



October 2024 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall 2024 Weekend:	Men's Weekend #234 – October 10-13, 2024 Women's Weekend #235 – November 7-10, 2024
Virtual Ultreya:	Bethany Ultreya meets virtually on Zoom the 2 nd and 4 th Thursday each month. This is ideal for those who cannot get out and those who have moved out of town. Contact Lynn Lomanto for the meeting information; Lomantolynn@gmail.com
Second Touch:	Friday, January 31 st 2025 – Sunday, February 2 nd 2025 (see school of leaders article for details)

***** **Please see the end of the newsletter for calendar of events** *****

Lay Coordinator Report:

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and so it is fitting that we who are Cursillistas should take the opportunity to renew our devotion to the Blessed Mother and her Holy Rosary. We should be praying the Rosary daily, with our families after our evening meal if possible. History is marked with numerous miracles attributed to devotion to reciting the Rosary, most notably the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571, when heavily outnumbered Christians won a decisive naval battle against the Ottoman Empire, freeing thousands of Christian slaves and saving Christendom and Western Civilization itself.

Today it often seems that we are outnumbered at home, at work, in our communities, in our nation and in the world. No matter. *For though we live in the world we are not carrying on a worldly war, for the weapons of our warfare are not worldly but have divine power to destroy strongholds¹.* Another translation of the Bible ends that phrase by saying: *our weapons are powerful to the pulling down of strongholds and spiritual wickedness in high places.* Unless you haven't noticed, there's a lot of spiritual wickedness in high places lately and it needs a good pulling down.

October is also the month that proceeds the month of All Saints. The Church encourages us to get to know the saints in a personal way. Not a bad idea since they are in Heaven, and we are not. How did they get there? What was their journey like? How did they overcome sin in their lives, and what form of piety did they use? Some were born saints, St. John the Baptist for example. Some came to Christ after a lifetime of sin, like St. Augustine. Some, like St. Therese of Lisieux lived only a short time. Some, like the early patriarchs, lived hundreds of years. We have been blessed to have the example of modern-day saints to follow. St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Padre Pio, St. Faustina and St. Teresa of Calcutta to name a few. Imagine if you were in a Permanent Group with those folks! What piety, study and action! Keep up the good work and you may find yourself there.

¹ 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

Finally, October is the month of Men's Cursillo #234. At this writing we have 12 wonderful candidates, and our crack team of Cursillo Section members has been busy getting our new home at St. Teresa's ready for us. It's not too late to invite even more candidates to experience an encounter with themselves, with Christ and with others. Pray. Ask, and you *shall* receive. Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of VICTORY, pray for us.

The Support Mass for Men's Cursillo #234 is Saturday, October 5 at 4:00pm at St. Teresa's, 5771 Buell St. Akron, NY.

De Colores!

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Assistant Lay Coordinator Report:

To be provided next month.

De Colores

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Spiritual Advisor Report:

Halloween is fast approaching, bringing back memories from our childhood of neighbors handing us candy as we stood at their doorstep in costumes of all kinds. As Catholics, we kids knew that there was something holy going on this "All Hallowed Eve." That it had something to do with saints who had gone to heaven. The fact that people handed us candy for free underscored the fact that the saints were important. It suggested that when people were thinking about saints, they did "saintly" things, and we really liked the free candy!

Now, many years later we recognize that the main event this time of year is not the candy, but the saints, and all those who have gone home to the Lord. Some of them we pray to and some of them we knew. May this Autumn season be for you one of great joy as we bookend Halloween with a Men's and a Women's Cursillo weekend, making ever more saints!

Prayer for intercession

We ask the intercession of Eduardo Bonnin to guide us so that we will be touched with the same Spirit that guided him to develop a method to bring us closer to Christ and our neighbor in the Cursillo Movement. Help us Lord to a deeper understanding of the true and authentic method of Cursillo and the Foundational Charism. Amen

De Colores!

Peace,
Deacon Dave Clabeaux
Buffalo Cursillo Spiritual Advisor
716-353-3752

Historian Report:

Buffalo Cursillo History (addendum to #27, #28 and #29)

“Koinonia” is the Greek word for “fellowship,” meaning a group of people having something alike. The early Christians were joined in fellowship by their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and sought to share all things in common. The word “fellowship” or “partnership” is used over a dozen times in the New Testament.

The World Council of Churches adopted the word Koinonia to refer to Christian fellowship, communion with God, but more commonly communion with fellow Christians. The word is used by Christian denominations who share in the life of Christ. It does not refer to a specific sect; although Koinonia did become the name of a Lutheran youth group.

