

Newsletter of the  
CURSILLO MOVEMENT  
of the  
Archdiocese of Detroit



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**CURSILLO 397** has been proclaimed the Greatest Cursillo, yet! And certainly it had to be, with Patrick Cross stepping up to the plate and knocking it out of the park as Rector-In-Training, Jim Lotito, Andy Kaltz, Larry Davis, Joe Bishop, Carlos Gomez, and John "the Hammer" Van Hamme delivering heartfelt messages. Bill Grill and Jonathan King saw to our every need, and we were never in want of anything. John Goeddeke (our one man orchestra) thrilled us with music from his soul. Chip Farrar kept us on an even keel, even as he dealt with the untimely and unexpected death of his sister. But perhaps the greatest contribution came from Deacon Paul Mueller (who stayed with us throughout the weekend) and Father Paul Ballien who shuttled back and forth to be with us most of every day, while still being the good shepherd to his Parish of Saint Linus in (not nearby) Dearborn Heights.

And then there were the candidates...singing louder than they ever have before, praying more joyfully than they ever have before, crying, laughing, even telling a really good joke on cue after dinner. The HOLY SPIRIT seized 397 and did something awesomely wonderful with it.

## DECOLORES



- |                   |                            |               |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| New Cursillistas: | Team: Chip Farrar (Rector) |               |
| Joe Arant         | Father Paul Ballien        |               |
| Mike Carter       | Deacon Paul Mueller        | Bill Grill    |
| Vince Grix        | Patrick Cross              | Carlos Gomez  |
| Dino Kondyles     | Joe Bishop                 | John Goeddeke |
| Glennys Merritt   | Larry Davis                | Jonathan King |
| Bob Watson        | John VanHamme              | Gordon Peck   |
| Paul Mizak        | Andy Kaltz                 |               |
| John Trinkwalder  | Jim Lotito                 |               |

# CURSILLO CALENDAR

Saturday April 15, 2017

## ULTREYA

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reunion for Cursillo 397

Christ the Redeemer Parish  
Library / Meeting Room  
Lake Orion, MI 48350

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

## ULTREYA

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Reunion for Cursillo 397

7:30 – 9:00 pm  
Saint Benedict Church  
Waterford, MI

Thursday, April 27, 2017

### 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion of Cursillo Planning Meeting

6:30 pm - ?  
Rusty Bucket Restaurant  
42874 Woodward Ave,  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304  
*Anyone who would like to  
volunteer to work on planning  
the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion should attend.  
Meeting will be held in private  
dining room, ask for directions  
upon arrival.*

Wednesday May 3, 2017

## ULTREYA

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Saint Genevieve –  
Saint Maurice Church  
Chapel  
Livonia, MI

Saturday, May 13, 2017

## ULTREYA

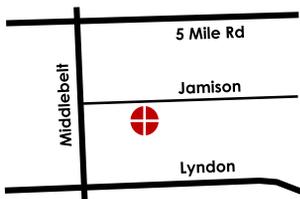
10:00 – 11:30 am  
Saint Malachy Church  
Rectory Basement  
Sterling Heights, MI

Sunday, August 20, 2017

### Cursillo Summer Picnic

(watch future Newsletters for details)

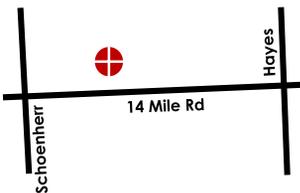
Now, more than ever, reconnect with  
your Fourth Day Community;  
attend an ULTREYA near you, this month!



**WESTERN WAYNE - Livonia**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)

**St. Genevieve-  
St. Maurice Parish**  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
29015 Jamison St,  
Livonia, MI 48154

**Deacons Kevin Breen and  
Paul Mueller 248 891 9387**



**MACOMB - Sterling Heights**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)

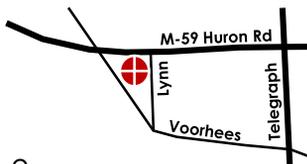
**St. Malachy Parish**  
(Rectory Basement)  
10:00 – 11:30 am  
Sterling Heights

14115 Fourteen Mile Rd.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312  
**Barb Davis 586 228 0264**



**Northern OAKLAND**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday)

**Christ the Redeemer Parish**  
9:00 am – 10:30 am  
2700 Walden Rd,  
Lake Orion, MI 48350  
**Chip Farrar 586 925 2089**



