

# Cursillo THE ARK

Toledo Diocesan Cursillo Mission Statement: Cursillo is a Catholic Lay Movement embraced by the Diocese of Toledo to bring hearts closer to Jesus Christ in order to transform society and be of service to the whole church. It is our mission to form small Christian Communities to deepen Spirituality in ourselves and in others.

## Spiritual Advisor

(Each month, a Spiritual Advisor will write an article)

### July, 2022

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Dear Precious Cursillistas,

The month of May brought us devotion to Mary, Mother of Jesus and His gift of Her to us as Mother as He hung upon the Cross. And June brought us the first day of Summer, Father's Day, graduations, etc. Now we're going into July with Independence Day and national celebrations.

We humans love to get together -- and Jesus gave us the perfect way to do that with the Creator as He celebrated His love for us the night before He died on the Cross.

We get to celebrate that weekly on the Lord's Day and any day we want to in His Spirit. We Cursillistas and our families are preciously gifted to bring faith into many aspects of life inviting people to join us in being good families, good friends, and good Catholics. I'm bringing this up to make the point on how many Catholics are not coming to Sunday Masses (80 percent).

There are a lot of factors involved, of course, but I'm proud to be a Cursillista and would like to encourage us to address the effort of asking friends to join us at Mass because we miss them, and see what conversations arise so that we can learn how to work together to be good instruments in the Hands of the Lord -- good disciples!. Being very good friends is a BIG factor we have at our disposal!!!

> THESE THOUGHTS ARE FROM OUR PRIESTS' CONVOCATION  
NEAR THE END OF JUNE!

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> De Colores, Fr Skip

### Upcoming 2022 Cursillo Weekends

Men's Sept. 8-11  
Women's Oct. 6-9

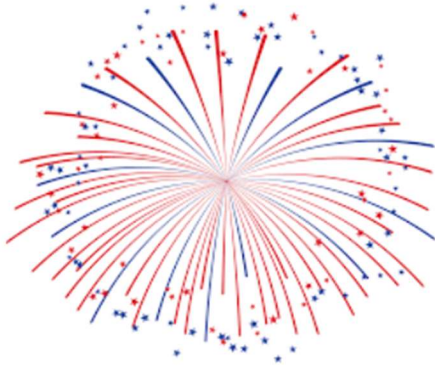
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working in your life.  
Email Nancy Cook at  
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## Lay Director (Each month, one of our Lay Directors will write an article.)

Happy Independence Day! Happy Dependence on God Every Day!

We are so blessed to live in a country where freedom is celebrated. Our annual celebration of the Fourth of July, Independence Day, is a BIG deal all over the country. From small towns to huge cities, there are gatherings of family and friends, parades, fireworks, ... all kinds of ways that show our thankfulness for the independence of our country.



We, as followers of Our Lord Jesus Christ, celebrate Happy Dependence on God every day! Scripture tells us from Isaiah 41:13, “For I am the Lord, your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, ‘Do not fear; I will help you’”. Do you struggle with fear sometimes? I know that I do. Fear of new situations, fear of others’ expectations, fear of doing too much or not enough. But we who are dependent on God are told that God will help us. God takes hold of my right hand and tells me not to fear, that He will help me. What is there to fear?

For me, one of my big struggles is to trust in God. It’s not that I think that I know better than God what is best for me, but that I’m not God, and His ways are not necessarily my ways. His ways are high above my ways, and sometimes hard for me to understand. From Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your ways straight.” This has certainly been the case for my visit to my son Thom and his family in Japan (stationed there with the Navy), where I will go on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

I had hoped to visit Japan this summer. I haven’t seen this family since October of 2019. Thom had asked me to come during July (while he would be away at training) to provide support to his wife and their 3 young daughters at home. (The oldest (17) is in California visiting family and friends for the summer.) It seemed important to him for me to get a ticket. Inwardly, I thought that I wouldn’t get to use it; it would be held for a later date when Japan was fully opened. Japan has been closed to tourists since the pandemic began. The country is just now starting, very slowly, to lift restrictions for tourists, but only for small tour groups. I don’t want to tour the country; I want to see my granddaughters!!

