



June/July 2022 Newsletter

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Cursillo Picnic	Sunday, August 7 <sup>th</sup> 2-6pm at Dcn. Alex Manunta's
Fall weekends	Men's: Weekend #229 - September 15-18, 2022 Women's: Weekend #228 - October 20-23, 2022 Support Masses: Men's September 10 at St. Vincent's Women's October 15 at Nativity 4 <sup>th</sup> Day: To Be Determined
Virtual Ultreya	Bethany Ultreya is on summer break and will return in September

**Lay Director's Report**

Summer is short, especially in Western New York. Never mind that the calendar says it just started on June 21<sup>st</sup> and will end on September 20<sup>th</sup>. We all know that summer in Buffalo is 8 weeks jam packed with family picnics, parades, baseball games, going to the beach, vacations, gardening and yard work, weddings, etc. etc. And before we know it a lot of us are yelling, "Go Bills!" and summer is over. It's easy to get caught up in the swirling current of events until it gets overwhelming. At the same time, some church services are slowing down for the summer. Choirs go on hiatus; Eucharistic Adoration hours are cut and some parishioners decide to take a vacation from Mass. Well, nobody *WE* know, but you get my point. As Cursillestas we try to hold ourselves to a higher standard: we don't go to church, we ARE the Church thanks be to God.

A few dozen of our brothers and sisters have just begun their team formation for the Men's and Women's Fall weekends. They know that thin sowing means thin reaping so they're working in faith for a rich harvest of new babe chicks. Let's all pray with them to the Lord to send laborers into the fields. Let's talk to Jesus about our friends and then talk to our friends about Jesus. Let's look for opportunities to invite our friends to a weekly grouping, an ultreya, or the Cursillo picnic to be held on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at Deacon Alex Manunta's BBQ Ranchero. Details below.

Personally, I'm off to smoggy California next week to attend the National Encounter so please pray that I don't have to do the 'planes, trains and automobiles' thing to get back.

Are you being called to take a leadership position in Cursillo? The Secretariat needs you!

On Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am there will be a Mass to celebrate the life of Liz Pauly at St. Mary of Swormville in the chapel. Lou & Liz Pauly are the original Buffalo Cursillistas who brought Cursillo to Buffalo in the 1960's. All are invited to attend. I think it's safe to say that everyone reading this owes a debt of gratitude to the Pauly's for the wonderful gift of Cursillo that we all share. See the historian's report below.

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**Historian Report:**

**Buffalo Cursillo History #8 (continued): June 2022**

Forming Saints, Being Apostles

The Method of Cursillo is to foster the spiritual growth of the person through the means of Piety, Study and Action. Piety facilitates one's growth in friendship with God through prayer and the sacraments. Study provides knowledge of one's self, Christ and others. Through Action, Cursillistas seek to spread the kingdom of God in their environments of home, work and society by living a Christlike life.

The Cursillo Movement is an apostolic movement of men and women Cursillistas who work as apostles in their daily lives, without necessarily being part of a Catholic organization. Cursillistas are already part of a supportive community which sustains and encourages them through faith friendship groups in Ultreya Group Reunion and the monthly Diocesan Reunion Mass.

With Vatican II's invitation to the laity, many Western New Yorkers, after their Cursillo, felt called to participate in their parishes as catechists and lectors, in music ministry or on parish council, and as Eucharistic Ministers.

Plans for the continued growth of the Cursillo Movement in the Buffalo Diocese were formulated under the leadership of what is called the Buffalo Cursillo Secretariat, which is directly responsible to the Bishop. From 1965 – 1967, the first Secretariat included the Diocesan Spiritual Director – Fr. David Doyle, Lay Coordinators - **Louis and Elizabeth Pauly**, Asst. Co-coordinators – Sebastian and Lenore Rosica, Recording Secretary – Miss Mary Beilman, Corresponding Secretary – Mrs. Agnes Johnson and Treasurer – Michael Ventura.

Also included were the Chairpersons of the following sections: Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo (Men and Women), Post-Cursillo, Commissary, Publications, Liturgy, and Leaders School, plus the spiritual directors to many of the sections.

Leaders School (open to all Cursillistas since they are considered leaders in their environment) met twice a month. All were given the opportunity to grow in true Christian Community and to study the Cursillo method for the further growth of the Buffalo movement. These were held at parish or school sites. Sometimes there was standing room only, given the numbers of people who made Cursillo in the 60's & early 70's.

In November 1967, a team from Buffalo conducted the first Men's Cursillo in the Diocese of Rochester and also aided in putting on some of the Women's Cursillos.

In 1972, the Diocese of Trenton held its first Cursillo with a team composed chiefly of men from Buffalo. A Women's Cursillo soon followed. Fr. Jim Lynch, CP, a native of New Jersey, stationed at Holy Cross Passionist Seminary in Dunkirk, and Bill and Mary Ellen Cortright, Buffalonians who had moved to New Jersey, worked very hard to get the movement started in Trenton.

Buffalo Cursillistas were also part of teams putting on leadership workshops in Pittsburgh, PA and Covington, Kentucky.

Sometime after Vatican II, Pope Paul VI enthusiastically approved the Cursillo as a prime instrument in the renewal of the Church. He told a group of Cursillistas visiting Rome: "Christ, the Church and the Pope are counting on you".

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### [Pre-Cursillo Report:](#)

To be provided next month.

