

Newsletter of the
CURSILLO MOVEMENT
of the
Archdiocese of Detroit



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CURSILLO 396 was by all reports (allegedly) the Greatest Cursillo, yet! And why not, it was the 173rd Team that Joyce Toia served on. Nah! But we all know that Joyce has made Cursillo her life for many years now. Happy those who have entered the Movement under the guidance and love of Joyce Toia. Thanks, also to Father Paul Ballien and Father Chris Talbot, as well as Deacon Tom Sliney for serving as Spiritual Directors for this Weekend. Joanne Mizak sponsored her future daughter-in-law, and word has it that Kristen's future husband Paul Mizak will be making his weekend on Cursillo 397. It would seem that another Cursillo family is about to be born. While this Cursillo was conducted on February 16-19, you wouldn't be able to tell by the photo, above. Looks more like July...no coats!

DECOLORES



CURSILLO CALENDAR

Wednesday April 5, 2017

ULTREYA

3rd Reunion for Cursillo 396

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Saint Genevieve –
Saint Maurice Church
Chapel
Livonia, MI

Saturday April 8, 2017

ULTREYA

1st Reunion for Cursillo 397

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Saint Malachy Church
Rectory Basement
Sterling Heights, MI

Saturday April 15, 2017

ULTREYA

2nd Reunion for Cursillo 397

Christ the Redeemer Parish
Library
Lake Orion, MI 48350

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

ULTREYA

3rd Reunion for Cursillo 397

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Saint Benedict Church
Waterford, MI

Wednesday May 3, 2017

ULTREYA

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

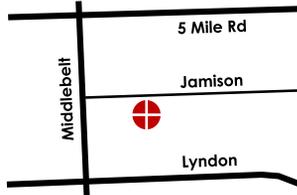
Saint Genevieve –
Saint Maurice Church
Chapel
Livonia, MI

Sunday, August 20, 2017

CURSILLO PICNIC

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

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

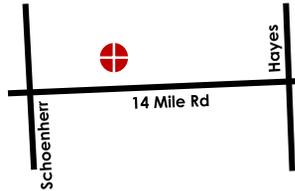


WESTERN WAYNE - Livonia
(1st Wednesday)

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**



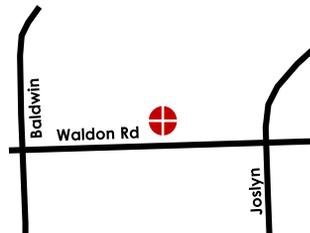
MACOMB - Sterling Heights
(2nd Saturday)

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
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TEACHING

CHRISTIFIDELES LAICI

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

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

The Human Person: A Dignity Violated and Exalted

5. We furthermore call to mind the *violations* to which the human person is subjected. When the individual is not recognized and loved in the person's dignity as the living image of God (cf. *Gen 1:26*), the human being is exposed to more humiliating and degrading forms of "manipulation", that most assuredly reduce the individual to a slavery to those who are stronger. "Those who are stronger" can take a variety of names: an ideology; economic power, political and inhumane systems, scientific technocracy or the intrusiveness of the mass-media. Once again we find ourselves before many persons, our sisters and brothers, whose fundamental rights are being violated, owing to their exceedingly great capacity for endurance and to the clear injustice of certain civil laws: the right to life and to integrity, the right to a house and to work, the right to a family and responsible parenthood, the right to participation in public and political life, the right to freedom of conscience and the practice of religion.

Who is able to count the number of babies unborn because they have been killed in their mothers' wombs, children abandoned and abused by their own parents, children who grow without affection and education? In some countries entire populations are deprived of housing and work, lacking the means absolutely essential for leading a life worthy of a human being, and are deprived even of those things necessary for their sustenance. There are great areas of poverty and of misery, both physical and moral, existing at this moment on the periphery of great cities. Entire groups of human beings have been seriously afflicted.

But the *sacredness of the human person* cannot be obliterated, no matter how often it is devalued and violated because it has its unshakable foundation in God as Creator and Father. The sacredness of the person always keeps returning, again and again.

The sense of the dignity of the human person must be pondered and reaffirmed in stronger terms. A beneficial trend is advancing and permeating all peoples of the earth, making them ever more aware of the dignity of



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.

The individual: the person is not at all a "thing" or an "object" to be used, but primarily a responsible "subject", one endowed with conscience and freedom, called to live responsibly in society and history, and oriented towards spiritual and religious values.

It has been said that ours is the time of "humanism": paradoxically, some of its atheistic and secularistic forms arrive at a point where the human person is diminished and annihilated; other forms of humanism, instead, exalt the individual in such a manner that these forms become a veritable and real idolatry. There are still other forms, however, in line with the truth, which rightly acknowledge the greatness and misery of individuals and manifest, sustain and foster the total dignity of the human person.

The sign and fruit of this trend towards humanism is the growing need for *participation*, which is undoubtedly one of the distinctive features of present-day humanity, a true "sign of the times" that is developing in various fields and in different ways: above all the growing need for participation regarding women and young people, not only in areas of family and academic life, but also in cultural, economic, social and political areas. To be leading characters in this development, in some ways to be creators of a new, more humane culture, is a requirement both for the individual and for peoples as a whole.

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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Cursillistas are Joyful Missionary Disciples

Cursillo Leaders' 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

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

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

PIETY

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." -St. Thomas Aquinas

"Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry"
-St. Pio of Pietrelcino

"I know well that the greater and more beautiful the work is, the more terrible will be the storms that rage against it." -St. Faustina

"Moreover, Christians are born for combat, whereof the greater the vehemence, the more assured, God willing, the triumph: 'Have confidence; I have overcome the world' (John 16:33)" -Pope Leo XIII

"God gives each one of us sufficient grace ever to know His holy will, and to do it fully." -St. Ignatius of Loyola

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!"
-St. Catherine of Sienna

"Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you!" -St. Augustine

STUDY

My Life, Serving the World

*By Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa
Servant - Franciscan Media, 2015*

The Book of Saints, The lives of the Saints according to the Liturgical Calendar

*By Victor Hoagland CP
Regina Press, 2004 edition*

Companions on a Journey,

The Story of the Columban Sister's Mission to Korea

*By Sr. Mary McHugh
Veritas Press, 2011*

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, Nov. 2013

I. A joy ever new, a joy which is shared

5. The Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's cross, constantly invites us to rejoice. A few examples will suffice. "Rejoice!" is the angel's greeting to Mary (Lk 1:28). Mary's visit to Elizabeth makes John leap for joy in his mother's womb (cf. Lk 1:41). In her song of praise, Mary proclaims: "My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (Lk 1:47). When Jesus begins his ministry, John cries out: "For this reason, my joy has been fulfilled" (Jn 3:29). Jesus himself "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit" (Lk 10:21). His message brings us joy: "I have said these things to you, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (Jn 15:11). Our Christian joy drinks of the wellspring of his brimming heart. He promises his disciples: "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (Jn 16:20). He then goes on to say: "But I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (Jn 16:22). The disciples "rejoiced" (Jn 20:20) at the sight of the risen Christ.

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****John 4: 7 - 14**

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."

[The woman] said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the well is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."