Buffalo Cursillo History #30, July, 2024

“Pastoral Plan Survey Response”

Surveys were sent out to over 2,000 Cursillistas regarding the eight goals in the form of a questionnaire. A little over 400 Cursillistas returned their survey forms. The previous three articles have dealt with Goal 7: Establish a dialogue with members of other Christian faiths who share our goal of Christianizing the world, specifically within the Diocese of Buffalo.

Goals 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8 had to do with the formation of environmental groups. Goal 4 was to determine why sizeable numbers of Cursillistas are not active in the Post-Cursillo Program of Ultreya Group Reunion. The survey was meant to re-introduce those who previously made Cursillo the benefits to be gained through this method in terms of influencing their environments for Christ.

With only 20% of Cursillistas (probably those who were active to begin with) returning their surveys, the sampling was more positive. “I was amazed and truly inspired by the overwhelming number of Cursillistas who witnessed to what the Cursillo experience has meant in their lives. So many people stated that the Cursillo weekend was truly a conversion, a turning point in their Christian life. And more important, person after person mentioned how much more meaningful and holy their lives are now, how they’ve grown to become disciples of Jesus with family, neighbors, fellow parishioners, etc.”

“People witnessed to personal growth and support from Ultreya, permanent groups and spiritual direction.”
Ralph Roll, “Buffalo Cursillo Newsletter” February, 1976 (P1)

This goal was not reached because of the 80% of those who failed to respond.

****Carol is looking for Secretariat Minutes from 2005 to 2008****

Carol Stier (Buffalo Women’s #7)
Buffalo Cursillo Historian
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Pre-Cursillo Report:

Excited to announce that we have 12 candidates for the upcoming Men's Weekend #234.

As of now we have 10 beautiful, women candidates for weekend #235.

Please keep all these candidates in your prayers. The Holy Spirit is still at work, so we still have time to encourage anyone who is contemplating making the weekends.

God is Good!

De Colores!

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Cursillo Section:

Denise and I want to thank everyone who helped with the move from St. Vincent's to St. Teresa's in Akron. We began unloading the storage room at approximately 8 am and by 9:30 am, everything was loaded and ready to roll. The majority of our belongings went via U-Haul and thanks to those that brought trucks, we were able to take the remainder in the trucks.

As the expression goes, "many hands make light work." There were plenty of volunteers and we were able to place everything in the storage area by noon. Denise and I are most appreciative of your support. We appreciate the physical support and also those that prayed for the success of this endeavor of finding a new home and then having volunteers help with the move. As off this writing, the showers are being installed (special thanks to Chuck, Otto & Pat) for taking on this task. They have also arranged to have outlets installed in the bathrooms, so we have the ability to use blow dryers. We want to, again, thank Otto and Mike for overseeing the packing up of the kitchen, prior to our move. That made the move so much easier. We would also like to thank the Secretariat for their support and encouragement in the actual move. We are so lucky to work with such a great group of individuals, who use their gifts and talents for spreading the Gospel through the Cursillo method.

Saturday, October 5 at 4 pm at St. Teresa's parish in Akron will be the **Support Mass** for Men's 234. Please come and show your support of the team and candidates.

The events of the weekend are as follows:

Set-up: 5 PM on Wednesday, October 9

October 10, Thursday - Candidates arrive - 7 pm. Prayer service to follow. Please stay and pray.

October 12, Saturday - Break In - Arrive around 7 pm. Palanca team will guide where you are to enter the building. Holy Hour immediately follows the Break-In

October 13, Sunday - Las Mananitas (Men only) at 6 AM sharp
- Closures - 3 pm Mass

Women's weekend will be similar schedule:

Support Mass: Saturday, November 2 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Orchard Park @ 4:30 pm.

Set-up: 5 pm on Wednesday, November 6

November 7, Thursday - Candidates arrive - 7 pm. Prayer service to follow. Please stay and pray.
November 9, Saturday - Break-in - Arrive around 7 pm. Palanca team will guide where you are to enter the building. Holy Hour immediately follows the Break-In
November 10, Sunday - Las Mananitas (Women only) at 6 AM Sharp
- Closures - 3 pm Mass

As with any new situation, there will undoubtedly be some snags as we live out Men's Weekend #234 in a new environment. We ask for your mercy and patience with us, as we iron out the wrinkles.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

DeColores,

Cursillo Section, Co-Coordinators:
Denise Daniels: 716-823-5453
Diane Putt: 716-380-0187

Post-Cursillo:

The next Post-Cursillo event will be a 4th Day Dinner on November 23, 2024 at St. Teresa of Avila, 5771 Buell St., Akron. This is where the Cursillo weekends will be held and Buffalo Cursillo's new home. The 4th Day Dinner will follow St. Teresa's 4 pm mass, doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will start at 6 pm.

