

ULTREYA

Newsletter of the
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of the
Archdiocese of Detroit



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CURSILLO

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DECOLORES



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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PIETY

"As an evangelizer, Christ first of all proclaims a kingdom, the kingdom of God; and this is so important that, by comparison, everything else becomes "the rest," which is "given in addition." Only the kingdom therefore is absolute and it makes everything else relative. "
--Pope Paul VI (Evangelii Nuntiandi)

"Evangelizers thus take on the "smell of the sheep" and the sheep are willing to hear their voice."
--Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium)

"The riddles of God are more satisfying than the solutions of man."
--G. K. Chesterton

"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels."
--Saint Ignatius of Antioch

"There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be."
--Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard."
--Saint Peter

STUDY

Thomas Aquinas: Spiritual Master
by Bishop Robert Barron
2008 Crossroad Publishing

Hebrews: Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture Series
by Dr. Mary Healy
2016 Baker Academic

Mission of the Messiah: The Gospel of Luke
by Dr. Tim Gray
1998 Emmaus Road Publishing

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.

CURSILLO CALENDAR

Saturday, August 12, 2017

ULTREYA

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

Saturday, August 19, 2017

ULTREYA

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

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

ULTREYA

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

Wednesday Sept. 6, 2017

ULTREYA

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

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Cursillo Fourth Day Community Summer Picnic

Christ Our Light Church
3077 Gloucester
Troy, MI 48084

Saturday, October 14, 2017

55th Anniversary of Cursillo

Mass at 6:00 pm; Dinner following
Christ Our Light Church
3077 Gloucester
Troy, MI 48084

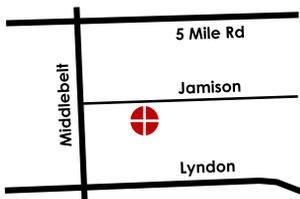
Next Women's Weekend:

St. Mary's Retreat House
October 19-22, 2017
Rectora Lynn Pfannes

Next Men's Weekend:

St. Mary's Retreat House
Dec. 7-10, 2017
Rector: Larry Davis

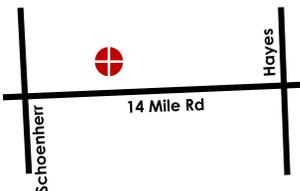
Now, more than ever, reconnect with your Fourth Day Community; attend an ULTREYA near you, this month!



WESTERN WAYNE - Livonia
(1st Wednesday)

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

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



MACOMB - Sterling Heights
(2nd Saturday)

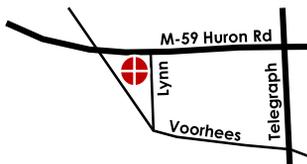
St. Malachy Parish
(Rectory Basement)
10:00 – 11:30 am
Sterling Heights

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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Pray for Our Spiritual Directors; and hosts of our Ultreyas

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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!

School of Leaders

TEACHING

VERITATIS SPLENDOR

Encyclical 1993

Pope (Saint) John Paul II

**"Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?"
(Matthew 19:16)**

8. The question which the rich young man puts to Jesus of Nazareth is one which rises from the depths of his heart. It is **an essential and unavoidable question for the life of every man**, for it is about the moral good which must be done, and about eternal life. The young man senses that there is a connection between moral good and the fulfilment of his own destiny. He is a devout Israelite, raised as it were in the shadow of the Law of the Lord. If he asks Jesus this question, we can presume that it is not because he is ignorant of the answer contained in the Law. It is more likely that the attractiveness of the person of Jesus had prompted within him new questions about moral good. He feels the need to draw near to the One who had begun his preaching with this new and decisive proclamation: "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mk 1:15).

People today need to turn to Christ once again in order to receive from him the answer to their questions about what is good and what is evil. Christ is the Teacher, the Risen One who has life in himself and who is always present in his Church and in the world. It is he who opens up to the faithful the book of the Scriptures and, by fully revealing the Father's will, teaches the truth about moral action. At the source and summit of the economy of salvation, as the Alpha and the Omega of human history (cf. Rev 1:8; 21:6; 22:13), Christ sheds light on man's condition and his integral vocation.

Consequently, "the man who wishes to understand himself thoroughly — and not just in accordance with immediate, partial, often superficial, and even illusory standards and measures of his being — must with his unrest, uncertainty and even his weakness and sinfulness, with his life and death, draw near to Christ. He must, so to speak, enter him with all his own self; he must 'appropriate' and assimilate the whole of the reality of the Incarnation and Redemption in order to find himself. If this profound process takes place within

him, he then bears fruit not only of adoration of God but also of deeper wonder at himself".

If we therefore wish to go to the heart of the Gospel's moral teaching and grasp its profound and unchanging content, we must carefully inquire into the meaning of the question asked by the rich young man in the Gospel and, even more, the meaning of Jesus' reply, allowing ourselves to be guided by him. Jesus, as a patient and sensitive teacher, answers the young man by taking him, as it were, by the hand, and leading him step by step to the full truth.

