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(continued from last month)

In the 1960's, each team met at the Pauly's home to discuss the objectives and focus of the next weekend and to review the talks. It was not uncommon for some in the leadership to attend a Closing (Clausura) on Sunday night and a team meeting the following night.

To promote the Cursillo, a few men set up a speaker's bureau and gave talks at various parish Holy Name breakfasts and Men's Clubs. An ad was also put in the Catholic paper, listing the Pauly's address and phone number regarding upcoming men's Cursillo weekends.

There were very few priests in Buffalo who were interested in becoming involved with Cursillo, and unfortunately for Men's #3 Cursillo, the Spiritual Director, Fr. Dave Doyle ended up in the hospital two weeks before the weekend.

Everyone felt that God's Providence had brought the Cursillo to Buffalo and that He would help find a Spiritual Director. Of course, the team payed.

(From Lou Pauly's 40th year Reunion of the Buffalo Cursillo talk given Dec. 9, 2005) "Our family was eating supper when the telephone rang and upon answering - Fr. Luke McArthur introduced himself and explained that he was just transferred from California to teach at St. Mary's High School in Lancaster and saw the ad regarding Cursillo in the Catholic paper. I invited him to our team meeting that evening and Fr. Luke accepted my invitation ... At the meeting, we finalized the preparations and gave an overview of the lay talks. Fr. Luke mentioned that he was free the next weekend and wondered if he might be of assistance. I then said, 'yes, we need a spiritual director and it appears that you are it!' After he picked his jaw up off the floor, we told him the story and he agreed to participate and give all the spiritual talks for the weekend." Fr. Luke was a dynamic speaker and much of the progress in the early days of the movement can be attributed to his teaching, as well as the fact that he brought Las Mananitas (a fixture in the Spanish culture and Cursillo) to Sunday morning that weekend.

"The Holy Spirit performed many miracles over the years of the Cursillo movement and still does." (Lou Pauly)

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I am looking for any Buffalo Cursillo Newsletters from the 1980's and 2002.