



April 2023 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:

Spring 2023 Weekends: **Men's Weekend #230:** May 4-7, 2023
 Support Mass: April 29th at 4:30pm at St. Vincent DePaul's
 Women's Weekend #231: May 18-21, 2023
 Support Masses: May 13th at Nativity of the BVM, Harris Hill

Virtual Ultreya: Bethany Ultreya meets virtually on Zoom the 2nd and 4th 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; Lomantolynn@gmail.com

Lay Director's Report:

To be provided next month.

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Spiritual Director Report:

I hope that you are finding great joy in celebrating this Easter Season!

Long before Jesus, the prophet Ezekiel foretold that God would take away our stony hearts and give us a new heart and a new spirit. (You may have heard that reading at the Easter Vigil Mass.) When Mary Magdalene saw the empty tomb, her heart became new, she took on a new spirit. In Mary's witnessing the empty tomb, you experienced the empty tomb, and *your heart* became new as well. You took on a new spirit! Have you ever found yourself doing something really nice for someone, say bringing dinner to a friend who just lost a family member, or taking care of your neighbor's yard while they are sick. Or helping a student study. Have you ever been doing something like that and stopped and noticed that somewhere along the line your heart, which you know to be stony at times, your heart is now new and warm and that a new spirit has moved you to do good? This is the resurrected Christ working in and through you. This is the joy that has been building since the beginning of time and has reached its fullness in the resurrection of Jesus on Easter!

As you and I gather together at Ultreya meetings, Cursillo weekends, reunions and all the rest, we have experienced the softening of our own hearts. Each of us can relate to not just one event but, rather, many events that continue to soften our hearts and bring us closer to Christ in each experience. And, as our own hearts are softened, we have been becoming better and better instruments of Christ for softening the hearts of others.

This Easter Season, may you fully recognize the joy Mary Magdalene experienced as she gazed upon the empty tomb, the joy that has been building since the beginning of time, the joy that came to completion because Jesus Christ is Risen!!!

Deacon Dave Clabeaux
716-353-3752

Historian Report:

The philosophy of the new 1973 Leaders' School was to help crystallize the concepts of the purpose and methods of Cursillo through the Basic Course.

Though all had experienced the Cursillo weekend, Cursillistas had an incomplete understanding of various facets of Cursillo methods and spirituality. The Basic Course presented a comprehensive picture, the purpose of the movement and how Cursillo works. People who had been in the movement for a while, but wished to learn more about it could elect to take #102.

The Leaders' School Team (see part I) and those with teaching background taught the classes.

Basic Program

#101 Development of Movement (Worldwide and local history)

#102 The Cursillo Method – The Purpose of the Movement

- I. Introduction – Changing the World
- II. Strategy: Structuring Christian Life
- III. What is Fundamental for Being a Christian
- IV. The Definition: What is the Cursillo Movement?

The elective program for the Spring included #301 Piety and #402 Spiritual Direction.

The Leaders' School which met twice a month (Except July) was generally: announcements followed by a half hour talk and a half hour discussion, group reunions, section business (some, not all, were involved in Pre-Cursillo, Post-Cursillo, Liturgy Sections), closing prayer or chapel visit followed by refreshments.

The times were frequently altered – i.e., to accommodate a longer talk or Mass at the end.

From p. 2 and 3 of Buffalo's Leaders' School Manual: "The purpose of the Group Reunion at Leaders' School serves a dual purpose: not only to encourage each other in the practice of their individual spiritual lives (using the service sheet) but to improve understanding of the Group Reunion to the level appropriate for someone in a position of leadership. The Group Reunion should concern itself with the roles of the leaders of the movement and their action in relation to this role."

It was years later that the National Office made the Leader's Group Reunion card available.

The Summer – Fall session of Leader’ School began in August, 1973 at Bishop Gibbons Cursillo Center with a prayer and information program. Well close to one hundred Cursillistas attended.

