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

### From the LAY DIRECTORS

Greetings to our Fourth Day Community and what a wonderful day it was when our NEW Ultreya at Christ Our Redeemer began on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Chip Farrar is the Rector and meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month (see the Cursillo Calendar).

Plans for a CURSILLO PICNIC are coming together. We will have a Picnic at Christ Our Light Parish in Troy on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Details will be published in an e-mail blast (flyer) as soon as the planning is completed. But, save the date August 21<sup>st</sup>!

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

Ann Sliney  
Tony D'Amico

### NEW 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday ULTREYA

Inspired to contribute even more to Cursillo, Chip Farrar has graciously committed to conducting another Ultreya in Northern Oakland County at Christ Our Redeemer Church in Lake Orion. The first event on June 18<sup>th</sup> was attended by six cursillistas and four persons inquiring about Cursillo (as well as Chip's son Lucas). The space reserved for the Ultreya is a very comfortable library meeting room...and the parish has covered outside spaces (see below) great for grouping. The next ULTREYA is July 16<sup>th</sup>!





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



### CURSILLO Picnic Sunday, August 21st



### Newsletter

The Newsletter this month appears in a different format from what we have become accustomed. The original purpose of the Newsletter (seven years ago) was to provide a vehicle for School of Leaders information, as attendance at the School had declined to very low attendance numbers. Currently the School conducts two C.L.U.E. Workshops annually (September and January). Articles appearing in ULTREYA will be more closely focused on relevance to education on the Cursillo Methodology and announcements of coming events.

The format also is “more printable”, using less ink (and fewer pages) than previous editions, as was suggested by some cursillistas...more Newsletter, less Magazine.

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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[www.cursillodetroit.com](http://www.cursillodetroit.com)

# CURSILLO CALENDAR

Saturday July 9, 2016

## ULTREYA

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

Saturday July 16, 2016

## ULTREYA

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

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

## ULTREYA

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Reunion of Cursillo 393

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

Wednesday August 3, 2016

## ULTREYA

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

Sunday, August 21, 2016

## CURSILLO PICNIC

Christ, Our Light Church  
Troy, MI

Friday, September 9, 2016

## Evening of Spiritual Renewal

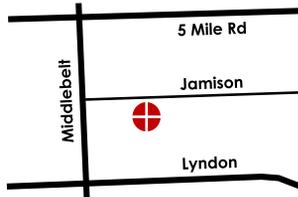
6:30 – 9:30 pm  
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
Troy, MI

October 20-23, 2016

## Women's CURSILLO Weekend #394

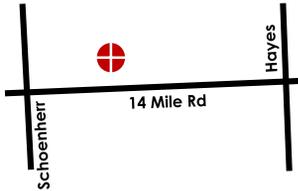
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Oxford MI

Reconnect with your  
Fourth Day Community;  
attend an ULTREYA near you, this month!

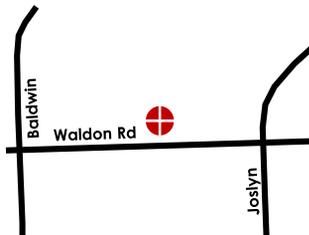


**Starting Wednesday,  
August 3, 2016**

**WESTERN WAYNE - Livonia**  
(1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
(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 Etlinger 248 682 7482**

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# School of Leaders

## STUDY of the ENVIRONMENT(s)

The study of environments is the first rollo of the third day. In this phase of the Cursillo we give attention to the different areas where a person's activity should develop, so that they may be the ferment of a better world. The actions of a Christian are always carried out with the circumstances, the time, and place that the person already occupies. In other words, where the person finds himself at that precise time and place. The Cursillo, at this time, is usually infused with a climate of overflowing Grace and an admiration for each other that will keep on growing until the Closing. The Cursillista is already concerned with how to communicate to the others in their environment what they have discovered, assimilated, and lived.

But communicating the message of Christ to a world that has seemingly turned its back on God, can be daunting. Consequently we must prepare ourselves to give the best possible witness of Christ in these discussions. The old adage..."you may be the only Christ this person encounters in life"...is too serious to leave us unprepared.

At any time, but especially in this election year we hear many persons expressing a belief that government can solve all our problems, if only they would pass this law or that law instructing us on how to live and what to do. This is both naïve and dangerous talk. When we read about the attitude of the Israelites in the time of the prophet Samuel, we hear something of the same thing. Give us a king...so that we may be like all the others. So the informed cursillista should know something of how our nation came into being and how it regarded the natural law. What is the natural law? It is recorded in Exodus chapter 20, verses 1-17.

