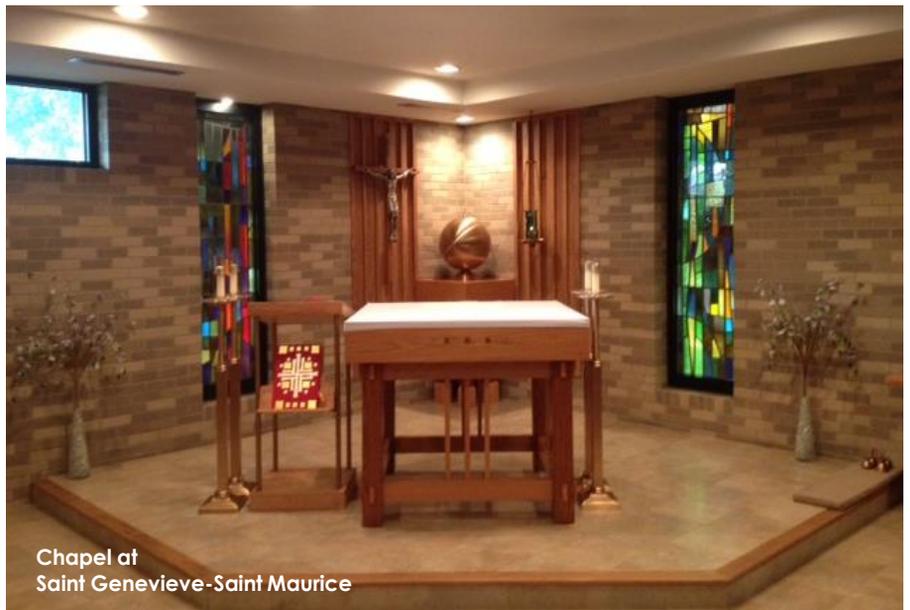


ULTREYA

Newsletter of the
CURSILLO MOVEMENT
of the
Archdiocese of Detroit



Chapel at
Saint Genevieve-Saint Maurice

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From the LAY DIRECTORS

Greetings to our Fourth Day Community and what a wonderful day it was when our NEW Ultreya at Saint Genevieve and Saint Maurice began on August 3rd in Livonia.

Plans for our CURSILLO PICNIC are coming together. We will have a Picnic at Christ Our Light Parish in Troy on Sunday, August 21st. Details on page 2.

Also, consider joining us for an "Evening of Spiritual Renewal" with Fr. Bob Johnson. It will be held on Friday, September 9th from 6:30pm – 9:30 pm at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Troy. More information will follow.

Ann Sliney
Tony D'Amico

You are sent Cursillistas, go...
make a friend, be a friend, bring
that friend to CHRIST !

NEW 1st Wednesday ULTREYA

Deacons Kevin Breen and Paul Mueller have shown us that it is possible to put together a new Ultreya and cursillistas will show up. While the attendance was low (10) the enthusiasm was high. This new Ultreya on the first Wednesday evening of every month will be especially attractive to those who reside in southern Oakland and western Wayne County. The next ULTREYA is September 7th.

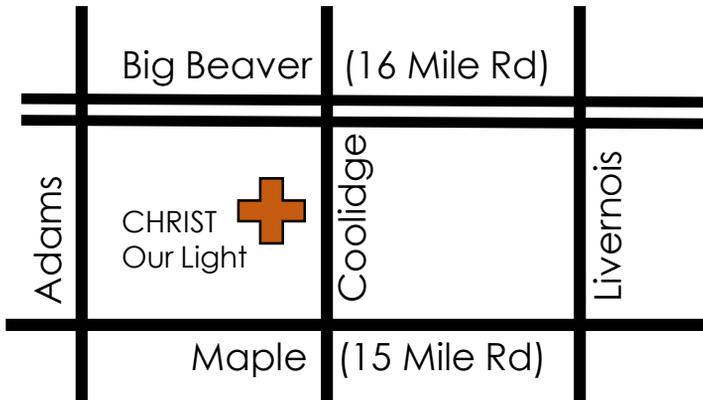




Christ, Our Light Church, 3077 Gloucester Dr, Troy, MI 48084



CURSILLO Picnic
Sunday, August 21st



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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CURSILLO CALENDAR