The Subjects were as follows:

- #101 Basic Development of Movement
- #102 the Cursillo Method – the Purpose of the Movement
- #201 Pre - Cursillo
- #202 Cursillo
- #203 Post – Cursillo
- #301 Piety
- #304 The Group Reunion
- #402 Spiritual Direction

Cursillistas could take 3 of the above courses – each lasting 4 weeks.

As the Buffalo Cursillo Movement was coming of age, so the World Cursillo was maturing. The Third World Encounter was held in Majorca, Spain in 1972. Comprised of delegates from all the National Secretariats affiliated with the Cursillo Movement, it was decided to have a book developed by and for the World Cursillo. A team of 14 Cursillistas (from three continents) was chosen to formulate the book. The result was The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement published in 1974. Chapter VIII presented the universal guidelines for the Secretariat and Leaders’ School.

It was amazing to realize how the Holy Spirit was guiding Leaders locally and worldwide.

Carol Norwalk Stier (Buffalo Women’s #7)
Buffalo Cursillo Historian
(716) 692-1606

Pre-Cursillo Report:

The Pre-Cursillo committee continues to communicate with the candidates for the Men and Women’s Weekends. Phone calls have been made to Sponsors and Candidates and the Save the Date Cards, Candidate Letter and Sponsor letter packet are ready to be mailed this week. We received another name for the men’s weekend. I am waiting for the application. Please encourage all Ultreyas to look for more candidates. We need to approach, especially women candidates.

We will continue to reach out to the teams and Ultreya’s with updates. Please continue to forward any information on new Candidates to Lynn Lomanto at lomantolynn@gmail.com or call 585-409-4123. Blessings.

DeColores.

Lynn Lomanto – (716) 863-9852
Donna Civileto – (716) 785-5519

Cursillo Section:

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17. We should be praying without ceasing if for nothing else than to hold up in prayer those who are experiencing Cursillo somewhere in the United States throughout the year. Listed below are the upcoming April Cursillo weekends in the United States (and in Canada and Argentina). Let us also hold up in prayer our own Men’s and Women’s Weekends; May 4-7 for men and May 18-21 for women. The names of the team members for each weekend are also listed below.

As stated in last month’s newsletter, praying is a form of Palanca. We will commit our rosaries as our outreach Palanca to the Cursillo weekends across the country. Let us commit our rosaries, self-sacrifices and works of mercy to our own May Cursillo weekends as we pray for the team members and candidates. We should also offer prayers of thanksgiving for those in the Cursillo Section who have already and who will be working hard to make sure the weekends run smoothly. These are the men and women who work tirelessly as Team Selectors, Talk Advisors, Palanca Team volunteers, Sacristans, Liturgists, Coordinators of the Kitchen, Building Supplies, Outreach Palanca and especially the numerous cooks of the various Ultreyas.

And we are pleased to announce that Peter Adornetto has accepted the position of Building Coordinator. Peter has been a member of several Cursillo men’s teams and possesses an extensive background in managerial, supervisory and financial positions in the automotive parts industry. Should anyone wish to assist Peter with the responsibilities of the Building Coordinator, please contact Diane Putt or Denise Daniels (phone numbers below).

The Palanca Team is always in need of volunteers, even if you are only available for part of the upcoming weekends. You may contact Lisa Johnson, Palanca Team Coordinator at 585-313-0853 (cell phone number). Also, don’t forget to check with your Ultreya to offer your culinary talents if a meal is being provided. Permanent Prayer Groups may want to consider what you may offer for the weekend meals. Perhaps team up with an Ultreya to bring all of the dessert or salad. The opportunities are endless. Kitchen Coordinators, Michael Cucinotta (716-310-2861) or Otto Misso (716-812-2590) would help you find one of those opportunities!

DeColores and Easter Blessings!

