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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.

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Application Forms are on the Website:

www.cursillo419.org

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On Pentecost, and the weeks leading up to it, the Mass readings are full of discussion about the Holy Spirit. The scripture readings have many words describing the third person of the Holy Trinity. The Advocate. The Paraclete. Spirit and Truth. A driving wind. Jesus says to the Apostles, "Peace be with you...Receive the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the love of the Father and the Son, reveals to us God the Father and God the Son. The Advocate's role is to open our hearts to seeing and believing in the Lord's presence.

His ongoing and everyday presence in our lives. To see what the world fails to see and what the world fails to believe. To reveal to us Jesus, God the Son, so that he may reveal to us God the Father. Revealed to us so we may know, love, and serve him and follow his commandments. Commandments that allow us to say to him,

"Thy will be done." Like the Apostles, the Holy Spirit empowers us and transforms us to do great things, big and small, in our environments, that we cannot do on our own. This is all true if we allow the Holy Spirit to work in us, to guide us and to speak to our spirit.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekend

Fall 2023

Men # 291

September 7-10

Women # 292

October 12-15

During formation, my spiritual director advised me to get out of the way of the Holy Spirit and said that if something is of the Holy Spirit, you'll feel a sense of peace. These two pieces of direction are so true. Getting out of the way of the Holy Spirit means surrendering to and trusting in the Holy Spirit to guide you on the right path, to be your advocate, to be your Spirit and Truth. If you stray from the right path, I've found the Holy Spirit gives opportunities, direction, and encouragement to get back on the right path. Following the guidance of the Holy Spirit isn't always easy or

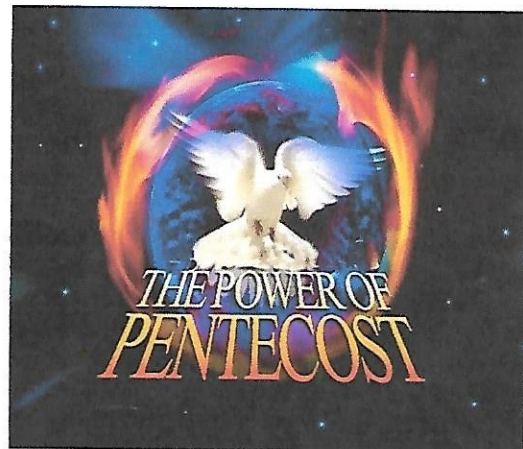
without suffering, but without exception, trusting in and surrendering to the guidance of the Holy Spirit leads to inner peace.

As you proceed through the coming days of late Spring and Summer, contemplate what it means for you to get out of the way of the Holy Spirit. Contemplate what it means to listen to and follow the still small voice of the Advocate as it speaks to your spirit. Contemplate what inner peace through

the Holy Spirit means to you.

Peace be with you!

Deacon Greg Siebenaller



LAY DIRECTOR

(Each month, one of our Lay Directors will write an article.)

Maybe you all can help me. Help us. Help Cursillo of the Toledo diocese. Could you pray diligently for more workers? We need you. More specifically we need people to step up and help Cursillo grow.

Currently there are 3 leadership positions that are in dire need of being filled. The first is the Cursillo position, currently being filled by Mike and Kathy Huffman. In this position the responsibilities are to take team applications keep them in a file, and send a copy to the rectors for the upcoming weekends. Also call and set up meeting dates for the teams (currently at St Michael the Archangel in Findlay).

Next is the Palanca position. This requires internet skills. Being able to send out palanca requests for our weekends and updating Toledo Cursillo with the dates of the weekends going on around the world. And bringing the palanca from around the world to our weekends to be posted for the team and candidates to see. Jan Stainbrook is the lady in charge of this right now.

The last position is facilities. Mike and Therese Cherry fill this position right now and are in need of someone or two or four to take over. These people are in charge of getting the supplies that are needed for each weekend starting with getting the rectors their manuals, team manuals and song books for team formation. Then on the

weekend, getting the supplies from the trailer into the meeting rooms etc.. A team of people would best serve this position.

