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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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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
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Spiritual Advisor

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

“A Parable of the Church” by Ross Paterson

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a crude little lifesaving station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat. But the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea. With no thought for themselves, they went out day and night, tirelessly searching for the lost. Many lives were saved by the wonderful little station so that it soon became famous.

Now some of those who were saved and various others in the surrounding area wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time, money and effort for the support of its work. New boats were bought and new crews trained. The little lifesaving station grew.



Now some of the members of the lifesaving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and so poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge for those that were saved from the sea, so they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building. Now the lifesaving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they decorated it beautifully and furnished it exquisitely. Now they sort of used it as a "club".

Fewer members were interested in going to sea or lifesaving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews to do the work. The lifesaving motif still prevailed in the club's decorations and there was still a liturgical initiation held.

About this time, a large ship was wrecked off the coast and the hired crew brought in boats full of cold, wet, and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick, and some had black skin and some yellow. The beautiful new club was in chaos. So, the property committee immediately built a shower house outside the club where victims of shipwrecks could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split in the club's membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted on lifesaving as their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifesaving station. But they were finally voted down and told if they wanted to save the lives of all the various people that were shipwrecked, they could begin their own lifesaving station down the coast. And so, they did.

And as the years went by, the new station experienced the same kind of changes that occurred in the old. It evolved into a club and yet another lifesaving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visited that seacoast today, you would find a number of exclusive clubs along the shore.

Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.

From Father Jim Brown: So, we are needed not to be a club, but to be ministers of evangelization as Cursillistas! De Colores!

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

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

"When you pray, pray first for the Holy Spirit because when you have the Holy Spirit, you have everything." - Medjugorje April 4, 1985



"You have forgotten that through prayer and fasting you can avert wars and suspend the laws of nature." - Medjugorje Dec. 2, 1982

The language Jesus uses—“that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me”—shows us that the Father and the Son are united in love, and this love *is* itself the divine life. Thus, there is a Spirit, coequal to the Father and the Son. (Bishop Barron)

As we celebrated the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven today, I am transfixed as the apostles were. Imagine standing there and Jesus blesses you and then... He goes up into the clouds and beyond! WOW! It is no wonder that they were filled with joy. And Awe. And now they wait, together for the “promise of my Father upon you”. They had no idea how long they would be waiting. 10 hours, 10 days, 10 weeks, 10 years. They only knew that Jesus had promised to send them a present. And they were willing to wait by staying together as Jesus had told them. And to pray.

And so, as you wait for Pentecost, are you joyfully waiting? I am!!

I am waiting for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all of us. On our nation.

Come Lord Jesus Come!! Heal us. Open our hearts, our minds, our ears that we may be open to the love of God the Father, with the Son and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that we may love more fully those that cross our daily paths. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, may we then step out as we are called to evangelize and minister to those around us.

One more thought. Are you using your gifts to build up the Kingdom? What gifts do you have? We have some openings in the Secretariat that maybe you could help with. Pray about it. Call or text or email Kathy or myself. We would be more than happy to answer your questions or concerns. We are praying too! So don't be surprised if you are tapped on the shoulder or get a phone call from one of us or another member of Secretariat. (We do have a fun time).



Peace, prayers, and blessings to all of you!
DeColores!

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Pre-Cursillo

We are looking forward to receiving applications for the Fall weekends. The summer will go fast, so talk to God about your friends and to your friends about the Cursillo method sooner rather than later! When giving possible candidates applications, please make sure that you are giving them the most up to date form (available on our Cursillo website). Also ask that they send it to us electronically or to the sponsor first for forwarding to us with the sponsors application.

Please be sure to include e-mail addresses so that we can send the invitation letters to the candidates directly.

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

Teams are forming now. Get your team applications into the Huffmans asap; or contact either Mary Lyons or John Welch who are going to be the Fall rectors. Team meetings will start mid-summer for the men's, and shortly after that for the women's.

Everyone have a safe and happy, Spirit-filled summer.

Love and Prayers

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School of Leaders

Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

Jesus said to Simon and Andrew “Come I will make you fishers of men”. We know this to be the call of the first disciples.

We also received the call to be disciples of Christ. Through our own baptism, and confirmation, we answered that call.

We do our best to follow Christ’s example and be fishers of men. “Make A Friend, Be A Friend. Bring A Friend To Christ”.



When we enter The Fourth Day, we are invited to attend the monthly meeting of School of Leaders. All Cursillistas are welcome. Please do not be scared of the name. We know from our weekends that we all are leaders. The word school can sometimes be scary. Be not afraid. We pick books that are an easy read, and there are no mandatory homework assignments. We do scripture reading, have discussion on our chapter readings, sing, and of course we share lots of fun. We have breaks to have a snack and mingle with one another.

Our next School Of Leaders will be 9am, August 20 at St. Michael Catholic Parish on Bright Rd., Findlay Oh. We meet in the Marian Room. Go in the office door. Turn right at the first hallway. It is the first door on the right. You will smell the coffee.

