



Cursillo

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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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Spiritual Advisor

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

Since presenting the homilies for Good Friday and the Fourth Sunday of Easter, I've been contemplating on Pilate's question, "What is truth" and what it takes to listen to and hear the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Some 2,000 years later, it seems our society asks the same question, for similar reasons and in the same manner as Pilate, "What is truth". Our culture, political leaders and parties, civic leaders, world leaders, the media and others, including some Catholic leaders, seem to manipulate the truth to fit their respective agendas. Our culture promotes a sense of relativism where each person has their own truth to fit their own needs. Many will deny and manipulate what is happening right before our eyes and spin it to fit the narrative of their agenda. We as individuals are not immune from this either. We have more and more of a tendency to fall in line with the truths that support our beliefs and our actions and attack or condemn those that don't believe, or act like us. Just like during the time of Pilate, the Pharisees and Jesus Christ, the manipulation of the truth causes injustice, division, sews confusion and creates the desire to dominate and even destroy. What is truth?

For many, this question of "What is truth", this relativism, makes it difficult to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and be drawn to him and to build relationship with him. The voice of the Good Shepherd is drowned out or muffled by all the distractions and calls for our attention found in our culture.

What can help us hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling us and know the answer to the question, "What is truth?" Obviously, what we learn in Cursillo – Piety, Study and Action – are very helpful tools. Sometimes, we need to hear this from a bit of a different perspective.

Upcoming 2022 Cursillo Weekends

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

Please share how Christ is working in your life. Email Nancy Cook at nancy750@bex.net

WHAT IS TRUTH?



Recently, I attended a One Bread One Cup youth liturgical leadership conference for high school youth and youth ministers held at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology at St. Meinrad, Indiana. It is kind of like a Cursillo for high school youth. Word, Sacrament and Mission is the theme of One Bread, One Cup. Focusing on the Word, Sacrament and Mission helps draw our attention to the truth and helps us hear the voice of the Good Shepherd.

The Word is the beginning with life in Christ, the Word made flesh. Being Christ-like or flesh made Word to others should be our goal in life. We do this by surrounding and immersing ourselves in the Good News of the Word through scripture, Mass, and liturgies, reading good Catholic literature, listening to good liturgical music, Lectio Divina, personal prayer and prayerful silence.



Sacraments help us experience the presence of our Savior Jesus Christ. We need to remember that through our Baptism God adopts us in Christ. In Baptism we die with Christ so that we may rise with him. The oil of Confirmation seals us in Christ and with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and completes our Baptism. Through the sacrament of Reconciliation, we are cleansed and made new by the power of God and his mercy and forgiveness. At each Mass, we experience Christ's sacrificial meal through the Eucharist - His true presence. His body, blood, soul, and divinity - which nourishes us to strive to be Christ to others. Through the Word, sacraments, and Mass we place ourselves in the presence of Christ our Savior, get to know him and develop relationship with him. As with our personal relationships with others, our personal relationship with Christ, the Good Shepherd and the Word made flesh, allows us to more clearly hear his voice and listen to him. Listen to him as he calls us to himself and draws us to a life in Christ that allows us to know the truth. He is the way, the truth, and the life.

Through Baptism, we are anointed with Christ and given a mission to carry the good news to all. We are all called to the mission of being priest, prophet, and king. As priest, we are called to pray for others. As prophet we are called to share God's Word with others in word and witness. As king, we are called to bring order to the Body of Christ, to help orient ourselves and others to lead a Christ-centered life rather than a life centered on the secular world. We are called to make disciples by living out our Baptism so that others can be baptized and live out their Baptism by leading a Christ-centered life. We are called to be flesh made Word to others.



By focusing on Word, Sacrament and Mission, we can better know the truth that lies in knowing Jesus Christ and developing relationship with Him. By developing relationship with Him, we can better hear his voice, the voice of the Good Shepherd, calling us to Him. Being able to better and more clearly hear his voice, we can better understand and love the Word made flesh so we can do a better job of being flesh made Word to all we meet.

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

We are one body, one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone! (I hear you singing along) ...One more time.... We are one Body, one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone!



Yes, we are all one body with many moving parts. It reminds me of the reading from 1Corinthians 12:14-18. Paraphrased. The foot can't be the eye, can't be the ear, can't be the mouth. Verse 18 "But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as He intended. And so, we all can't be the ear, the eye, the mouth, the foot...etc. But as God intended, we need to be the best version of the part of the body that God created us to be. Serving those that He puts in our daily path with the utmost care and concern. If we do this, "What a wonderful world it would be"!

