



Buffalo Cursillo

August 2018 Newsletter

Check out our new 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:

My Cursillo weekend gave me the inspiration and desire to serve God and learn as much as I can about Him and His church. It was the spark that helped me grow spiritually closer to Christ. I know it is the same for most of you. Because of Cursillo, Pam and I regularly listen to The Station of the Cross – FM 101.7, CDs from Lighthouse Catholic Media, watch EWTN. We participate in Pro-Life activities, attend pilgrimages, retreats, parish activities, etc.

We just attended the ~20th annual "Defending our Faith" three-day conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville Ohio. That was a mountain top experience! The speakers were powerful and insightful. We heard about the many attacks on our church and false beliefs from all sorts of institutions, ideologies, other religions and even from our own friends and families. They talked about what our church actually teaches, and how to defend the truth, and gave loving methods to evangelize and properly inform those in our one square meter.

The music was excellent. We sang all day every day, and it reminded me so much of our weekends.

We met a couple at lunch one day who were Cursillistas from Florida. A gentleman at the next table over heard and greeted us with "De Colores". We ran into a half dozen other Cursillistas from Buffalo.

This will now be an annual event for us. Consider attending next year the last weekend in July. [Steubenville Defending the Faith](#)

Thank you Cursillo for all the motivation!

A message from Hoang Tran about the **Cursillo National Encounter**: *We only have 60 slots left for the 28th National Encounter in Seattle from August 16-19 but I'd like to reserve these slots with a \$50 discount for new Cursillistas who lived their Weekends in 2017 and 2018 and want to experience the Triple Encounters again at the 28th National Encounter! This special offer will end at midnight Friday August 3 on a first-come first served basis. Please register now [National Encounter 2018](#) by selecting \$50 discount and putting "New Cursillista" in the box 'Voucher #' with the month/year of your Weekend:*

Peace,
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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

ACTION

Do you remember when you were young and you and your neighborhood friends wanted to play a game?

Do you recall what it felt like as they were choosing up sides?

Didn't you feel the honor/pride, joy and even relief when you were chosen?

Looking back on those experiences, it's not too surprising that children have such intense feelings around being chosen.

Being chosen:

- Affirms us
- It acknowledges our talents/gifts;
- It's a sign that we are valued by others.

In a recent Gospel, Jesus organized His apostles into teams of two.

- He affirms their abilities to follow in His footsteps.
- He begins to create confidence that they will be able to do the amazing healing work that He has done throughout Israel.
- He provides them the awesome power of authority over unclean spirits.
- Then, He sends them out into the world to preach repentance.

Before all that mission training happened, Jesus had to choose the 12 apostles in the first place.

Jesus walked along the Sea of Galilee, and met Andrew, Peter, James, John and the others and said, "Follow me."

These weren't casual invitations.

Something in those invitations came across to each apostle as such a strong call that they willingly left their families, work and homes; they completely change their lives.

Perhaps, early on, they had a feeling that Jesus' invitation—His call to them—meant they were being chosen for something especially compelling.

However, it wasn't until much later, after Jesus' resurrection, that they realized what a truly amazing team and mission they had been specifically chosen for.

We also have been **chosen, destined** and **sealed** with the Holy Spirit!

Could there be anything more affirming, confidence-building and as great an honor is that?

But, **hold on**...

There's more to all this than just the great feeling/pride that comes from being chosen. The chosen need to acknowledge the choice . . . and **act** on it.

Imagine that, after Jesus chose them to go forth, all the two-man teams of apostles said, *"Thank you very much, Jesus. It feels great that You'd give us those powers and send us forth to do Your work. But we know people won't accept us.*

We really can't heal the blind and the deaf and the lame and drive out demons. You can do those things, but we can't. So, we'll just go on back to Galilee and fish. See ya!"

Sadly, in spite of all that God has blessed us with, including the Passion and death of His only Son for our salvation, and even though:

You and I have been:

- Chosen by God
- Taught and commissioned by Jesus
- Sealed by the Holy Spirit

Still, many refuse to act with the same vision and power towards God's will/purpose to do His work of saving souls and bringing them His Kingdom...

It was always exciting to be chosen – but the real excitement/honor comes from being on the team...

