



# 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.

## June 2024

Application Forms are on the Website:

[www.cursillo419.org](http://www.cursillo419.org)

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## Our Spiritual Advisor

### Ark Spiritual Directors Article

Heaven and Hell. What a great way to start a Spiritual Reflection. Heaven and Hell.

Those of you who know me well, and not many of you probably do, know that I am enamored by the study of Heaven and Hell, and I continually reflect on the subject. I think about this often since it is the ultimate outcome of our Spiritual Journey here on earth. It is the subject of the Church in that it is the goal to bring everyone we encounter to the knowledge of who God the Father, the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit is in our lives and how this plays out in a Heaven and Hell scenario. So, what is Heaven and Hell really? I just said what and not where is Heaven and Hell. The Church specifically tells us that Heaven and Hell are not physical places, but a state of “being”. I would submit that Heaven and Hell are states of “Relationship” to God, who is being itself. But I’m getting off track.

Jesus the Christ Himself specifically said, “The Kingdom is now”. We live in the Kingdom, the kingdom of God. Doesn’t it make sense that Heaven and Hell is all about us? To experience Heaven or Hell is to experience a close relationship with the God who created us or the alternative is to not have such a close relationship. This is a taste of the eternity that our immortal spirit will eventually experience for the rest of God’s time, a close relationship or, maybe a distant or no relationship.

How does this play out as a Cursillista? I would submit that at the first weekend that we lived we came in close contact with Christ Jesus through those presenters, walkers of the way, those who, through their friendship and guidance, brought us closer to Jesus in a way that we might not have experienced Jesus before. “Make and friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Jesus”, and from there we might have experienced our creator God as a team member, witnessing to each other on the team and then on the weekend to those candidates who God entrusted to us. We developed a greater appreciation of God; in other words, we grew deeper in our “relationship” to God. We drew closer to experiencing a Heavenly relationship right here on earth.

You might be getting the gist that it’s all about relationship, relationship to each other, but more to the thought of relationship to God. The beauty of the Cursillo movement is that at each step of the process, of living a weekend and presenting a weekend, moves us closer to that ultimate relationship, that is, an eternal relationship with God through Jesus the Christ by way of the Holy Spirit. Even if we are not involved specifically in a team experience, we pray, Palanca, for each other and others. Each prayer experience draws us closer to that ultimate relationship with our God.

The work of the Church is seen in us Cursillistas through the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are alive and well within us.

Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus, let us pray for each other continually. Make a friend in Jesus. Be a friend to Jesus. Bring your friendship in Jesus to others.

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Tom Soper, #283, #288, #293



## Lay Director

Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Christ.

I have pondered this statement many times over the course of my involvement in Cursillo. And it has changed, as it should as we each grow and live !

How do I do this? What does it really mean? What does it ask of me? What do I get out of it? What do I have to give up? How long will this take? And there are more.

First, consider coming to Focus day on June 15 @ St Wendelin's in Fostoria from 8-4. There will be some good conversations about this.

But ...Make a friend....In an ever changing world how do I do this? And where do I do this? The answer is as diverse as the people answering it. We all come from different backgrounds and that changes how we each answer it. I believe that the beginning of the answer is...be yourself. Wherever you start and however you start. You have to be you! Because if you don't, people will see right through you and walk away. Be authentic. Then be the friend that you want to have. Someone who is there through thick and thin. We have all been through some tough times. And you know who you can count on to be there right beside you when you need a shoulder or when you want to celebrate. A good friend can "read" you a mile away. We all need friends, lots of friends. That's what makes Cursillo so terrific. We are there for each other. No matter what. We all make mistakes. Some big, some small. We are all imperfect !! And we all need help to stay on the narrow road that God has given us.

And bring that friend to Christ. Let them know just how well you love the Lord. And how much He loves us! Right where we are. But He won't leave us there. There is so much more to have. We just need to Trust in Him and His Word. What a change we all can make in this world if we would all stand shoulder to shoulder and show the world our love for each other and our love for Christ!

