



July 2020 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.

Lay Director's Report:

The National Encounter is Going Virtual. Zoom with Cursillistas from across the United States: Livestream Masses, Virtual Fellowship, Breakout Sessions, Rollos, and more! Log in from your cell phone, personal computer, laptop, tablet, etc.

July 24-25, 2020 (starts at 6:30 pm on Friday)

Sign up soon space is limited.

Cost is \$50 per person until July 5th (\$70 thereafter)

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/encounter2020/>

It only takes 5 minutes to sign up.

National Encounters are very special as anyone who has attended will attest to. This is a unique opportunity for everyone in the Buffalo Diocese to participate without having to spend a lot of money and travel to a far place.

Julie Fleckenstein, the new Lay Director of the Pittsburgh Diocese. had a great idea about group participation at the encounter. Anyone comfortable with meeting in a group setting could get together in a home, Ultreya, permanent group, parish center, etc. and log in together. If your phone or tablet has screen mirroring capabilities you can watch and listen to the talks, mass and activities on your big screen TV.

There will be breakouts where we meet as a region, so the group can talk among themselves or join partly with the region.

Please sign up today as an individual from the comforts of your home or consider forming a group to participate together.

Ultreya's

Rainbow Vineyards and Bethany are still having Video conferencing. We invite all Cursillistas from the Buffalo Diocese to join us, especially those who have moved out of town or are currently not active in an Ultreya.

Rainbow this Thursday July 2 at 7:00pm. Email Karen for the meeting ID; karentrimp@gmail.com

Bethany Thursday July 16 at 7:00 pm. Email Lynn for the meeting ID; Lomantolomantolynn@gmail.com

See the link for the full Ultreya schedule in the Post-Cursillo section below.

Buffalo Cursillo Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 9th, 1:00pm. See the post Cursillo section below for details. Please consider joining us this year. We need and love the personal contact. We can do this without fear in a safe, responsible, manner by practicing social distancing just like we are doing in stores and in church. I am sure many of you feel the same way; I miss everyone!

Jerry Casillo
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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

We are waiting any day now for the Bishop's appointment of our next Spiritual Director. I was hoping to introduce him at this time but we have to wait just a little longer. Prayers greatly requested.

Pre Cursillo Report:

On May 9th, a few of us attended a Virtual Regional meeting. The topic was on Pre-Cursillo. While we know the slogan - "make a friend, be a friend" the workshop emphasized the importance of making a friend. Strong sponsorship typically takes more than meeting someone at a retreat.

If you have sent us applications over the last year, are you still in contact with the candidate?

Did you know that you are strongly encouraged to bring your friend/candidate to Ultreya? To Reunion Masses? Even to introduce them to your permanent group members.

I believe we will be resuming Reunion Masses in September. With so many festivals and events cancelled, perhaps your friend would like to join us at the Reunion Mass.

Marge, Lynn, Audrey and myself will be meeting to devise a plan to make sponsorship even stronger.
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Reflection by Lynn Lomanto

As some of you know I lost my husband Ron a little over two years ago to esophageal cancer. It was a difficult five years and much has changed in my life. In the beginning of the COVID-19 restrictions, I found myself spending a great deal of alone time. It quickly became obvious to me that I needed to do

something. I first turned to Mary and the rosary, praying it daily. As the weeks went by, I began reading my internet mail and browsing. An email came from my browsing for the Million Mask Challenge. I mentioned it to my daughter who is a physical therapist in Niagara County. Andrea said, 'Mom, check with the Eastern Niagara Hospital administration, I think they need masks. So, it began, I developed the Niagara Frontier Sewing Sisters Facebook page and recruited my friends who were quilters and sewers. Peg Barkley, Sharon Larson, Peg Metzger, Linda Hunter and others who took their skills to nursing facilities, pharmacists and a host of sites that needed masks. So, it began. We have donated several 1000 masks to many sites and the Eastern Niagara Hospital. Friends call and we all make masks as they are needed.

I found purpose in this project and I renewed friendships. My skills are now being drawn to making baby quilts for newborn infants. I pray for these little ones who are now living in a world of uncertain times.

My head is occupied with worry for what is happening with our youth. I see hatred and violence and understand that this is a younger population acting without Gods presence in their lives. They have been led to a more aggressive evil and I pray for them every day.