Saturday August 20, 2016

ULTREYA

9:00 am – 10:30 am
Christ the Redeemer Parish
Lake Orion, MI 48350

Sunday, August 21, 2016

CURSILLO PICNIC

Christ, Our Light Church
Troy, MI

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

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

Wednesday September 7, 2016

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6:30 am – 8:00 pm
Saint Genevieve –
Saint Maurice Church
Livonia, MI

Friday, September 9, 2016

Evening of Spiritual Renewal

6:30 – 9:30 pm
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
Troy, MI

Saturday September 10, 2016

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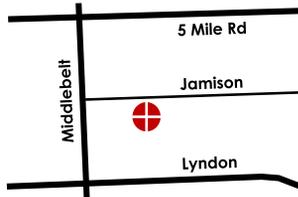
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Saint Malachy Church
Sterling Heights, MI

October 20-23, 2016

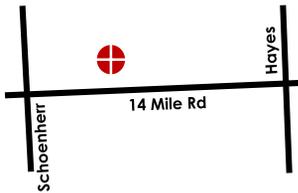
Women's CURSILLO Weekend #394

Rectora: Ann Sliney
St. Mary's Retreat House
Oxford MI

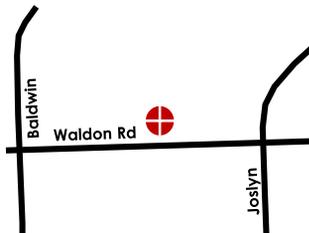
Now, more than ever, reconnect with your Fourth Day Community; attend an ULTREYA near you, this month!



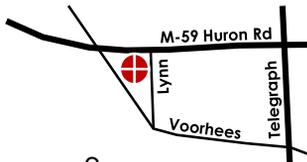
WESTERN WAYNE - Livonia
(1st Wednesday)
**St. Genevieve-
St. Maurice Parish**
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
29015 Jamison St,
Livonia, MI 48154
**Deacons Kevin Breen and
Paul Mueller 248 891 9387**



MACOMB - Sterling Heights
(2nd 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
(3rd Saturday)
Christ the Redeemer Parish
9:00 am – 10:30 am
2700 Walden Rd,
Lake Orion, MI 48350
Chip Farrar 586 925 2089



Waterford (4th Tuesday)
St. Benedict Church
7:30 – 9:00 pm
80 Lynn Street
Waterford, MI 48328
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POST CURSILLO

The time period immediately following the three-day Cursillo is the most critically important stage in the Cursillo Methodology. While it is vital that women and men should come to encounter CHRIST, during the Cursillo, it is even more important that they learn how to follow HIM, afterwards in the period we call Post Cursillo. It is during the two to three weeks after the Cursillo, that each individual truly learns to "live the life of a Christian"...she or he learns to live the method of Cursillo. If this does not happen...if the method does not take root and spring up in the individual, then no matter how inspiring the Cursillo was...it will soon fade into a distant yet wonderful memory for most individuals.

Sponsors play a key role in this process. Prior to Cursillo, sponsors sought out individuals who were searching or asking questions that can only be answered in CHRIST. After Cursillo, sponsors should be just as encouraging in helping the newest cursillistas retain that grace-filled inspiration experienced in the Cursillo, by encouraging and supporting their friends in grouping and living out the Cursillo Methodology. Yet, all too often sponsors simply tell their charges where the meetings will be held and assume the new cursillista will show up. And some time later we are all "surprised" when very few maintain contact with the Movement.

To live a life in grace it is essential that the new cursillista seek to reinforce what they have learned about Piety, Study and Action. Creating the right habits or behaviors will allow the new cursillista to grow in Holiness. This will undoubtedly include prayer; individual prayer and adoration, and some form of group prayer such as the Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Study can take many forms, but should be an on-going seeking of GOD in HIS word (scripture) and in other forms, such as good books, videos, Catholic TV and radio.

Action can occur in many venues. The new cursillista may become more involved in his or her parish, perhaps as an EME, a Lector, or a catechist. Or the individual can become engaged in service projects through the church or in the community. The activity does not have to, necessarily be directly connected to the Cursillo Movement. Our motto... "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to CHRIST", does not rigidly imply "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Cursillo". Some individuals may be launched by Cursillo and live the method without participating in Post Cursillo activities. But our propose here is to discuss how and why the Post Cursillo is essential (for most) to maintain and foster even deeper commitment to CHRIST in their lives.

similarly searching for CHRIST, even if they don't realize that fact. The group reunion must accept the fact that its mission is to go out of itself, into the world, sent there to be the Church and to express in its members lives and witness the gift of the Gospel and the gift of GOD's love and mercy.