Well, what has that to do with the Founding Fathers and our American Independence? Plenty. Let's examine a key part of the Declaration of Independence that focuses on individual rights:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Now in an age where logic has become an unknown commodity...let's pick this apart in order to truly understand what is being said...

"We hold these truths to be self-evident" ...means that these truths are so logical that we need not explain why we recognize them as truths. At least Thomas Jefferson (the author, in case the person you're speaking to doesn't know that) thought that this was so. He further states that all men are created equal and endowed with unalienable rights. What is an unalienable right? It's a right that you did not earn, nor can it be taken away from you. Why is that? Because Jefferson and the Founding Fathers knew these rights were endowed by their Creator...in other words, GOD.

Now Jefferson was a Deist, a person who believes in God but follows no religious doctrine. He was a true scholar...one can visit Monticello and see his personal library. In his studies he read extensively the thoughts of John Locke, who coins the term..."life, liberty and property". Another book found in Jefferson's personal library (now in the Library of Congress) was *Patriarcha*, by Protestant theologian Robert Filmer, who was the court theologian to King James I. It is a treatise in defense of the Divine Right of Kings, **which Jefferson obviously read because the book's margins are full of his notes.** (The full title of the book is actually *Patriarcha: The Naturall Power of Kinges Defended Against the Unnatural Liberty of the People, By Arguments, Theological, Rational, Historical and Legall*. All references are to the 1991 Cambridge Press edition.)

The most interesting aspect of *Patriarcha* from a Catholic perspective is that the first pages discredit and attack the writings of St. Robert Bellarmine, who was one of the most eloquent and prolific defenders of freedom the Catholic Church has ever produced.

It was customary that writers dealing with political and religious controversies begin their books by presenting their nemesis as an anti-thesis, which in Filmer's case was Bellarmine's position that political authority is vested in the people and that kings do not rule by divine right, but through the consent of the governed. This was a radical idea in the early 1600's, but Jefferson and the Founding Fathers found it very agreeable and appropriate to their time.

And where did Saint Robert Bellarmine get some of his ideas...from Thomas Aquinas, another Saint and Doctor of the Church... and where did Aquinas get his thoughts from? ...the Church that Christ established on earth.

Jefferson goes on (in the Declaration of Independence) to list the unalienable rights...life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This last can be described in many ways, but the right to own property or to exercise choice in work or activity (without harming others) is most often understood. But there is something important about the order in which these rights are listed. In order to own something, you must be free to do that, and in order to be free, you must be alive. This is only logical, you are probably thinking.

But let's take a brief look at how the Supreme Court has viewed these unalienable rights. Let's begin with the case of Dred Scott, a slave who was taken into free territory by his "owner" and leased out, which was a violation of law, in free states.

With the help of abolitionists, Dred Scott attempted to take his issue to court and gain the freedom of himself and his family. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court in 1857 and the Court decided in favor of property rights over liberty rights. The last right in Jefferson's Declaration of Independence was favored over the second right. Along with Dred Scott, logic was the loser...and the nation suffered the bloodiest war in its history to correct the mistake.

Plessy versus Ferguson in 1896 was a trial in which the Supreme Court ruled that separate but equal accommodations for African-American citizens was legal and hence upheld the Jim Crow laws, which were in place in most southern states. In Brown versus the Board of Education (in 1954) the Supreme Court, to its credit got one right, and nullified the earlier ruling.

In 1973, the Supreme Court in the case of Roe versus Wade, declared that it could not know when life began, so abortion cannot be termed murder, even though a human life is terminated. Logic loses again...and Jefferson would have wept. The third right...the pursuit of happiness, is favored over the right to life, the first of the unalienable rights.

In a retrying of Roe vs. Wade (the case of Planned Parenthood versus Casey) Justice Anthony Kennedy ruling with the majority removed the few restrictions to abortion that remained after the Roe verdict and said, "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life". Jefferson would have lost his lunch.

Now the Court has allowed anyone to redefine marriage, perhaps next year it will be between more than two persons, or perhaps between different species. Where is the logic?