Speaking of the body, Jesus laid down His life for us; gave us His body and blood "that we might have life and have it abundantly"!

I sat in the chapel today, in front of the tabernacle, praying what He might have me write about. The image behind the tabernacle is the last supper. As I took in the images of the 12 around Jesus, I was drawn to Jesus' outstretched arms, pointing downward, with hands held open, palms up. Just below His hands, on one side was the bread, on the other side, a chalice cup (His blood). Take a moment and meditate with me. I am called to be His body to a broken world. To share His blood, His love, with a lot of non-Christian people who hate what Jesus stands for. He came to bring peace and love to the world over 2,000 years ago. And they couldn't handle it! They killed him because of what He stood for. Are they really going to love me? I doubt it. But that's ok. Jesus says in John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Jesus assures us that it will not be smooth sailing! (The disciples in a boat being tossed). So, what do we do? Kneel down and pray! I was going to say stand up.



But in a sense, yes, stand up by kneeling, and pray that God will grant us strength to continue the work that He started. Grant us the wisdom to make the right decisions to move forward as He guides us. Let us be servants to all those we meet. And do so as He taught us Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. THY kingdom come. THY will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For THINE is the kingdom, and the POWER, and the GLORY. Now and forever. AMEN!! ALLELUIA!!

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

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Pre-Cursillo

Currently at four Candidates for the Men's weekend (September 8th to 11th). The deadline for Men's applications is August 18th.

There are four candidates for the Women's weekend (October 6th to 9th). The deadline for Women's applications is September 15th.

Looking forward to receiving more applications soon. (Don't forget to send your sponsor's application along with the candidates application:)



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

Cursillo

Team Positions Team 287

Spiritual Directors
 Deacon
 Rectors

Campus Facilitator
 Sacristan Brother
 Troubadours

Disciples

Shepherds

Table Leaders

Talks

Ideal
 Laity
 Piety
 Study
 Action
 Leaders
 Study of the Environment
 Christianity in Action
 The Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo
 Total Security - Group Reunion
 Total Security - Ultreya

Father Steve Blum
 Bruce Alge
 John Welch
 Mike Roberts
 Mike Ruhlen
 Daniel Hall
 Bill Obringer
 Jim Vasko
 (Head) Gary Keel
 Don Evans
 Mike Huffman
 Rami Martinez
 (Head) Ric Smith
 Mike Kachelek
 Troy Peebles
 Don Fritsch
 Chuck Dobson
 Mark Blum
 John Lyons
 Roger Brickner
 Bernie Rumschlag



Brother Daniel Hall
 Mark Blum
 Bill Obringer
 Chuck Dobson
 John Lyons
 Jim Vasko
 Troy Peebles
 Don Fritsch
 Bernie Rumschlag
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School of Leaders

Our Next School Of Leaders will be on August 20th at St. Michael's in Findlay in the Marian Room. Doors open up at 8:30 am. and we begin at 9. Enter through the office entrance and turn right at the 1st hallway. The Marian room is the 1st on the right.

Isaiah 43, 1-3,4

But now, says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel:

Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name: you are mine.

When you pass through the water, I will be with you;

In the rivers, you shall not drown.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned;

The flames shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, and because I love you.



Kathy Otermat will do a Scripture reading with Reflection.

Deacon Andy McMahon will discuss chapter 4 of "From Christendom To Apostolic Mission".

John Welch will go over chapter 5 of "Into His Likeness".

If you wish, bring a snack or dish to share. Coffee, Tea, and paper products are provided.

Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces.



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Prayervine



Debby - in ICU, Todd - gall bladder surgery & on liver transplant list, friends - trying to sell their house, Kathy Fesh - in hospice with Alzheimer's, Monica Zaborski - Covid, Jim Woods - Covid, John Welch - TIA symptoms, Julie - in hospice with ovarian cancer, Kathy Fesh - entered her 5th Day, Ed Bockrath - heart issues, Stephanie Foos - ovarian cancer, Bob Drewior - healing from infection & for a successful move, Gwen Akins - surgery

Fourth Day

From the Fourth Day Team

*** Sept. 11, 2022 Men's Fall Cursillo Closing will begin at 4:30 PM. Please mark your calendars ***

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior, Who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, who will sing joyfully because of you.