If you have ANY questions, please contact John Lyons(lyons5876@gmail.com) or Kathy Otermat(kotermat04@gmail.com)! We would love to start a conversation with you and explain the position in more depth. Step up and answer the call.

Ring Ring Ring

On This Pentecost Sunday, I can imagine the Holy Spirit coming down and resting on YOU! In the gospel today Jesus stood in the disciples midst and said "Peace be with you". He says the same to you and to me today! Jesus goes on to say, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you". What powerful words. Jesus is sending us out to bring the good news of the gospel to all those we meet. Jesus assures us that He will never leave us. Let's go spread some really good news! Jesus loves us all!!

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PRE-CURSILLO

Looking forward to receiving candidate applications (and Sponsor's Applications) for the Fall Men's # 291 September 7th thru 10th and the Women's # 292, October 12th thru 15th.

Have heard of several possible candidates in the works for both weekends. Hoping for those applications soon. (Please remember to use the current application forms).

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Cursillo

Dear Friends,

We are bringing our term to a close. It has been great joy to serve God with and for you. Please come forward if you want to help put teams together. It is more of a behind the scene job designed for off the chart introverts! Not to imply that extroverts are not welcome. Balance is always a blessing too.

Teams are forming now. If you want to work in the Fall you can still send us a team app and we will see it gets forwarded. Or you can apply on line at the Cursillo website. Information on the Fall weekends is here in this month's Ark.

In our love and prayers always,
The Huffmans

School of Leaders :

Greetings to all my Cursillo family!

The readings this week leading up to Pentecost are so inspirational for us as Cursillistas!

We have the "Do you love me" gospel with Jesus asking Peter and telling him (3 times) to "Feed my lambs", to remind us that we all mess up sometimes, but God knew we would, so he created the beautiful sacrament of reconciliation to give us the grace to quit beating ourselves up and press on to do His work to the best of our ability with His help.

Nope, I'm not worthy to do what I am called to do for Him, and I sure as the dickens can't accomplish anything worthwhile on my own, but with His help, I can do great things! (Remember the quote, "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called")?

In this movement, I have seen that play out so many times. It seems there is always someone who steps up to lend a hand just when it is needed, right?

Maybe a card, a phone call, an in-person visit with just the right words, or a task needing a helping hand done motivating us along the way.

Also, we have our patron St. Paul being a missionary to the Gentiles for his last 2 years in chains, no less. I'm guessing that is not how he thought being a missionary for Christ would go, but he persevered and brought many to the faith.

My take-away from these is to keep doing what I can (after talking to Jesus in prayer, of course), even if it seems that someone else could do it better. If the call is from God, He will lead & guide me on the right paths. He WILL make a way!

So, think about those things tugging on your heart. It's probably Him calling you!

Don't be afraid to be a leader! (Note that there are still some secretariat positions open. Not all of them require you to be a public speaker, if that is your fear. But all of them do have great people who will be happy to "show you the ropes" and support you through the transition).

Our next School of Leaders is not until August.

I'll give you those details in the August Ark.

We DO have a Focus Day on June 17. See details in the 4th day article and attached flyer. It will be fun!

We hope to see you there on the 17th!

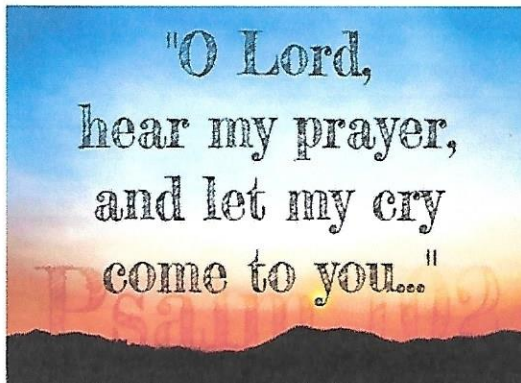
Have a blessed summer, friends! We love you and pray for you and your intentions every day!

