

Newsletter of the
CURSILLO MOVEMENT
of the
Archdiocese of Detroit



Commissioning for
Cursillo #396 at
St Malachy Church
14115 Fourteen Mile Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
(Meeting held in the
Rectory Basement)

FROM THE
LAY DIRECTORS

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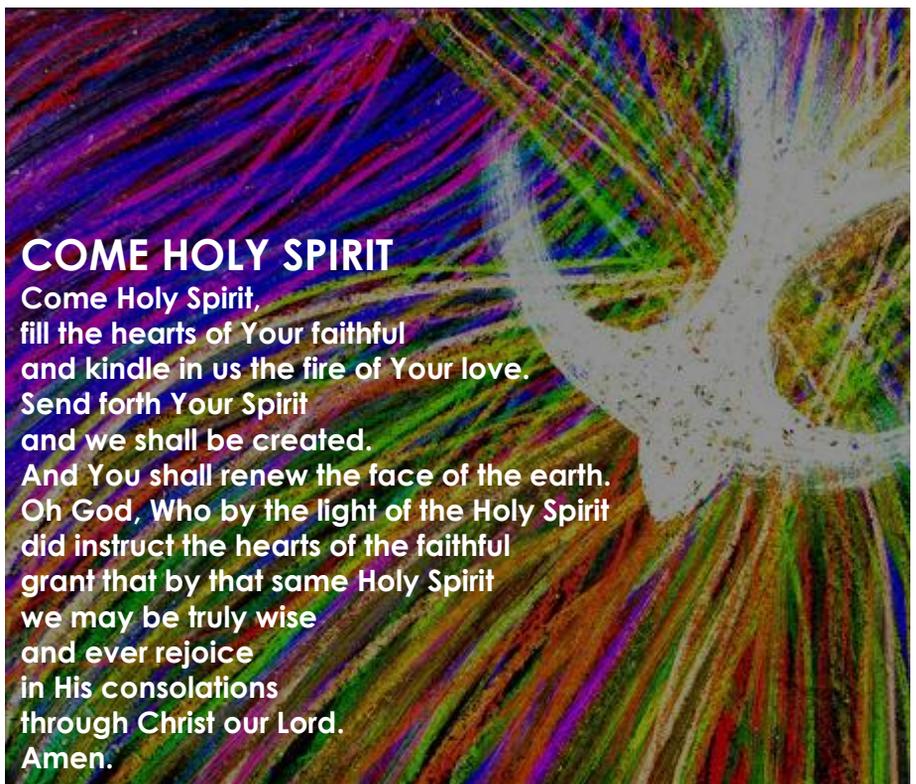
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DECOLORES



What a great gift Cursillo is. Whether we are living the Method through grouping, attending Ultreyas, serving on Teams, or simply surveying our environments for souls in search of a deeper personal relationship with Jesus...we are truly blessed to be living Cursillo every day of our lives. This month we have two Cursillos in formation, and the Women's Cursillo #396 will begin on Thursday, February 16th. Please pray for all the women making this Cursillo and write your palanca, now. May God Bless you all. -Ann Sliney and Tony D'Amico



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 February 11, 2017

ULTREYA

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

Saturday February 18, 2017

ULTREYA

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

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

ULTREYA

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

Wednesday March 1, 2017

ULTREYA

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

February 16-19, 2017

WOMEN's Cursillo # 396

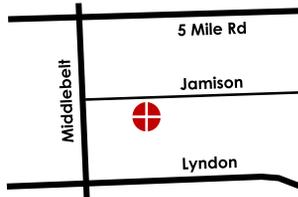
Saint Mary's Retreat House
Oxford, MI
Rectora: Joyce Toia

March 23-26, 2017

MEN's Cursillo # 397

Saint Mary's Retreat House
Oxford, MI
Rector: Chip Farrar

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

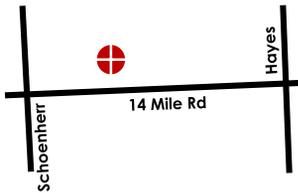


WESTERN WAYNE - Livonia
(1st Wednesday)

**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**

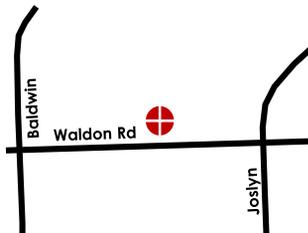


MACOMB - Sterling Heights
(2nd Saturday)

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

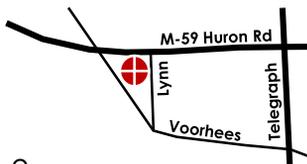


Northern OAKLAND
(3rd Saturday)

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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TEACHING

CHRISTIFIDELES LAICI

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

of HIS HOLINESS, POPE JOHN PAUL II, Dec. 1988

Secularism and the Need for Religion

4. How can one not notice the ever-growing existence of *religious indifference* and *atheism* in its more varied forms, particularly in its perhaps most widespread form of *secularism*? Adversely affected by the impressive triumphs of continuing scientific and technological development and above all, fascinated by a very old and yet new temptation, namely, that of wishing to become like God (cf. Gen 3:5) through the use of a liberty without bounds, individuals cut the religious roots that are in their hearts; they forget God, or simply retain him without meaning in their lives, or outrightly reject him, and begin to adore various "idols" of the contemporary world.

The present-day phenomenon of secularism is truly serious, not simply as regards the individual, but in some ways, as regards whole communities, as the Council has already indicated: "Growing numbers of people are abandoning religion in practice". At other times I myself have recalled the phenomenon of de-Christianization that strikes long-standing Christian people and which continually calls for a re-evangelization.