Diane Putt - (716) 380-0187

Denise Daniels - (716) 823-5453

Buffalo Men’s Team #230 Members

Stefan Mychajliw – Rector/Total Security

Greg Wiltrout – Ideals

Mark Schweizer – Study

Jerry Scherer – Leader

Chuck DiMaria – CCA

Alex Hartman – Warden

Scott McLaughlin – Warden

Rob Gill – Liturgist

Spiritual Advisors: Deacon Alex Manunta & Deacon Dave Clabeaux

Joe Beinhauer – Assistant Rector/Piety

Mike Emery – Study

Scott Arnold – Action

Tom Hall – Environment

Ed Hackett – 4th Day

Mark Suchyna – Warden

John Jaskolka – Liturgist

Buffalo Women's Team # 231 Members

Catherine Friedman - Rector/Total Security
Charlene Huegel - Ideals
Audrey DiMaria - Study
Del Leaderstorf - Leaders
Mary Beth Cucinotta - CCA
Tracy Ploetz - Warden
Jennifer Appenheimer - Liturgist
Mary Ann DeMaria - Cursillo beyond the 4th Day
Spiritual Advisors - Deacon Tom Friedman & Deacon Marc Leaderstorf

Diane Putt - Assistant Rector/Piety
Diane Reese - Laity
Sherry Misso - Action
Ruth Hackett - Environments
Kay Clabeaux - Warden
Kelly Gill - Warden
Shannon Niesyty - Liturgist

Post-Cursillo:

Please invite your Cursillo friends to the Reunion Mass that will be held on Friday April 14 at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in North Tonawanda. Two weeks later please consider attending the Support mass for the Men's weekend, it will be held Saturday April 29th at Saint Vincent DePaul Church at 4:30PM. The Women's Support Mass will be held Saturday May 13th at 4:30pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Harris Hill, Clarence, NY.

If you sponsored a babe-chick or were a table leader on a recent weekend, please call the people you sponsored or who were at your table to personally invite them to the Reunion and Support Masses ... maybe you can carpool with them too. These Cursillo masses will likely be their first and they may be uncomfortable showing up if they don't know that there will be anyone there that they know.

Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend.

We have asked each Ultreya to provide volunteers for a Grand Ultreya Committee. The committee will meet and plan the first Grand Ultreya to be held in many years. Please reserve Saturday August 5th on your calendars for this grand event which will take place at the Annunciation Parish Picnic Shelter (Elma). Any suggestions? If you have any ideas or connections, please let us know.

Your Post Cursillo Coordinators,

Kate Emery – 716-598-5073, emeryinbuffalo@roadrunner.com

Mike Emery – 716-207-2834, memery289@gmail.com

School of Leaders:

If you are currently on the Men's or Women's team, or if you hope to be in the future, then our next School of Leaders is a must see for you.

For our Techniques talk we will delve into HOW TO PREPARE AND PRESENT A ROLLO on the Cursillo weekend. One or more of our accomplished talk advisors will be on hand to provide insight into this often difficult and sometimes nerve-racking venture.

In addition, we continue the theme of the Ten Topics of the first conversations of Cala Figuera and our founder Eduardo Bonin. Deacon Dave Clabeaux will present our doctrinal talk on the topic LOVE. The date for our next school is April 22nd from 10:30am until 12:30pm at the Church of the Annunciation, 7580 Clinton Street, Elma NY.

The School of Leaders provides opportunity for all of us to grow in faith and grow in our knowledge of the Cursillo Movement. It is a safe space for conversations and questions. It is community, fellowship and a place to grow friendships. I hope to see you in April.

Marty Ruhland
Call/Text: 716-481-0662
Email: rdservices@roadrunner.com

Treasurer:

First and foremost, I want to thank the entire Cursillo Community for their ongoing generosity. It has allowed us in the past few years to survive the shutdowns and then restock as we needed without significant issues. That said, there will always be needs, both expected and unexpected that we face. Support your Ultreya whenever possible and when attending reunion masses or other Cursillo events consider making a donation that will help us plan for the future of Buffalo Cursillo.

DeColores and God's Blessing this holy season.

Ed Hackett
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Secretary:

Happy Easter!

Mary Bitka
Call/Text: 716-984-0664
Email: marybitka@gmail.com

Prayer Request:

Entered into their 5th Day:

Lynn M. Johnson (Women' 201) – 03/22/2023

Michael J. Matyas (Men' 218) – 03/16/2023

If you learn of a recently deceased Cursillista please notify Carol Stier at (716) 692-1606.

