

ULTREYA

Newsletter of the
CURSILLO MOVEMENT
of the
Archdiocese of Detroit



GRAND
ULTREYA
Saturday
March 3, 2018

Christ Our
Light Church
Troy, MI

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What a Great Gift CURSILLO is!

Cursillo was born out of the agony of the Spanish Civil War. After a "catholic" nation murdered itself for over the course of three years, some asked the question, "where was God?"... and "Where are we?" The HOLY SPIRIT spoke to the faithful, including Eduardo Bonnin and the Cursillo Movement was formed on the island of Mallorca, in 1944, while the rest of Europe was torn apart by global warfare.

Cursillo was a pilgrimage, but not to a holy site or location, like Santiago De Compostela. No, Cursillo was a pilgrimage toward the LORD's love... conducted over the course of three cloistered days and transformative of all but the most skeptical or hardest of hearts.

Cursillo, like the Gospel message soon spread all around the world.

Cursillo was introduced to the United States by two Spanish aviators who were training with the US Air Force in Waco, Texas. The first Cursillo in Waco occurred in 1957. The Movement soon migrated across the nation, arriving in the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1962. Since then 399 Cursillo Weekends have been conducted. An estimated 15,000 persons have lived the three days...knowing yourself, knowing CHRIST, and knowing CHRIST in others. And the Embraccio (hug) has been bestowed perhaps one million times!

Today we are blessed with four active ULTREYAS. The addresses and meeting times are shown in page 3. Yes, Cursillo is a great gift. See you at an Ultreya, this month...and of course at the GRAND ULTREYA !!!

- Gordon Peck

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CURSILLO CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018

ULTREYA

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

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018

ULTREYA

10:00 – 11:30 am
Saint Malachy Church
Rectory Basement
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018

ULTREYA

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

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018

ULTREYA

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

Saturday, March 3, 2018

GRAND ULTREYA

(see page 4)

Women's Weekend:

CURSILLO 400

St. Mary's Retreat House
March 8-11, 2018
Rectora: Peggy Martin

Men's Weekend:

CURSILLO 401

St. Mary's Retreat House
April 19-22, 2018
Rector: Patrick Cross

Women's CURSILLO #400

March 8-11, 2018

Rectora: Peggy Martin

SIGN UP your CANDIDATES !



Saint Mary's Retreat House – Oxford

775 W Drahner Rd, Oxford, MI 48371
CLOSING at 4:00 pm, arrive by 3:50 pm

*Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in them
the fire of Your Love.*

*Send forth Your Spirit and they shall
be created; and you shall renew
the face of the earth.*

*O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
did instruct the Hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may
be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations.*

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

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 and Paul Mueller 248 891 9387

Pray for Our Spiritual Directors; and hosts of our Ultreyas

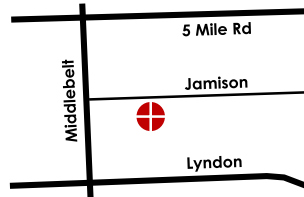
Father Chris Talbot
 Father Paul Ballien
 Father Don Archambault
 Father Charles Morris
 Father Mark Brauer
 Father Joseph Gembala
 Father Ben Luedtke
 Father Vic Clore
 Father Jack Baker
 Father James Mayworm
 Monseigneur Tim Hogan
 Deacon Paul Mueller
 Deacon Jack Parent
 Deacon Steve Mitchell
 Deacon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

...they're praying for us!

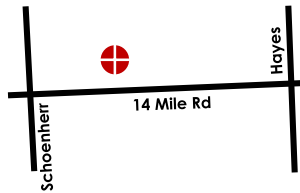
Father Maurice Pierce...
 Father Ron Milligan...

Pray for us!

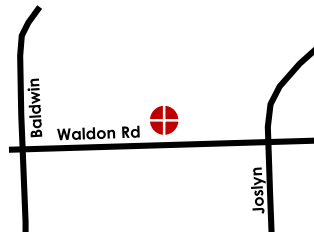
Now, more than ever, reconnect with
 your Fourth Day Community;
 attend an ULTREYA near you, this month!



