



## October 2023 Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>Fall 2023 Weekends:</b>	**Women's Weekend #233 is postponed until April 25-28, 2024**
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Day Dinner:</b>	November 11th at 6:00pm at St. Vincent DePaul Church, 6441 Seneca St, Springbrook, NY 14140
<b>Virtual Ultreya:</b>	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>

\*\*\*\*\* **Please see the end of the newsletter for calendar of events** \*\*\*\*\*

### Lay Coordinator's Report:

Recently I re-read a short book by Cursillo® founder Eduardo Bonnin called My Spiritual Testament. Written shortly before his death, Eduardo wanted those in leadership positions in the Movement to be aware of and hold true to what is the essence and purpose of Cursillo®. In the book he also had warnings to those of us in leadership positions not to tinker with or make "improvements" to the Cursillos but instead to study and understand the Charism of the Movement. Eduardo stated that "the knowledge of the 'Cursillos in Christianity Movement' is the most important property that I own" (MST p.21). That's a bold statement. He then went on to say "...the best thing I can pass on to those who come after me is to leave in writing and in detail what this Movement consists of, what it's purpose is, and what are the aims to be achieved by the Movement."

The detailed written record left to us by Founder Bonnin consists of books authored by Bonnin and others and includes The Structure of Ideas, 1<sup>st</sup> Conversations at Cala Figuera, History of a Charism and the Rectors Guide. Going back to My Spiritual Testament, he touches on some of the weaknesses of Cursillo and bemoans some of the worst abuses he personally witnessed at some Cursillos around the globe over the years. Thankfully we have not seen some of those abuses in our Diocese but if you want to know what he's talking about read the book.

In 1998 Pope John Paul II held a World Congress of Ecclesial Movements in Rome. He urged all the Movements to discover their original charism and live it to the fullest. In his words, "the founder is the bearer of the original charism. It is the founder from which the charism is born, and it is through the founder that the charism lives."

Cursillo® is not an idea that just popped into Eduardo Bonnin's head. He readily admits that that author of the Cursillos in Christianity is the Holy Spirit. But someone had to write the rollos, set up the structure and plan for the logistics of where to hold the 3-day weekends, likewise how the Precursillo, Cursillo and Postcursillo should work. Someone had to develop the ongoing support method of Permanent Group and Ultreya so that the Cursillo Weekend would not fade like a pleasant memory in the minds of Cursillistas.

Eduardo was that someone. And he also acknowledges that he couldn't do it alone. Several times in his writings he refers to "the prayers of many and the efforts of a few".

To someone who has just lived a Cursillo® 3-Day Weekend it may/should appear that 'the laborers are few'. But we know that the ultimate success of a Cursillo which is a heartfelt change in the new Cursillista is the work of the Holy Spirit, moved by the sacrifices and prayers of the many who are unseen.

Speaking of that success we welcome to our ranks the eight new Cursillistas of Men's Weekend Number 232 which concluded a few weeks ago and we look forward to the Women's Weekend #233. I encourage everyone to do their part: pray the Rosary, offer up Mass intentions, go to Eucharistic Adoration. In other words, Palanca.

**Terry Johnson #191**

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### Spiritual Director Report:

Eucharistic Adoration. I read the following recently: "I knelt down and said a prayer of adoration, and then sat down to meditate and immediately went to sleep. I woke up exactly at the end of one hour. I said to the Good Lord: "Have I made a Holy Hour?" I thought His angel said: "Well, that's the way the Apostles made their first Holy Hour in the Garden, but don't do it again." Maybe you can relate to this with all the "busyness" of our lives. As it turns out, this was written by Bishop Fulton Sheen! (As you probably know, he had the most frequently watched television program in America during the 1960's called, "Life is Worth Living.") Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is a beautiful encounter with Christ. In our busy lives, sometimes it can be difficult. You may not be aware that Bishop Fulton Sheen experienced a *full hour* of devotion before the Blessed Sacrament *every day* for over 60 years! But as we just read, even he found some difficulties.

While he had a good sense of humor towards his human failings (falling asleep during holy hour!) he also had a firm understanding of the sacred and how we should treat the Blessed Sacrament with the utmost reverence. This comes, I am certain, in part from the story of a young martyr in Communist China bishop Sheen recalled to us in his autobiography, "Treasure in Clay."

