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MESSAGE from the LAY DIRECTORS

Greetings to our Fourth Day Community and may we offer a special "welcome" to our 17 new Cursillistas from this past men's weekend. It is our hope that you will make an effort to attend one of your scheduled reunions, attend an Ultreya, or get involved in a group reunion. If you would like to get in a group and you're not sure how to begin, contact your sponsor. They would be more than willing to get you started. Once your name is put on our Fourth Day roster, you will be receiving the Cursillo monthly newsletter. It will have all the information about Ultreyas, upcoming events, Cursillo weekends and interesting tidbits of information that will help you to grow in your faith or learn more about the Cursillo Movement. You can also find our newsletter and other information on-line at cursillodetroit.com. Also, checkout our Facebook page at Detroit Catholic Cursillo Movement. We are pleased to welcome three new members to serve on the secretariat. Marlene Johnson will be serving as Secretary and Ken and Gale Wilinski will be serving as the Post-Cursillo Coordinators. Thank you for answering the call to serve in the Detroit Cursillo Movement. A great big "thank you" goes out to Marie Garavaglia, who has served as secretary for the past six years. We are truly grateful for your "yes" in serving God's people through the Detroit Cursillo Movement.

Seven years ago, a group of Cursillistas sat in the living room of Bill and Lynne Pfannes, ... dreaming, strategizing, and brain-storming about the possible direction the Cursillo Movement could take as we move into the 21st century. (continued)

ULTREYA

Newsletter of the
CURSILLO MOVEMENT
of the
Archdiocese of Detroit



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

We came up with a vision that would divide the Archdiocese of Detroit into four quadrants and the Fourth Day Community would be served in all four quadrants. That dream is coming to fruition beginning with the start of two new Ultreyas. We will now have four Ultreyas to better serve our Cursillo Community. Thank you to our new Ultreya Coordinators for stepping up and making this happen.

We are looking at the possibility of a Summer Picnic possibly in late August. Stay tuned for more info. Lastly, mark your calendars for an "Evening of Spiritual Renewal" with Fr. Bob Johnson, from St. Andrew Church in Rochester. 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.

Ultreya!

Ann Sliney
Tony D'Amico
Lay Directors



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

CURSILLO CALENDAR

Saturday June 11, 2016

ULTREYA

2nd Reunion of Cursillo 393

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

Saturday June 18, 2016

ULTREYA

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

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

ULTREYA

3rd Reunion of Cursillo 393

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

Saturday July 9, 2016

ULTREYA

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

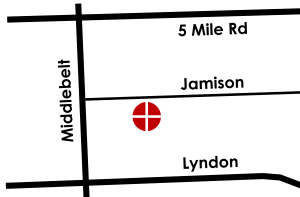
Rectora: Ann Sliney
St. Mary's Retreat House
Oxford MI

December 1-4, 2016

Men's CURSILLO Weekend #395

Rector: Tony D'Amico
St. Mary's Retreat House
Oxford MI

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



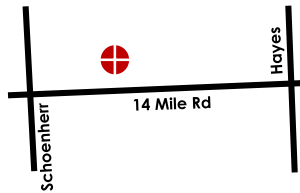
**Starting Wednesday,
August 3, 2016**

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**

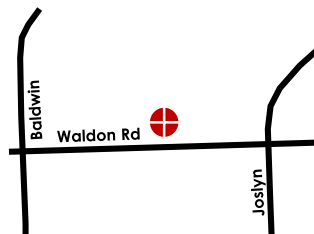


MACOMB - Sterling Heights
(2nd Saturday)

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



**Starting Saturday,
June 18, 2016**

(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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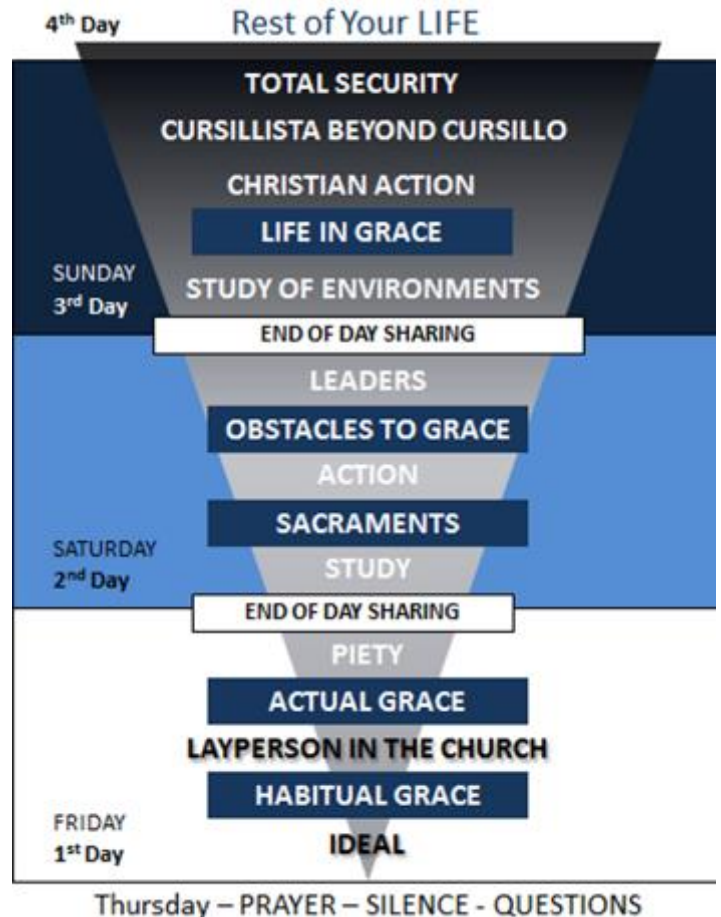
Charlotte Jaworski

School of Leaders

Sponsors; and what should we be doing?

