



# 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.

## August 2024

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## Our Spiritual Advisor

### Ark Spiritual Directors Article

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May the Lord give you His peace as we continue to bask in His love, and in this summer fun weather. My prayer is that all of you have enjoyed lots of good times with family and friends over these summer months, and that you have allowed yourselves to be those warm rays, special sparks, refreshing draughts of Christ’s powerful presence to those who most need Him.

August is one of those months wherein we are blessed to encounter so many brothers and sisters of Faith who said “yes”

to God’s call and walked the path of open receptivity and generous service, laying the foundation and building up the Kingdom of God. Knowing that we could not have any offer of salvation without the Son of God being born into our humanity, we gladly celebrate the one who gave her trusting “Yes” to the angel Gabriel and became the mother of our Savior, Mary of Nazareth. As we love to sing the song, De Colores, Mary joyfully sang her Magnificat, giving praise and thanks to Almighty God and calling to a life of service those who would come to believe in our Savior. Mary’s life of faithful service culminated in her Assumption (8-15) and Queenship (8-22).



Mary said, “Yes” and others followed. Here are just a few. St. Alphonsus Liguori (8-1) would say “Yes” and become a Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St. Dominic (8-8) would say “Yes” and become the founder of the Order of Preachers, helping men and women of the 13th century, and today, to hear and understand the Word of God in a more meaningful way. St. Lawrence (8-10), would say, “yes” and become a deacon and martyr of the very early Church after he was

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asked to hand over the treasury of the Church to the pagan Roman authorities and instead brought together the poorest members of the Church and presented them to the authorities. St. Maximilian Kolbe, (8-14) franciscan priest and martyr, would say, “Yes” as he was arrested by the Nazi gestapo in WWII, imprisoned in a death camp, and offered himself to die in place of another prisoner. St. Bernard (8-20) would say, “Yes” as he sought to reform monastic life in the 12th century by emphasizing the power of a personal, loving relationship with Jesus. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, a Jewish convert to the Catholic faith and a Carmelite nun, would say, “Yes” to Jesus by offering her life in the death camps of the Nazis in WWII. St. Monica (8-27) would say, “Yes” as she yearned and cried for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine (8-28) to the Christian faith. These are just a few of the Faithful followers of Jesus whom we celebrate in August and try to emulate all through the year.

None of this could happen without the first disciples of Jesus who witnessed His transfiguration (8-6). Peter, James and John were privileged to experience the glorious reality of Jesus as He was joined by Moses and Elijah on the mountain. The three disciples heard the voice, “This is my beloved Son; listen to Him.” Coming down from the mountain Jesus helped them to realize that the glory they saw could not be achieved without the Cross. Jesus seeks to help us learn this powerful lesson in our daily lives, that new life comes only through the transition of dying, in one way or another. Let’s not be afraid to walk the journey of New Life.

De Colores! Fr. Jim Morman

## Lay Director

Hello, fellow pilgrims! This greeting came to mind often while I was attending the Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis. What a blessing it was for me to be able to attend!

It isn’t a greeting just for a large revival or a pilgrimage or a Cursillo weekend! We are all pilgrims on the journey from earth to heaven. One of my favorite hymns, “The Servant Song”, has this verse: “We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road. We are here to help each other, walk the mile and share the load.” I found myself singing this as I navigated the wide, crowded hallways of the Indianapolis Convention Center where some of the presentations took place.



The lives we live aren’t easy. I say often, to myself and others, that this isn’t heaven. Dr. Ben Akers gave a thought-filled talk on offering our bodies as a living sacrifice. He reminded us of the importance of praying a Morning Offering. Telling Jesus daily that we will serve Him with all that we are! When we offer up the difficulties of our lives - difficult jobs, difficult people, difficult situations (loss, health, etc.) to the suffering of Jesus on the Cross, these offerings take on a salvific meaning. We understand that the sacrifices we make for those living a Cursillo

weekend are so much more powerful than something we do for our own sakes because they are connected to Jesus! When we sacrifice for others, we make those sacrifices holy.

Romans 12:1: I urge you, therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

De Colores

Kathy Otermat

John Lyons



## Pre-Cursillo

The good news is that we have just received our first Candidate application for the upcoming Men's Cursillo #295.

The bad news for me is that I will now have to practice my keyboard skills again. (I will be thanking the Lord for spell check frequently and having Helen proof read things before I hit send ).

This means you all have an opportunity to pray for an improvement in my keyboard skills too. The best way you could help me with this is by sending more Candidate Applications. (Oh yes - that means Sponsors' application also.)

There is still some time. The Men's weekend is September 12 thru 15 and the Women's is October 17 thru 20.

My prayer for all of you is success in your mission to Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ.

De Colores!

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A little note from Bob & Dave-  
Welcome to August. Brothers and Sisters if you wish to serve on a 2025 Cursillo Team, please send Team Applications in, you can find online -- Cursillo419 to [robertdrewior774@gmail.com](mailto:robertdrewior774@gmail.com) or [dzaborski411@gmail.com](mailto:dzaborski411@gmail.com).

Dave Zaborski & Robert Drewior

## School of Leaders

Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Hope you are enjoying the summer.

We are back on August 17<sup>th</sup> in the Marian Room. St. Michael in Findlay. We will, as always, be beginning at 9am. We will be starting with music and singing. Don't forget to bring your singing voices.

Dale Fair will be presenting Scripture reading.

Deacon Tom Soper will lead us through "Living With Real Presence" chapter 3.3

Mike Cherry will present "Rescued" chapter 9 and 10

We look forward to seeing you and share Our Lord's Peace and Love with one another.