Bishop Sheen wrote: "A priest had just begun Mass when Communists entered and arrested him and made him a prisoner . . . Shortly after his imprisonment, the Communists opened the tabernacle, threw the Hosts on the floor and stole the Sacred Vessels . . . About three o'clock one morning, he saw a child who had been at the morning Mass open a window, climb in, come to the sanctuary floor, get down on both knees, press her tongue to the Host to give herself Holy Communion . . . Every single night she came at the same time until there was only one Host left. As she pressed her tongue to receive the Body of Christ, a shot rang out. A Communist soldier had seen her. It proved to be her Viaticum."

It is this sacredness of the Blessed Sacrament, one for which this child poured out her blood and Jesus his, that calls all of us to elevate our own reverence. To assure that where the Blessed Sacrament is present in a tabernacle, we will not leave or turn our backs. It is for this reason that during our Cursillo Weekends, the Blessed Sacrament may reside in only one Cursillo chapel, and this is by special permission of the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Buffalo.

A second chapel or prayer space without the Blessed Sacrament, but with Crucifix, pictures, candles, etc., allows for deep focused prayer. The Blessed Sacrament residing in the single Cursillo chapel is present with us in the depth of our prayer. Out of respect and reverence, the Catholic Church makes specific requirements as to where the Blessed Sacrament may be housed. The Church does not allow us to create more than one tabernacle where we place the Blessed Sacrament. Just to be certain, the Cursillo Secretariat

asked the office of Bishop Michael Fisher to clarify this matter. We have attached the letter from Fr. Sean Paul Flemming, Director of the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Buffalo, dated 9/14/2022.

In no way, however, does not having a second chapel/tabernacle diminish the presence of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and God the Father in our Cursillo Weekends. Rather, what a wonderful reminder of just how sacred the real presence of Jesus Christ is as we receive him in Holy Communion!

Peace,

Deacon Dave Clabeaux  
Buffalo Cursillo Spiritual Advisor  
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### Historian Report:

#### **Buffalo Cursillo History** (Addendum to September 2023 #20)

The current Spiritual Director for the Buffalo Cursillo Movement is Dcn. David Clabeaux (Men's #93)

#### **Buffalo History #21 October 2023 "Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion"**

To understand the emerging role of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, some church history is in order. In the early Christian era, there were few regulations as to who distributed Holy Communion. In the case of a sick person, a friend could be asked to bring the sacrament after Mass. St. Tarcisus, a young acolyte, was martyred while bringing Holy Communion to the sick.

By the Middle Ages, only bishops and priests could distribute the sacrament. Throughout church history, rarely would a layperson administer Holy Communion except in times of persecution or when someone was dying.

Prior to the twentieth century, few people received Holy Communion at Sunday Mass. Some people only received the sacrament once a year. Pope Pius X, in 1905, began to promote Holy Communion at Sunday and even daily Mass. He lowered the age when children could receive their first Holy Communion from 12 years to 7 years of age.

Growth in parish life and Mass attendance

In the 1960s and 1970s generated the need for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The Second Vatican Council paved the way for the laity to distribute Holy Communion. Bishops were permitted to appoint lay people to distribute Holy Communion, and these were now called Extraordinary Ministers. They changed the use of the word "extraordinary." Previously, deacons were considered Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Now the Council included deacons as ordained clergy, deeming them among the "ordinary" ministers of Holy Communion.

In 1969, the Vatican declared the following reasons for expanding communion ministry to the laity:

- People needed access to Holy Communion outside of Mass-especially Holy Viaticum.
- The ordinary minister was sometimes impeded by poor health, advanced age or the demands of parish ministry.
- A large crowd of people wishing to receive Holy Communion and a limited number of ordinary ministers or limited time for the Mass.
- When the sheer number of sick people, especially in hospitals or like institutions required several ministers.

The shortage of priests was not yet a significant problem.

To be a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion one must be a baptized Catholic in good standing in the Church whose good qualities of Christian life, faith and morals recommends them.