The role of the individual members is to help each other deepen their piety and study commitments and to expand their apostolic (action) endeavors in every person and every environment in which they participate. This is a large task and does not occur overnight. It can take years for members of a group reunion to get to truly know each other as well as themselves and to encourage each other in love.



Cursillo Mural
at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Detroit

GROUP REUNION

The primary purpose of a woman's or man's participation in Post Cursillo (group reunion) is to share with other's his or her experiences in 1) trying to be a saint, and 2) his or her success at being an apostle. By "trying to be a saint" we mean simply the process of dying to our old selves and living now for (and in) CHRIST. The group reunion provides a means for speaking aloud what is happening in one's soul and an opportunity for spiritual friends to lovingly listen. The group reunion also allows us the opportunity to share our successes and failures in becoming an apostle for CHRIST. We share how we are searching our environments for persons that are

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The Ultreya is the gathering of the Groups – the Reunion of the Group Reunions. The Groups and their members participate in it for the same reasons they go to the Group Reunions: to share what everybody and every Group lives. They do *not* go there to acquire knowledge *nor* to receive instructions. If the purpose of the Ultreya were to be an educational or organizational one, it would not have the "universal" aspect that so clearly characterizes and defines it.

It is essential to the Cursillo method that the Ultreya remains primarily a kind of meeting place where individuals can go

It is in the “witnessing” environment of the Ultreya where those who have just started their conversion process can meet and develop true friendships with other, likeminded people already on the journey. This is why Cursillo always discourages any attempt to turn the Ultreya into a meeting of the same individuals...it is always open to all and the meeting takes on the flavor of those in attendance...all guided by the Holy Spirit.



The structure of the Ultreya in our Movement varies from site to site and is evolving as we have added two new Ultreyas in the past two months. Nominally we have followed this suggested outline for conducting an Ultreya:

- Arrival
- Welcome Message (by Rector)
- Grouping (20 minutes)
- Witness Talk (15-20 minutes)
- Group Discussion (10-15 minutes)
- Spiritual Director's Summation
- Cursillo Announcements
- Prayers of Intercession
- Closing Group Prayer (i.e. Lord's Prayer)
- Embrazzio
- Departure

As in all Cursillo activities the information divulged in the Witness talk is never repeated and does not go beyond the walls of the meeting space. The witness can be anyone pre-selected by the Rector. The spiritual director should be experienced and knowledgeable. The prayers of intercession are often focused on other cursillistas, but can be offered regarding anyone or any event in the world. Announcements generally pertain to upcoming Cursillos or other Ultreyas. And of course, the Ultreya would not be a Cursillo event without the Embrazzio (hug everybody!)

“The Church is not motivated by an earthly motivation , but is interested in one thing only – to carry on the work of Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for He came into the World to bear witness to the truth, to save, and not to judge, to serve and not to be served”

Gaudium et Spes

**Make
a Friend
Be a Friend
Bring
that Friend
to CHRIST!**

TEACHING

Pope Francis from *Evangelii Gaudium* tells us:

Chapter 3.

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". [1] The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace". How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. Christ, who told us to forgive one another "seventy times seven" (Mt 18:22) has given us his example: he has forgiven us seventy times seven. Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew. Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onwards!

[1] Paul VI,
Apostolic Exhortation
Gaudete in Domino
(9 May 1975), 22: AAS 67 (1975), 297.

QUOTES

"In abortion, parents make war upon their own children...in euthanasia, children make war upon their own parents...in contraception, a nation makes war upon itself!"

-Raymond DeSousa, Catholic Lecturer and Apologist

"A Religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it."

- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

"If abortion isn't wrong...what is?."

- Blessed Mother Teresa

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God."

— Hans Urs von Balthazar

"Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices."

— Teresa of Ávila

STUDY

Catholics and the New Age

by Mitch Pacwa, SJ
Servant Publications

Evangelii Gaudium

(*Joy of the Gospel*)
Apostolic Exhortation- Nov. 2013
Pope Francis
Available at www.Vatican.va

Confessions

By Saint Augustine
Barnes & Noble Classics Publications

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.



Pray for Our Spiritual Directors and hosts of our Ultreyas

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

...they're praying for us!

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

Pray for us!

FINAL WORD

Matthew 25: 31-40

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”