is:

### **LITANY OF HUMILITY**

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart! Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,  
From the desire of being loved,  
From the desire of being sought after,  
From the desire of being honored,  
From the desire of being praised,  
From the desire of being preferred to others,  
From the desire of being consulted,  
From the desire of being approved,

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the fear of being humbled,  
From the fear of being despised,  
From the fear of suffering rebuffs,  
From the fear of being calumniated,  
From the fear of being forgotten,  
From the fear of being ridiculed,  
From the fear of being injured,  
From the fear of being suspected,

*Deliver me, Jesus.*

That others may be loved more than I,  
That in the opinion of the world, others may increase,  
and I may decrease,  
That others may be chosen and I set aside,  
That others may be praised and I unnoticed,  
That others be preferred to me in everything,  
That others may be more holy than I,  
provided I may become as holy as I should.

*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*



– Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val

And always remember.....Christ is counting on you!

### **Eduardo's beatification**

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...

Deacon Alex Manunta  
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### **Assistant Lay Director Report**

#### **Ultreya participation**

It is a wonderful thing to see all our Cursillista friends at the reunion masses worshipping together and socializing. The trend seems to be that members of the sponsoring Ultreyas make up the majority of attendees. Please try to join us from all over the diocese regardless of the Ultreya that is sponsoring.

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### **Pre Cursillo Report:**

Pre-Cursillo has been busy scheduling and presenting information sessions regarding candidate sponsorship. We encourage you to talk to your candidates and invite them to the reunion masses and Ultreya

Here are the registration forms and Hobby sheet to be filled out by you and your candidates together: [Registration Form](#)  
[Hobby Sheet](#)

If you have a candidate please forward these to:

Audrey DiMaria  
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### **Cursillo Section**

#### **Weekend Dates**

Well the Cursillo Section has some good news; we were able to change the Women's Weekend from Labor Day to April 28th-May 1st.

Men's weekend is on April 7th-April 10<sup>th</sup>.  
The Fourth day dinner will be June 4th.

#### **Team Selection**

With that being said, our Team Selectors have begun their process of choosing the upcoming teams. Their process begins with prayer.

If you receive a call from one of our Team Selectors' to work a weekend, please do not say NO right away. There is a reason you are being called; your name has been put on their hearts. For our newer Cursillistas, there are guide books to assist you as well as the Cursillo Section has a team of dedicated and experienced Talk Advisor's that will be there to help you along the way in preparing your rollo.

As for the actual weekend, you will have Jesus' support and a whole Cursillo

community. So when/if you receive a call...pray about it, ask your Friendship Group and Ultreya to pray along with you. Remember: **God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called!**

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### Post Cursillo:

Reunion Masses and Ultreyas have all started up again.  
Click here for the latest dates and places.  
[Upcoming Events](#)

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### School of Leaders:

The next School of Leaders is being planned for the end of October or beginning of November. You will be notified by email when everything is finalized.

Blessings,  
Bill Gross  
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### Historian Report

#### **Buffalo Cursillo History**

I interviewed Lou Pauly (weekend #91) last summer (2020) via telephone to ask him about the beginnings of the Buffalo Cursillo Movement. The following are directly from our interview and notes that he sent to me and from Buffalo Cursillo archives.

Lou and Liz Pauly grew up in Erie, PA and moved to Buffalo in 1958. They traveled back and forth to visit family and friends. They first heard about the Cursillo from Fr. Jim Peterson and friends in Erie. Lou and Liz made their Cursillo weekends in Erie in 1964, but there were no Ultreyas or any Cursillo activity in Buffalo as yet.

Over a period of time, they discovered that there were some Cursillistas in Buffalo, who had made their weekend in other parts of the country. These included Fr. Barry Smith, Val Sabol, Mary Bielman, Losi and Tomas Rivera. "We all shared enthusiasm for a movement which had revitalized the lives of so many, shed light on the darkness of many minds, and given direction to many lives. We realized that excitement and praise for the movement is the message of Christ and His Gospel.

Liz and Lou placed an article in the Buffalo Catholic newspaper asking anyone who had made the weekend in other parts of the country to call. The first meeting of these Buffalo Cursillistas was arranged by Val Sabol to be held at St. Nicholas Parish hosted by Rev. Herold Nuwer, the pastor who was also a Cursillista. "We sat around the dining room table talking about our experiences and getting to know one Another".

Some members of the Buffalo Inner City Apostolate including Marvin Lewis and Richard James had made Cursillo in Erie, PA in 1963 and 1964. Fr. Dave Doyle, Fr. Antonio Rodriguez and Tomas Rivera were intent on beginning a Spanish Cursillo Movement in WNY as there was a large Catholic Puerto Rican population in Dunkirk and on the West Side of Buffalo.

The above increased the number to ten at the monthly meeting (not yet called an Ultreya). It began with a prayer service and reunion in church followed by coffee and doughnuts in the rectory.

*{From Lou Pauly's 40th year Reunion of the Buffalo Cursillo talk given Dec. 9, 2005.}* “We discussed the many events that were taking place in the Church at the time. The Vatican Council had just ended. New things were happening in the Church – altars were being turned around to face the people, English instead of Latin, home Masses, no longer the long fast before Holy Communion, shaking hands at the sign of peace, people singing at mass, more lay involvement, sisters changing their style of dress. Many thought the Church was on a road to ruin. The Cursillo Movement embraced the changes and dealt with the spirit of Vatican II in an organized way.

After a few months, the conversation revolved around the Cursillo in Buffalo. The first step was to speak to Bishop McNulty to see if permission would be granted.

The Pauly's, Fr. Barry Smith and representatives from the Spanish and Black communities met for a thirty-minute audience with the Bishop, who had everyone sit in a circle. He asked each person to explain why they wanted Cursillo in Buffalo. Bishop McNulty who had made his Cursillo in New Jersey before he was transferred to Buffalo, readily gave his permission saying, “I don't understand why you haven't already started.”

Lou recalls standing outside of the Chancery with Liz and Fr. Barry (the others had left) saying: “Now that we have permission, what do we do now?”

Carol Stier  
Buffalo Cursillo Historian

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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:

Notify Marty Ruhland  
[rdservices@roadrunner.com](mailto:rdservices@roadrunner.com) of any names to add or remove from the prayer list. He is now keeping track of the request date and the reason for the prayers and the person who requested it in an effort to keep this list relevant and up to date.

Tony Rozak - 09/14/2021 - Heart Surgery  
Mark Mullen - 09/13/2021 - Health  
Shirley Barone - 08/10/2021 - Health  
Paul & Terri Baron - 08/05/2021 - Health  
Cathy Derrick - 06/29/2021 - Health  
Lynn Lomanto  
Patrick Johnson  
Kathleen Montesanti  
Carol Palesh (operation went well.  
Recovering still.)  
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  
Mike McCarthy  
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

### [Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts](#)

Contact Mike Szematowicz;  
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View details at: [Cursillo Wearables and Name Badges](#)

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