



## Buffalo Cursillo

July 2021 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:

School of Leaders (SoL)	Date: Saturday July 17, Time 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Place: at St/ John Paul II Roman Catholic church See complete information below in School of Leaders section.
Cursillo Picnic	Date: August 8 <sup>th</sup> Time: 1:00 pm, Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 pm Place: Deacon Mike and Dawn Quinn's house 532 South Shore Blvd. Lackawanna
Reunion Mass	Date: Friday September 10, 2021 Time: 7:30 pm Details to Follow.
Fall weekends	Men's #227 Spring April 7-10, 2022 Women's #228 Spring May 26-29, 2022 Support Mass; TBD Welcome to 4 <sup>th</sup> day TBD
Virtual Ultreya	Bethany Ultreya meets virtually on Zoom the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday each month. This is ideal for those who cannot get out and those who have moved out of town. Contact Lynn Lomanto for the meeting information; <a href="mailto:Lomantolynn@gmail.com">Lomantolynn@gmail.com</a>

### Lay Director's Report:

#### Historian

As many of you know, Carol Stier has become our first official historian. See her contribution to this newsletter below.

In coming months, Carol will post lists such as the Rectors of each weekend, Spiritual Directors and Lay Directors.

Carol had an article about Cursillo published in her Religious order's Spring 2021 newsletter "SSJ Presence". Click here to view the marked-up copy. [SSJ Presence Article](#)

#### Step by Step Rectors Guide

The July 17 School of Leaders will have talks on "The Charism of Friendship". I

will present the Step by Step innovations to our Buffalo Cursillo Weekends. See complete details in the SoL section below

### Reunion Mass

The last reunion mass was held at St Cecelia in Strikersville on June 11, 2021 hosted by Pueblo de Paz Ultreya. The mass was dedicated to Joan Privitera.

There will be a reunion mass at the picnic on August 8. Plans are in the making for the September 10, 2021 mass. Mark your calendar - Details to follow.

### Novena

The St. Joseph Novena is posted on our website. St. Joseph is a powerful intercessor, especially during this year of St. Joseph. Click here to pray to St. Joseph for your wants and needs. [St. Joseph Novena](#)

### Prayer Requests

Thank you to those who responded with names we could remove from the [Prayer Request](#). Please pray for those still listed and let me know if other names should be added or removed

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## Historian Report

This is a new section to the Newsletter by Historian Carol Stier. This month she writes on “Buffalo Cursillo History”.

Last March, 2020, when Jerry asked me to be the historian for the Buffalo Cursillo Movement, I thought that I would be simply cataloging Buffalo Cursillo newsletters dating from the 1960’s to

2008, when they went online, And, arranging candidate & team lists from 1965 to November 2019 when the last women’s Cursillo was held in WNY The fact that I had made Buffalo Women’s Cursillo #7 in 1969 gave me some perspective.

Last year, I sent out a call to Cursillistas for memorabilia. Over the course of the fall and winter, I received many boxes of photographs, Secretariat minutes. Local and national Cursillo newsletters and correspondence with Bishops et al from members who were only too happy to clean out their clutter during the pandemic and pass it on to me.

As I perused the photographs and the lists of the 226 Buffalo Cursillo’s of men and women, I was amazed at the number of priests, sisters and seminarians who had made Cursillo, as well as over forty men, who after making Cursillo became deacons for the Buffalo Diocese. Many became Spiritual Directors for subsequent Cursillos and some were appointed by the bishop as Spiritual Directors for the Buffalo Cursillo Movement.

Equally inspiring are the number of men and women who went on to become team members on weekends, and assume many leadership roles including the Secretariat and as Lay Directors for the Buffalo Cursillo Movement.

Carol Stier  
Buffalo Cursillo Historian

## Spiritual Director

Deacon Alex Manunta  
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## Pre Cursillo Report:

### Attention Ultreyas,

Members of Pre-Cursillo will be visiting in the coming weeks and months to discuss sponsorship.

We continue to meet and prepare for future weekends. Even though the scheduled weekends have been pushed out to Spring 2022, the Cursillo Community should still be working on making friends to bring to Christ. Now is the time to talk to your candidates and invite them to your permanent group, reunion masses and Ultreyas. We continue to accept applications for the next weekends. Contact Lynn or Audrey for any information.

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## Cursillo Section

Hope everyone is having a happy and safe summer. The Cursillo Section got together for the first time in a long while. It was good to see everyone and catch up on each other's lives.

We are beginning to prepare for next spring weekends. Time to think about those people in our lives that God has placed on our heart maybe they are ready to live a Cursillo weekend.

**MAY GOD BLESS US AND KEEP US!**  
And remember make a friend be a friend and bring that friend to Christ.  
**ULTREYA!!!**

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## Post Cursillo:

### Ultreya

Reunion Masses and Ultreyas have all started up again.

Click here for the latest dates and places.

### Upcoming Events

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## School of Leaders:

We're Back!

Our first meeting in a long time is coming.

The next school of leaders will take place Saturday, July 17, at St/ John Paul II Roman Catholic church from 10:00 to 2:00. Save the date! Lunch will be served.

At this meeting, after some time for grouping, the secretariat will at long last present its decisions regarding the Step-by-Step rectors' guide. These decisions have been reached after many hours of study, consultation, and prayer, and we look forward to presenting them to our fellow cursillistas.

After lunch the program will switch to talks and conversation about the charism of friendship.

Because of Covid restrictions, we are limited at this time to no more than 30 people, so if you plan to attend, please let me know so that we can arrange social distancing. Hopefully, this will change by the time we actually get together. Thank you for your cooperation.

It has been my honor to serve as facilitator for the past 5 years. That is the limit permitted—three years and two one year

renewals. Please consider prayerfully whether the Holy Spirit might be calling you to take over.

Blessings,

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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.

Cathy Derrick  
Lynn Lomanto  
Patrick Johnson  
Kathleen Montesanti  
Carol Palesh (operation went well.  
Recovering still.)  
Carol Cronin  
Kevin Urbanski  
Fr. Joe Badding  
Paul Kieffer  
Chelsea Ellis  
Laura, Betty and Angelo Ciavarella  
Chuck Stephan  
Marie Sorrentino  
Deacon Norm Foster  
Marie Gannon  
Loretta Sterling  
Mike Ryan

Timothy McCann  
Mike McCarthy  
Alice's daughter-in-law, Laura  
Joan Roberts  
Mary Flanagan  
Bob Yager  
Bill Heidle  
Corinne Giermek  
Dcn Joe Barr  
Jim Youngers  
Cathy Agugliaro  
Shaun Vona  
Tim Heidle  
Owen Mangan  
Kathy O'Keefe  
Denise Bressette  
Lynn Johnson  
Diane Coughlin  
Deacon Dan McGuire  
Gary Banas  
John Agugliaro  
Marcia Moretti  
Cheryl Besant  
Quinn children  
Mary Mercurio  
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;  
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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.