

ULTREYA

Newsletter of the
CURSILLO MOVEMENT
of the
Archdiocese of Detroit



Our Lady of Fatima

100th Anniversary Miracle of the Sun

October 13th



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55th Reunion

Saturday October 14th

Get your tickets, today!
(See page 2)

Christ Our Light Church
3077 Gloucester Rd.
Troy, MI 48084

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1962-2017

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Pray for Our Spiritual Directors; and hosts of our Ultreyas

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Deacon Don Baross
Deacon Tom Sliney
Deacon Kevin Breen

...they're praying for us!

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

Pray for us!

Cursillo

55th Reunion

Saturday October 14th

Christ Our Light Church
3077 Gloucester Rd.
Troy, MI 48084

Mass at 6:00 pm

Dinner Immediately after Mass,
followed by Fun, Frivolity, Music, 55/45
Raffle

..... and lots of Memories

Tickets \$35

Please reserve your tickets now (this helps
us with catering and seating)

Tickets available:

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Women's CURSILLO 398

October 19-22

Write your Palanca, now !!!

Candidates

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Sharon Grix
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CURSILLO CALENDAR

Saturday, October 14, 2017

ULTREYA

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

Saturday, October 14, 2017

55th Anniversary of Cursillo

Mass at 6:00 pm; Dinner following
Christ Our Light Church
3077 Gloucester
Troy, MI 48084

Saturday, October 21, 2017

ULTREYA

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

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

ULTREYA

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

Wednesday in November
(date to be announced)

ULTREYA

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

Next **Women's Weekend:**

CURSILLO 398

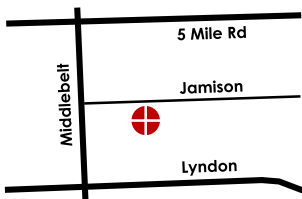
St. Mary's Retreat House
October 19-22, 2017
Rectora Lynn Pfannes

Next **Men's Weekend:**

CURSILLO 399

St. Mary's Retreat House
Dec. 7-10, 2017
Rector: Tony D'Amico

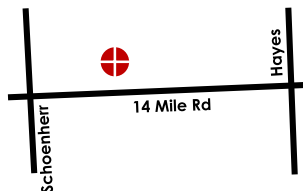
Now, more than ever, reconnect with your Fourth Day Community; attend an ULTREYA near you, this month!



WESTERN WAYNE - Livonia
(1st Wednesday)

**St. Genevieve-
St. Maurice Parish**
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
29015 Jamison St,
Livonia, MI 48154

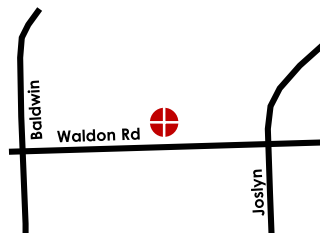
**Deacons Kevin Breen and
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MACOMB - Sterling Heights
(2nd Saturday)

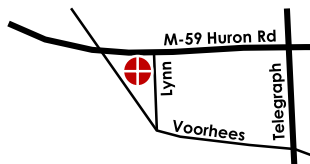
St. Malachy Parish
(Rectory Basement)
10:00 – 11:30 am
Sterling Heights

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 Ellinger 248 682 7482

PIETY

"Prayer is a vital necessity. If we do not allow the Spirit to lead us, we fall back into sin. How can the Holy Spirit be our life if our heart is far from Him? Pray with the prayer of the heart."

-Mother Angelica

"We are to love God for Himself, because of a twofold reason; nothing is more reasonable, nothing more profitable."

-St. Bernard of Clairvieux

"Merely having an open mind is nothing. The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid."

-G. K. Chesterton

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host."

-Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"The Communion of Saints has something to do with the fact that the burdens we bear because of someone else, we can also bear for someone else."

-Flannery O'Connor

STUDY

All books are available at:

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/cursillo-literature/>

- **Whom Shall I Send?**
by Father Frank Salmani
- **Reflections – In Search of Oneself**
by Eduardo Bonnin Aguila
- **The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo, 2nd Edition**
by OMCC
- **The Group Reunion**
by Father Juan Capo

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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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.