The Leaders' Manual recommends that the Cursillo candidates should be capable of

- (1) Being open to discern and to understand the Gospel message,
- (2) Being committed themselves to the love of God, of themselves and of their neighbors,
- (3) Discovering their talents and potentials with a view towards serving the community,
- (4) Having clean or cleansable circumstances,
- (5) Living the grace through the Holy Sacraments they receive, and...
- (6) Having an attitude of progressive conversion.



CANDIDATES

The suitable candidate, besides being a baptized Catholic, must have a "certain personality", that is, capable of making his/her own decisions from his/her own motives, of moving others with his/her opinions, of giving impetus to others by his/her actions, of acting freely and lovingly, and in other words, of becoming salt, light and leaven through Christian core groups' support and encouragement.

The **Leaders' Manual** also states there is no better preparation and attraction for the candidates than a personal and authentic witness of our Fourth Day, "See how they love one another." Such preparation should be done by means of a sincere friendship established through personal contact.

Sponsors are responsible to tell their prospective candidates for the Cursillo what they are expected to do after their Weekend: Group Reunion and Ultreya, which will help them, persevere in their conversion process and motivate them to live what is fundamental to being Christian through examples.

The new Cursillistas need as much personal contact after the Cursillo Weekend as they received before and during the Cursillo Weekend. Probably even more!

We must make a conscientious effort to insure that we do all that can be done to insert them into a friendship group reunion.

The sponsors themselves should help the new Cursillistas form or find a convenient Friendship Group, or join an existing one, preferably the sponsors' Friendship Group, and regularly accompany them to Ultreyas.

SPONSORS

PRAYER PROCESS

1. Begin with Gratitude - thank the LORD daily for whatever you're most thankful for from that day.
2. Awareness - revisit the times or events from that day, when you were or were not the person you want to be in accordance with your life in Christ. Did I bite somebody's head off today, or did I encourage a co-worker to try again.
3. Significant Moments - Did I experience an event today in which GOD is obviously saying something to me through that event or a person involved?
4. Peace - Ask GOD to forgive me, and ask for HIS Peace.
5. Freedom - Speak to GOD about how HE is asking you to change your life, and become the man HE wants you to be.
6. Others - Lift up to GOD anyone you know who is in need...Intercessory Prayer
7. Close with the perfect prayer ...the LORD's PRAYER.

be
still
and
Know
I AM

We are all instructed that “we do not find Total Security by attending Group Reunion and Ultreya, we find Total Security by coming to understand that God loves us, unconditionally. For example, there is nothing that can separate us from the Love of God found in Christ Jesus etc..., and Total Security in this context does not mean that life is now free of worries and problems. It simply means that in finding friendship with Christ, we come to understand how God loves us.

It is the Group Reunion and Ultreya that give us support and help us to continue the process of conversion in which we deepen our friendship with Christ, becoming more and more convinced of God’s love which is where we find Total Security”

TEACHING

Pope Francis in his speech on the occasion of the European Ultreia - Rome in April 2015, told us: “The pioneers of your movement were authentic missionaries: they didn’t doubt in taking initiative and, bravely approached people, involving them with sympathy and accompanying them on the path of faith with respect and love.” ... “Since the beginning of the movement you understand that only by narrowing the genuine friendships, it was possible to prepare and accompany people in its way, a way that part from the conversion, passes for discovering the beauty of a life lived in the grace of God, and comes to the joy of becoming Apostles on everyday life. And so, since then, millions of people around the world were helped to grow in the life of faith. In the current context of anonymity and isolation typical of our cities, it’s so important the cozy and familiar dimension, on a human scale, that you offer with the Group Reunion.”

QUOTES

“The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried.”

— G.K. Chesterton,
What’s Wrong with the World

“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”

-St. Jerome

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”

-St. Augustine

“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

“The creator of the heavens obeys a carpenter; the God of eternal glory listens to a poor virgin. Has anyone ever witnessed anything comparable to this? Let the philosopher no longer disdain from listening to the common laborer; the wise, to the simple; the educated, to the illiterate; a child of a prince, to a peasant.”

-St. Anthony of Padua

STUDY

Five Pillars of the Spiritual Life: A Practical Guide to Prayer for Active People

Father Robert Spitzer
Ignatius Press 2008

Four Witnesses: The Early Church in Her Own Words

by Rod Bennett
Ignatius Press

Because GOD is Real

Peter Kreeft
Ignatius Press 2008



What was that one thing ?



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

NEW CURSILLISTAS:

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Marcel Killingbeck
Bill Strieff
Greg Rapelje
Ralph Kozora
Thomas Leduc
Butch Godfrey
John Goeddeke
Allan Buynak
Anthony Serio
Ronald Marine
Scott Fair
Justin Rada
Larry Jaskowiec
Dave Zmudczynski
Gioseppi (Joe) Zeolla

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Andy Kaltz
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.



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

Luke 9: 18-24

Now it happened that as he was praying alone the disciples were with him; and he asked them, "Who do the people say that I am?"

And they answered, "John the Baptist; but others say, Eli'jah; and others, that one of the old prophets has risen."

And he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

But he charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, "The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

And he said to all, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it."