



June 2023 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

4th Day Dinner:	June 17 th at 6:00pm at St. Vincent dePaul Church, 6441 Seneca St, Springbrook, NY 14140
Fall 2023 Weekends:	Men's Weekend #232: September 21-24, 2023 Women's Weekend #233: October 26-29, 2023 Support Masses: TBD
Grand Ultreya:	August 5 th , 2023 at the Picnic Shelter at the Church of the Annunciation at 7540 Clinton St, Elma, NY 14059.
Virtual Ultreya:	Bethany Ultreya meets virtually on Zoom the 2 nd and 4 th 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:

Hello all and welcome to the merry month of June. Finally, we're getting some warmer temperatures and the gardens and golf courses are loving it! There are some BIG DOINGS this month so get your calendars out and plan to attend an Ultreya, the School of Leaders, and of course the Welcome to Your 4th Day Dinner! Last month eleven women and six men became Cursillistas in our little town, and hundreds (thousands?) more across the globe. They heard about this community that they are now a part of on their Three Day Weekend. They were blessed by the graces the Holy Spirit showered on them due to our prayers and sacrifices. We heard their moving testimonies at the closuras. Now it's time to continue our support by our visible presence at Cursillo events.

I don't know why but one of my favorite mysteries of the Rosary is The Decent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Maybe it's because I'm often praying the Rosary when I'm in the car heading to a Cursillo® event. Maybe because it's the joy of that event that I'm looking forward to when I get there, and as I'm praying that the Holy Spirit descend upon all that are going to be in attendance, I can see in my mind's eye the wonder and amazement of the Apostles as the Spirit moved them out of their hiding place and into the hostile world. They weren't afraid. They were filled with joy and they wanted everybody to know it. They were having such a good time, people thought they were drunk. They were on fire! Just like 99.9992% of Cursillistas when they come blasting out of a Cursillo® weekend. But a fire that isn't tended will eventually burn out. The fire

needs fuel and that fuel is found in Group Reunion and Ultreya, and at Reunion Mass, School of Leaders, Second Touch, CDC, Regional and National Encounters. Want more details? Check out the rest of this Newsletter.

I leave you with this beautiful prayer, penned by St. Gertrude, in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, this being June – The Month of the Sacred Heart. Accept no cheap worldly substitutes.

O SACRED HEART OF JESUS, LIVING AND LIFE-GIVING FOUNTAIN OF ETERNAL LIFE,
INFINITE TREASURY OF THE DIVINITY, AND GLOWING FURNACE OF LOVE,
THOU ART MY REFUGE AND MY SANCTUARY. O ADORABLE AND GLORIOUS SAVIOR,
CONSUME MY HEART WITH THAT BURNING FIRE THAT EVER INFLAMES THY HEART.
POUR DOWN ON MY SOUL THOSE GRACES THAT FLOW FROM THY LOVE.
LET MY HEART BE SO UNITED WITH THINE, THAT OUR WILLS MAY BE ONE,
AND MINE MAY IN ALL THINGS BE CONFORMED TO THINE.
MAY THY WILL BE THE RULE OF BOTH MY DESIRES AND ACTIONS.

AMEN!

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[Spiritual Director Report:](#)

It has been amazing this past week just how much the Canadian wildfires have been on our minds! The smoke blankets our world. As we go outside our eyes burn and we cannot see far. The smell of smoke fills our noses. We go inside and it is all over the news. Smoke, smoke, smoke!

Even more amazing is what is not daily on our minds – and really should be. That is God’s total love and mercy towards us. The fact that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is real and that, because of it, when we live as Jesus taught, each of us will rise to live with him for eternity in heaven. Perfect life, perfect, truth, and perfect love.

Most people don’t think about this often enough but, because of our involvement in Cursillo, they soon will be. Our efforts in putting on the retreat weekends, sponsoring candidates, enriching our own lives through participation in Ultreya’s and groups, all of this is bringing ourselves and others towards Christ. It is making the love and mercy of God and the joy of the Resurrection visible and present in the world.

Soon the effects of the Canadian wildfires will pass away and be but a memory. The joy we bring others through Cursillo, however, lasts for eternity!!!

DeColores!