I finally said to God, “This trip is yours. I can do nothing to make it happen. I will stop saying that I’m not going to go; I’m going to be open to whatever plan you have.” Before too long, Thom found out on June 7th about a NEW way for me to come visit that had just become available June 1<sup>st</sup>. Because I have a family member stationed in the U.S. military in Japan, I would be allowed to visit with certain restrictions and several hoops to go through. By the grace of God, the final hoop has been addressed, and I will be going!!!!!!

God has His ways. They are not necessarily our ways, but they are the best ways. Do not fear! God has your hand! Trust in the Lord! FULLY RELY ON GOD!!

Peace, prayers, and blessings to all of you!  
De Colores!

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## Pre-Cursillo

So far, we have one confirmed Women's candidate and sponsor's app. Looking forward to more coming in soon.

Start talking to those people who have really expressed an interest.

As a reminder, the dates are Men's September 8 to 11. Women's is October 6 to 9.

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*Make a Friend – Be A Friend – Bring a Friend to Christ*

## Cursillo

Hope each of you are enjoying a relaxing, blessed Summer. As always, we are asking for you to consider working on an upcoming Cursillo weekend.

Don't worry if you've never worked one.

Don't worry you are too new to the Movement.

Don't worry you have been away from the Movement for a while and may feel uncomfortable.



As we hear at Cursillo, "Christ is Counting on You!". Recall the line, "The Lord doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called."

When you have discerned a "YES!" ... there are a few easy steps to follow. You can go to the Diocesan Cursillo website and download a "Team Application" form. You can fill it out and send it via e-mail to us at: [mrhottsmom@outdrs.net](mailto:mrhottsmom@outdrs.net) OR you can call us at home and request a form from us which we will snail mail to you. (419-476-5589)

What most Cursillistas will express is that they receive far more than they give when working a team. That there is always something to hear that you may have missed on the weekend you lived. That it is pure joy to get to personally know more brothers and sisters in Christ.

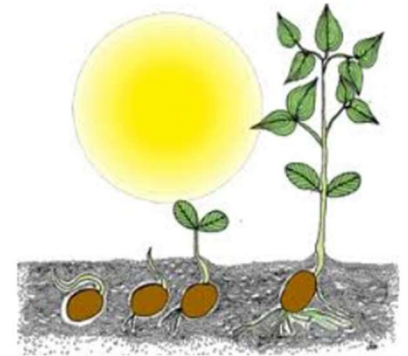
Continue to enjoy your Summer!

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## School of Leaders

Hello to all our Cursillo family!

Don't you just love summer? The birds singing, gardens growing, flowers blooming, vacations and family reunions sprinkled in with the sunny days and needed rain showers all feel like blessings straight from heaven. Maybe that is why the time seems to pass more quickly than those cold months of winter after Christmas. But there is also work to do, right? We must plan the gatherings and work in those gardens to enjoy the fruits of summer.



So too with our faith. We must find ways to water the seeds planted by our parents and early teachers beyond just following the minimum rules if we want to grow into all we were created to be. We learned on our Cursillo weekend how necessary and essential that faith growth is to weathering the difficult periods of life and appreciating the blessings as well as being prepared to plant seeds of faith in our own family, friends, and co-workers.

Our grouping, Ultreyas, Focus days, and School of Leaders are all great ways built in to Cursillo to assist us on our faith walk. We have a solid core group of religious and lay folks who help lead, guide, and challenge us, and we are always open to more.

Sometimes it's a sacrifice to stop what you are doing or get up early to participate, but it's always worth it! If you miss one now and then, you will be welcomed back with open arms. If you have never been to these, give it a try. Consider this your personal invitation. You will be blessed. If you are discerning serving on a team, go for it!

You can also be a part of the team on any lay secretariat positions. It's an opportunity to learn the details of a position and use your gifts without a big commitment.

Is Jesus nudging you? Let us know and we will hook you up!