The series, "The Wild Goose" with FR. Dave Pivonka, TOR, is my study to keep me focused. His first two talks are "God's Love Poured Out" and "Breath of God". It centers me in my morning prayer time. I know my Lord loves me and I only need to be quiet and listen. I take deep breaths each morning in my quiet place. Most of the time listening to the birds while sitting outside on my deck. God's love can satisfy and renew us.

Fr. Dave shares a story in this series, “A Penny goes through a lot of stuff in its time, just like us. They get dropped in the mud and stepped on and sometimes God picks us up, and like the penny, he dusts us off and cleans us up.”

My love for God is personal and intimate. When you experience God’s love something comes alive. As St. Francis of Assisi said, “ God says “You are enough for me.”

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God Bless, Lynn Lomanto

Cursillo Section

Happy July, well the Section has been quiet but still working on Spring weekend dates. As of today, we do not have confirmed dates, hopefully by the August newsletter we will have them set and can begin planning and our team selectors can get going on teams. We are hoping to be able to have a Section meeting in August so we will have more to report then. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers.

MAY GOD BLESS US AND KEEP US!
And remember make a friend be a friend and bring that friend to Christ. Even though it may still have to happen 6 ft. apart.

ULTREYA!!!

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Post Cursillo:

We hope you are all enjoying this beautiful summer weather.

ULTREYA SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Please click on the link for the Ultreya chart listing times and locations of your Ultreya. [July Ultreyas](#)

Please, Please, Please continue to follow safe practices when meeting: Distance, Masks, Sanitizer

Cursillo Picnic

No shared food this year.

When: Sunday, August 9th, 1:00pm

Mass: 3:00pm

Where: Quinn Home – 532 South Shore Blvd; Buffalo, NY 14218

Provided: Grill, pool, soda, & water

Please Bring: Food, utensils, paper products, **masks, sanitizer** for your family

Optional: Lawn chair

REUNION MASS

We are meeting with the Ultreya Coordinators to plan the next few Reunion Masses. Most likely September, October and November. We will post as soon as arrangements are finalized.

UPCOMING EVENTS PAGE

This too is being updated. Stay tuned for info.

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School of Leaders:

Here is a brief passage that may help us during these difficult times. It is taken from Adrienne von Speyr’s Meditations on St. John’s Gospel.

It (lack of trust) could also mean to die and take along the dawning of an insight, seeking to know God outside of love, a knowledge based on proofs of god’s existence. These “proofs” would have allowed us to accept a God but without

influence on one's life; the proofs of God's existence do not suffice to bring us into contact with Him, for he far exceeds all that can be proved. We can go to an absurdity of proofs of God, never coming to an end. The end exists in a leap, a leap of God's love for his creature, exploding its natural reason and creating room for faith in love.

From the meditation on John 3:16

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Secretary:

May the gift of peace be with you.

Mary Bitka

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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 Casillo of any names to add or remove from the prayer list.

Fr. Joe Badding

Kevin Urbanski

Joe Macchia

Paul Kieffer

Dennis Hodur

Chelsea Ellis

Marie Lelek

Frank & Martha Barry

Owen & Aidan

Laura, Betty and Angelo Ciavarella

Chuck Stephan

Marie and Jim Sorrentino

Deacon Norm Foster

Marie Gannon

Loretta Sterling

Betty & Leo Reiter

Dan Siembida

Mike Ryan

Timothy McCann

Mike McCarthy

Alice's daughter-in-law, Laura

Joan Roberts

Mary Flanagan

Joe Insana

Bob Yegar

Bill Heidle

Corinne Giermek

Larry Lomanto

Dcn Joe Barr

Jim Youngers

Cathy Agugliaro

Shaun Vona

Tim Heidle

Owen Mangan

Sister Antonita

Michael Volk

Kathy O'Keefe

Denise Bressette

Lynn Johnson

Diane Coughlin

Deacon Dan McGuire

Gary Banas

John Agugliaro

Marcia Moretti

Mary Jo Kapsiak

Mical's Aunt Maryann

Cheryl Besant

Quinn children

newborn Marylynn Joanne

Mary Mercurio

Paul & Terry Barone

Father Sam Venne

Elaine Stack

Bobby Lovenetti

Marie Sorrentino

Frank Gallagher

Pat Abraham

Vinnie Barone

Linda Orszulak

Eva Tamoga

Ellie Wieleba

Lou and Liz Pauley

Lorrie Dickerson

Doug Shroud

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.