Deacon Dave Clabeaux

Buffalo Cursillo Spiritual Advisor

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Historian Report:

Buffalo Cursillo History #18 June 2023 “Pastoral Plan” – Part 1

Ever since the National Team put on the Cursillo Leaders’ Workshop in December, 1968 at Cana Grace House in Alden, subsequent years around late fall took on a new vision and path for the Buffalo Cursillo. Each year since then, the Leadership used the dynamics of the workshop method to provide the direction in which the Buffalo Movement should go for the next calendar year.

As early as October, 1973 themes for the upcoming workshop were discussed and suggestions made. A committee including Fr. Pete Szafran (Men’s #15), Sr Kristen Corcoran (Women’s #9) Jim Powers (Men’s #13), Mary Ann Erickson (Women’s #7) and George Sentz (Men’s #16) established a seminar course 501 for the fall 1973 Leaders’ School (not mentioned in my previous Leaders’ School reports Part I and II).

These members of course 501 set out to study the Cursillo “ideal” as outlined in the emerging official Cursillo literature, and to compare it with the “real” movement practiced in Buffalo. This became the basis for the Leaders Workshop in January, 1974.

Leader’ School members were invited first to register and then the workshop was open to all Cursillistas. A special invitation was sent to all active priests in the Cursillo Movement urging them to participate in the event. It seemed best to recruit those who were veterans in the Movement.

One hundred people attended the Leaders’ Workshop at Bishop Gibbons High School on the weekend of January 4-6, 1974. It was the fifth consecutive year that the Buffalo Movement had brought its leadership together to evaluate where the Holy Spirit was leading them. Faith sharing, Scripture and communal discernment fostered a prayerful atmosphere.

Much discussion was based on the study of the “ideal” vs. the “real” Buffalo Movement that had been made by the Leaders’ School course 501.

One big conclusion was that “Buffalo had provided ‘spiritual renewal’ for hundreds of people over the years, but with little or no view towards how these people might provide a backbone for Christianizing of the environment...the consensus was that we must begin anew to Christianize environments, by finding in each of them key leaders or ‘vertebrae’, by molding them on a Cursillo weekend, by placing them in the work that Christ wants them to do, and by linking them together in the life-support system of the Fourth Day program.”

- Bill Rae “Buffalo Cursillo Newsletter” February, 1974 P.1

Did this mean linking teachers with teachers and doctor with doctors? The literature seemed a little ambiguous. “To reach the people it hopes to evangelize, the Cursillo Movement needs to identify groups of people that have special qualities causing them to have greater than average repercussions on the behavioral patterns of the rest of the community; and it needs to find out who the leaders of the groups are.” #214 The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement, 1974.

“For the Cursillo Movement looks to the individual, on the principle that in the very process of becoming more Christian oneself, one will go about Christianizing ones social group.” #218 The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement, 1974 This was the thinking at the time.

In the 1992 edition of The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement – more emphasis has been given to living the Fourth Day, in Ultreya and Permanent Groups and Christianizing wherever God places one. “For a long time we used the phrase ‘structuring Christianity’ (vertebrar Cristiandad) to express this aspect of the purpose of the Cursillo Movement. But today we prefer an expression that’s clearer, more biblical and more in the spirit of Vatican II: fostering the creation of small groups of Christians who live grace in a conscious, growing, and shared way and who make the Gospel act as a leaven in the environments.” #138 The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement, 1992 P. 62

In February 1974 the Secretariat’s evaluation of the January workshop concluded that there should be fewer Cursillos in 1974 (only 6), a better selection of candidates and improvement of team development with emphasis on the study and evangelization of environments. It was decided to purchase a new booklet titled “Your Fourth Day” and to include it in the candidate’s souvenir envelope.

What is so amazing is that this Leaders’ Workshop was laying the groundwork for the Second National Encounter (July, 1974) and the proposal of a Pastoral Plan based on the Christianizing of environments.

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Pre-Cursillo Report:

Donna and I would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to the Bethany Ultreya for their presence on Wednesday and Thursday for both the Men’s Weekend and Women’s weekend in May. As a welcome committee to the Candidates and Sponsors they supported a very important part of the Cursillo weekend. Their presence at the prayer service offered strong community. Thank you again Bethany.

Any Ultreya is welcome to join the welcoming committee and Pre-Cursillo on Wednesday and Thursday. Just contact me anytime.