If you wish, bring a snack to share

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Day / Post Cursillo

A Blessed August to all. Bill and I safely traveled to Philly for our nephew's wedding. We missed the picnic and the Eucharistic Conference but our time with family and friends was well spent. The Men's team have been meeting and the weekend will be Sept. 12-15 at St. Francis Spirituality Center. The women's team will begin their meetings soon and their weekend will be Oct. 17-20 at St. Francis Spirituality Center. We will be looking for witnesses for both Holy Hours and Closings. If anyone has a witness you would like to share, please call (419-447-6410)/us soon. Please keep the teams and all those on the prayer vine in your prayers. Have a safe and enjoyable rest of your summer. May God bless all of you and your families. Bill, Betty, Becky, and Angie.



(prayers for the month of July)

Barb Lovell - eye issues, Louie - in the hospital, Jim - kidney failure & high PSA, Jane Oddo - husband Jeff passed, Jess - mastectomy, Pam - unexpected death of son, young woman - marriage issues, Candy Brugeman - heart issue, Karen Kujawa - in hospital, friend - passed away suddenly, 7 year old girl - inoperable brain tumor, Zaborski family - health challenges, for our country, Sara - heart attack.

### August Ultreyas

**Area 7 and 10 Tiffin Area** –Tiffin and New Riegel area Ultreya: August 25 at 7pm, The Upper Room of St. Joseph Activity Center, Tiffin.

**Area 8** Area 8 Ultreya Galion Resurrection parish hall on the second Monday of Aug 8 th from 7-9 PM.



Please share what you are doing for Palanca! email to = [Palanca419@outlook.com](mailto:Palanca419@outlook.com)

What joy it is to read emails or letter at the end of a Cursillo. What can God do with your prayers, fasting and alms giving? Please find and do some palanca. The world is full of evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Pray helps others and it also helps you. Jack B. Reuter, Palanca Chair.

#### Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

2024-08-01	Women's 15 (Koren)(English)	San Jose, CA	mwcursillo.palanca@gmail.com
2024-08-01	Women's 97 (Spanish)	San Martín, Argentina	cursillosanmartin@gmail.com
2024-08-01	Women's 45 (English)	Belleville, IL	krau16@yahoo.com



2024-08-01	Men's 59 (English)	Lexington, KY	palancalexington@gmail.com
2024-08-01	Women's 713 (English)	Orange, CA	palanca@occursillo.org
2024-08-01	Women's 79 (Spanish)	Santiago, Chile	voc.espiritualidad.mcczc.stgo@gmail.com
2024-08-01	Women's 87 (Portuguese)	Santa Maria - RS	alavancas.mccsm@gmail.com
2024-08-01	Men's 389 (English)	Mpls/St. Paul, MN	<u>weldon.tim@gmail.com</u>
2024-08-08	Men's 15(Vietnamese)	Boston, MA	dlenguyen@comcast.net
2024-08-08	Men's 110 (Spanish)	Cleveland, Ohio	hubeyes@aol.com
2024-08-08	Women's (Spanish)	Las Cruces, NM	<u>Diazsebas2009@gmail.com</u>
2024-08-08	Men's 283 (Spanish)	Stockton, CA	<u>crisobal94520@yahoo.com</u>
2024-08-08	Women's 390 (English)	St Paul Minneapolis, MN	<u>smgpalanca@gmail.com</u>
2024-08-08	Women's 714 (Filipino)	Orange, CA	<u>cas3156@gmail.com</u>
2024-08-15	Women's 283 (Spanish)	Stockton, CA	crisobal94520@yahoo.com
2024-08-15	Women's 25 (Spanish)	Memphis, TN	cursillomem901@outlook.com
2024-08-15	Men's 125 (English)	Birmingham, AL	laketable@yahoo.com
2024-08-15	Men s 183 (Spanish)	Oruro, Bolivia	mcc.oruro.bo@gmail.com
2024-08-15	Men's 145 (English)	Birmingham, AL	laketable@yahoo.com
2024-08-22	Women's 16 (Vietnamese)	Boston, MA	dlenguyen@comcast.net
2024-08-22	Men's 96 (Potuguese)(English)	Valença - RJ	mccgedvalenca@gmail.com
2024-08-22	Men's 58 (English)	Albany, NY	i82muchmandms@gmail.com
2024-08-22	Women's 1046 (Vietnamese)	Los Angles, CA	marynhuongt@yahoo.com
2024-08-22	Men's 402 (English)	San Angelo, TX	hernandeznora1943@gmail.com
2024-08-22	Men's 1 (Spanish)	Charleston, SC	amarcella1206@yahoo.com
2024-08-22	Women's 244 (English)	San Jose, CA	cursillosecretary@comcast.net
2024-08-22	Men's E-63 (Spanish)	Peoria, IL	cursillocdop@gmail.com

2024-08-29	Men's 62 (Vietnamese)	San Jose, CA	vphan62@hotmail.com
2024-08-29	Women's 32 (Spanish)	Venice, FL	asevillanoa@hotmail.com
2024-08-29	Women's 105 (Filiapino)(English)	Oakland, CA	nvamedoff@aol.com
2024-08-29	Women's 51 (Spanish)	Concepcion, Tucuman	thulindio@gmail.com
2024-08-29	Men's 1049 (Vietnamese)	Los Angeles, CA	marynhuongt@yahoo.com
2024-08-29	Women's 13 (Spanish)	Springfield, MA	maryvazquez42@gmail.com

**Witness : share how God is working in your life = email to = [judbrick616@gmail.com](mailto:judbrick616@gmail.com)**

**Secretariat Member openings**  
*Current openings*

*For your information and reflection -- there are several positions on Secretariat that will be opening for replacements—*

*School of Leaders    Co - Lay Director    Pre-Cursillo*

*The current position holders will be with you one year to familiarize you with the service position you assume/step into.*



**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

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