The Reunion Mass held on Friday September 27th which was hosted by the Come to the Well Ultreya at All Saints Roman Catholic Parish in Lockport was a success. About 45 people attended, celebrated by Fr. Daniel Ogbelfun, whose favorite phrase is – 'God is good all the time. All the time, God is good.' - and enjoyed fellowship afterwards. The witness, Ron Rubino, shared how he saw the face of Jesus in a Eucharist during a local retreat. Wow!! God is out there, and we need to open ourselves to hear and see him.

Our term leading the Post-Cursillo Section will conclude at the end of the year. Please consider supporting the Buffalo Cursillo Movement by getting involved with the leadership committee, also called the Secretariat. The Post-Cursillo Section is responsible for organizing the 4th Day Dinners, Reunion Masses, and assisting the Ultreya leaders as needed. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please ask us. We are very open to recommendations too. It can be someone, a team, or a couple who may fit the role, please let us know and we can reach out. Our contact information follows.

Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend.

Your Post Cursillo Coordinators,
Kate Emery – 716-598-5073, emeryinbuffalo@roadrunner.com
Mike Emery – 716-207-2834, memery289@gmail.com

School of Leaders:

What is prayer? Why do we pray? How do we pray? When do we pray? Where do we pray?

In the Bible, Jesus reminds us to pray always and never give up (Luke 18:1). St. Paul instructs us to pray without ceasing, on all occasions and with all kinds of prayers and requests (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 and Ephesians 6:18). In the months ahead we will make a trek into this forest of prayer by coming together to hear and share our prayer experiences while our deacons guide us on this prayer journey.

Our next School of Leaders will be held on Saturday, October 26th from 10:00am until noon. We will continue to meet in the school building of Annunciation parish in Elma, 7580 Clinton Street, Elma NY 14059.

I hope to see all of you there!

!!Second Touch 2025!!

It's that time again to mark your calendars for the annual Second Touch (more than a retreat) weekend for all Cursillistas.

The Date is **January 31 - February 2 - 2025** at Stella Niagara Center of Renewal, Lewiston NY. All Cursillistas are invited to attend. This weekend is a very special time for all of us, a time for prayer and community building, for sharing, making new friends and reconnecting with old friends. These weekends help us to continue our understanding of Cursillo. This year we are continuing the study of the three days of Cursillo weekend, This weekend we will cover the **Charism of the Third day - Sunday**.

“The Second Touch weekend starts on Friday January 31. You are invited to come any time starting about 1pm to settle in or explore the area, then come to the registration table from 3-7. to register. **New this year** - we are having Dinner at 5:30 on Friday reconciliation from 7-8 PM. then Saturday continues and ends with Night Prayer. The weekend goes on All day Friday and finishes on Sunday afternoon February 2nd about 1PM after Lunch. To Sign up or for more information call Marty Ruhland at 716-481-0662 or e-mail him at rdservices@roadrunner.com or call Carol Palesh 716-694-0942 or E- mail grannypalesh@gmail.com. Donations for the scholarship fund are always welcome!

Come for the whole weekend and stay at the center overnight 2 nights with 6 meals Dinner Friday 5:30, Breakfast lunch, and Dinner on Saturday and Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday. the cost is \$ \$220 per person. All day Saturday is \$100. Dinner & Ultreya Saturday night \$40.

A \$50 deposit holds your spot. Send to Carol Palesh -65 Dahlgreen Place - N. Tonawanda NY 14120

Marty Ruhland
School of Leaders Facilitator
Call/Text: 716-481-0662
Email: rdservices@roadrunner.com

Treasurer:

As we complete our move to our new Cursillo home in Akron and prepare for our upcoming Fall Weekends, please keep in mind that there are many costs that Cursillo faces. Supplies, prepping a new sight for weekends, kitchen supplies and much more will be needed. In addition to all our prayers for the work performed by so many of our members, there is also a need for any financial support that can be provided. We all look forward to the excitement of a new home, new weekends and new members of our Cursillo Movement that the Lord Jesus has blessed in so many ways.

In addition to donations made on the weekend, donations can be mailed to the Treasurer attention:

Edward Hackett
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As Always, God Bless and DeColores

Ed Hackett, Weekend 189
Call/Text: 716-863-9851
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Secretary:

Mary Bitka
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Prayer Request:

If you know of a Cursillista who has died, please call Carol Stier at (71) 692-1606 so she can add the person to this column.

