



Buffalo Cursillo

June 2018 Newsletter

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Lay Director's Report:

Welcome babe chicks from women's weekend #220! I heard wonderful reports of a beautiful weekend and closing ceremony. Names are listed on the last page

A reminder to all sponsors to take your candidates to Ultreya and help them find or form a permanent group. It is important that you introduce them to other members of the Buffalo Cursillo Community starting at the Welcome to Your 4th Day dinner.

- this Friday June 8 at 5:30.p.m.
- St Vincent de Paul 6441 Seneca St. Springbrook (Elma)
- Bring plates and silverware and a dish to pass. Drinks will be provided.

I was looking forward to speaking with all our new Cursillistas at the dinner but I will have to put that on hold. I will be inside Wende Correctional Facility in Alden NY working a Kairos Prison Ministry 4-day weekend beginning this Thursday.

Kairos started as Cursillo in prison but is modified somewhat due to the different environment of prison life. We give many of the same talks and chapel activities that you experienced on your weekend. This is a time for the incarcerated to come to know Jesus more personally. This will be our 62nd men's weekend at Wende. We also have a sister group that works the Women's weekends at Albion Correctional Facility. Many of our fellow Cursillista men and women from the Buffalo diocese work in these and several

other rewarding, servant ministries. Please pray for us as we share God's blessings.

On another personal note; I just returned from a 12 day "Divine Mercy" pilgrimage to Latvia, Lithuania and Poland with a group lead by Father Matt Nycz. We visited many of the significant sites in the lives St. Sister Faustina Kowalska, her spiritual advisor Blessed Father Michal Sopocko and Pope St. John Paul II who lead her canonization and initiated Divine Mercy Sunday as requested by Jesus. The many spiritual moments experienced there are inspiring me to spread the message of Divine Mercy to all those who God puts in my path. Please ask me about it next time we meet.

Ultreya,
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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

Welcome Back to Ordinary Time!

Another year of Lenten sacrifice has ended; we celebrated the Easter season, the Ascension and even Pentecost.

We sacrificed, mourned and celebrated; we reflected on the Acts of the Apostles, the Easter Scriptures and the importance of the Holy Spirit's gifts - *now what?*

By virtue of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, we are offered *the gift of eternal life*. That ought to give us pause ... and for more than just a day or even a 50-day liturgical season every year.

The truth be told, there are many people who more consciously celebrate the end of Lent more than the everlasting gift of eternal life. What I mean by that is this: we had given up cherished things for Lent – beer, wine, candy, some type of food or entertainment or something else we considered a necessity of life – and now that Lent ended and Easter loaded us up on our own stash of chocolate once again, we're happy that our sacrifice is over and it's back to life as usual.

That sense of relief and restoration of normal life sometimes overshadows our sense to bring forward all that we had prayed over and reflected upon and even the meaning and purpose of it all.

What did our repentance, sacrifice and reflections on Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection do to *change our way of being a disciple*?

- Do we ever truly become more *grateful* for the gift of eternal life that Jesus obtained for us? Or, do we just lift a glass to the end of our self-imposed deprivation?
- How much time do we spend thinking seriously about what new things we may have learned over the past 90 days and how we can bring those lessons back into Ordinary time so that we might abide in Christ and He in us more closely?

I start by pointing my finger at myself. For many years, whenever I did give up something that I cherished for Lent, I would complain for 40 days and mostly cheered the end of Lent and the renewal of my ordinary indulgence.

The notion that what I did for Lent or what I may have learned or felt during the Holy Triduum and the Easter season to Pentecost Sunday, might be carried over to the rest of my life just never intentionally and/or actively crossed my mind.

When Lent and the Easter season are over, it just doesn't even seem logical to simply go back to be the people we were the day before Ash Wednesday.

Perhaps we can make some of those sacrifices or extra Lenten/Easter season practices part of our everyday lives.

I promise you – even in Ordinary time – they will help us to become *extraordinary* disciples of Christ.

Pax et Bonum!

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[Pre Cursillo Report:](#)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -

We just finished two successful weekends with men and women on fire to live the Cursillo method and go make a difference in their square meter - taking the love of Jesus into the world.

We will prepare shortly for our next set of weekends in the Fall. The men's will be October 4-7 and the women's will be November 8-11. Keep the future team and candidates in your prayers, as well as the rest of the movement.

God Bless,
Diane-380-0187 and Marge-698-5828
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Cursillo Section

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ!!!!

If you were ever looking for a close moment to Christ, this past Women's Weekend was it. The witnessing was outstanding!!!! From one of the candidates climbing out of her wheelchair, crawling along the ground and up the stairs to the podium to give her witness. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

As far as the mechanics of the Weekend everything went quit well. Section Team once again you came up big!!!!!!! From resetting the Team to Kitchen and so on. Every time we do a Weekend setup seems to be getting better and a little more easier. My most SINCERE THANK YOU to the people that were there to help set up.