In 1974, the following Cursillistas were accepted by Bishop Head as candidates for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Buffalo Cursillo Movement:

Sr Kristen Corcoran (Women's #9)  
Joe Crowley (Men's #19)  
Jay Diggins (Men's #15)  
Ron Drzewiecki (Men's #17)  
Mary Ann Erickson (Women's #7)  
Frank Krahling (Men's #15)  
Jack Quinn, Jr. (Men's #23)  
Ralph Roll (Men's #11)  
Mary Ellen Schulz (Women's #50)  
George Sentz (Men's #16)

They attended classes during March 1974 and were installed in a special ceremony along with others at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Palm Sunday. [Buffalo Cursillo Newsletter](#), April, 1974 (page 2)

They then assumed the role of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at their respective parishes. These men and women first ministered to the Buffalo Cursillo Community at the May Diocesan Reunion Masses at St Mark's Church (Northern Section) and at St Martin's Church (Southern Section). [Buffalo Cursillo Newsletter](#), May, 1974 (P 2)

Over the years, in the Buffalo Diocese, (not so in some other parts of the U.S. and of the world) we have been blessed with the opportunities to attend Sunday and even daily Masses and to receive the resurrected Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Extraordinary Ministers in our churches and at Cursillo Masses have ministered to us with joy and reverence, even strengthening our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Information taken from [Guide for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion](#), by Kenneth A. Riley and Paul Turner, 2007

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

As we begin the month of October, it brings to view the many colors in the autumn season. We also have colors for the Liturgical Season. There is the White and Gold of March or April, Red for May and early June. Green is after Pentecost ends to when Advent starts. Finally, we see Blue and Purple in early December and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent they wear Rose..

We have many colors for Cursillo as well.

It is time to go make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ. Share your love for Cursillo and all the colors it represents. Jesus is counting on you.

The Team for the Women's Weekend #233 is preparing for a prayerful journey. Ladies, as "Disciples of Jesus" we need to make a friend to bring to Christ for this weekend.

The dates selected are April 25th to the 28<sup>th</sup>, at St. Vincent de Paul, Seneca St., Elma, N.Y.

Your coordinators have applications available. They can also be found on the Newsletter website.

You may contact me: [lomantolynn@gmail.com](mailto:lomantolynn@gmail.com), or call: 585-409-4123

The mailing information is on the Candidate/ Sponsor Form.

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### Cursillo Section:

Men's Weekend #232 was held September 21 - 24 at St. Vincent's. From all accounts - those of the palanca team and members of the team; the Holy Spirit was a moving and grooving all over St. Vincent's and in the hearts of the candidates and team. I can hear that song "The Spirit is Moving" in my head - "The Spirit is Moving All Over, All Over this Land. People Are Gathering, The Church is Born". If the witnesses from the September Men's Weekend are a glimpse into the weekend, then the Holy Spirit was a groovin' in the hearts of the candidates and team. They were powerful witnesses!! The men were open to the Holy Spirit because of our Palanca - our sacrifices, our time spent in adoration, intercessions at Mass and our rosaries to name a few. Thank you to all who were able to help - setting up/tearing down St. Vincent's, preparing food, working the kitchen, those that served on the Palanca team and of course, our Team. Your hands helped lighten the work.

Just because we made the decision to postpone the Women's weekend, OUR work is not done!

We need to invite the babe chicks from the previous Weekend to Ultreya. We need to pray for the women around us who might need to make a weekend. Invite them.

We have tentatively scheduled the Women's Weekend April 25 to the 28, 2024. When going through your tripod during grouping or at Ultreya, do you struggle with your Action?

Invite your family, friends and co-worker to live a weekend!!!

There is a song, "Be BOLD, Be BRAVE, for the Lord, our God is with us.... Let us step outside our comfort zone and build up the kingdom!

DeColores -

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## Post-Cursillo:

Even though the fall Women's weekend was postponed to the spring, please remember that it is so important to come together as a Cursillo community regularly throughout the year! The fall is a great time to get back into the routine of gathering at Ultreyas and with your small group. As always, if you need help finding or forming a small group please ask your Ultreya leader for help or reach out to us. Also, if you sponsored a babe-chick for a May or fall weekend please reach out to them to encourage their participation in Ultreyas and in a small group. Offering to pick up and drive a babe-chick, or a Cursillista who has not been active in Cursillo for a while, to a small grouping or Ultreya may be all they need to start or resume living the Cursillo way.

