



Holiday Newsletter – December 2018 & January 2019

Check out our new website at <https://www.buffalocursillo.com/> You will find dates and information on Ultreya, Weekends, Reunion mass schedule, Newsletters, Applications, Prayer requests and much more.

Lay Director's Report:

WELCOME TO YOUR 4TH DAY DINNER.
December 14th @ 5:30pm at St Vincent de Paul Parish Doors open at 5pm for setup, dinner at 6pm

We look forward to seeing the entire Cursillo community to welcome the new Cursillistas of men's 221 and women's 222 fall weekends. Following dinner, we will commence our Ultreya while our babe chicks spend time in fellowship with the Men & Women of their respective weekends. I'm sure everyone will enjoy reuniting with those whom you had a wonderful experience with. All are welcome to attend. Invite anyone who may be thinking of making the spring weekend!

December is a good time to make a friend and be a friend and bring that friend to Christ. We are accepting applications for the spring weekends. Don't wait. During the Christmas season you will be with friends and family in a spirit filled environment. Tell them about Cursillo and invite them to fill out an application. Diane and Marge will send them details of the spring weekend and ask if they intend on coming when the dates draw near.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. I could use some help keeping the website up to date and, we have a couple helper jobs on the weekends. Please pray about it. Call, text or see me at the 4th day dinner for additional details.

Our next newsletter will be in February. Visit BuffaloCursillo.com for upcoming events and Ultreya.

All of you are in my prayers this Advent season. I am so thankful for the blessings of the Cursillo Movement. I am in awe seeing the many works that you, God's servants, carry out in this diocese. Keep up the "Good" work for Our Lord.

Wishing all of you a Merry & Holy Christmas and a Happy & Blessed New Year

Peace,
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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

John the Baptist said: "I am 'the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." (John 1:23)

Today, John the Baptist is alive in Heaven – but his proclamation is still ongoing here on earth.

John is stilling calling us to repentance; he is still calling us to prepare the way for the Lord in our lives.

His message is just as relevant for us today as it was some 2,000 years ago. During the time he walked the earth, his mission was to

preach so as to prepare the immediate way for Christ.

He, indeed, prepared the way for the Messiah to physically enter into our world and present us with the gift of eternal salvation.

But St. John continues to prepare the way for the Lord, today, only if we are willing to listen.

We learn from John that the first step to a life of holiness is to “make straight the way of the Lord.”

But, what does that mean?

How do we actually do this?

How do we really make straight the way of the Lord?

We begin by humbly admitting those sins which get in the way of Jesus coming to us and transforming our lives.

We do this by truly devoting time, prayer, silence and submission to God this Advent and Christmas season.

We do this by reflecting upon the year that is past as well as the year to come. We can list what we need to let go of from our past and what we need to focus on bringing into our lives during the coming year.

We do this by identifying any and all obstacles that prevent the coming of Christ into our hearts and letting ourselves discover the new life *in* and *with* Christ that awaits us this coming year when we do.

A Prayer for all of us Cursillistas in Buffalo to Pray Together This Season

Lord Jesus, You came into this world out of perfect love for me.

You came to save me from all sin and to deliver me from all evil.

Help me to see that which has kept me from You this past year and to surrender it to You. Help me also to have hope and vision for all that awaits and all that You are calling me to. Give me the grace and the strength that I may heed the words of the Baptist this year and make the road ahead straight so that I can follow Your perfect will.

Jesus, I trust in You.

May the Peace and Love of the Holy Child Jesus be with you and your families during this Blessed Season!

Merry Christmas – Happy New Year!

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Pre Cursillo Report:

We had (2) successful weekends this past fall. The Holy Spirit inspired the Team Selectors in their selection of a great team. A special thanks to the “babe” chicks for accepting the invitation to attend a Cursillo weekend.

After Christmas season, we will get in touch with the candidates who had to postpone their experience, sharing with them the Spring dates.

Men’s will be April 25 -28 and Women’s will be May 16 -19. We welcome new applications year round.

May God bless you with a very Holy Christmas season!

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Cursillo Section

My Friends in Christ!!!!

Once again, our Cursillo Community has come together to be the hands and feet of Christ. We have brought together 19 more people to the love God has for us. You may say to yourself the numbers of Candidates isn't over whelming but remember it's not about the numbers.

Once again, the Section Team will be meeting to go over the past two Cursillo Weekends. We are always trying to make the weekends more comfortable for our Candidates, more efficient, more effective more fun and especially more loved.

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, our Section Team is always looking for hands and feet to help set up and tear down for the weekend. Please help us out in helping with either of these two jobs. We would be most APPRECIATIVE for your help!!!!!!

PEACE to you and your families!!

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Post Cursillo:

Our next reunion mass will be held on January 11, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Annunciation church
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Looking to form a **permanent group** or add members to your existing group?
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School of Leaders:

Our next School of Leaders workshop will be Saturday, March 10 at Nativity Church. The workshop will begin at 10:00am and end at 2:00pm. Please save the date.

The topic will be how we put together a weekend. It will focus on the nuts and bolts of weekend planning. This should be especially interesting to those of you who are new to Cursillo, but everyone will be able to participate and learn something.

There will be plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer your services for the upcoming weekends.

Come and bring a friend.

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Secretary:

Peace be with you

Marty Ruhland
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Prayer Request:

Please keep the following people in your prayers and Palanca:

Owen Mangan, Tony Rozak, Gary Hall, Michael Volk, Michael Ryan, Audrey DiMaria, Kathy O'Keefe, Denise Bressette, Joan Conklin, Deacon Dan McGuire, Bishop Malone, Gary Banas, Father Jim Walter, Kate Emery's dad, John Agugliaro, Mary Dewald, Amelia and Kent, Cheryl Besant, Jamie Groff, newborn Marylynn Joanne, Toni Sessamen, Mary Mercurio, Father Sam Venne, Carol Mazurkiewicz, Elaine Stack, Dcn Joe Barr, Frank Gallagher, Pat Abraham, Linda Orszulak, Eva Tamoga, Ellie Wieleba, Lou and Liz Pauley, Lorrie Dickerson, Diana Sotarczak's friend Carol, Doug Shrout, Dan Graesser, Leo Reiter, Mary Flanagan, Joe Insana, Diane Coughlin, Quinn children, Corinne Giermek, Marcia Moretti, baby Finleigh, Jeannette Shields daughter in law, Vinnie Barone, Marie Sorrentino, Lynn Johnson, All Cursillistas who are ill or suffering.

Help us keep this list up to date: Call/Text Casillo to add or remove names from the prayer request list.

Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts

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