Not feeling a nudge? No problem. We won't pressure you. Come and grow at your own pace. Together we are all better and stronger.

Enjoy the summer, friends. We look forward to seeing you at Fr. Jim's celebration this month and at School of Leaders again on Saturday, August 20 @ St. Michaels on Bright Rd. in Findlay. Doors are open @ 8:30. We meet from 9-noon in the Marian room.

Kathy Otermat will do Scripture reading and reflection. Deacon Andy McMahon will discuss chapter 4 of the Christendom book. John Welch will summarize chapter 5 (Not perfect, but chosen) on p. 41 of "Into His Likeness" by Edward Sri.

Bring a snack and bring a friend. See you there!

Blessings and hugs,

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## Prayervine



The CBP (Customs & Border Protection) Agent who risked his life to confront and subdue the shooter in Uvalde, TX, Bob Drewior - birthday blessings, John Lyons - carpal tunnel surgery, a couple with health problems, Mary - cancer treatment, niece - cancerous brain tumor, Doris - passed away, Barb Lovell's mom - in hospital, Aarin - Covid, Joanne - in hospital, the Arnolds - accident, Bob Drewior - shoulder surgery, Laurie Toth - needs prayer, niece - cancer, Nick - shoulder surgery & re-injury.

### Fourth Day

#### From the Fourth Day Team

Were you Chosen? What a wonderful Focus Day we had for Toledo Cursillo. We focused on the many ways we are chosen. How we react to being chosen. What choices we now have. How it could only be by a higher power, GOD, that all of this makes us who we are at this place and time.

A big thank you to Father Ron Schock and Sister Edna Michael for bringing the meaning of being chosen to each of us. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish to share and brought their insight to being chosen. Thanks to Don Fritsch for his help in planning and work on our Focus Day.

Finally, the day ended with creating your own sundae on Saturday. Everyone had the opportunity to make their own sundaes with all the toppings even sprinkles.

We are blessed to have such an active Cursillo Movement here in the Toledo Diocese!

Your siblings in Christ,  
Karen Reinhart, John and Luanne Welch



### Ultreyas

Toledo area Ultreya is scheduled to be starting back up at St. Clement. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month starting Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> in Jaeger Hall at 2 pm.



Area 8 (Galion area) is having regular Ultreyas the second Monday of each month, rotating locations. The Ultreya on July 11th will be at St. Joe's in Crestline from 7 until 9 pm. All are welcome!

Area 10 (Tiffin area) is holding an Ultreya on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Church in Tiffin at 7 pm. It will be held in the Upper Room.



## Palanca

WOW, we have only 6 months left in this year. OR, 6 months has passed by already. Either way, time is flying by. No matter how you look at it we need to slow down to “smell the roses”.

Tuck yourself in a cozy place and just take time from your busy summer and spend it with God, your Creator.



One thing that isn't slowing down is the number of Cursillos that are scheduled this month-internationally too. Keep praying for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

DeColores, Jan Stainbrook, Palanca

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
7/7/2022	7/10/2022	Men's 64 (Spanish)	Asunción, Luque (Paraguay)
7/7/2022	7/10/2022	Men's 381 (English)	St. Paul & Minneapolis, MN
7/14/2022	7/17/2022	Women's 64 (Spanish)	Asunción, Luque (Paraguay)
7/14/2022	7/17/2022	Women's 81 (Spanish)	Denver, CO
7/14/2022	7/17/2022	Women's 382 (English)	St. Paul/Minneapolis, MN
7/14/2022	7/17/2022	Women's 5 (Spanish)	Evansville, IN
7/14/2022	7/17/2022	Men's 48 (Korean)	Los Angeles, CA
7/14/2022	7/17/2022	Men's 160 (Spanish)	Chihuahua, Chih., (México)
7/14/2022	7/17/2022	Women's 85 (English)	Charlotte, NC
7/14/2022	7/17/2022	Men's 678 (English)	Orange, CA
7/14/2022	7/17/2022	Women's 289 (English)	Biloxi, MS
7/21/2022	7/24/2022	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Santa Rosa, CA
7/21/2022	7/24/2022	Men's 126 (English)	Oklahoma City, OK
7/21/2022	7/24/2022	Men's Cursillo (English)	Charlotte, NC
7/21/2022	7/24/2022	Women's 679 (English)	Orange, CA
7/21/2022	7/24/2022	Women's 62 (Spanish)	Tulsa, OK
7/21/2022	7/24/2022	Women's 100 (English)	Harrisburg, PA
7/28/2022	7/30/2022	Women's 89 (Spanish)	Santa Rosa, CA
7/28/2022	7/31/2022	Women's 218 (Spanish)	Fresno, CA
7/28/2022	7/31/2022	Men's 82 (Spanish)	Denver, CO
7/28/2021	7/31/2022	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Santa Rosa, CA
7/28/2022	7/31/2022	Men's 62 (English)	Palm Beach, FL
7/28/2022	7/31/2022	Women's 43 (English)	Belleville, IL