Randy Rakoczynski
Terry Johnson
Jerry Frisicaro
Dennis Conklin
Deacon Gary Terrana
Arthur Ruhland
Bob Yager
Cole
Mike Matyas
Teresa Barone
Cathy Derrick
Corinne Giermek
Patrick Johnson

Mary Mercurio
Fr. Joe Badding
Pam Hornung
Jean Claire Buchbinder
Chelsea Ellis
Laura & Angelo Ciavarella
Marie Gannon
Mike Ryan
Timothy McCann
Joan Roberts
Mary Flanagan
Bill Heidle
Dcn Joe Barr
Jim Youngers

Tim Heidle
Kathy O'Keefe
Denise Bressette
Diane Coughlin
Gary Banas
John Agugliaro
Marcia Moretti
Cheryl Besant
Bobby Lovenetti
Vinnie Barone
Linda Orszulak
EllieWieleba
Cathy Agugliaro

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Notify Marty Ruhland (716-481-0662), rdservices@roadrunner.com) for any names to add or remove from the prayer list.

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

REUNION MASSES	
<p>Date: April 14, 2023 Time: 7:00pm Place: St. Jude the Apostle Parish 800 Niagara Falls Blvd, North Tonawanda Host: Rainbow Vineyard Ultreya Presider: Fr. Jim Kirkpatrick</p>	<p>Date: TBD Time: 7:00pm Place: Host: Presider:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Men's Weekend #230</u> <u>May 4-7, 2023</u></p> <p>4/29 - Support Mass for Men's Team, 4:30pm Mass at St. Vincent DePaul's Parish, Springbrook 5/3 - Set-up Men's Weekend @ 5:30 pm, St. Vincent DePaul's Parish, Springbrook 5/4 - Registration from 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Sponsors & community stay for prayer service at 8 pm 5/6 - Break In 7:00 pm 5/7 - Las Mananitas - 6 am (Men only) - 3 pm Community Gathering with Closures (no mass) ALL welcome 6/17 - 4th Day Dinner; Potluck @ St. Vincent's doors open at 6 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm Entire Community Welcome</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Women's Weekend #231</u> <u>May 18-21, 2023</u></p> <p>5/13 - Support Mass for Women's Team, 4:30pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Clarence 5/17 - Set-up Women's Weekend @ 5:30 pm, St. Vincent DePaul's Parish, Springbrook 5/18 - Registration from 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Sponsors & community stay for prayer service at 8 pm 5/20 - Break In 7:00 pm 5/21 - Las Mananitas - 6 am (Women only) - 3 pm Community Gathering with Closures (no mass) ALL welcome 6/17 - 4th Day Dinner; Potluck @ St. Vincent's doors open at 6 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm Entire Community Welcome</p>
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY	
<p>School of Leaders (Workshops) Topic: How to Prepare/Present a Rollo. Date: April 22nd Time: 10:30 AM - 12 noon Location: Church of the Annunciation (School Building) 7580 Clinton St., Elma Organizer: Marty Ruhland (716)481-0662 For additional information please see the School of Leaders article in the newsletter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A Day of Gentle Reflection</p> <p>Gentle Women, Mother of Mercy - Chapter of Magnificat Saturday, June 10th, 2023 Speaker - Bishop Michael Fisher M Hotel Buffalo 2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 Details and registration at: https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-n-o/ny-buffalo/</p>
<p>Catholic Women of Buffalo 2023 Conference <i>For such a time as this</i> Saturday, April 29, 2023 St Joseph's Collegiate Institute 845 Kenmore Ave, Buffalo, NY 14223 Details and registration at: https://www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org</p>	