Speaking of setting up, we now have beds for the Team and Candidates. It may not be Palanca but we can find some other Palanca to do.

PEACE to you and your families!!

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Post Cursillo:

Buffalo Cursillo was blessed to have a set of weekends this spring! To the new babe chicks, WELCOME! As a community we are always so joyful when we get the chance to welcome new Cursillistas.

For those of us who have lived a weekend, we know how vital friendship is in this community. To live a weekend a friend would have sponsored you. While on the weekend you will have formed friendships with the team and fellow candidates. In post Cursillo, hopefully you will have continued those friendships and made more through Ultreya and permanent groups. These friendships help us to have accountability and

to continue to deepen our relationship with our Lord.

With that in mind, is there a friend God is calling you to sponsor to Cursillo? Or is there a friend that you have already sponsored but have not followed through the way you would have liked to? Now is the perfect time to reach out.

Not sure where to start when it comes to sponsoring? There is a one word answer...PRAYER! Pray for the people on your heart, and pray for your candidates (whether from the most recent weekends or a weekend 25 years ago)!

Sponsorship is about being in friendship. It is about bringing people to a weekend, yes, but it is also about making sure people do not fall through the cracks. It is about reaching out to see how your candidate is doing. It is about inviting them to Ultreya, or maybe to join you for a permanent group if you are able. It is about bringing a friendship to light before Christ.

You are not alone in this journey and we are here to help you. If you are not sure how to talk with someone about Cursillo, and you would like to, please feel free to reach out. We are here to help you.

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 JUNE

1st Wednesday June 6, 2018

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

1st Thursday June 7, 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 Witness: Mike McCarthy

2nd Wednesday June 13, 2018

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

3rd Tuesday June 19, 2018

Come to the Well @ 7:00 pm Hardy's 5030 Glenwood Dr. Jack Thoman 716-583-2320 psalm139@gmail.com

3rd Wednesday June 20, 2018

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

3rd Thursday June 21, 2018

Bethany @ 7:00pm. This month at Heidle's 171 Harris Ct. Cheektowaga 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 Piskun 38 Bernadette, West Seneca. Witness; Bill Gross

Last Sunday June 24, 2018

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

Last Tuesday June 26, 2018

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

CURSILLO PICNIC

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

School of Leaders:

School of leaders is being reformatted. It will no longer be held at night on the third Monday each month. We will notify everyone as soon as all the details have been finalized.

Bill Gross

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Secretary:

My prayer each day is for our Lord to continue to shine his light on Cursillo, to bless His movement and give us the courage to endure and grow together as a faithful and powerful force of Love in the world.

Peace be with you

Marty Ruhland

Secretary

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Prayer Request:

Please keep the following people in your prayers and Palanca. Also, please notify me of any names that should come off the list.

Clare Gavigan, Liz Coleman, Donnie Appenheimer, Don Swanerbury's daughter Ashley and her pre-born baby. Fr. Ed Czarnecki, 3 year old Sophia Grace, Denise & Karl Takacs, Rev. Joe Dwielewski, Carol Mazurkiewicz, Elaine Stack, Rakoczynski's friends Cheryl and Bob Kate Emery's dad, Scott Crowe, Bob and Cheryl Besant, Audrey DiMaria, Toni Sessamen, Ellie Wieleba, Lou and Liz Pauley, Lorrie Dickerson, Diana Sotarczak's friend Carol, Doug Shrout, Rosebud Casillo, Dan Graesser, Mike Quinn, Mary Flanagan, Joe Insana, Donna Foster, Corinne Giermek, Leo Reiter, Quinn children, Denise Daniels, Marcia Moretti, Lorrie Rackozynski, baby Finleigh, Joan Conklin's friend Joyce, Vinnie Barone, Mark Schweizer's dad, Marie Sorrentino, Ilona Klein's friend Bella, Mary Lynn Heidle's daughter in law: Jeannette Shields, Mary Dewald's nephew's daughter Amelia and friend Kent

All Cursillistas who are ill or suffering.

5th Day

Andy D'Amato #94

Maureen Keane #20

Babe Chicks Men's #218

Larry Acker	Daniel Burt
David Calveric	Anthony Farace
Jeffrey Hamm	Tim Hanavan
Robert Jogodzinski	Wayne Lombardo
John Kennedy	Mark McCrady
Theodore Murphy	Richard Rooney
David Rotterman	Arthur Ruhland
Jonathan Scallon	Dcn John Zielinski

Babe Chicks Women's # 220

Cynthia Antoncich	Carol Avery
Stephanie Bialkowski	Kathleen Burt
Annette Cameron	Sheila Datzler
Autumn George	Laura George
Kelly Gras	Karen Jordan
Sherry Misso	Patricia Mlodzienski
Kathleen Montesanti	Donna Petro
Diane Reese	Madonna Schober
Shannon Spencer	Rachael Tremblay

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.