



December 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Virtual Ultreya	for those who cannot get out and those who have moved out of town. Contact Lynn Lomanto for the meeting information; Lomantolynn@gmail.com
Reunion Mass	The 2021 reunion mass' are being planned. Stay tuned for details.
Spring weekends	Men's #227 to be determined (TBD) Women's #228 TBD Support Mass; TBD Welcome to 4 th day TBD

Lay Director's Report:

Merry Christmas to all my fellow Cursillistas and your families!

Advent preparation

In these last few days before Christmas consider what Bishop Barron said about Advent. It is a time to prepare for the coming of Our Redeemer. Our Savior! A good way to prepare, is to meditate on why I need a savior. What are the things that must change in my life? What are the faults I should admit and the sins I should confess and repent of, to be spiritually ready to receive baby Jesus?

Eva Tamoga

Our dear friend and Cursillista Eva Tamoga entered into her 5th day on December 15th after a long battle with cancer. Eva made Cursillo with the

Hungarian Cursillo Movement in Toronto. The Weekend was in Hungarian.

Eva was well-known in the Buffalo Cursillo Movement. She was Ultreya Coordinator for "Spirit of the City Ultreya" for maybe 15 years beginning when it was formerly called Holy Spirit Ultreya.

Eva Tamoga attended almost all the Second Touch Weekends with Clara Somogyi. Together they hosted many Reunion Masses held in Buffalo at St Elizabeth Church.

Her Obituary is listed at [BuffaloCursillo.com](https://www.buffalocursillo.com/) under the 5th day tab. [Eva's Obit](#)

Region III Service Team

Please welcome Chuck DiMaria from Buffalo to the Region III service team! We are so delighted that he said "YES my Lord!"

Consecration to St. Joseph

With the pope declaring 2021 to be dedicated to St. Joseph, NACG is hosting a "Consecration to St. Joseph" virtual experience. This is open to all Cursillistas and will be bi-lingual English/Spanish.

Using the book, Consecration to St. Joseph by Donald H. Calloway, preparation consists of individual daily reading or audio and once per week zoom meeting with other participants to discuss and reflect. The book is available on Amazon and other online sites. Participants will need to obtain the book prior to the meetings so they can join in.

The group will meet via [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) on Sunday, December 20th for an orientation then meet for 5 consecutive Tuesdays at 8pm EST from December 22 to January 19th.

You do need to pre-register, email your name, phone number and diocese "Buffalo" to Bobbi LaVoie notestobobbi@yahoo.com She will email back the meeting ID login.

Thank You

First, I want to thank Deacon Mike Quinn for opening St Anthony conference room for our Secretariat meetings. He gives of his time to be there with us while we hold our meetings.

Next a big Thank You to **Diane Putt** and **Marge Fettermen** for their service on the Secretariat since June 2017. They served you, the Buffalo Cursillo community, as Pre-Cursillo coordinators. During that time, they instituted many innovations and were always big contributors to our board and our community. I valued their incites and perspective on the issues we dealt with

and greatly appreciated their dedication to details and the hard work that they put in.

Join me in welcoming the new Pre-Cursillo Coordinators Lynn Lomanto and Audrey DiMaria.

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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

My brothers and sisters in Christ:

An advent as never before has come to us. The challenges and trials we have found through the year have left many different imprints on our hearts and souls. Some of us have lost loved ones, some of us are tired or frustrated, some of us just want this whole thing to end. But it is hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel. And it is not easy to get rid of this global frustration...

Unless you are a Cursillista!

Because if you are, you have hope, and you have hope because you have faith, and hope and faith come from the love of Christ that lives in your heart!

And now, you are getting ready to see Jesus being born in the manger, in your life, in your heart. And then, you don't care about the gifts because THE GIFT is Christ Himself, pouring that sanctifying grace into your soul, bringing you life. And the life that he brings is Himself again because you know that he is the way, the truth, and the life.

So all the suffering, the discomforts of this year, are nothing when you realize that all of that is just a big Palanca that you are offering for your brothers and sisters. It is the cross that Jesus asked you to carry.

And if you are weak, it's better cause you know that it is when you are weak that you are strong.

So, with renewed hope, this Christmas, together with Baby Jesus, you will be painting your life with new colors...because you always, in Christ, live your life DE COLORES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Merry Christmas !!!!!!!!!!!

And always remember....

...Christ is counting on you!

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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[Pre Cursillo Report:](#)

The Pre Cursillo committee will be changing hands. Diane Putt and Marge Fetterman will be handing over the Pre-Cursillo committee responsibilities to Audrey DiMaria and Lynn Lomanto. Diane and Marge will continue to support Pre-Cursillo through the team transition. Thank You Diane and Marge for all your efforts in Pre Cursillo.

Audrey and Lynn will be moving forward with the responsibility of contacting Ultreya Coordinators and reaching out to the community for sponsorship and candidate application. In our present climate with COVID concerns we understand the restrictions it is having on weekends.

Audrey and Lynn would like to encourage everyone to continue evangelizing to friends in your religious community. You can still bring new candidates to Ultreya meetings and monthly mass. We have candidates, are holding applications and encourage sponsors to continue to reach out to them.

Cursillo weekends are temporarily on hold, but sharing our faith and being disciples for our Lord is strong in our hearts.

If you have concerns or need to contact the committee, please email.
Have a Blessed Holiday

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[Cursillo Section](#)

Happy Advent to all. It is with sadness that I have to report the postponement of our Spring weekends due to the pandemic. We will let you know the dates for the Fall weekends when they are confirmed with St. Vincent's. Meanwhile we encourage all to continue to MAKE A FRIEND BE A FRIEND AND BRING THAT FRIEND TO CHIST.

Joan and I wish you and yours a very Blessed Christmas and a Christ centered New Year.

God Bless and DeColores

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Post Cursillo:

Upcoming Events page

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Ultreya Information

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School of Leaders:

Planning for the next School of Leaders is underway. Hopefully we will be able to gather in public in the not so distant future.

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Secretary:

Many blessings for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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.

Fred Abbott
Karen Trimper
Carol Cronin
Deacon Mike Quinn
Paul DeWalt
Kevin Urbanski
Diane Reese
Fr. Joe Badding
Joe Macchia
Paul Kieffer
Dennis Hodur
Chelsea Ellis
Marie Lelek
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
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
Father Sam Venne
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;
Call/Text: 812 0633
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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.