

# ULTREYA

Newsletter of the  
CURSILLO MOVEMENT  
of the  
Archdiocese of Detroit



## *Detroit Cursillo Community*

4<sup>th</sup> Day  
Family  
Picnic

Sunday  
August 20th  
1:30-5:30

Save  
the  
Date!

55<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
Celebration  
(Mass/Dinner)

Saturday,  
October 14th  
6:00 pm

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## DECOLORES



### 1962



**Cursillo #4**

### 2017



# 2017...What a Year for Cursillo – Detroit

The first Cursillo was conducted in June 1944 on the Spanish island of Mallorca in the Mediterranean Sea while the rest of Europe was locked in bitter warfare...73 years ago.

The first Cursillo conducted in the United States occurred in Waco, Texas in 1957; and was brought there by Spanish air force personnel who were training with American servicemen...60 years ago.

Cursillo came to Detroit in 1962...55 years ago...and the first four Cursillos were conducted in the Spanish language. Since that time, Cursillo has split into two movements within the Archdiocese; a Spanish Language Movement and an English Language Movement.

In 2012, an enormously well attended 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration for Cursillo was conducted at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington, Michigan. Father Mark Brauer (pastor) and six other (Cursillo) priests co-celebrated Mass. A festive dinner, a songfest, and sharing of many memories followed.

In 2017, Cursillo will celebrate with a Fourth Day Community Picnic (August 20, 2017) and a 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration (October 14, 2017). Watch the Newsletter for more information in the next issue...but by all means save those dates!



## 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 (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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# CURSILLO CALENDAR

Wednesday June 7, 2017

## ULTREYA

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

Saturday, June 10, 2017

## ULTREYA

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

Saturday, June 17, 2017

## ULTREYA

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

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

## ULTREYA

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

Sunday, August 20, 2017

## Cursillo Fourth Day

**Community Summer Picnic**  
(watch future Newsletters for details)

Saturday, October 14, 2017

## 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cursillo

(watch future Newsletters for details)

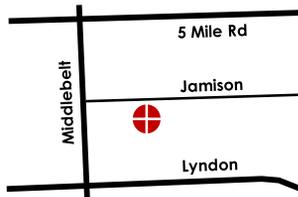
Next **Women's Weekend:**

October 2017

Next **Men's Weekend:**

December 2017

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

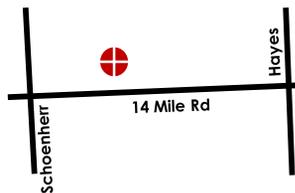


**WESTERN WAYNE - Livonia**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)

### 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**



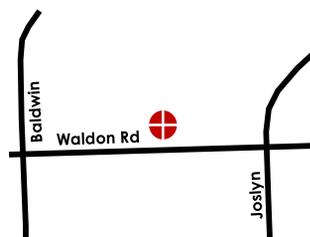
**MACOMB - Sterling Heights**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)

### 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

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# School of Leaders

## TEACHING

**SPONSORING CANDIDATES** for the CURSILLO WEEKEND  
Source: National Cursillo Center Mailing – August 2008

### Sponsoring Candidates

In addition to a prayerful and apostolic community as a witness to the authenticity of the Christian life, there is a great need for the personal influence and contact which the Cursillista has with those whom he wishes to invite to make a Cursillo. Such an invitation should be personal through a true friendship so that the relationship may last long in the best interests of our evangelizing endeavors as we are advised to make a friend, to be a friend and to bring that friend to Christ.

### Responsibilities of the Sponsors

Candidates' selection for the Cursillo Weekend is very important and necessary, and so certainly is candidate preparation. 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. Therefore, sponsors, preferably the whole Friendship Group, rather than individuals, are encouraged to provide their candidates with the necessary information about the Purpose of our Cursillo Movement, such as the booklet "Cursillo Movement: What Is It?". Sponsors are responsible to tell their prospective candidates for the Cursillo what they are expected to do after their Weekend: Group Reunion and Utreya, which will help them, persevere in their conversion process and motivate them to live what is fundamental to being Christian through examples.

The sponsors' responsibilities should not stop as soon as their invited candidates enter the Cursillo Weekend, i.e. after the Pre-Cursillo stage, but they must definitely continue throughout the Fourth Day of both the sponsors and their new cursillistas, in prayers and in actions. 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. 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. i.e. 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" (Rollo "Total Security" – Cursillo Manual 2006).

In the Gospel of St. John, Philip said to Jesus, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?'" (John 14: 8-9). And in another occasion, St. John repeated what Jesus said to his disciples, "I give you a new commandment: love one another" (John 15: 17).

Jesus' disciples lived with him and saw him every day, but they still insisted they wanted to see God the Father. We ourselves saw neither Jesus nor the Father! How can our faith survive so far? Truly, faith is a valuable gift from God that we must dearly treasure. The candidates for the Cursillo Weekend we are approaching may ask us to show Jesus to them. What can we tell them? Jesus says He is in the Father and the Father is in Him. Is each one of us ready to say: "I am in Jesus and Jesus is in me" when people want to see Jesus? Honestly, most of us dare not yet! It is a real challenge to us!

The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it emotionally.  
-Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964)

## PIETY

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."  
--Saint Augustine

It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.  
--Saint Francis Xavier

"Faith has to do with things that are not seen, and hope with things that are not in hand."  
--Saint Thomas Aquinas

"I believe though I do not comprehend, and I hold by faith what I cannot grasp with the mind."  
--Saint Bernard

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much."  
--Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith.  
--Saint Francis of Assisi

## STUDY

### **The Holy Spirit: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics**

by Fr. Mitch Pacwa  
2016 Ignatius Press

### **The Gift: Discovering the Holy Spirit in Catholic Tradition**

by Alan Schrek  
2013, Paraclete Press

### **Living Life Abundantly: Stories of People Who Encountered God**

by Johnnette S. Benkovic  
2002, Franciscan Press

## ACTION

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: **EVANGELII GAUDIUM** OF THE HOLY FATHER **FRANCIS**

### **Chapter 2: AMID THE CRISIS OF COMMUNAL COMMITMENT**

88. The Christian ideal will always be a summons to overcome suspicion, habitual mistrust, fear of losing our privacy, all the defensive attitudes which today's world imposes on us. Many try to escape from others and take refuge in the comfort of their privacy or in a small circle of close friends, renouncing the realism of the social aspect of the Gospel. For just as some people want a purely spiritual Christ, without flesh and without the cross, they also want their interpersonal relationships provided by sophisticated equipment, by screens and systems which can be turned on and off on command. Meanwhile, the Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others, with their physical presence which challenges us, with their pain and their pleas, with their joy which infects us in our close and continuous interaction. True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others. The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness.

## 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

### **Exodus 34: 5 - 10**

The LORD came down in a cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name, "LORD." So the LORD passed before him and proclaimed: The LORD, the LORD, a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity, continuing his love for a thousand generations, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin; yet not declaring the guilty guiltless, but bringing punishment for their parents' wickedness on children and children's children to the third and fourth generation! Moses at once knelt and bowed down to the ground. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, Lord, please, Lord, come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and claim us as your own." The LORD said: Here is the covenant I will make. Before all your people I will perform marvels never before done in any nation anywhere on earth, so that all the people among whom you live may see the work of the LORD. Awe-inspiring are the deeds I will perform with you!