



November 2024 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fall 2024 Weekend:** Women's Support Mass, November 2, 2024 (Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Orchard Park @ 4:30 pm)
Women's Weekend #235 – November 7-10, 2024
- Virtual Ultreya:** Bethany Ultreya meets virtually on Zoom the 2nd and 4th 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

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

Lay Coordinator Report:

Keep cool and carry on. That's the message on my devotional calendar for November 1, 2024, the Feast of All Saints. What with all the wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, hurricanes and everything else that's being bandied about as newsworthy, it's comforting to know that Christ is King, isn't it? By the time you read this newsletter the political ads will have stopped but the bickering about who won and who lost will just be getting under way. Christ is King. Family members and one-time friends will be looking at each other with suspicion. Christ is King. Financial markets will go up and down like the roller coaster they are. Christ is King. Christ is King. Christ is King.

My piety and study this month have included a well-timed practice of the Surrender Novena, which I highly recommend to anyone who's feeling anxious about the times we're living in. The novena is very simple. You pray, "O Jesus, I surrender my life to you. Take care of everything." You repeat that ten times each day for nine days. I find that each day, as I'm reminded of some trouble or 'worry' that inevitably comes into my consciousness, I bring it to Jesus in surrender to His Holy Will. I leave it at His feet and go about my business. And right now, my business is doing palanca for Cursillo Women's Weekend #235.

Fresh from a very successful men's weekend in our new home at St. Teresa's in Akron, we will now prepare to welcome as many as sixteen new babe-chicks when things get going on Thursday night. That's a lotta chicks, praise the Lord! They're going to need our prayerful support throughout the weekend and beyond so start your palanca-ing now and keep it going. Make plans now to attend the closura on Sunday, November 10th at 3:00pm. Better yet, **please** contact Peter Adornetto at (716) 310-6869 to help put the building back in order before the closura starts. Many hands make light work.

Then, make plans to attend the Welcome To Your 4th Day Dinner and meet all the new babe-chicks from Cursillos 234 and 235! Look for details in the Post-Cursillo section of this newsletter.

Until next time, be not afraid. Christ is King.

Decolores,

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Assistant Lay Coordinator Report:

We are in our new home at St. Teresa of Avila in Akron and have had our first weekend (Men's #234) which went off extremely well. Everything worked as we adjusted to our new home. Most importantly, as was clear by the witnesses on Sunday, the men of Weekend #234 opened themselves up to the Holy Spirit and left seeing their world and faith life in a new a wonderous way. All the hard work of moving and time spent getting St. Teresa's ready were richly validated as we heard a full choir of male voices strongly sound out in song during the Serenade on Saturday night. It was something not to be missed.

All of this happens, as it always seems to, due to the commitment of the entire community starting with the sponsors who make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ. Sherry Misso and her Pre-Cursillo team experienced their baptism with their first weekend and made it look like something they had always done. Diane Putt and the Cursillo Section got our new home ready, making great use of the facilities and available resources. Diane Reese's Palanca group's dedication to making the candidates stay as pleasant as possible allowed the men on the weekend to put normal everyday concerns behind and live their weekend knowing that they were being well cared for. Otto Misso and Mike Cucinotta ran the kitchen like a well-oiled machine. If anyone on the weekend did not gain at least a pound or two it was their own fault. The Ultreyas come though, as they always do, when it was their turn to provide meals, never failing to warm stomachs and brighten spirits. Our building coordinator, Peter Adornetto, rallied the troops to set up and take down the weekend leaving St. Teresa's, as the parish faith formation coordinator told me on Monday, better than we found it and that she expected. Finally, the team lead by our fearless Lay Coordinator Terry Johnson as rector and Marty Ruhland as assistant rector obviously brought the Spirit of Cursillo alive to the candidates through a multi-talented team that rose to the call of the Holy Spirit giving inspiring and educational talks guided by Terry's and Marty's leadership that ran a really great weekend.

To everyone, thanks for being Christ not only to the candidates but to each other.

Ultreya !

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Spiritual Advisor Report:

Thank you to the Holy Spirit for bringing men to the Cursillo weekend and filling their hearts. Many thanks to all of you who became God's hands and feet! May the Spirit bring and accomplish the same on our upcoming Women's Weekend!