Notify Marty Ruhland (716-481-0662), rdservices@roadrunner.com) for any names to add or remove from the prayer list.

Bill Gross	Jean Claire Buchbinder	Cathy Agugliaro
Lois Weber	Chelsea Ellis	Tim Hiedle
Lorrie Rakoczynski	Laura and Angelo Ciavarella	Kathy O'Keefe
Jerry Frisicaro	Marie Gannon	Denise Bressette
Dcn Gary Terrana	Mike Ryan	Diane Coughlin
Arthur Ruhland	Timothy McCann	Gary Banas
Bob Yager	Joan Roberts	John Agugliaro
Cole Koons	Mary Flannagan	Marcia Moretti
Karen Trimper and Family	Bill Hiedle	Cheryl Besant
Cathy Derrick	Corinne Giermek	Bobby Lovenetti
Mary Mercurio	Dcn Joe Barr	Linda Orszulak
Fr. Joe Badding	Patrick Johnson	Elie Wieleba
Pam Hornung	Jim Youngers	

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

Reunion Masses

October – none, but come to the Men’s Weekend support mass on 10/5 and weekend closure mass on 10/13

November – none, but come to the Women’s Weekend support mass and weekend closure mass

December – none, Lent and Christmas

Men’s Weekend #234

October 10-13, 2024

10/5 – 4 PM Support Mass for Men’s Team at St. Teresa of Avila, 5771 Buell St., Akron

10/9 - Set-up Men’s Weekend @ 5:30 pm,

10/10 – Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm,
Sponsors & community prayer service at 8 pm.

10/12 – Break-in, arrive by 6:45 pm

10/13 – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Men only)
- 3 pm Closures with community mass

11/23 – 4th Day Dinner; Potluck
@ St. Teresa of Avila & doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6:00 pm - Entire Community Welcome

Women's Weekend #235

November 7-10, 2024

11/2 – 4:30 pm Support Mass for Women’s Team at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, 3148 Abbott Rd. Orchard Park

11/6 - Set-up for Weekend @ 5:30 pm,

11/7– Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm,
Sponsors & community prayer service at 8 pm.

11/9 – Break-in, arrive by 6:45 pm

11/10 – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Women only)
- 3 pm Closures with community mass

11/23 – 4th Day Dinner; Potluck
@ St. Teresa of Avila & doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6:00 pm - Entire Community Welcome

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY

School of Leaders (Workshop)

Topic: See the School of Leaders article
Speaker:
Date:
Time: 10:00 am – 12 noon(ish)
Location: Church of the Annunciation school,
7580 Clinton St., Elma
Organizer: Marty Ruhland (716)481-0662

Fall Woman’s Retreat

Topic: *Facing the Changes in Our Lives*
Organizer: Betty Reiter
When: Saturday, October 19, 2024
Registration: Betty at 716-207-4715
Where: Ss Columba-Brigid Church, 75 Hickory St,
Buffalo, NY 14204

Buffalo Cursillo Ultreya Schedule

Ultreya	Date	Time	Location	Contacts
Bethany Cheektowaga & surrounding area	10/8/24 2 nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Zoom Contact Lynn to be added to the email list	Lynn Lomanto lomantolynn@gmail.com 585-409-4123
Come to the Well Clarence area	10/1/24 (this month only)	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Chris for location	Jack & Christine Thomann 716-583-2324 (Chris – m) 716-583-2320 (Jack – m) cmtpsalm139@gmail.com
Full of Grace Elma area	10/30/24 Last Wednesday January - June Sept. – October	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Marty for location	Marty Ruhland rdservices@roadrunner.com 716-481-0662 (m)
Pueblo de Paz Warsaw area	10/26/24 Last Sunday	7:00 PM	St. Michael's Church 171 N. Main St, Warsaw	Liz Wascak 585-237-5155 ewascak@yahoo.com
Rainbow Vineyard Northtowns area	10/8/24 2 nd Tuesday 10/22/24 4 th Tuesday	7:00 PM	St. Jude the Apostle Parish 800 Niagara Falls Blvd North Tonawanda	Carolyn McNamara 716-694-5949 716-867-8962 Carolyn Ruhland 716-912-2890 caruhl73@verizon.net
Southtowns Southtowns area	10/3/24 1 st Thursday 10/17/24 3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Mary Ann for location	St. Andrew's Permanent Group Mary Ann DeMaria 716-512-4765 mdemaria@roadrunner.com
Spirit of the City City of Buffalo	No Meeting (inactive)			