So, let us resolve to be the people God has **chosen** us to be.

Let us honor God's choice by bringing peace, justice, mercy, hope, and healing to all in need.

Peace and all good things!

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Pre Cursillo Report:

We are just beginning to look over applications for the Men's weekend to be held October 4 - 7 and the Women's weekend to be held November 8 - 11.

Please pray about who God is asking you to invite. We are always accepting applications.
[Cursillo Applications](#)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Cursillo Section

My Friends in Christ!!!!

Just got back from vacation and I am very excited about the upcoming Fall Cursillo Weekends. Men's Team Selectors have been very busy making calls and putting a Team together. There are still a few more talks to be assigned but I'm sure with the help from our Cursillo Community we will have them filled. Dates: Men's October 4th and Women's: November 8th. Come and just say YES, you know you want to!!!!

CURSILLO DANCE: Save the date, September 15th, 7:00pm to 10:00pm, St. Vincent's Gym Parish.

PEACE to you and your families!!

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Post Cursillo:

CURSILLO PICNIC (August 12th)

It's that time of year again! The annual Cursillo Mass and Picnic! It is a wonderful time to join together with family and friends in the Cursillo community to celebrate our faith, our friendship, this wonderful community, and hopefully the summer sun!

WHAT: Annual Family Cursillo mass and picnic

WHEN: Sunday August 12th at 1pm (mass at 3pm with a potluck to follow)

WHERE: Dcn. Mike and Dawn Quinn's home

532 South Shore Blvd. Lackawanna 14218

WHAT TO BRING: Your family!

Swimwear, meat to grill, a dish to share, plates/utensils, drinks, a blanket or chair for mass, and your Cursillo songbook if you have one

Looking to form a **permanent group** or add members to your existing group?
Email Jerry at BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com.

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ULTREYA SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

1st Wednesday August 1, 2018

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

1st Thursday August 2, 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 Stack 6490-37 Taylor Rd. 64-4615

2nd Wednesday August 8, 2018

Pueblo de Paz: Warsaw area after 7:00pm Mass St. Mary's Church, 6785 East Arcade Rd., East Arcade

3rd Wednesday August 15, 2018

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

3rd Thursday August 16, 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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3rd Tuesday August 21, 2018

Come to the Well @ 7:00 pm
Members houses, contact:
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Last Sunday August 26, 2018

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

Last Tuesday August 28, 2018

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

School of Leaders:

Our new format for School of Leaders (everyone is a leader) begins this fall. Instead of Monday night meetings, we will be having three Saturday workshops at three different churches.

Please save these dates:

October 20, 2018-- St. Vincent de Paul, Elma
March 9, 2019-- Nativity, Clarence
June 1, 2019-- St. John Paul II, Hamburg

The workshops will start at 10:00 and end around 2:00, more or less. Additional details will be displayed on the Cursillo website as the time nears.

Come and bring a friend.

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Prayer Request:

Please keep the following people in your prayers and Palanca:

All Cursillistas who are ill or suffering.

Mary Mercurio, Gary Banas, Diane Coughlin, newborn Marylynn Joanne, Toni Sessamen, Father Sam Venne, Dcn Joe Barr, Linda Orszulak, Eva Tamoga, Ellie Wieleba, Carol Mazurkiewicz, Elaine Stack, Bob and Cheryl Besant, Lou and Liz Pauley, Lorrie Dickerson, Doug Shrout, Dan Graesser, Leo Reiter, Mary Flanagan, Joe Insana, Quinn children, Corinne Giermek, Marcia Moretti, baby Finleigh, Joan Conklin's friend Joyce, Vinnie Barone, Mark Schweizer's dad, Marie Sorrentino, Ilona Klein's friend Bella, Pat Abraham, Rakoczynski's friends Cheryl and Bob, Mary Lynn Heidle's daughter in law: Jeannette Shields, Kate Emery's dad, Mary Dewald's nephew's daughter Amelia and friend Kent

Send names of people who should be added to the list or removed from the list to miride@aol.com

Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts

Contact Mike Szematowicz;

Call/Text: 812 0633

Email: szematm@gmail.com

List shirt size, color preference, weekend #.

Mike will provide price and address where to send the check.