Peace,
Deacon Dave Clabeaux
Buffalo Cursillo Spiritual Advisor
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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

Historian Report:

Buffalo Cursillo History #31

“The Palanca Team”

In the 1970's, the Closing Mass on Sunday began at 7 pm. After 2 or 3 dozen witnesses from “babe chicks,” announcements, and greeting them all in the “welcome line,” it was usually 10pm or later before people started to leave for home. A call for help went out in the September, 1976 “Buffalo Cursillo Newsletter” from the few same Cursillistas who came back from Monday nights to clean up after the Cursillo weekend.

During the Autumn 1976 Leaders' School, a group of people came together for the purpose of starting a PALANCA TEAM. The group had studied what had been done along the lines in other parts of the U.S. and came up with the framework for a Palanca Team. The team would serve as a support group for the weekend community.

The Palanca Team would consist of a Spiritual Director, a Coordinator and seven team members. The group would come together three times prior to the weekend to build community and spirituality. They would remain at wherever the Cursillo was being held throughout the entire weekend. The duties of the Palanca Team were divided into physical and spiritual.

The physical duties would include set-up on Wednesday, nevertheless encouraging the community to participate in this and other weekend activities. During the weekend, the team would be responsible for building maintenance, set-up for any internal function (holy-hour, closing, etc.) assisting in the kitchen when needed and the general clean-up on Monday night. The team would also distribute the Palanca that comes in during the weekend. (Originally, the kitchen coordinator also came from this team.)

Besides physical help on the weekend, the team would be asked to give spiritual support. On Thursday night when the weekend begins, a 24-hour-a-day prayer vigil would commence and would continue up to the Closing on Sunday. During this prayer vigil, two members of the Palanca Team would spend 1 ½ hours in the chapel, and groups of two would continue to rotate throughout the weekend. The Palanca Team would share as a community-morning prayers, evensong, and Mass on Friday and Saturday. (This was when there were still many priests available.)

People were asked to think and pray about becoming a Palanca Team member. They then could call Carol Cronin (W #58) or Paul Mule (M #69) and their name would be put on a list.

An article in the "Buffalo Cursillo Newsletter," May 1977 is authored by "One Who Answered". The account relates the experience of a Cursillista couple who volunteered to be a part of Buffalo's first Palanca Team. This was for Women's #80 held in February 1977 at Bishop Gibbons. The article reveals how delighted they were as long-time Cursillistas to be part of the first team dedicated to Prayer and Service.

"The physical work was mostly on Wednesday evening for set-up. The task was lightened by the support of the community that showed up on Wednesday and those who volunteered Sunday night after the Closing."

"Sorting and delivering Palanca, cleaning the 'necessary rooms', setting up for the Holy Hour and Closing in the Bishop Gibbons gym, shopping and being available to the needs of the team and candidates was the extent of our physical work. Keeping a prayerful silence was suggested. We did attend the Saturday Holy Hour and Closing and worked in the kitchen on Sunday. These are the only times that we were 'visible' to the community."

"We had a great Spiritual Director. During our three team meetings and throughout the weekend we built a beautiful community. He led us to share prayer and study and he offered Mass each day. He and our Co-Ordinator worked hard on the schedule and all the 'nitty gritty' that was necessary to put together this 'first.'"

"On Thursday evening, we began our 24-hour vigil in our own beautiful chapel. One or two members of the Palanca Team spent from one to one 1/2 hours in the chapel throughout the weekend. There were lots of love and understanding. For example, someone knew I needed my rest because of a physical problem. I never drew a chapel time before 8 am or after midnight."

"I worried and prayed that I would be able to 'keep-up' and do my share and as usual the Lord provided. Highs: ? No. Tired? Ah yes. We were physically and mentally drained by Sunday night, but then Christ sent His peace and joy and an extra shot of energy and we felt the satisfaction of a job well done in HIS NAME." "Buffalo Cursillo Newsletter," May 1977 (P. 5)

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:](#)

Happy fall ya'll! Pre-Cursillo is happy to announce that we have 16 candidates for women's weekend #235. The women are all so excited and feel called by the Holy Spirit to attend and enrich their faith.

Also, three of the women attending just had their husbands make weekend #234!

God is Good all the Time!!!

De Colores!