**Save November 11, 2023 for the Cursillo 4<sup>th</sup> Day Dinner** at St. Vincent DePaul, 6441 Seneca St, Elma, 14140. Doors open at 5:30 pm and dinner starts at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Family is welcome as are adult beverages. If you sponsored a babe-chick for a recent weekend or were a table leader on a weekend, please reach out to the friend you sponsored or the babe-chicks at your table and encourage them to attend. Offering to pick up and drive a babe-chick may make it easier for them to attend since they will be able to walk in with a friend.

Secretariat, (equivalent to a board of directors for those who don't 'speak Cursillo' ☺) is considering ways to engage the Cursillo community with activities or events. Please share any ideas you have with us. One recent suggestion is to attend scheduled 'Mass Mobs', where we Cursillistas will plan to show up to mass at a church which can use an injection of energy and, if we can, then have a witness and doctrinal afterwards. Could this replace reunion masses? Let us know your thoughts and ideas.

### **Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend.**

Your Post Cursillo Coordinators,  
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## School of Leaders:

We had a great turn out for the October session, and Deacon Alex Manunta and John Colvin fed us well with thought provoking talks. I hope to continue this momentum in November.

November 4<sup>th</sup> (10:30am – noon) is our next scheduled date. We will again make use of the community room in the school building at Church of the Annunciation, 7580 Clinton St., Elma NY. This month, Deacon Dave Clabeaux will continue the 10 Topics trend by helping us understand "Freedom" from a Cursillo perspective. I am also trying to gather all of the Ultreya coordinators so that we can all share in a roundtable discussion on Ultreya. Everyone is welcome!

If you want to gain greater insight into this thing we call "Cursillo", come and join us at the Buffalo Cursillo School of Leaders and grow with us.

### **Second Touch 2024!**

It's that time again to mark your calendars for the annual Second Touch (more than a retreat) weekend for all Cursillistas. The Date is February 2 - 4, 2024 at Stella Niagara Center of Renewal, Lewiston NY. All Cursillistas are invited to attend. This weekend is a very special time for all of us, a time for prayer and community building, for sharing, making new friends and reconnecting with old friends. These weekends help us to continue our understanding of Cursillo. This year we are continuing the "LIVING THE CHARISM SERIES #4 - Cursillo a living Christian experience with others. The Charism of the second day - Saturday." The weekend starts on Friday night February 2nd, the registration is from 3-7pm, then

Reconciliation from 7-8pm. We finish the weekend on Sunday afternoon February 4th about 1PM. To come for the whole weekend and stay at the center overnight 2 nights with 5 meals the cost is \$200. To commute is \$100. All day Saturday is \$75. Dinner and Ultreya Saturday night \$30. To Sign up or for more information call Marty Ruhland at 716-481-0662 or e-mail him at [rdservices@roadrunner.com](mailto:rdservices@roadrunner.com) or Carol Palesh 716-694-094-Email [grannypalesh@gmail.com](mailto:grannypalesh@gmail.com). Donations for the scholarship fund are always welcome.

The Peace and Joy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,

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From the Secretariat: With a quorum in attendance, the following issues were discussed and voted on:

- **A mass will be added back to the Cursillo weekend closing (Clausura).** Pre-COVID Buffalo Cursillo weekends ended with a mass that the Cursillo community was encouraged to attend. However, the recent National Cursillo guides and documents excluded mass from the Clausura, with the rationale that Cursillistas should support their own parishes by attending weekend masses there and it helped meet the goal of a cloistered weekend environment. The Secretariat voted in June 2022 to remove mass from the Clausura. Several weekends have been held without a mass and less of the community attend the Clausura to support the babe-chicks. We've also seen less enthusiasm and support for Cursillo. Some in the Cursillo community have encouraged the Secretariat to bring the mass back. Secretariat discussed this at length and voted to bring the mass back, which is a deviation from the current Rector's Guide. Now we ask you, the Cursillistas of WNY, to attend the Clausura mass to support the babe-chicks and hear their witnesses. Adjustments in the weekend schedule were made to shorten the Clausura. Now, after the last Rollo the cross ceremony will be held in the Chapel, then the community mass in the church followed by the Weekend Rector's report, babe-chick witnesses, and Lay Rector's report. We hope to see more of the community at the closing mass.
- **It will be the discretion of the Rector on whether or not the Team would dress up for rollo talks.** This was discussed and voted on because the updated Rector's Guide recommends team members wear street clothes when making a rollo; whereas, historically on Buffalo Cursillo weekends the presenter would dress-up for the rollo. The Secretariat voted on this deviation from the current Rector's Guide.
- **It will be left to the discretion of the Kitchen and Rector regarding the meal servers, with the goal of minimizing interaction with the candidates.** This was discussed and voted on because the updated Rector's Guide recommends no interactions between the Cursillo community and the weekend candidates, and that the team serves meals to the candidates, whereas historically a number of men from the Cursillo community have served and waited on the candidates and team