From the Keep Faith Alive meeting and sharing from Pope Francis:

“...we seek to look at ways in which we can continue to reach the far-away in friendship with each other, with that discipleship that allows us to see Jesus who walks with us and accompanies us on our way.”

DeColores

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Cursillo Section:

This Spring was a busy time for us, as we ran Men's Weekend #230 and Women's Weekend #231 in May. We welcome our "Babe Chicks" and look forward to seeing them at Ultreya; along with our 4th Day Dinner on June 17 at St. Vincent's.

Our "Babe Chicks" are:

Weekend #230 - Steven Flumerfelt, Ryan Mahoney, Michael Harris, Gannon McNail, Ryan Weber and Matthew Reinbold.

Weekend #231 - Greta Allwein, Dixie Andrews, Amy Bergman, Barbara Crage, Catherine Cambria-Karda, Trish Manolis, Jeanne Cooley, Isabelle Comstock, Therese Hahn, Selen Yucel, Mary Lou May.

We are beyond blessed for the support of the Cursillo Section members who worked so diligently to put this together. The Team Selectors (Paul Johnson, Tony Shilen, Jeff Peresie, Alice Appenheimer and Catherine Friedman) did a great job working with the Holy Spirit at putting together great Teams, the Palanca Team (Lisa Johnson and friends) did a great job setting up the building and keeping everything running well behind the scenes. The Kitchen Crew (Mike Cucinotta and Otto Misso) did a great job organizing the Ultreya's meals and filling in the gaps. For the first time out the gate, our Building Coordinator (Peter Adornetto) did an awesome overseeing the set up and take down of the building. Our Supply Coordinator (Diane Reese) made sure we had the necessary materials on hand and available when we needed them and our Sacristan (Kay Clabeaux). We appreciate the Talk Advisors for checking the talks to make sure they include the important points. A huge THANK YOU to ALL of you. Denise and I could not have done this without any of you.

There is the expression that "it takes a village" to achieve success. It takes the Cursillo Community - the Ultreya's and Permanent Groups to make the weekends work and keep them affordable. From Your Yes, when called to work a weekend, to Your Yes to prepare meals, to your support at the Closura.

Despite how important all these things are; they are nothing compared to Your PALANCA. It is Your prayers, rosaries, Adoration, works of mercy and sacrifices that move the candidates into a personal relationship with the Trinity.

Our next set of weekends will be September 21-24 for the Men's and October 26-29 for the Women's weekends. It is never too early to send in a registration form to PreCursillo. Sooner is better!

While we tend to take a "break" from various ministries for the summer; our Action of making a friend, being a friend and bringing a friend to Christ never takes a break.

DeColores -

Cursillo Section, Co-Coordinator:

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Post-Cursillo:

Now that the Men's and Women's Spring weekends have been (successfully!) completed please plan on encouraging the babe chicks to continue their faith journey by attending the 4th Day Dinner on Saturday June 17th at St. Vincent dePaul's (SVDP, [6441 Seneca St, Springbrook, NY 14140](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6441+Seneca+St,+Springbrook,+NY+14140)). It is a potluck event so please bring something to share and your own place setting (plate and silverware). The doors open at 6PM and dinner will be at 6:30PM. SVDP has a 4:30PM Saturday vigil mass which you are welcome to attend and, if you do, please feel free to head over to the gym early to help with set-up for the dinner ☺.

If you sponsored a babe-chick or were a table leader on a recent weekend, please call the newbies to personally invite them to the 4th Day dinner ... maybe you can carpool with them too. Please also continue to encourage them to attend Ultreyas and to join a small group. Let us know if any assistance in finding/forming a small group is needed.

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

We have asked each Ultreya to provide volunteers for a Grand Ultreya Committee and will be meeting this week to work on plans for the first Grand Ultreya to be held in many years! Please reserve Saturday August 5th afternoon on your calendars for this grand event which will take place at the Annunciation Parish Picnic Shelter (Elma) which is kitty corner from the current church and behind the Amigone Funeral Home at [7540 Clinton St, Elma, NY 14059](https://www.google.com/maps/place/7540+Clinton+St,+Elma,+NY+14059). Any suggestions? If you have any ideas or connections, please let us know.