October 2023 Out Palanca

Dates	Type of Weekend	Location
10/5-8/2023	Women's 101 (English)	Nashville, TN
10/5-8/2023	Men's (Spanish)	Kalamazoo, MI
10/5-8/2023	Men's (English)	Los Angeles, Ca
10/5-8/2023	Men's #146	Atlanta, GA
10/5-8/2023	Men's #52 (Spanish)	Trenton, NJ
10/5-8/2023	Men's #57	Albany, NY
10/5-8/2023	Men's 100	Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN
10/5-8/2023	Men's #33	Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO
10/5-8/2023	Women's #134	Joliet, IL
10/5-8/2023	Women's 150 (Spanish)	Raleigh, NC
10/5-8/2023	Women's #41	Venice, FL
10/5-8/2023	Women's #478 (Spanish)	Dallas, TX
10/5-8/2023	Women's 45 (Spanish)	Huehuetenango, Guatemala
10/5-8/2023	Men's #116 (English)	Covington, KY
10/5-8/2023	Women's #114 (English)	Memphis, TN
10/5-8/2023	Men's #63 (English)	Teramo, ITALY
10/5-8/2023	Men's (Spanish)	Tulancingo, Hadalگو – Mexico
10/6-9/2023	Men's 72 (Spanish)	Arica, Chile
10/12-14/2023	Men's 49 (English)	Perugia Cittia della Pieve ITALY
10/12-15/2023	Women's (Spanish)	Kalamazoo, MI
10/12-15/2023	Men's 82 (Spanish)	Denver, CO
10/12-15/2023	Women's 149 (English)	Fargo, ND
10/12-15/2023	Men's 206 (Spanish)	Rockville Centre, NY
10/12-15/2023	Men's (English)	San Jose, CA
10/12-15/2023	Women's (Spanish)	Fresno, CA
10/12-15/2023	Women's (English)	Los Angeles, CA
10/12-15/2023	Men's 290 (Spanish)	Miami, FL
10/12-15/2023	Women's 140 (English)	Atlanta, GA
10/12-15/2023	Women's 107 (Spanish)	Cleveland, OH
10/12-15/2023	Men's 107 (English)	Orlando, FL
10/12-15/2023	Women's 292 (English)	Toledo, OH
10/12-15/2023	Men's 306 (English)	San Diego, CA
10/12-15/2023	Men's 337 (English)	Gallup, NM
10/12-15/2023	Women's 129 (English)	Szombathey, Hungary
10/13-15/2023	Women's 462 (English)	Outaouais, Quebec
10/19-22/2023	Women's 80 (English)	Jefferson City, MO

10/19-22/2023	Women's 74 (English)	Scranton, PA
10/19-22/2023	Women's (Spanish)	Omaha, NE
10/19-22/2023	Men's 2021-3 (English)	Cleveland, OH
10/19-22/2023	Men's 246 (Spanish)	Austin, TX
10/19-22/2023	Women's 76 (English)	Kalamazoo, MI
10/19-22/2023	Women's 116 (English)	Lafayette-Indianapolis, IN
10/19-22/2023	Women's 2 (English)	Pasig, Philippines
10/19-22/2023	Women's 8 (Vietnamese)	Dallas, TX
10/19-22/2023	Men's Cursillo (English)	Richmond, VA
10/19-22/2023	Women's 307 (English)	San Diego, CA
10/19-22/2023	Women's 408 (Spanish)	Guadalajara, Jalisco MEXICO
10/19-22/2023	Men's 700 (English)	Orange, CA
10/26-29/2023	Men's 144 (Spanish)	Raleigh, NC
10/26-29/2023	Women's 383 (English)	Grand Rapids, MI
10/26-29/2023	Women's 101 (English)	Evansville, IN
10/26-29/2023	Women's 264 (English)	Green Bay, WI
10/26-29/2023	Men's (English)	Crookston, MI
10/26-29/2023	Women's (English)	San Jos, CA
10/26-29/2023	Men's 415 (English)	Detroit, MI
10/26-29/2023	Women's (English)	Sacramento, CA
10/26-29/2023	Women's 265 (Spanish)	Miami, FL
10/26-29/2023	Men's 42 (Korean) (English)	Newark, NJ
10/26-29/2023	Women's 701 (Filipino) (English)	Orange, CA
10/26-29/2023	Women's 115 (English)	Orlando, FL
10/26-29/2023	Women's (Spanish)	St Augustine, FL
10/26-29/2023	Men's (English)	Portland, OR
10/26-29/2023	Men's 602 (Spanish)	Guadalajara, Jalisco MEXICO
10/26-29/2023	Women's 122 (English)	Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO
10/26-29/2023	Women's 11 (Spanish)	Eagle Pass, TX