School of Leaders

TEACHING

The Cursillo Leaders and Their Responsibilities

Discerning the Lord's Call (from National Cursillo)

In the meditation "The Selection of the Twelve", Magnificat July 8, 2009, Father André Louf, O.C.S.O., wrote: "Jesus called to him those he himself wanted. The selection, accordingly, does not come from the side of those called; it proceeds in the first place from Jesus himself. It is he who wants them or does not want them, an expression which clearly indicates that in this selection Jesus enjoys supreme freedom. A person was simply selected because Jesus preferred him, without any further motives. At the moment of selection what matters is not what these people are. He simply prefers them because he loves them, each one individually. Nothing other than Jesus' love and preference explains this selection."

Fr. Frank S. Salmani in the Epilogue of his book stated that if we decide our particular calling is to the Cursillo Movement as a Cursillo leader, we must understand that this calling, like any calling from God is a vocation – it is not something we choose. The Lord chooses us. Accepting that call means making a commitment to God and His work. It involves directing our will to all that God wants. It means that we must be responsible stewards, sharing our time, talent and treasure with the world. If we accept the task of being a Cursillo leader, it also implies that this should be our primary apostolate. 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

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.

ACTION

Leadership within the Cursillo Movement

(National Cursillo Center, December 2009)

As leaders, our responsibility within the School of Leaders is to seek to be more centered, more committed and more united, to accelerate the living of what is fundamental for being Christian among ourselves, in the Cursillo Movement and in our daily lives.

We need to get rid of the idea that the School of Leaders is just to plan Cursillos, prepare "rollistas" and teams. The School of Leaders is not a factory to produce rollos, or rollistas or 3-day weekends; it is not a school of catechism or a center of pastoral studies.

The School of Leaders is above all a group. Something which is and exists before, during and after its sessions (meetings). Something that acts inside and out of the "School". It is above all, Christianity in Action. It is unity and communion made possible by a climate of dialogue (a group reunion), where all are able and have something to teach and to learn, to ask and to give suggestions. A Climate of sincerity, trust, authenticity, freedom, conformity (rights and duties), pluralism (of vocations and positions), of unity in the diversity, and of humility, as much individual as communitarian.

Leaders seek each day to be:

- More centered to make what is fundamental for being Christian the center or axis of their lives. And the mentality of Cursillos, the center of their action as leaders in the Movement.
- More committed, involved with Christ on behalf of His Kingdom here on earth and united as leaders; one body.
- Active, doing their work of "sounding" and channeling restlessness.
- Understanding of others, knowing each others gifts and talents and working in coordination with others. A leader must be willing to make sacrifices, putting aside personal needs and directing the time, talent and treasure to the Lord's work. (Whom Shall I Send, p. 124)
- Measuring the pulse or inciting the groups and their reunions. Promoting "friendship."
- Preparing and perfecting the Ultreya. The School of Leaders is to the Ultreya, what the team of leaders is to the 3-day Cursillo.

- Behaving at the Ultreya just as we would by being part of "a team" on a weekend.
- Accelerating and perfecting the conversion of persons that makeup the Ultreya.
- Finding and promoting leaders for the Movement.

Again, Father Salmani reminds us, "Those who are in the School of Leaders must seek out new leaders who wish to make a commitment to the work of the Movement. We exist only to find replacements, to develop more co-workers to help serve the larger community of Cursillistas, to support them in their work of transforming environments. This is what sets the Cursillo Leader apart from other cursillistas."

(Whom Shall I Send, p. 71)

FINAL WORD

Nehemiah 8: 1,6, 8-10

Now when the seventh month came, the whole people gathered as one in the square in front of the Water Gate, and they called upon Ezra the scribe to bring forth the book of the law of Moses which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they knelt down and bowed before the LORD, their faces to the ground.

Ezra read clearly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Then Nehemiah, that is, the governor, and Ezra the priest-scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not lament, do not weep!"—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law.

He continued: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD is your strength!"