Your Post Cursillo Coordinators,

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School of Leaders:

Our next School of Leaders will be held on June 17th from 10:30am until 12:30pm. In keeping with the goal of covering each of the 10 Topics of Cursillo, Sister Theresa Ruddy will be coming from Rochester to give a doctrinal talk on the Cursillo topic of "Friendship." In addition, Terry Johnson will provide a techniques talk on the process of team selection. It should be another exceptional study.

Marty Ruhland

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Treasurer:

Welcome to the summer months! At our recent Secretariat meeting a question was posed to me about how we should handle situations where a candidate cannot afford or pay for their weekend? This is an excellent question. First and foremost, we never want to turn away a candidate who is interested in experiencing a deeper relationship with Christ. That is contrary to our mission and purpose.

That said, how do "we" cover the expense that is involved. I would first and foremost turn to those who are acting as a sponsor and encourage them, their Permanent Group or their Ultreya to consider sponsoring the candidate as a means of paying it forward. As a final resort, we do have funds available to act as a scholarship for those who just can't afford the cost at this time. As noted in the past, I would strongly encourage each of you to support your local Ultreya so it can consider sponsoring candidates, and when we have Weekend's, Reunion Masses, Grand Ultreya's and other events, make a contribution to us as well.

Since we never want to discourage you from talking to a friend about experiencing one of our weekends, consider discussing this issue with your small group or Ultreya in advance so you know the answer beforehand. And if you find that there is a lack of funds elsewhere for the candidate, let me know as early as possible so we can address this beforehand, so no one is put in an awkward position.

Enjoy the summer months, DeColores.

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Prayer Request:

Entered into their 5th Day:

Elizabeth (Betty) Levin (Women's #158) – Died 12/22/2022

If you learn of a recently deceased Cursillista please notify Carol Stier at (71) 692-1606.

Randy Rakoczynski	Mary Mercurio	Tim Heidle
Terry Johnson	Fr. Joe Badding	Kathy O'Keefe
Jerry Frisicaro	Pam Hornung	Denise Bressette
Deacon Gary Terrana	Jean Claire Buchbinder	Diane Coughlin
Arthur Ruhland	Chelsea Ellis	Gary Banas
Bob Yager	Laura & Angelo Ciavarella	John Agugliaro
Cole Koons	Marie Gannon	Marcia Moretti
Mike Matyas	Mike Ryan	Cheryl Besant
Teresa Barone	Timothy McCann	Bobby Lovenetti
Cathy Derrick	Joan Roberts	Vinnie Barone
Corinne Giermek	Mary Flanagan	Linda Orszulak
Patrick Johnson	Bill Heidle	EllieWieleba
Cathy Agugliaro	Dcn Joe Barr	Mary Savio
	Jim Youngers	

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

List of International Cursillo Weekends in June:

6/1/2023	Women's 74 (English)	Saint John, Miramichi NB
6/1/2023	Men's 198 (English)	Newark, NJ
6/1/2023	Women's 67 (Spanish)	Wichita, KS
6/1/2023	Women's 221 (Spanish)	Fresno, CA
6/2/2023	Women's 85 (English)	Santa Maria, RS (Brazil)
6/1/2023	Women's 4 (English)	Szombathelyi Egyházmegye, Zalaegerszeg (Hungary)
6/1/2023	Women's 128 (English)	Zalaegerszeg-Botfa, Hungary
6/1/2023	Mens Spanish 1022 (Spanish)	Los Angeles, CA
6/1/2023	Men's 66 (Spanish)	Tyler, TX
6/1/2023	Men's 19 (Vietnamese)	San Diego, CA
6/1/2023	Men's 61 (Spanish)	Palm Beach, FL
6/1/2023	Men's 14 (Spanish)	Knoxville, TN
6/8/2023	Women's 126 (Spanish)	Oklahoma City, OK
6/8/2023	Men's 6 (Spanish)	Evansville, IN
6/8/2023	Women's 84 (English)	Laredo, TX
6/8/2023	Women's 51 (Spanish)	Cuauhtemoc-Madera, MX
6/8/2023	Women's 133 (English)	Joliet, IL
6/8/2023	Women's 141 (English)	Antigonish, Nova Scotia
6/8/2023	Women's 1023 (Spanish)	Los Angeles, CA
6/8/2023	Women's 20 (Vietnamese)	San Diego, CA
6/8/2023	Men's 88 (English)	Worcester, MA
6/8/2023	Men's 600 (Spanish)	Tucson, AZ
6/8/2023	Women's 59 (Spanish)	Palm Beach, FL
6/15/2023	Men's 84 (English)	Charlotte, NC
6/15/2023	Men's 83 (English)	Hamilton, ON
6/15/2023	Women's 601 (Spanish)	Tucson, AZ
6/15/2023	Men's 83	Hamilton, Ontario
6/22/2023	Women's 86 (English)	Charlotte, NC
6/22/2023	Women's 2 (Spanish)	Richmond, VA
6/22/2023	Women's Cursillo (English)	Biloxi, MS
6/22/2023	Women's 241 (Spanish)	San Diego, CA
6/22/2023	Men's 45 (English)	Wellington, New Zealand
6/22/2023	Women's 67 (Spanish)	Tulsa, OK
6/22/2023	Men's cursillo (English)	Tucson, AZ
6/22/2023	Men's 1025 (Filipino)(English)	Los Angeles, CA
6/29/2023	Mens 65 (Spanish)	Arquidiocesis -Luque (Paraguay)
6/29/2023	Women's cursillo (English)	Tucson, AZ
6/30/2023	Women's 14 (Spanish)	Del Guaviare, Columbia