## Secretariat Member openings

### Current Openings

Communications

Cursillo

Post-Cursillo (4<sup>th</sup> day)

Hispanic Representative

Palanca



Please reflect on these openings and hear the Holy Spirit to be the Hands, Feet and Voice of Jesus, you can continue to grow in your faith!

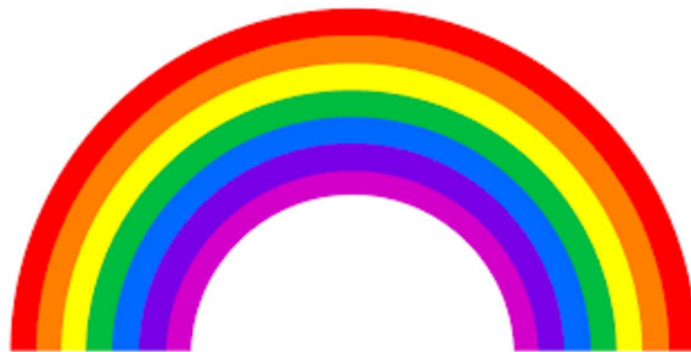
*'What a shame it would be if someone came looking for Christ and only found us! But what a blessing if they came looking for us and found Christ!!'*

Eduardo Bonnin, Founder Cursillo Movement

### NATIONAL CURSILLO INFORMATION:

[www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org) Read about Cursillo news, palanca requests from around the world, or read the national newsletter.

**CURSILLO WEBSITE:** [www.cursillo419.org](http://www.cursillo419.org) Go here to view news of upcoming events, read the current month's Ark or download forms.





Announcing... Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

***Time to celebrate with Fr. Jim***

***50 years as a priest***

***50+ years as a Cursillista!***

***Elizabeth Schaefer Auditorium***

***190 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH***

***Plan for the day***

**12:30 PM** Gathering & Fellowship

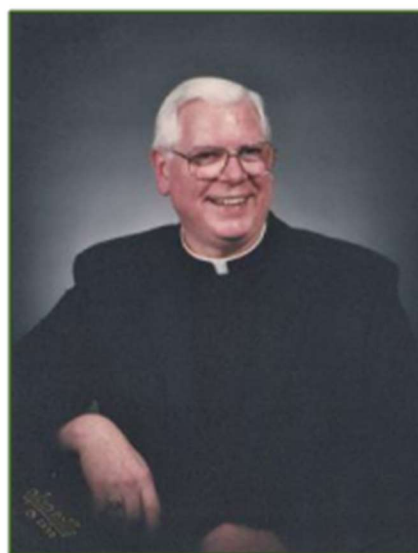
**1:00 PM** Mass in ESA

**2:15 PM** Potluck meal\*

Songs of Praise &

Thanksgiving

Ultreya



***What to bring***

- ❖ Your nametag or lanyard
- ❖ A main dish, plus a side dish or dessert *with serving utensils*
- ❖ Beverage of your choice

***Plates, plastic ware, napkins, cold drink cups will be provided.***

***Let's Celebrate!***