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### [Cursillo Section:](#)

The next weekends are planned for September and October. Teams are in formation and registrations are coming in. The men's will be from September 15th through 18th and the women's from October 20th through 23rd. Now is the time to invite your brothers and sisters in Christ to join the Cursillo Movement! Support masses are planned for September 10th for the men, and October 15th for the women. Support from the Cursillo community means a lot to the teams, so please add these dates to your calendars and join us at 4:30 PM mass at St. Vincent DePaul's (6441 Seneca St, Spring Brook, NY 14140) to support the men and 4:30 at Nativity in Clarence to support the women. The Fourth Day dinner is scheduled for November 12th at St. Vincent DePaul's too.

## Post-Cursillo:

### **Buffalo Cursillo Picnic**

All Cursillistas and your families are invited to a Buffalo Cursillo summer picnic on Sunday August 7, 2022. Please put this on your calendar and invite your Ultreyas, your small groups, and Cursillistas that you've been meaning to contact.

Deacon Alex Manunta is hosting the picnic at his house, 38 Summerview Road, Getzville, NY 14221 from 2 pm – 6 pm. Bring a dish to share, something to grill for your family, drinks, plates, silverware, cups, napkins, chairs, games, and a friendly smile. Grills, ketchup, mustard, and relish will be provided. We hope to have a tent for sun or rain. Please RSVP by August 3rd to [memery289@gmail.com](mailto:memery289@gmail.com) or 716-207-2834 (call or text).



### **Franciscan University Conference - "Defending the Faith"**

Study is one leg of the Cursillo grouping triangle, along with piety and action. There are opportunities to 'study' this summer at the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Most people would say that their relationship with God is not where they would like it to be, but many also feel unsure of how to change it. The Steubenville Conferences offer unique conference experiences to help people escape the spiritual desert and empower them to live every day as joyful disciples of Jesus Christ. Franciscan University hosts adult conferences annually with the titles and themes of: Power and Purpose, Applied Biblical Studies, and Defending the Faith. We attended the Power and Purpose Conference for the second time in 2022 along with 50+ other cursillistas from Buffalo and truly enjoyed it. The conferences include moving speakers and some time to just chill, relax and be with God without the everyday distractions, or at least less of them.

The next Franciscan conference is "Defending the Faith." It begins Friday evening July 29 and ends ~1PM on Sunday July 31. Jerry Casillo is an ambassador for Franciscan University and is leading groups from Buffalo, but you can also go on your own too. He invites you and your loved ones to attend this most informative and spiritual experience. Besides listening to the top apologists in the country there is an abundance of praise, worship and prayers to our loving God. If you register online, please use ambassador code: DFC22JCasNY. This gives you reserved seating up front and discounts in the bookstore.

You can get all the information on the conferences at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/>

Jerry Casillo can be contacted for additional information at [miride@aol.com](mailto:miride@aol.com) or 716-803-9952. He can help with transportation arrangements if needed.



## **Zach Williams at Erie County Fair**

Zach Williams is a contemporary Christian musician who can be heard on Christian radio stations and is playing a 'free' concert at the Erie County Fair on Monday August 15, 2022 at 8:00 PM at the Buffalo News Grandstand. Well, 'free' means the concert is included with admission to the Fair. Check the Fair website for more information -

<https://www.ecfair.org/events/2022/zachwilliams> and [Zach's website](#) or YouTube for some of his music. He is one of my favorite Christian artists and I am looking forward to the concert. Hopefully we see some of you there!

Speaking of Christian radio stations, I'd like to let you know about some of the ones available locally - Family Life Network (Niagara Falls - 95.7 FM, Buffalo - 106.1 FM, Silver Creek - 89.3 FM, Attica - 88.3 FM, Arcade - 89.5 FM, check the website for more) and K-Love ( 89.9 FM), SiriusXM (The Message ch 63), Apple Music and I'm sure other outlets. The above primarily play music but may include some talk shows. There is also 101.7 FM The Station of the Cross and SiriusXM The Catholic Channel (ch 129) that carry more talk shows. Check some of these out during your drive time, whether it is to work, Ultreya, or on vacation.

No Reunion Masses are planned for the rest of the summer (July & August) or during the fall (Sept - Nov) due to the current Cursillo schedule of events. Any changes will be posted in the newsletter.

Have a Blessed and safe summer!

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## Prayer Request:

Entered into their 5<sup>th</sup> Day:

Msgr. Albert Clody (Men's #17) - 3/22/2022 (See WNY Catholic 3/23/2022)

Dr. Richard Uschold (Men's #61) – 3/29/2022

Sr. Mary Lou Schnitzer, SSJ (Women's #125) – 4/12/2022

Patricia Mussall (Women's #210) – 5/3/2022

Please keep the following people in your prayers and Palanca along with all Cursillistas who are ill or suffering:

Wayne Dryzmala	Jim Youngers	Kathleen Montesanti	Elaine Stack
Ken Dryzmala	Cathy Agugliaro	Kevin Urbanski	Bobby Lovenetti
Mike Matyas	Owen Mangan	Fr Joe Badding	Vinnie Barone
Teresa Barone	Kathy O'Keefe	Chelsea Ellis	Linda Orzulak
Randy Rakoczynski	Denise Bressette	Laura Ciavarella	Ellie Wieleba
Jean Clair Buchbinder	Lynn Johnson	Betty Ciavarella	Lou Paulie
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Pam Hornung	Dcn Dan McGuire	Marie Sorrentino	Doug Strout
Tony Rozak	John Agugliaro	Marie Gannon	Dan Graesser
Mark Mullen	Marcia Moretti	Mike Ryan	Corrine Giermek
Shirley Barone	Cheryl Besant	Timothy McCann	Dcn Joe Barr
Cathy Derrick	Quinn children	Joan Roberts	Bill Heidle
Lynn Lomanto	Dcn Mike Quinn	Mary Flanigan	Catherine Boyd
Patrick Johnson	Mary Mercurio	Bob Yager	

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