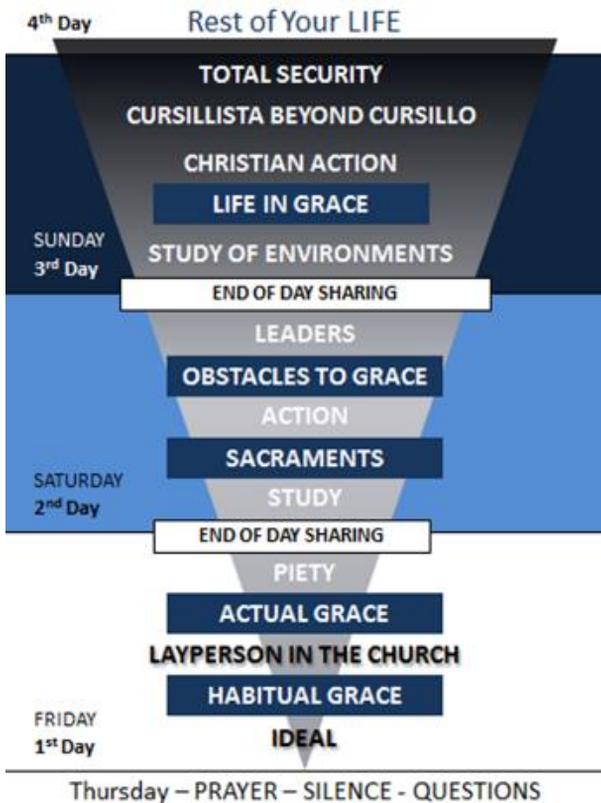
What is the point of all of this?

Simply this...as our society seemingly moves toward a period of confusion and disorder, we have a message that we were charged with delivering from the time of our baptism.

Laws given by governments can be repealed by governments. We don't rely on governments to tell us what is true and right and holy. We have the Truth, we know how we are to live, and we are compelled to share this message.

Consequently, when we are studying the Environments where we live, when we encounter persons who seem ready to hear the message...be prepared. Know your faith, don't pound people over the head with it...that doesn't work, but don't quietly give in to nonsensical rubbish that somebody may be spouting about rights, if it doesn't flow from God, himself. Remember, Thomas Jefferson, and all of the men who composed the Declaration of Independence...created a nation where Truth can be heard. Inspire those you meet to place their faith in Christ, not the state. Show Christ's love for your neighbor as He instructed us in Mark 12: 28-34. Love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself. It's our charge... bloom where you are planted...it's what we do in the Fourth Day.....ULTREYA!

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



## TEACHING

### Pope Francis from *Evangelii Gaudium* tells us:

Chapter 121. Of course, all of us are called to mature in our work as evangelizers. We want to have better training, a deepening love and a clearer witness to the Gospel. In this sense, we ought to let others be constantly evangelizing us. But this does not mean that we should postpone the evangelizing mission; rather, each of us should find ways to communicate Jesus wherever we are. All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives. In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others. Our falling short of perfection should be no excuse; on the contrary, mission is a constant stimulus not to remain mired in mediocrity but to continue growing. The witness of faith that each Christian is called to offer leads us to say with Saint Paul: "Not that I have already obtained this, or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own" (*Phil 3:12-13*).

## QUOTES

"The glory of God is a human being fully alive; and to be alive consists in beholding God!"

-St. Irenaeus of Lyon, 130-202 AD

"Once abolish the God, and the government becomes the God."

— G.K. Chesterton,  
*Christendom in Dublin*, 1933

"Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward & learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude."

- St. John Chrysostom, 349-407 AD

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

- St. Maximilian Kolbe, 1894–1941;  
*martyred in Auschwitz*

"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

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

- Blessed Mother Teresa

## STUDY

### Against All Heresies

by *Saint Irenaeus of Lyons*  
Available on the internet:

### Evangelii Gaudium

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

### Orthodoxy

By *Gilbert K. Chesterton*  
*John Lane Publishing London 1909*

# What was that one thing ?



**ASK**  
and  
**You Will**  
**RECEIVE**  
**SEEK**  
and YOU  
**WILL FIND**  
**KNOCK**  
and the  
**DOOR Will Be**  
**OPENED**

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Chip Farrar  
Gordon Peck

Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center  
Detroit MI  
May 12 – 15, 2016

## 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.



### "CHRIST IN THE STREETS"

Eucharistic Procession  
July 16 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
National Shrine of the Little Flower,  
2100 Twelve Mile Rd  
Royal Oak, 48073  
ALL MEN INVITED !!!

## 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!



Krakow  
WYD  
2016

WORLD YOUTH DAY,  
Krakow Poland  
July 25-31, 2016  
Full Coverage on EWTN

## FINAL WORD

### 1 Samuel 8: 4-9

Then all the elders of Israel assembled and went to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "Now that you are old, and your sons do not follow your example, appoint a king over us, like all the nations, to rule us."

Samuel was displeased when they said, "Give us a king to rule us." But he prayed to the LORD. The LORD said: Listen to whatever the people say. You are not the one they are rejecting. They are rejecting me as their king. They are acting toward you just as they have acted from the day I brought them up from Egypt to this very day, deserting me to serve other gods.

Now listen to them; but at the same time, give them a solemn warning and inform them of the rights of the king who will rule them.