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### Lay Director's Report:

Our next Cursillo weekends are quickly approaching. Please pray for and then discuss with your potential candidates about committing to the weekend. If you don't have a potential candidate please pray for everyone else's candidates.

It is time now to get those applications in.

See Cursillo section below. We are in need of some help with the setup of the weekends.

Just saw a very good prolife movie in theaters this week called "Unplanned". It's based on a true story of Abby Johnson who was the director of Planned Parenthood. She resigned, became a prolife anti-abortion activist. She founded a ministry to assist former Planned Parenthood employees who became prolife after their own experiences. It is worth seeing and supporting.

<https://www.unplannedfilm.com/>

Peace,  
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### Spiritual Director's Reflection:

A high school senior was asked to explain what happened in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

He took a breath and answered:

Once there was this man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho and he fell among thorns; the thorns sprung up and choked him. And as he travelled on, he didn't have money. He met the queen of Sheba and she gave him 1,000 talents of gold and 100 changes of raiment.

Then he got into a chariot and drove furiously and when he was driving under a big juniper tree, his hair caught on the limb of that tree and he hung there many days. The ravens brought him food to eat and water to drink. He ate 5,000 loaves of bread and two fishes.

One night when he was asleep his wife Delilah came and cut off his hair and he dropped and fell on stony ground.

But he got up when it began to rain. It rained for forty days and forty nights, so he hid, himself in a cave and lived on locusts and wild honey.

Then he went on until he met a servant and he said, come on and take supper at my place. He made an excuse and said, "no I won't. I married a wife and I can't go."

So, the servant went out on the highways and the hedges and compelled him to come in. After supper he went on to Jericho. And,

when he got there he looked up and saw that old Queen Jezebel sitting down up in the window. She laughed at him and he said, “throw her down.” And, they threw her down. And he said, “throw her down again” – 70 times 7.

And with the fragments that remained they filled 12 wicker baskets full besides women and children.

And they said, blessed are the PIECE-makers. Now whose wife do you think she will be on that Judgment Day?

### THE END

Now, that’s quite a clutter of Scripture with a totally messed up story. The irony is that you would have to know your Scripture in order to see the humor of it.

But the reality is - in many circles today and in the future will people wonder if it was an actual story lifted right out of the Bible? So, when we talk about living the Word of God – for/with the Word of God, will our children and their children be equipped and strengthened to face the future, as it rushes toward them at an incredible pace? How will they handle it without a solid grasp of God’s Word?

How do we face the challenge of equipping our future generations with the full and proper understanding of our faith...the faith Jesus commissions us to proliferate?

As a father of four and grandfather of two, I have never sensed that this challenge would be as daunting as I see it now.

In our time, we are facing so many incredible redefinitions and extraordinary distortions are taking place today. On the one side we face

a rabid, strident naturalism that wants to do away with God, and on the other side, we see a new diluted naturalistic spirituality that is becoming a polite term for relativism – the result is the same in both of them.

Because when you think about it – what does secularism really do when it is taken out to its logical and systemic conclusion? It is the eviction of God!

And what does the new so-called diluted naturalistic spirituality do? It, basically, deifies the individual!

Both get the same end-result; they both exclude the transcendent, infinite, all-wise, all knowing Creator!

Everything then becomes all about the individual.

It is at this time in history that you and I have been called to live. We can say that is by divine appointment that we are called to live at THIS time.

So, together, we must set our hand to the plow and not look back. Today, more than ever, we need to constantly focus, encourage and strengthen one another - to keep our hearts stirred and ignite a response from our very souls to keep God in the lives those around us through our words, decisions and actions.

We have been called to live and bring forth the saving Word of God to all generations – starting with our own children and grandchildren – and to do it with love!

Peace and all good things!

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### Pre Cursillo Report:

#### 2019 Spring Weekends:

Women's #224 is May 16 to 19.  
Men's #223 is May 30 to June 2

Marge and I are sending out confirmation letters to our candidates. Continue to encourage your candidates to get in their applications. It is still no too late!!

Continue to pray for us as we pray for you.

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### Cursillo Section:

#### WANTED!

Looking for able body worker to coordinate set up for Cursillo Weekends.  
Please contact me. My information is below my signature.  
PEACE to you all and your families!!

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### Post Cursillo:

Since the Men's weekend was moved from April to the end of May, there is no reunion mass scheduled for April.

The joined Support Mass for both Women and Men's weekend teams will be held on Saturday May 11 at 4:30 pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8550 Main St, Williamsville. Dinner for team members will follow after mass.

Looking to form a **permanent group** or add members to your existing group?  
Email Jerry at [BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com).

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### School of Leaders:

Next - Session 3, June 29, 2019  
St. John Paul II Church, 2052 Lakeview Rd,  
Lakeview, NY.

May I be open to more and more consciousness, more and more connection.  
May I keep evolving in bodily wholesomeness so that I can offer robust service to people and the planet.  
May I keep evolving in mind and imagination so that I can find ever new ways to see God in the cosmos.

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## Prayer Request:

Please keep the following people in your prayers and Palanca:  
Dell Leaderstorf, Regina Amendolea,  
Mercurio's nephew Ray, Bill Heidle, Tim Hanavan, Corinne Giermek, Larry Lomanto, Ryan Stack, Dcn Joe Barr, Jim Youngers, Tim Heidle, Nan, Owen Mangan, Tony Rozak, Gary Hall, Michael Volk, Michael Ryan, Audrey DiMaria, Kathy O'Keefe, Denise Bressette, Lynn Johnson, Deacon Dan McGuire, Bishop Malone, Gary Banas, Father Jim Walter, John Agugliaro, Marcia Moretti, Mary Dewald, Amelia and Kent, Cheryl Besant, Quinn children, newborn Marylynn Joanne, Toni Sessamen, Mary Mercurio, Father Sam Venne, Elaine Stack, Marie Sorrentino, Frank Gallagher, Pat Abraham, Vinnie Barone, Linda Orszulak, Eva Tamoga, Ellie Wieleba, Lou and Liz Pauley, Lorrie Dickerson, baby Finleigh, Doug Shrou, Dan Graesser, Leo Reiter, Mary Flanagan, Joe Insana, Diane Coughlin, Jeannette Shields daughter in law

All Cursillistas who are ill or suffering.

## Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts

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