Scripture Reading will be done by Kathy Otermat.

Deacon Andy M will discuss chapter 4 of “From Christendom To Apostolic Mission”.

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

See you there! DeColores!!

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Prayervine



Bill Owens - grandson of friend with oxygen level issues, Fred Herold - back surgery, Bob Drewior - prayers of thanksgiving, Susan Hohman - broken hip, Robert (Spark) Kehres - passed away, Fr. Ed - Covid, people of Uvalde, Texas and the CBP (Customs & Border Protection) Agent who risked his life to confront and subdue the shooter.

Fourth Day
From the Fourth Day Team

“Chosen?”



Cursillo Toledo

Spring Focus Day

Saturday June 18, 2022

Gather @ 8:30 AM

Program @ 9:00 AM

Saint Wendelin's

323 N. Wood St

Fostoria, OH

Please bring a bag lunch
and drink. If you are able
please bring a snack
or breakfast item to share.

Water, Coffee and Salad

Provided. Questions:

Welch's: 419 478-3610

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

Ultreyas



Area 8 (Galion area) is having regular Ultreyas the second Monday of each month, rotating locations. June 13 will be at Bucyrus Holy Trinity Activity center. All are welcome!

Area 10 (Tiffin area) is holding an Ultreya on Sunday, June 26th at St. Joseph Church in Tiffin at 7 pm. It will be held in the Upper Room.

Palanca

Shootings and killings are one thing but when it involves children it hits me hard. I usually like to keep this article light but today I cannot. Where is the heart of men? Why do people continue to hurt each other; what is there to gain? So, I turned to God's word and found some hope - God says in 2 Chronicles 7 that "if my people humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I forgive their sin and will heal their land. A song that we all know is "Let there be Peace on Earth", and the next line "and let it begin with me". We need to start with ourselves. What transgressions do I have in my heart that I need to let go? Who have I hurt or misspoken to? How can I bring peace to myself and then to my circle? Let peace begin with me, Lord, Let it begin with me. And may we pray, not only for our brothers and sisters in their upcoming Cursillos but also for each other and our nation. God bless us all.



Jan Stainbrook, Palanca Chair

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
6/2/2022	6/5/2022	Men's 172 (Spanish)	Hartford, CT
6/2/2022	6/5/2022	Men's 1004 (Filipino)	Los Angeles, CA
6/2/2022	6/5/2022	Men's 133 (English)	Wichita, KS
6/2/2022	6/5/2022	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Philadelphia, PA
6/9/2022	6/12/2022	Women's 125 (Spanish)	Oklahoma Cty, OK
6/9/2022	6/12/2022	Women's 377 (Spanish)	Grand Rapids, MI
6/9/2022	6/12/2022	Women 54 (English)	Austin, TX
6/9/2022	6/12/2022	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Jefferson City, MO
6/9/2022	6/12/2022	Women's 157 (Spanish)	Chihuahua, Chih (México)
6/9/2022	6/12/2022	Women's 30 (Spanish)	Venice, Florida
6/9/2022	6/12/2022	Women's 1213 (Spanish)	Caguas, PR
6/9/2022	6/12/2022	Men's 5 (Spanish)	Evansville, IN
6/16/2022	6/19/2022	Women's 141 (English)	Birmingham, AL
6/16/2022	6/19/2022	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Jefferson City, MO
6/16/2022	6/19/2022	Men's 596 (English)	Tucson, AZ
6/16/2022	6/19/2022	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Philadelphia, PA
6/16/2022	6/19/2022	Men's 676 (Spanish)	Orange, CA

6/23/2022	6/26/2022	Women's 241 (Spanish)	Austin, TX
6/23/2022	6/26/2022	Men's 378 (Spanish)	Grand Rapids, MI
6/23/2022	6/26/2022	Women's 597 (English)	Tucson, AZ
6/23/2022	6/26/2022	Men's Cursillo 1 (Spanish)	Richmond, VA
6/23/2022	6/26/2022	Women's 677 (Spanish)	Orange, CA
6/30/2022	7/3/2022	Men's 217 (Spanish)	Fresno, CA

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

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.





Announcing... Sunday, July 10th

Time to celebrate with Fr. Jim

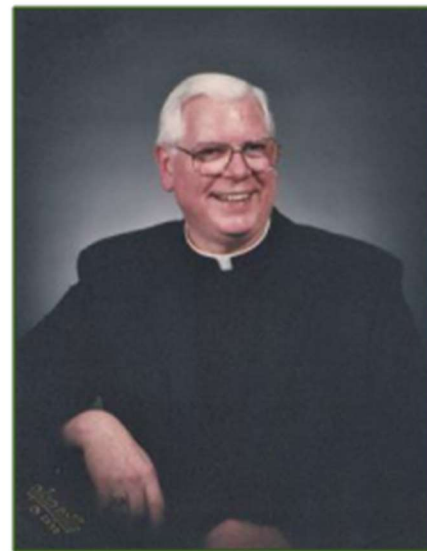
50 years as a priest

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!