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Cursillo Section:

The Men's Weekend #234 was our maiden voyage at St Teresa's. Being in a new location, we anticipated that we might encounter snags during the course of the weekend. We are happy to announce that everything went better than we ever expected. The Holy Spirit showed up and changed the hearts of the Babe chicks. There are a couple of reasons why our maiden voyage went so well. The first reason is because of all the hard work of Chuck Stephan and his crew for getting the showers installed and reworking the curtain wall. Thank you again, Chuck and crew. The other reason our weekend went so well was because of the community's excitement, help and their flexibility to adjust. It was good to see the community so involved – helping with your respective Ultreya's, attending the Break-In/Holy Hour, Las Mananitas and the Closures.

We are looking forward to Women's Weekend #235 which will begin with:

Wednesday, November 6 - Set up at 5:00 pm.

Thursday, November 7 - 7:00pm - Candidates arrive

Saturday, November 9 - arrive between 7:00 pm & 7:15 pm. Break-In & Holy Hour/Adoration

Sunday, November 10 - 5:45 AM sharp - Las Mananitas
3:00 pm - Closures/Mass

The women who will make up the **Team #235** and their respective Rollos are as follows:

Denise Daniels - Rectora & Total Security
Donna LoVullo - Assistant Rectora & Piety
Therese Hahn - Ideals
Maria McLaughlin - Laity
Kate Emery - Study
Karen Trimper - Action & Cursillo Beyond the 4th Day
Lauri Hahn - Leaders
Mary Kay Schaub - Environments
Carolyn McNamara- CCA (Christianity in Action)
Mary Lou May - Warden
Marie Bukowski-Hehr - Warden
Michele Schubert - Liturgist
Cheryl Clifford - Liturgist

Please contact Peter Adornetto at (716) 310-6869 if you would like help restore the building to its original shape. As a rough timeline, we will start with the Palanca sleeping areas and Palanca room first. At approximately Noon, we will restore the gym and curtain wall. At this part of the weekend, the Team and candidates will be in the conference room. While the Team and candidates are eating lunch around 1, we will tear down the conference room. The key for restoring the building back is QUIETLY. At this point of the weekend, the candidates are aware that we are around, but we don't want to distract them from focusing on the talks.

While we have reported on the success of the weekend from a logistical point of view, we would be remiss if we didn't touch on the reason we are there - To Bring Our Friends to Christ. From the looks on the faces of both Team and Candidates and the witnessing, it is fair to say that the Holy Spirit was very present on the weekend. That is YOUR Palanca at work.

If anyone is interested in working the Palanca Team, there is still time and room to get on the Team. Reach out to Diane Reese (716) 400-3618.

Until the Women's Weekend - DeColores

Cursillo Section, Co-Coordinator:

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. Please join us to show those who just made weekends what is the Cursillo Community! St. Teresa's is where the Cursillo weekends are being held now and Buffalo Cursillo's new home. The 4th Day Dinner will follow St. Teresa's 4 pm mass, set up starts after mass, doors will open at 5:30, and dinner will start at 6 pm. The 4th Day Dinner is a potluck event, bring a dish to share.

We would like to encourage all Cursillistas to support the November Women's Weekend by supporting the team at the Team Support Mass on November 2nd at 4:30 pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Orchard Park (see upcoming events at the end of the newsletter), offering personal and written Palanca, assisting with set up and with the Palanca team (behind the scene support), assisting with or making donations towards meals, showing up for the break-in Saturday evening (see upcoming events), for the Las Mananitas at 5:45 AM Sunday (women only), and for the closing mass.

The closing mass is the opportune time to show the women on the weekend just how many Cursillistas are in Buffalo Cursillo ... lets impress them!

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

Your Post Cursillo Coordinators,

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School of Leaders:

“Prayer is the raising of of one's mind and heart to God, or requesting of good things from God.” (St. Damascene)

I mentioned at our session in October how I had a thought while driving the morning of the school that God is always aware of me, far more than I will ever be of him. But through prayer, I am aware of him. How can I become more aware?

Come to our next session on Saturday, November 23rd as we continue to probe this enlightening subject of prayer in our lives. We begin promptly at 10:00am with the hope of being completed by noon. We meet at The Church of the Annunciation, 7580 Clinton St, Elma, NY 14059. All are welcome.

Marty Ruhland

School of Leaders Facilitator

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Treasurer:

As Always, God Bless and DeColores

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Prayer Request:

Entered into their 5th Day:

Anne Gatti (Women’s #128) – Died July 17th, 2024

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.