Human longing and the need for religion, however, are not able to be totally extinguished. When persons in conscience have the courage to face the more serious questions of human existence—particularly questions related to the purpose of life, to suffering and to dying—they are unable to avoid making their own the words of truth uttered by Saint Augustine: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you". In the same manner the present-day world bears witness to this as well, in ever-increasing and impressive ways, through an openness to a spiritual and transcendent outlook towards life, the renewed interest in religious research, the return to a sense of the sacred and to prayer, and the demand for freedom to call upon the name of the Lord.

STUDY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Source: National Cursillo Center Mailing – June 2006

This rollo proposes a practical method to win the environment (person) and bring them to Christ. There are three steps in the process that we have to concentrate on.

- First; *ourselves* (strengthen and convince ourselves that Christ is the answer).
- Second; *others* (acquaintances, associates, casual friends) and the process of getting to know them, treating them with dignity, respect and as persons.
- Third; the *environment* (those who surround us where we exist)

The first step – *Approaching Ourselves* - the effectiveness in the leavening of the environment is based on the depth of relationship each one has with oneself. First is our WILL, we must want to place our *will* to the highest degree in order to move from “I can” to “I will”. Second is PRAYER, all our apostolic undertakings should have at their core, *prayer*. Our strength comes from this. Third is our MIND, it is necessary to use our God given *mind* and apply our intelligence in our evangelization efforts just as we do for everything else we do. And Fourth is HEART, our *heart* must be open to be all things to people in order to win them for Christ.

The second step – *Approaching Others* - the relationships with those who accompany us in life: family, neighbors, and friends. In this step, we basically use the reverse sequence as applied above to Ourselves. First, we must win the person's heart, second their mind, third their will and lastly, introduce them to prayer. If we do not reach and influence the *heart* first, not much will happen. From the heart, then it moves to the *mind*. This is not as difficult as it may seem because as Christians, we have the seed of Grace that was planted in us at our Baptism. We must win the person's *will* in order to bring our companions along with us. And lastly, Grace from the Father will lead the person to *prayer*.

The third step – the *Environment* – the relationships with those who surround us with their circumstances in a certain time and place. This step is a *natural consequence* of beginning the process with ourselves first and the others second. All those that take the Gospel seriously and are authentic about it will face the problem of having to overcome the obstacles, the prejudices, and the preconceived ideas, that hinder spiritual growth and the Christian vision.

This rollo helps the Cursillista understand that even before the Cursillo, their lives were made up of one or more groups of people who coexisted together and held similar ideas, likes and dislikes, and experienced a common restlessness and that when they return from the Weekend, nothing will have changed in their environments. The *consequence* of the Cursillistas' response to Christ will be a *natural* reaching out to the person(s) to introduce them to Christ through

**Candidate Application Forms are available
at www.cursillodetroit.com**

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.

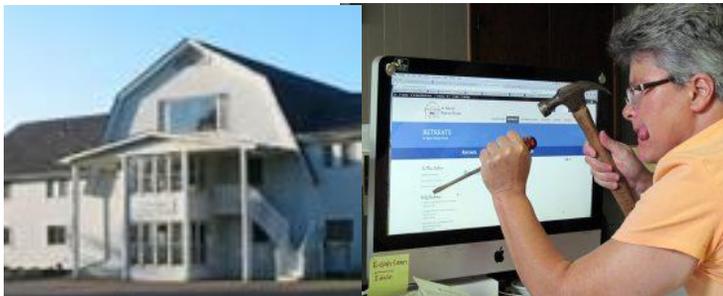
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Women's Cursillo 396

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Sign Up your candidates, now! Forms available on the Cursillo website.

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.....plus more pending !

Start writing your Palanca, today !
...and pray for this Team and Candidates.

Christ is Counting on Us !

PIETY

"For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

-St. Therese of Lisieux

"We are to love God for Himself, because of a twofold reason; nothing is more reasonable, nothing more profitable." -St. Bernard of Clairvaux

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." -St. Gregory Nazianzen

"You must ask God to give you power to fight against the sin of pride which is your greatest enemy – the root of all that is evil, and the failure of all that is good. For God resists the proud."

-St. Vincent de Paul

"Tribulation is a gift from God – one that he especially gives His special friends." -St. Thomas More

"Joy is a net of love by which we catch souls." -Saint Teresa of Calcutta

STUDY

How to Win the Culture War:

A Christian Battle Plan for a Society in Crisis
By Peter Kreeft
Intervarsity Press, 2002

The World's First Love,

Mary Mother of God
By Archbishop Fulton Sheen
Ignatius Press, 1996 edition

A Father Who Keeps His Promises,

God's Covenant Love in Scripture
By Dr. Scott Hahn
Servant Press, 1994

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, Nov. 2013

A Church which goes forth

20. The word of God constantly shows us how God challenges those who believe in him “to go forth”. Abraham received the call to set out for a new land (cf. *Gen 12:1-3*). Moses heard God’s call: “Go, I send you” (*Ex 3:10*) and led the people towards the promised land (cf. *Ex 3:17*). To Jeremiah God says: “To all whom I send you, you shall go” (*Jer 1:7*). In our day Jesus’ command to “go and make disciples” echoes in the changing scenarios and ever new challenges to the Church’s mission of evangelization, and all of us are called to take part in this new missionary “going forth”. Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the “peripheries” in need of the light of the Gospel.

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****Hebrews 11: 1 - 4, 7 - 10**

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested. By faith we understand that the universe was ordered by the word of God, so that what is visible came into being through the invisible. By faith Abel offered to God a sacrifice greater than Cain’s. Through this he was attested to be righteous, God bearing witness to his gifts, and through this, though dead, he still speaks.

By faith Noah, warned about what was not yet seen, with reverence built an ark for the salvation of his household. Through this he condemned the world and inherited the righteousness that comes through faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God.