"There is only one who is good" (Mt 19:17)

9. Jesus says: "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments" (Mt 19:17). In the versions of the Evangelists Mark and Luke the question is phrased in this way: "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone" (Mk 10:18; cf. Lk 18:19).

Before answering the question, Jesus wishes the young man to have a clear idea of why he asked his question. The "Good Teacher" points out to him — and to all of us — that the answer to the question, "What good must I do to have eternal life?" can only be found by turning one's mind and heart to the "One" who is good: "No one is good but God alone" (Mk 10:18; cf. Lk 18:19). **Only God can answer the question about what is good, because he is the Good itself.**

To ask about the good, in fact, ultimately means to turn towards God, the fullness of goodness. Jesus shows that the young man's question is really a **religious question**, and that the goodness that attracts and at the same time obliges man has its source in God, and indeed is God himself. God alone is worthy of being loved "with all one's heart, and with all one's soul, and with all one's mind" (Mt 22:37). He is the source of man's happiness. Jesus brings the question about morally good action back to its religious foundations, to the acknowledgment of God, who alone is goodness, fullness of life, the final end of human activity, and perfect happiness.

10. The Church, instructed by the Teacher's words, believes that man, made in the image of the Creator, redeemed by the Blood of Christ and made holy by the presence of the Holy Spirit, has as the **ultimate purpose of his life to live "for the praise of God's glory"** (cf. Eph 1:12), striving to make each of his actions reflect the splendor of

that glory. "Know, then, O beautiful soul, that you are **the image of God**", writes Saint Ambrose. "Know that you are **the glory of God** (1 Cor 11:7). Hear how you are his glory. The Prophet says: **Your knowledge has become too wonderful for me** (cf. Ps. 138:6, Vulg.). That is to say, in my work your majesty has become more wonderful; in the counsels of men your wisdom is exalted. When I consider myself, such as I am known to you in my secret thoughts and deepest emotions, the mysteries of your knowledge are disclosed to me. Know then, O man, your greatness, and be vigilant".

What man is and what he must do becomes clear as soon as God reveals himself.

The Decalogue is based on these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage" (Ex 20:2-3). In the "ten words" of the Covenant with Israel, and in the whole Law, God makes himself known and acknowledged as the One who "alone is good"; the One who despite man's sin remains the "model" for moral action, in accordance with his command, "You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev 19:2); as the One who, faithful to his love for man, gives him his Law (cf. Ex 19:9-24 and 20:18-21) in order to restore man's original and peaceful harmony with the Creator and with all creation, and, what is more, to draw him into his divine love: "I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people" (Lev 26:12).



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
--Saint Paul

ACTION

The Cursillo movement is truly a gift from God. For many of us the "mountaintop experience" is surely the Weekend. But living the Cursillo experience is much more than simply the Weekend. Cursillo shows us how to 1) know ourselves, 2) know Christ, and 3) know Christ in others. We step through the process by rightly understanding Piety, Study and Action and the implications for us in this New Life we have been shown.

The rollo *Cursillistas beyond the Cursillo* points us in the right direction. We are sent...just as we are sent from every Mass to go and evangelize the world. In the Mass we receive both the Word of God, and the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. But if we are not properly discerning the miracle of the Mass, if we do not fully comprehend what just occurred in receiving the body, blood, soul and divinity of the Lord, then its effect in us will be unrealized.

Properly discerning the truth about the sacraments is essential in allowing God to work in and through us. The passage in the Gospel of Mark, where Jesus is not taken seriously by his friends and relations in Nazareth when he preaches in the synagogue used to bother me. The passage states that Jesus could not do any miracles in their presence. He was amazed by their lack of faith. Surely God can do any miracle he wants and anywhere...how is it he cannot perform a miracle in the presence of the unbelieving?

I believe it is because there was one thing missing. That one thing is (or could be) us. If we do not properly discern God's will for us, we cannot fully participate in the sacrament. If we do not bend our stubborn will to align with His we remain powerless.

Cursillo should not be like a fine coat, which we put on when we are cold or uncomfortable and then cast off when we feel better. Cursillo is, like our Faith, something that is always a part of us. And that is why the pious ones who created Cursillo outlined the need for grouping and Ultreyas. Both of these activities, like the Mass refresh us and allow us to recommit ourselves to the coming of the Kingdom.

If you need refreshment, contact your Cursillo friends, who you may not have talked to for a while, or come to an Ultreya this month to reconnect.

Please understand this doesn't mean we must spend all of our time in Cursillo activities. We can "live Cursillo" working at a soup kitchen or visiting incarcerated men or women. We can live Cursillo in repairing houses for the poor or mowing the lawn of the invalid neighbor down the block.

In Cursillo we have come to know ourselves. We have come to know what needs to be fixed...what needs to be healed. And we have come to know Christ. As Mother Theresa often said, we need to recognize Christ in his most distressing disguises...Cursillo teaches us to do that.

Cursillo is truly a great gift from God.
-- Gordon Peck

FINAL WORD

MARK 6: 1-6

He departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.