Dcn Dennis Kapsiak	Pam Hornung	Jim Youngers
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

Upcoming Cursillo Dates

Reunion Masses

November –

- Women's Weekend support mass on November 2nd at 4:30 PM @ Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
- Come to the Women's Weekend closura mass on November 10 at 3 PM @ St. Teresa's
- Come to the 4 PM mass before the 4th Day Dinner on November 23 @ St. Teresa's

December – Advent and Christmas

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 7:15 pm

11/10 – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Women only)
- 3 pm Closura 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: November 23, 2024

Time: 10:00 am – 12 noon(ish)

Location: Church of the Annunciation school,
7580 Clinton St., Elma

Organizer: Marty Ruhland (716)481-0662

Buffalo Cursillo Ultreya Schedule

Ultreya	Date	Time	Location	Contacts
Bethany Cheektowaga & surrounding area	11/12/24 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	11/19/24 3 rd Tuesday	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	11/20/24 *Due to Thanksgiving	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Marty for location	Marty Ruhland rdservices@roadrunner.com 716-481-0662 (m)
Pueblo de Paz Warsaw area	11/30/24 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	11/12/24 2 nd Tuesday 11/26/24 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	skip 1 st Thursday 11/21/24 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)			

November 2024 OutBound Palanca Requests

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
2024-10-31	2024-11-03	Men's 50th (Korean) (English)	Los Angeles, CA
2024-10-31	2024-11-03	Women's 93 (Spanish)	MEXICALI, B.C.
2024-10-31	2024-11-03	Women's 134 (Spanish)	St Augustine, FL
2024-10-31	2024-11-03	Women's 4 (Vietnamese)	Fort Worth, TX
2024-10-31	2024-11-03	Men's 560 (English)	Richmond, VA
2024-10-31	2024-11-03	Men's 402 (Spanish)	New York, NY
2024-10-31	2024-11-03	Men's Weekend (English)	Lincoln, NE
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	San Luis Potosi, Mex
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 971 (English)	Phoenix, AZ
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 136 (English)	Joliet, IL
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 482 (Spanish)	Dallas, TX
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 69 (English)	Tulsa, OK
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Men's Cursillo (English)	Richmond, VA
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 34 (Spanish)	Kansas City - St joseph, MO
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 263 (English)	Laredo, TX
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 118 (English)	Covington, KY
2023-11-07	2024-11-10	Men's 142 (English)	Arlington, VA
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Men's 275 (English)	Lansing, MI
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 482 (Spanish)	Dallas, TX
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 192 (Spanish)	San Diego, CA
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Men's 115 (English)	Boldog Özséb Titkárság, Tahi
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 235 (English)	Buffalo, NY
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 235 (English)	Buffalo, NY
2024-11-08	2024-11-10	Women's 468 (French)(English)	Outaouais, Quebec
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Men's 19 (Spanish)	Lafayette, IN
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 144 (English)	Antigonish, Canada
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 1240 (English)	Peoria, IL
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Men's 1st (English)	Kingston, Jamaica
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Women's 263 (Spanish)	Laredo, TX
2024-11-07	2024-11-10	Womens Cursillo (Spanish)	Tijuana, MX
2024-11-08	2024-11-11	Women's Cursillo (English)	Rapid City, SD

2024-11-14	2024-11-17	Women's 387 (English)	Grand Rapids, MI
2024-11-14	2024-11-17	Women's 420 (English)	Detroit, MI
2024-11-14	2024-11-17	Men's 193 (Spanish)	San Diego, CA
2024-11-14	2024-11-17	Men's Cursillo (English)	Rapid City, SD
2024-11-14	2024-11-17	Women's 262 (Spanish)	Sacramento, CA
2024-11-14	2024-11-17	Men's 70 (Spanish)	Tyler, TX
2024-11-14	2024-11-17	Men's 574 (Spanish)	Amarillo, TX
2024-11-14	2024-11-17	Women's 19 (Spanish)	Lafayette, IN
2024-11-14	2024-11-17	Women's 2 (English)	Hartford, CT
2024-11-14	2024-11-17	Women's 1 (Hungarian) (English)	Kerekegyháza, Hungary
2024-11-14	2024-11-17	Cursillo for Cursillo	Vál, Hungary
2024-11-14	2024-11-20	Mens Cursillo (Spanish)	Tijuana, MX
2024-11-20	2024-11-23	Women's 67° (Italian)	Modena-Nonantola e Carpi talia
2024-11-21	2024-11-24	Men's 224 (English)	Washington, DC
2024-11-21	2024-11-24	Men's 34 (Spanish)	Kansas City - St joseph, MO