**Waterford (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)**

**St. Benedict Church**  
7:30 – 9:00 pm  
80 Lynn Street  
Waterford, MI 48328

**Rita Ellinger 248 682 7482**

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# School of Leaders

## TEACHING

### DISCOVERING SELF, CHRIST, AND OTHERS

Source: National Cursillo Center Mailing – February 2011

#### Introduction: STUDY

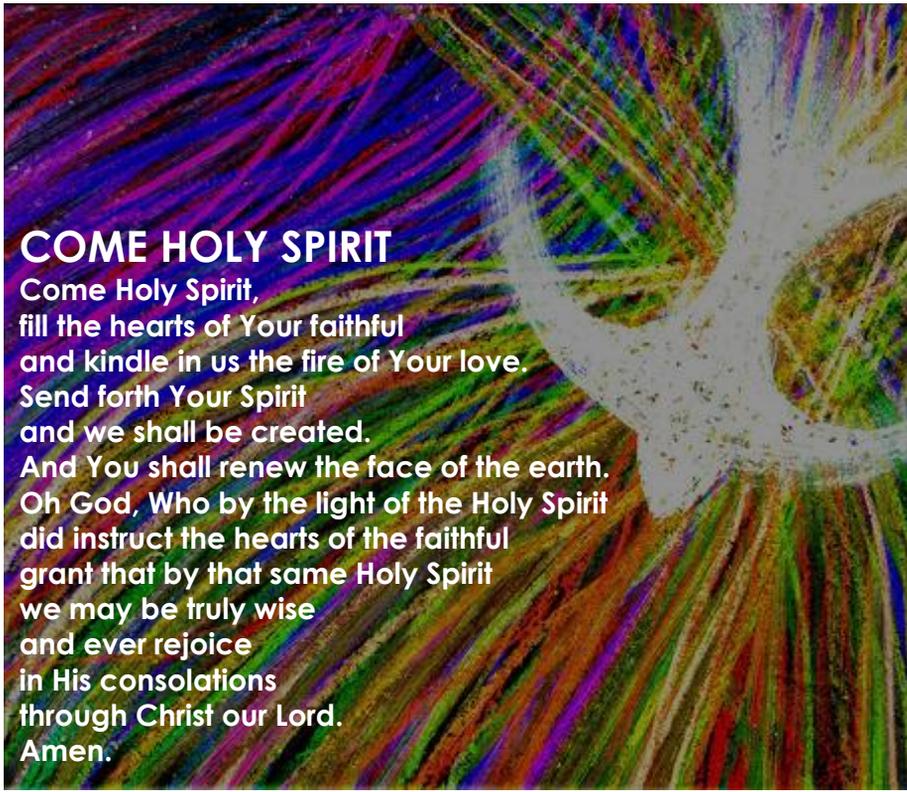
In directing our whole life to God, we establish an intimate relationship with Him, an open and personal friendship. Living the Christian life fulfills all the criteria of the authentic ideal – living the life of grace. Our hearts are filled with the life of Christ in us by our piety. All of life speaks to our intellects as a gift from God, by our study. And we share our lives with others as we put our will into action.

Cursillos of Christianity presents us with a different concept of study from what we are used to. To most people, when they hear the word 'study', they immediately relate it to its academic aspect. Cursillo presents the concept of study in a new dimension. Cursillo defines Christian study as a progressive search for the meaning of life itself, the most basic question of humanity.

We are called to perfection, in the image and likeness of God. Study is an important part of developing ourselves as a person and of understanding what a human being is, and what our life is. All persons study. What they study is governed by their ideal. Study is a natural quality of the human being, and we should study to live efficiently and productively.

Thus: - an industrial plant employee studies the working conditions, debates about unions and wages. - a person interested in sports practically memorizes their hero's statistics and accomplishments. - a mother is interested in her children's needs, wants and patterns of behavior. - a Cursillista studies how the person is affected by their environment, their circumstances, etc.

Any time a person decides to do something in a better way, studying is an integral part of that endeavor.



## COME HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of Your faithful  
and kindle in us the fire of Your love.  
Send forth Your Spirit  
and we shall be created.  
And You shall renew the face of the earth.  
Oh God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful  
grant that by that same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise  
and ever rejoice  
in His consolations  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Study can offer us, through more and better information, a greater formation, that is, – a Christian form – which will reform our mentality to adapt our life to God's plan, and to transform everything around us, while animating everything with a Christian spirit.

Study calls for the person to be open:

- to God, to know when He speaks and what He is telling us;
- to ourselves, to know ourselves better and bring about a constant interior renewal;
- to others, to know and love our brothers and sisters as the image and likeness of Christ.

If we claim that God is our ideal, then His way, His truth, His life must be the subject of our study. Even though some people may go through life with little or no interest in the things of God, He calls us to walk with Him and to see our potential.