Blessings and Hugs,

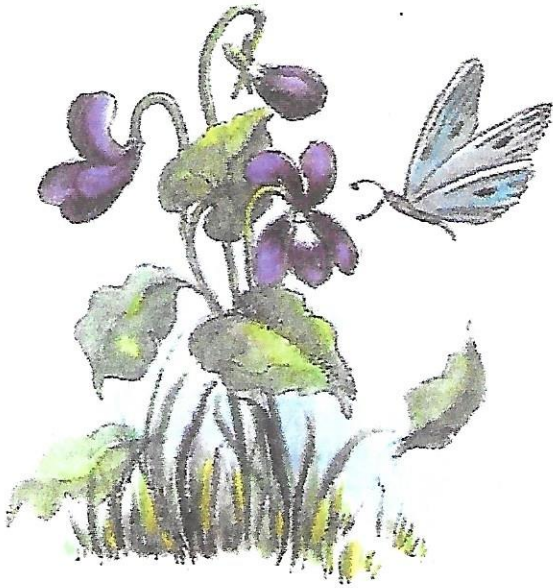
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Prayervine



Bob Drewior - carpal tunnel surgery, Bobby Stainbrook - first Communion, Bonnie Cochran - throat cancer, young parents & baby born prematurely, Tom Russell Sr. - cancer, Marti Leopold - abdominal bleed, Patrick Steyer - leukemia healing, 18 year old - rare blood disorder, Craig Szpila - cancer, Mike Kachalak - prostate cancer, friend - triple bypass surgery, Mary Ann Hohman - knee replacement.



The Earth is Alive!!

A Cursillo Focus Day

Saturday, June 17, 2023

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Gathering at 8:30 AM

Light breakfast & socializing

St. Wendelin Parish Hall

323 M. Wood Street

Fostoria, Ohio

Join us at this beautiful time of year to give praise to God for the gift of creation, so easily taken for granted and too often harmed. In the spirit of Pope Francis' 2015 document, *Laudato Si*, we will pray, celebrate, learn and act in the Spirit of God who moves throughout the world!

Bring a brown bag lunch.

Soup and beverages will be provided.

Free will offering to cover expenses

Planning Team:

Bill & Betty Obringer,

Becky Smeltz, Sr. Edna Michel

Questions?? Contact Bill or Betty at

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Or ph. 419-618-5132



The area 8 Ultreya will be Monday, June 12 from 7-9 p.m.
@ Bucyrus Holy Trinity.
We plan to be in the activity center room. All are welcome!



Area 7 and 10 will NOT have an Ultreya in June.



I love the month of June. So many things make it special like the weather is finally “normal”- not too hot yet and not so wishy washy any longer, the days are the longest, the kids are off school- no more worrying about homework and bedtimes, the crops are beginning to grow from the ground- fresh veggies will be here soon, vacation time is around the corner and how about those special June birthdays. I’m one of those recipients. And to make it more special, I had a grandson born on my birthday last year. How special is that! What a unique

connection we will always have. What kind of special connection do you have with someone? I bet that some of you share your birthday with someone special or even with our Lord Jesus’ birthday. All birthdays are special because that is the day our God breathed life into us, for Himself, and for humanity. Let us share this breath of life with our brothers and sisters in Christ as there are almost 40 Cursillos this June. Please pray, fast, say rosaries, do “palanca” etc. for the Cursillistas and teams as they ready for their events. And while you do this, go hug on a baby- it just feels so nice.

Feliz Cumpleanos and DeColores,

Jan Stainbrook, Palanca Chair (and birthday girl)

Witness:

Please share how Christ is working in your life. Email to: judbrick616@gmail.com

Secretariat Member openings

Current Openings :

Cursillo Facilities 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 Read about Cursillo news, palanca requests from around the world, or read the national newsletter.

CURSILLO WEBSITE: www.cursillo419.org Go here to view news of upcoming events, read the current month’s Ark or download forms.