Ultreya name Area served	Date	Time	Location	Contact Person
<u>Bethany</u> Cheektowaga & surrounding area	<u>4/11/2023</u> 2 nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	<u>Zoom</u> Contact Lynn to be added to email list	<u>Lynn Lomanto</u> lomantolynn@gmail.com 585.409.4123
<u>Come to the Well</u> Clarence area	<u>4/18/2023</u> 3 rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	<u>Member House</u> Contact Chris for location	<u>Jack & Christine Thomann</u> 716.583.2324 (Chris – m) 716.583.2320 (Jack – m) cmtpsalm139@gmail.com
<u>Full of Grace</u> Elma area	<u>4/26/2023</u> Last Wednesday January - June September – October	7:00 PM	<u>Langley Hall @</u> Church of the Annunciation, Elma, NY	<u>Marty Ruhland</u> rdservices@roadrunner.com (716) 481-0662 (m)
<u>Pueblo de Paz</u> Warsaw area	<u>4/29/2023</u> Last Sunday	7:00 PM	<u>St. Michael's Church</u> 171 N. Main St. Warsaw	Liz Wascak 585.237.5155 ewascak@yahoo.com
<u>Rainbow Vineyard</u> North towns area	<u>4/11/2023</u> 2 nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	<u>St. Jude the Apostle Parish</u> 800 Niagara Falls Blvd North Tonawanda	<u>Carolyn McMamara</u> 716.867.8962
	<u>4/25/2023</u> 4 th Tuesday	7:00 PM		<u>Carolyn Ruhland</u> 716.912.2890 caruhl73@Verizon.net
<u>Southtowns</u> South towns area	<u>4/6/2023</u> 1 st Thursday	7:00 PM	<u>Member House</u> Contact Lisa for location	<u>Lisa & Paul Johnson</u> 585.313.0853 (m – Lisa)
	<u>4/20/2023</u> 3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM		lisagauthie1@gmail.com
<u>Spirit of the City</u> City of Buffalo	<u>No Meeting</u> (inactive)			

April Nationwide Cursillos

4/13/2023	4/16/2023	Women's 262 (English)	Green Bay, WI	Email Palanca
4/13/2023	4/16/2023	Men's 304 (English)	San Diego, CA	Email Palanca
4/13/2023	4/16/2023	Men's Cursillo (English)	Portland, OR	Email Palanca
4/13/2023	4/16/2023	Men's 380 (Spanish)	Grand Rapids, MI	Email Palanca
4/13/2023	4/16/2023	Women's 476 (Spanish)	Dallas, TX	Email Palanca
4/21/2023	4/22/2023	Encuentro de Primavera Región 8 (Spanish)	Tyler, TX	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Women's 78 (English)	Charleston, SC	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Women's 183 (English)	Newark, NJ	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Men's 1014 (English)	Los Angeles, CA	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Men's 113 (English)	Rockford, IL	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Men's 690 (English)	Orange, CA	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Mens Cursillo (English)	San Jose, CA	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Men's 323 (English)	Manchester NH	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Men's 598 (Spanish)	Tucson, AZ	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Women's 305 (English)	San Diego, CA	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Women's 127 (English)	Altoona/Johnstown, PA	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Women's 381 (Spanish)	Grand Rapids, MI	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Men's 40 (Spanish)	Providence, RI	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Men's 461	Outaouais, Québec	Email Palanca
4/20/2023	4/23/2023	Men's 382 (English)	Grand Rapids, MI	Email Palanca
4/27/2023	4/30/2023	Men's 61 (English)	Charlottetown, PEI	Email Palanca
4/27/2023	4/30/2023	Women's 1015 (English)	Los Angeles, CA	Email Palanca
4/27/2023	4/30/2023	Women's 104 (English)	Rockford, IL	Email Palanca
4/27/2023	4/30/2023	Women's 55 (English)	Austin, TX	Email Palanca
4/27/2023	4/30/2023	Men's 56 (English)	Knoxville, TN	Email Palanca
4/27/2023	4/30/2023	Women's 599 (Spanish)	Tucson, AZ	Email Palanca
4/27/2023	4/30/2023	Men's 28 (Spanish)	Washington, DC	Email Palanca
4/27/2023	4/30/2023	Men's 128 (English)	Altoona/Johnstown, PA	Email Palanca
4/27/2023	4/30/2023	Women's 147 (English)	Ottawa, ON	Email Palanca
4/28/2023	5/1/2023	Women's 71 (Spanish)	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Email Palanca