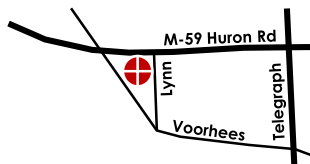
WESTERN WAYNE - Livonia
 (1st Wednesday)
**St. Genevieve-
 St. Maurice Parish**
 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
 29015 Jamison St,
 Livonia, MI 48154
**Deacons Kevin Breen and
 Paul Mueller 248 891 9387**



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
Rita Etlinger 248 682 7482

GRAND ULTREYA



**SATURDAY MARCH 3
6:30 PM**

**Christ Our Light Church
3077 Goucheater Dr.
Troy**

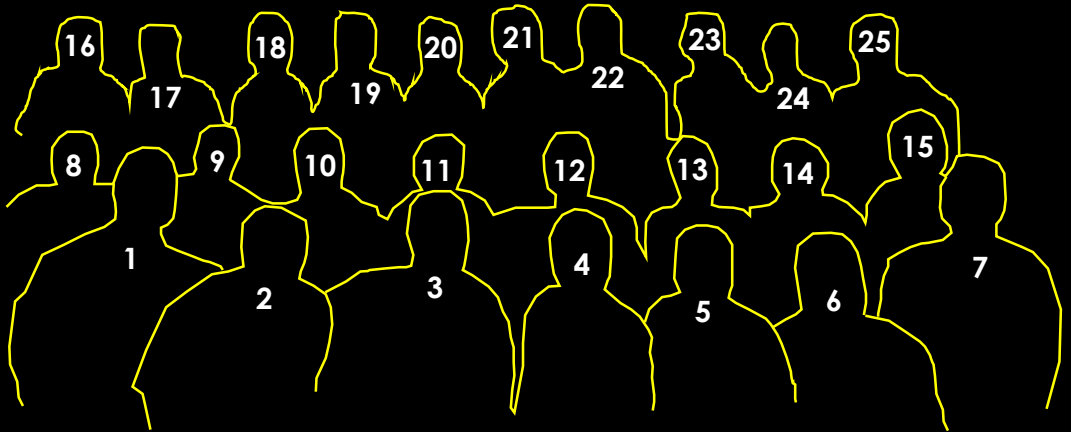
**Fellowship and dinner
Guest Speaker: Father Patrick Gonyeau
There will be praise & worship
Calling all guitar players—Please bring your guitar**

**You are welcome to bring an appetizer or dessert to share
Soft drinks provided. You may bring your own alcohol**

**A free-will donation will be collected
RSVP to plan for food: Ann Sliney 248-703-8402 (text or call)**



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December 7-10, 2017
St. Mary's Retreat House

The Greatest Weekend, Ever !!!

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Bob Arsenault | 15. Deacon Don Baross |
| 2. Leonard Poplaskie | 16. Paul Sevin |
| 3. Ryan McConnell | 16. Bill Grill |
| 4. Chris Wesley | 17. Alfredo Dinverno |
| 5. Tony D'Amico | 18. Jack Withrow |
| 6. Tony Serio | 19. Fred Morath |
| 7. Paul Birch | 20. Bill Huskins |
| 8. Dan Heileman | 21. Jonathan King |
| 9. Tim Newton | 22. Tim Dinverno |
| 10. George Seroka | 23. Larry Slabosz |
| 11. Tom Hopp | 24. Rocky Mercier |
| 12. Ron Moore | 25. Richard Simmons |
| 13. Jim Rizza | Father Paul Ballien |
| 14. Rob Kryza | (not shown) |

School of Leaders

Living the Method

The following article is composed of excerpts taken from the document **Leadership in the Cursillo Movement**, 2009, published by the National Cursillo Center (Dallas TX). These texts are *italicized*. The entire text is available at the National Cursillo website.

The purpose of this article is to explore the gift that Cursillo is for us and what is our obligation to share (and make known) this great gift for others. *Even though feeling excited and optimistic about our Cursillo Movement, we need to stop, once in a while, in order to look back on our Fourth Day journey and evaluate the steps we take towards the mission of our Movement and of the Church.* All of us are very busy, in fact it's a big issue in our society today. Being too busy takes us farther from GOD, not closer. The distractions can be daunting. So, because of that we need to be very purposeful about how we react to the invitations the LORD makes toward us through the gift of Cursillo.

Not everyone is called to do everything. We are not called to do everything, but whatever challenge we do accept should be given our undivided attention. Jesus' command to his followers "Go and make disciples of all nations!" encouraged them to go out and not only spread the Good News, but to literally recruit others to continue to spread the message, to find other disciples, "students" of the Gospel that would continue the work of the first apostles. Jesus does not ask everyone to embrace the same call. He calls all to accept the Gospel, and by baptism, to be disciples, students of Jesus Christ, but He calls certain people to be leaders to help others accept the call.

Some are called to lead others. They are Cursillistas who are willing to walk an extra mile for Jesus, to serve on the Secretariat, in the Pre-Cursillo, on the Cursillo Weekend, on the Post-Cursillo as Ultreya leaders and in the School of Leaders. They believe that the Cursillo is a gift of God given to them, and they must share the fruits of this gift with the world. This new life they share in Christ cannot be kept to themselves. They have an obligation to give glory and praise to God for all He has shared with them.