God calls us to grasp the perfect ideal, one without ending, yet within reach, for Jesus said "You must be perfect – just as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Mt. 5:48). Our relationship with God must be the decisive factor in our lives, and so everybody is called to deepen their understanding of God and everybody must learn according to their God-given potential and talent; to become perfect as the Father calls us to be (Eph. 4:24 – "...and you must put on the new self, which is created in God's likeness and reveals itself in the true life that is upright and holy.")

Cursillo (cur SEE yo) is a voluntary Lay Movement of the Catholic Church started in Spain, which presents a method and strategy for living basic Christian Ideals. The inherent message of Cursillo is to share one's Christianity in the normal everyday activities of life ... with your family, in your workplace, in your neighborhood, in your parish community, and throughout the whole world.

Our Mission is the Church's mission. We're fully Catholic, and obedient to the Magisterium. Cursillo was endorsed by Pope Paul VI (1966), Pope John Paul II (1980) mentioned Cursillo as one of the tools of the New Evangelization, and Pope Francis (2011) wrote an inspiring letter encouraging cursillistas in their work in Argentina.

Cursillo in the Archdiocese of Detroit is a voluntary lay administered organization founded in 1962, and focused on evangelization. Cursillo collects no dues or fees of its member participants.

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# SYNOD

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## Cursillistas are Joyful Missionary Disciples

### Cursillo Leaders' Prayer

Lord, grant that we may understand the necessity for depth in our movement, rather than surface glory. Convince us of the truth that colorful programs do not constitute success.

My God, give us a spirit of self sacrifice so that we may offer everything for your cause: our time, our abilities, our health and even our lives if necessary.

Instill in us courage in our initiatives, good judgment in our choice of the right means, and that determination which in spite of failures assures victory.

Move away from us the tiny rivalries, sensitivities, discourtesies, pride, everything which distracts from You, everything which divides or discourages.

Help us to maintain at a high level a meaningful supernatural and mutual charity among ourselves, so that each one will seek by preference the most humble tasks and will rejoice at the good performed by others so that all our spirits united in a common purpose will have one single spirit, Yours Jesus, and that this spirit may let us see Your attractive goodness marked in all our faces, Your warm accents in all our words, and in our lives something superior to the world, something that proclaims Your Living Presence among us. Amen

St. Paul, Patron of Cursillo - Pray for us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas - Pray for us.

## PIETY

"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

-President Ronald Reagan

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls."

-Saint Theresa of Kolkata

"Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays."

-Soren Kierkegaard

"The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be."

-Anne Frank

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

- Saint Augustine

## STUDY

**Around the Table**, *Retelling the Story of the Eucharist through the Eyes of Jesus' First Followers*

By R. Scott Hurd

Ave Maria Press, 2016

**Our Hearts Desire**, *The Simple Wisdom of Pope Francis*

USCCB Communications, 2014

**Saint Thomas Aquinas**,

*The Dumb Ox*

By G. K. Chesterton

Sheed & Ward, 1933

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: **EVANGELII GAUDIUM** OF THE HOLY FATHER **FRANCIS**

**Chapter 3: I. The entire people of God proclaims the Gospel**

113. The salvation which God has wrought, and the Church joyfully proclaims, is for everyone.[82] God has found a way to unite himself to every human being in every age. He has chosen to call them together as a people and not as isolated individuals.[83] No one is saved by himself or herself, individually, or by his or her own efforts. God attracts us by taking into account the complex interweaving of personal relationships entailed in the life of a human community. This people which God has chosen and called is the Church. Jesus did not tell the apostles to form an exclusive and elite group. He said: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). Saint Paul tells us in the people of God, in the Church, "there is neither Jew or Greek... for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28). To those who feel far from God and the Church, to all those who are fearful or indifferent, I would like to say this: the Lord, with great respect and love, is also calling you to be a part of his people!

## CHRIST IS COUNTING ON US!

### Pray for Our Spiritual Directors; and hosts of our Ultreyas

Father Chris Talbot  
Father Paul Ballien  
Father Don Archambault  
Father Charles Morris  
Father Mark Brauer  
Father Joseph Gembala  
Father Ben Luedtke  
Father Vic Clore  
Father Jack Baker  
Father James Mayworm  
Monseigneur Tim Hogan  
Deacon Paul Mueller  
Deacon Jack Parent  
Deacon Steve Mitchell  
Deacon Bob Modes  
Deacon Don Baross  
Deacon Tom Sliney  
Deacon Kevin Breen

### ...they're praying for us!

Father Maurice Pierce...  
Father Ron Milligan...

### Pray for us!

#### FINAL WORD

#### John 21: 15 - 19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." [Jesus] said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."