during meals, which is different. The Secretariat voted on this deviation from the current Rector's Guide.

- **There will be 2 Palanca drops, 3 pieces per drop per candidate for a weekend and all remaining Palanca will be given to the candidates at the end of the weekend.** This was discussed and voted on because the current Rector's Guide recommends that all Palanca notes be provided at the end of the weekend, whereas historically Palanca notes have been left on the candidate's beds on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and the rest at the end of the weekend. The vote is a compromise between the old and new ways.
- **Photos will be taken on Friday.** The team and candidate weekend photo is scheduled for Sunday morning in the current Rector's Guide. For logistical purposes, to take the photo, get the photo printed and back, by Sunday the Secretariat voted to move the weekend photo to Friday.
- **The Faces of Jesus will be included on the weekends.** The Faces of Jesus is unique to Buffalo Cursillo and not part of the current Rector's Guide. The time in the chapel with the Faces of Jesus has been powerful for candidates. The Secretariat voted to keep the Faces of Jesus which is a deviation from the current Rector's Guide.
- **The Bible will be displayed on the weekend, but a Bible Enthronement ceremony will not be performed.** The current Rector's Guide does not include a Bible in the rollo room, whereas historically, Buffalo Cursillo processed into the rollo room each morning with the Bible and candle bearers to place the Bible prominently in the room. The Secretariat voted on a compromise between the old and the new, the Bible will be in the rollo room but there will be no procession bringing it into the room.
- **The Break-in and Holy Hour on Saturday night will continue to be included on the weekends.** The current Rector's Guide does not include the Saturday evening Break-in and Holy Hour for the community, whereas these are unique to Buffalo Cursillo and cherished by some. The Secretariat voted to keep the Break-in and Holy Hour which are deviations from the current Rector's Guide.

If you have any questions about the votes discussed here, please contact one of the members of the Secretariat. Thank you.



## Prayer Request:

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

Rev. Msgr. W. Jerome Sullivan (Men's #9) - Died 9/8/23  
Gwen McCallum (Women's #211) – Died 9/21/23

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

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

Randy Rakoczynski  
Jerry Frisicarò  
Deacon Gary Terrana  
Arthur Ruhland  
Bob Yager  
Cole Koons  
Cathy Derrick  
Mary Mercurio  
Fr. Joe Badding  
Pam Hornung  
Jean Claire Buchbinder  
Linda Orszulak

Chelsea Ellis  
Laura & Angelo Ciavarella  
Marie Gannon  
Mike Ryan  
Timothy McCann  
Joan Roberts  
Mary Flanagan  
Bill Heidle  
Corinne Giermek  
Dcn Joe Barr  
Patrick Johnson  
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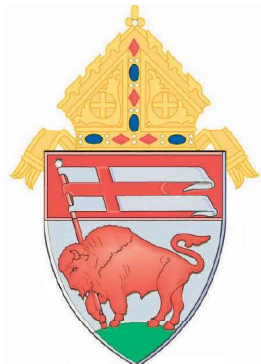
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Cathy Agugliaro  
Tim Heidle  
Kathy O'Keefe  
Denise Bressette  
Diane Coughlin  
Gary Banas  
John Agugliaro  
Marcia Moretti  
Cheryl Besant  
Bobby Lovenetti