According to Fr. Salmani's advice, as Cursillo leaders, we can renew our communities by offering our time, talent and treasures to help further the Kingdom of God. The basis of stewardship lies in the idea of the covenant. God has promised that He would be with us at all times and provide for all our needs. In a spirit of gratitude, we have a moral obligation to give back to God something in return. If we examine the principles of stewardship, we will easily see how the call to be leaders and the call to be good stewards are one and the same. All of us are called to embrace our Fourth Day fully, but some are called to do the special work of the Cursillo Movement. Not everyone will be called to the School of Leaders.

We can never water down the principles of the Cursillo or the School of Leaders out of fear that it will not be for everyone. So how do we discern where God wants us to be? The answer is simple – through prayer.

Too many Cursillistas focus more on the Weekend than on doing the work of evangelization. Yet, a Cursillista could be doing great work for the Movement without ever having to be on the Weekend team. The purpose of being a Cursillo leader is not to be on the Weekend team, but to lead other Cursillistas in their task to continue the apostolic mission begun by Jesus and the Twelve.

One of the reasons our Pre-Cursillo and Post-Cursillo is often weak is because all our energy is put on the Weekend. The Weekend is only one part of the job, and in the broader scheme of things, the Weekend is the least important part of the Cursillo – it is simply a means to get people from the Pre-Cursillo to the Post-Cursillo.

If Eduardo Bonnin is correct in his assessment of the fruits of the Movement, regarding commitment and leadership, then Detroit Cursillo is negligent of having an inactive and unsupported School of Leaders. This has not always been so. But is this fact at the root of the issue with regard to the retention of new cursillistas in active status within the movement?

There was a time (2003-2012) when Detroit Cursillo really struggled. Weekends were frequently cancelled or re-scheduled due to a lack of candidates. Following the Weekends it was not uncommon for the new cursillistas to drift away, not even making it to the first reunion. Certainly post-Cursillo was diminished...and pre-Cursillo was largely an individual effort.

Fortunately, much has changed since then. Detroit Cursillo has conducted four Weekends per year (two for women, and two for men). And the Movement currently has four ULTREYAs, (Sterling Heights, Livonia, Lake Orion and Waterford)! But the School of Leaders is missing.

Recent years have seen the staging of CLUE Workshops, but no sustained School since 2015. Since this is a self-indicting article, I must respond:

The **SCHOOL of LEADERS** will resume monthly training sessions beginning **March 10, 2018**. Classes will follow immediately after the 2nd Saturday ULTREYA at Saint Malachy Church, and will be conducted in the same space; Noon – 12:45 pm

-Gordon Peck

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CURSILLO LEADER's 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

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

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

PIETY

"Gratitude is the first sign of a thinking, rational creature."

- Blessed Solanus Casey

"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak."

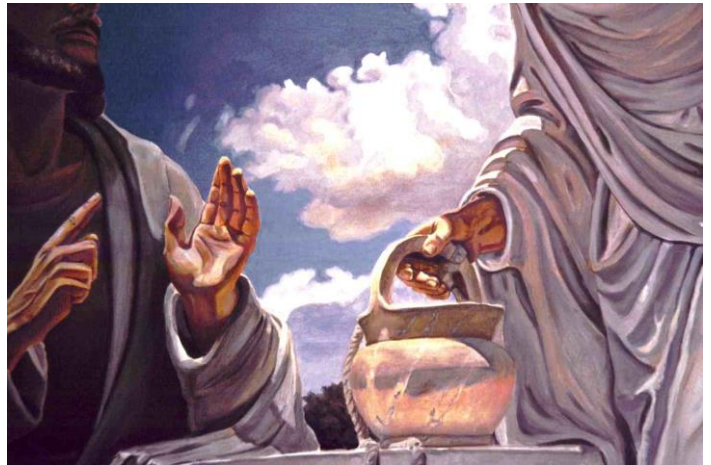
- Saint Anthony of Padua

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement."

- Saint Augustine



FINAL WORD



John 4: 4 - 10

He had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

STUDY

▪ **To The Field of Stars;**

A Pilgrim's Journey to Santiago De Compostela

by Kevin A. Codd

2008 Wm. Eerdmans Publishing

▪ **Introduction to the Devout Life**

by St. Francis de Sales

2011, Edition

Wilder Publications

▪ **Open to the Holy Spirit: Living the Gospel with Wisdom and Power**

by Donald Cardinal Wuerl

2014 Our Sunday Visitor

ACTION

If you have a photo of your Weekend or an early Weekend, take a photo of it and send it to:

Kerygma1950@gmail.com

...so that we can build our collective Detroit Cursillo History. Thanks!