Are you celebrating your 4th day with those around you? Anytime is a great time to celebrate God's unconditional love, mercy, and peace! As you're all out at get togethers, reunions, traveling, socials, we hope you are celebrating your faith and allowing the Lord's Spirit to shine through you to all those you meet. As our Lord rejoices over you, so rejoice and praise Him for all to see! He is singing joyfully and dancing because of you, so let's sing and dance and praise God in our 4th day!



Contact Us

If you are interested in what the 4th day team does for the Toledo Cursillo, please contact one of us, or someone on the Secretariat. We are looking and praying for people to work with and take over our position. Having (2) couples working together has been a lot of fun and makes less work for only (1) person or couple. Please think and pray about joining the Secretariat as 4th Day team members.

Blessings!

John and Luanne Welch

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Ultreyas



Toledo area Ultreya is scheduled to be starting back up at St. Clement. 2nd Sunday of the month starting Sunday August 14th 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 August 8th will be held at Galion St. Joseph activity center meeting room from 7 until 9 pm. All are welcome!

Area 10 (Tiffin area) is holding an Ultreya on Sunday, August 28th at St. Joseph Church in Tiffin at 7 pm. It will be held in the Upper Room.

Palanca

Here we are in the heart of summer. Time for fun and outdoor activities, family gatherings and memorable vacations to be had. And what wild weather we have had thus far.



Our faith is kind of like summer - sometimes it is very hot (and we feel the Holy Spirit burning within us) and sometimes it is cooler (and we question ourselves about how much time we are truly spending with the Lord) and sometimes it is sunny (and we share with others the love of Christ) and sometimes it is rainy (well, you get the idea). So, what is your summer like this year?

Take time to reflect a little and, even though you may be busy, remember to spend time with the Creator of your weather and grow in holiness. Don't forget to pray for our bothers and sisters in Christ.

DeColores, Jan Stainbrook, Palanca Chair

Start	End	Cursillo Event	Location
8/4/2022	8/7/2022	Women's 1006 (Vietnamese)	Los Angeles, CA
8/4/2022	8/7/2022	Women's 78 (English)	Jefferson City MO
8/4/2022	8/7/2022	Women's 108 (Spanish)	Dodge City, KS
8/4/2022	8/7/2022	Men Cursillo (Spanish)	Venice, FL
8/4/2022	8/7/2022	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Venice, FL
8/11/2022	8/14/2022	Men's 1007 (Vietnamese)	Los Angeles, CA
8/11/2022	8/14/2022	Women's 126 (English)	Oklahoma City, OK
8/11/2022	8/14/2022	Women's 48 (Korean)	Los Angeles, CA
8/11/2022	8/14/2022	Women's 63 (English)	Palm Beach, FL
8/11/2022	8/14/2022	Women's 254 (Spanish)	Sacramento, CA
8/11/2022	8/14/2022	Women's 569 (Spanish)	Amarillo, TX
8/19/2022	8/21/2022	Women's Cursillo (Portugues)	Nova Iguaçu RJ (Brasil)
8/18/2022	8/21/2022	Men's 56 (Spanish)	Ica - Chinchá (Peru)
8/18/2022	8/21/2022	Men's 58 (Vietnamese)	San Jose, CA
8/26/2022	8/28/2022	Men's 94 (Portuguese)	Valença, Rio de Janeiro
8/25/2022	8/28/2022	Women's Cursillo 1 (Spanish)	Richmond, VA
8/25/2022	8/28/2022	Men's 57 (English)	Albany, NY
8/25/2022	8/28/2022	Men's 77 (English)	Charleston, SC
8/25/2022	8/28/2022	Men's 65 (English)	Tulsa, OK
8/25/2022	8/28/2022	Women's 218 (Spanish)	Lubbock, TX
8/25/2022	8/28/2022	Women's 56 (Spanish)	Ica - Chinchá (Peru)

8/25/2022	8/28/2022	Men's 1214 (Spanish)	Caguas ,PR
8/25/2022	8/28/2022	Men's 15 (Korean)	San Jose, CA
8/25/2022	8/28/2022	Women's 59 (Vietnamese)	San Jose, CA
8/25/2022	8/28/2022	Women's 1318 (Spanish)	Monterrey, NL (Mexico)

Secretariat Member openings

Current Openings

Communications

Cursillo

Post-Cursillo (4th 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

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