## Upcoming Cursillo Dates

<b>4th Day Dinner</b>	<b>Reunion Mass</b>
<p><b>Date:</b> November 11, 2023, Saturday  <b>Time:</b> 6:00 PM  <b>Place:</b> St. Vincent DePaul's Parish, Springbrook  <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/6441+Seneca+St,+Springbrook,+NY+14140">6441 Seneca St, Springbrook, NY 14140</a>  <b>Bring:</b> a dish to pass, plates, bowls, cup, silverware</p>	<p>February 2024 - date TBD            March 2024 - date TBD            April 2024 - date TBD            May 2024 - date TBD</p>
I	<p><b><u>Women's Weekend #233</u></b>  <b><u>October 26-29, 2023</u></b></p> <p>Postponed until April 25-28, 2024</p>

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY

<p><b>School of Leaders (Workshops)</b></p> <p><b>Topics:</b> Freedom, Dcn Dave Clabeaux            Ultreya Roundtable Discussion</p> <p><b>Date:</b> November 4, 2023  <b>Time:</b> 10:30 AM - 12 noon  <b>Location:</b> Church of the Annuciation,            7580 Clinton St., Elma            Organizer: Marty Ruhland (716)481-0662            See the School of Leaders article in the newsletter</p>	<p><b>A Day of Gentle Reflection</b></p> <p>Gentle Women, Mother of Mercy - Chapter of Magnificat            December 9, 2023 @ 9 AM, Saturday            Speaker - Dawn M Iacono            M Hotel Buffalo            2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225            Details and registration at:  <a href="https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-n-o/ny-buffalo/">https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-n-o/ny-buffalo/</a></p>
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September 14, 2022

Buffalo Cursillo Movement  
c/o Mr. Terry Johnson  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I hope this letter finds you well. I appreciated the chance to speak with you regarding the Cursillo gathering coming up this weekend and to learn more about what I hope will be a successful and prayer-filled time for the participants and facilitators.

As you know, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has embarked upon a three-year Eucharistic Revival to enable us as Catholics to better appreciate, understand, respect, and embrace the Eucharist. The Real Presence of Christ impels us to go on mission and to invite others to the table of the Lord while at the same time calling ourselves to a renewal of our catechetical understanding of this gift from the Lord.

I appreciate your question regarding the reservation of the Holy Eucharist during your upcoming and future weekends because it shows your love and care for the Blessed Sacrament.

You outlined the fact that when a Cursillo weekend must be conducted apart from a regular worship space such as a church, oratory, or permanent chapel, it may be

The Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a locked tabernacle with a vigil candle to indicate the presence of the Eucharist for the duration of the weekend. Please also ensure that an altar of significant stature/construction covered with a white altar cloth be used for the celebration of Mass.

The pastor/administrator responsible for the property where the Cursillo weekend will occur needs to have full access to the site of reservation in the event of an emergency that could necessitate the retrieval of the Blessed Sacrament.

Though temporary, this chapel should be respected as a place of quiet reflection that will not be used for other facets of the weekend (meals, discussions, etc. apart from spiritual/prayer activities).

If you opt to facilitate a time of Exposition, please ensure all rubrics relating to the proper Exposition/Benediction/Reposition of the Eucharist are used, in particular that the Blessed Sacrament is placed in a ciborium or monstrance *on the altar*. Merely opening the tabernacle or exposing via a “window” in the tabernacle is prohibited. Please also allow for a significant time of silent Adoration. (For further details and assistance, please contact my office.)

Finally, there should be *only ONE site* of reservation for this or any Cursillo weekend. While prayer spaces and quiet corners are a necessity for any retreat or spiritual activity, *the practice of establishing multiple chapels where the Eucharist is reserved is strictly prohibited.*

Should you or anyone else involved in the Buffalo Cursillo movement have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [spfleming@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:spfleming@buffalodiocese.org) or (716) 847-5545.

The above permission and understanding should be reviewed/renewed periodically in your annual meeting with the Bishop as the lay director of this movement.

Thank you for your service and ministry in our diocese. I pray that Cursillo will continue to thrive and bring people closer to God.