Please confirm Ultreya gatherings ahead of time for the summer.

Ultreya name Area served	Date	Time	Location	Contact Person
- <u>Bethany</u> Cheektowaga & surrounding area	- 6/13/2023 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	- 6/20/2023 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	6/28/2023 Last Wednesday January - June September – October	7:00 PM	- <u>Member House</u> Contact Marty for location	<u>Marty Ruhland</u> rdservices@roadrunner.com (716) 481-0662 (m)
Pueblo de Paz Warsaw area	- 6/24/2023 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	6/13/2023 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
	6/27/2023 4 th Tuesday	7:00 PM		<u>Carolyn Ruhland</u> 716.912.2890 caruhl73@Verizon.net
- <u>Southtowns</u> South towns area	6/1/2023 1 st Thursday	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Lisa for location	<u>Lisa & Paul Johnson</u> 585.313.0853 (m – Lisa)
	6/15/2023 3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM		lisagauthie1@gmail.com
<u>Spirit of the City</u> City of Buffalo	<u>No Meeting</u> (inactive)		-	

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

4th Day Dinner	Grand Ultreya
<p>Date: June 17, 2023, Saturday Time: 6:30 PM Place: St. Vincent DePaul's Parish, Springbrook 6441 Seneca St, Springbrook, NY 14140 Bring: a dish to pass, plates, bowls, cup, silverware</p>	<p>Date: August 5, 2023, Saturday Time: ~ 12 -6, to be confirmed later Place: Church of the Annuciation picnic shelter 7540 Clinton St, Elma, NY 14059 Bring: picnic food, more information later</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Men's Weekend #232</u> <u>September 21-24, 2023</u></p> <p>TBD - Support Mass for Men's Team</p> <p>9/20 - Set-up Men's Weekend @ 5:30 pm, St. Vincent DePaul's Parish, Springbrook</p> <p>9/21 - Registration from 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Sponsors & community stay for prayer service at 8 pm.</p> <p>9/23 - Break In 7:30 pm</p> <p>9/24 - Las Mananitas - 6 am (Men only) - 3 pm Community Gathering with Closura (no mass) ALL welcome</p> <p>TBD - 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 #233</u> <u>October 26-29, 2023</u></p> <p>TBD - Support Mass for Women's Team</p> <p>10/25 - Set-up Women's Weekend @ 5:30 pm, St. Vincent DePaul's Parish, Springbrook</p> <p>10/26 - Registration from 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Sponsors & community stay for prayer service at 8 pm.</p> <p>10/28 - Break In 7:30 pm</p> <p>10/29 - Las Mananitas - 6 am (Women only) - 3 pm Community Gathering with Closura (no mass) ALL welcome</p> <p>TBD - 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 style="text-align: center;">School of Leaders (Workshops)</p> <p>Topic: Friendship Speaker: Sister Theresa Rutty (from Rochester NY) Date: June 17, 2023 Time: 10:30 AM - 12 noon Location: 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 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>
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