### October 2023 Out Palanca

Dates	Type of Weekend	Location
10/5-8/2023	Women's 101 (English)	Nashville, TN
10/5-8/2023	Men's (Spanish)	Kalamazoo, MI
10/5-8/2023	Men's (English)	Los Angeles, Ca
10/5-8/2023	Men's #146	Atlanta, GA
10/5-8/2023	Men's #52 (Spanish)	Trenton, NJ
10/5-8/2023	Men's #57	Albany, NY
10/5-8/2023	Men's 100	Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN
10/5-8/2023	Men's #33	Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO
10/5-8/2023	Women's #134	Joliet, IL
10/5-8/2023	Women's 150 (Spanish)	Raleigh, NC
10/5-8/2023	Women's #41	Venice, FL
10/5-8/2023	Women's #478 (Spanish)	Dallas, TX
10/5-8/2023	Women's 45 (Spanish)	Huehuetenango, Guatemala
10/5-8/2023	Men's #116 (English)	Covington, KY
10/5-8/2023	Women's #114 (English)	Memphis, TN
10/5-8/2023	Men's #63 (English)	Teramo, ITALY
10/5-8/2023	Men's (Spanish)	Tulancingo, Hadalگو – Mexico
10/6-9/2023	Men's 72 (Spanish)	Arica, Chile
10/12-14/2023	Men's 49 (English)	Perugia Cittia della Pieve ITALY
10/12-15/2023	Women's (Spanish)	Kalamazoo, MI
10/12-15/2023	Men's 82 (Spanish)	Denver, CO
10/12-15/2023	Women's 149 (English)	Fargo, ND
10/12-15/2023	Men's 206 (Spanish)	Rockville Centre, NY
10/12-15/2023	Men's (English)	San Jose, CA
10/12-15/2023	Women's (Spanish)	Fresno, CA
10/12-15/2023	Women's (English)	Los Angeles, CA
10/12-15/2023	Men's 290 (Spanish)	Miami, FL
10/12-15/2023	Women's 140 (English)	Atlanta, GA
10/12-15/2023	Women's 107 (Spanish)	Cleveland, OH
10/12-15/2023	Men's 107 (English)	Orlando, FL
10/12-15/2023	Women's 292 (English)	Toledo, OH
10/12-15/2023	Men's 306 (English)	San Diego, CA
10/12-15/2023	Men's 337 (English)	Gallup, NM
10/12-15/2023	Women's 129 (English)	Szombathey, Hungary
10/13-15/2023	Women's 462 (English)	Outaouais, Quebec

10/19-22/2023	Women's 80 (English)	Jefferson City, MO
10/19-22/2023	Women's 74 (English)	Scranton, PA
10/19-22/2023	Women's (Spanish)	Omaha, NE
10/19-22/2023	Men's 2021-3 (English)	Cleveland, OH
10/19-22/2023	Men's 246 (Spanish)	Austin, TX
10/19-22/2023	Women's 76 (English)	Kalamazoo, MI
10/19-22/2023	Women's 116 (English)	Lafayette-Indianapolis, IN
10/19-22/2023	Women's 2 (English)	Pasig, Philippines
10/19-22/2023	Women's 8 (Vietnamese)	Dallas, TX
10/19-22/2023	Men's Cursillo (English)	Richmond, VA
10/19-22/2023	Women's 307 (English)	San Diego, CA
10/19-22/2023	Women's 408 (Spanish)	Guadalajara, Jalisco MEXICO
10/19-22/2023	Men's 700 (English)	Orange, CA
10/26-29/2023	Men's 144 (Spanish)	Raleigh, NC
10/26-29/2023	Women's 383 (English)	Grand Rapids, MI
10/26-29/2023	Women's 101 (English)	Evansville, IN
10/26-29/2023	Women's 264 (English)	Green Bay, WI
10/26-29/2023	Men's (English)	Crookston, MI
10/26-29/2023	Women's (English)	San Jos, CA
10/26-29/2023	Men's 415 (English)	Detroit, MI
10/26-29/2023	Women's (English)	Sacramento, CA
10/26-29/2023	Women's 265 (Spanish)	Miami, FL
10/26-29/2023	Men's 42 (Korean) (English)	Newark, NJ
10/26-29/2023	Women's 701 (Filipino) (English)	Orange, CA
10/26-29/2023	Women's 115 (English)	Orlando, FL
10/26-29/2023	Women's (Spanish)	St Augustine, FL
10/26-29/2023	Men's (English)	Portland, OR
10/26-29/2023	Men's 602 (Spanish)	Guadalajara, Jalisco MEXICO
10/26-29/2023	Women's 122 (English)	Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO
10/26-29/2023	Women's 11 (Spanish)	Eagle Pass, TX