DeColores! John Lyons Kathy Otermat

## Pre-Cursillo

June sounds like the beginning of a long summer (hopefully sunny and full of fun times), but September and October will be here sooner than we know it. This being the case, now's the time to contact your potential candidates for the fall Cursillo weekends.

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

It's never too early to "Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ".

Copies of current application forms are available to download from the Cursillo 419 website.

DeColores!

Helen & Gary Keel

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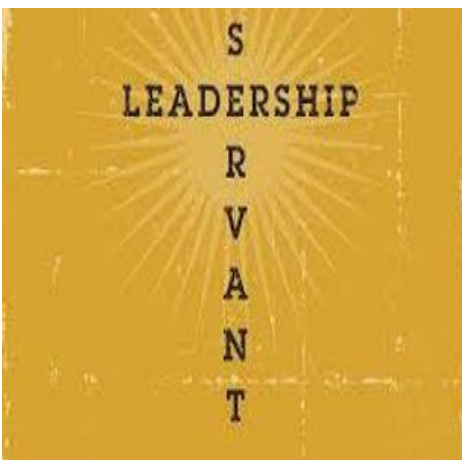
## Cursillo

A little note from Bob & Dave-

Good day from Co chair Bob Drewior and Dave Zaborski. Just a reminder if you would like to serve on the Men's Cursillo Team or Women's Cursillo Team please get your Team Application to:

[\\_robertdrewior774@gmail.com](mailto:_robertdrewior774@gmail.com) or [dzaborski411@gmail.com](mailto:dzaborski411@gmail.com)

## School of Leaders



Hello to all my Cursillo family!

Schools out for summer!

That includes School of Leaders since we are off in June and July.

But this is a perfect time to attend the summer Focus day!

It is going to be a really good one, so mark your calendars and come if you possibly can. It is a short day retreat to boost your faith and enjoy some time with each other to strengthen you for the challenges you face and grow the sense of peace that you are not alone in trying to live a life centered on Jesus and His will for you.

Hugs and Blessings,

Annie Blum

Walter Beckford



Young couple - miscarriage, Carol & George Miller - 2 siblings have passed, Patrick Steyer - chemotherapy, friend's daughter - Metopic Craniosynostosis, Gene Rosenbeck - hand surgery, Amanda - hospitalized with severe infection, mother & teacher - passed away, a couple considering abortion, cousin - serious cancer, Dick Gabel - cancer, Christopher Burke - colon cancer, friend - diagnosed with stomach cancer, a special intention.

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

Peace and God's blessings to all of our Cursillo family. We pray that you are all having a great spring. We are now into Ordinary time in the church calendar, but our Faith should be more than ordinary. Our Focus days are meant to help us grow in our Faith and the Cursillo movement so that our Faith doesn't become ordinary. Please plan to attend our Focus Day on June 15th starting at 8:30 with breakfast and fellowship and ending around 4pm. Please see the flyer in this issue of the Ark.

DeColores and God Bless,  
Bill and Betty Obringer,  
Post Cursillo chairpersons.

### June Ultreyas

**Area 7 and 10 Tiffin Area** -- June 23rd at 7pm in the Upper Room of St. Joseph Activity Center, Tiffin.

**Area 8** Area 8 Ultreya Galion area Ultreya will be Monday, June 10 from 7-9 PM at the Galion St. Joseph activity center on N. Liberty St in Galion.  
All are welcome!



# PALANCA

2024-06-06	Women's 246 (Spanish)	Las Cruces, NM	<a href="mailto:escueladirigentesroswell@hotmail.com">escueladirigentesroswell@hotmail.com</a>
2024-06-06	Men's Cursillo	Charlotte, NC	<a href="mailto:pattymead8910@gmail.com">pattymead8910@gmail.com</a>
2024-06-06	Women's 964 (English)	Phoenix, AR	palancadecolores@yahoo.com
2024-06-06	Women's Cursillo (English)	Antigonish, Canada	<a href="mailto:Cbcursillo@gmail.com">Cbcursillo@gmail.com</a>
2024-06-06	Women's 260 (Spanish)	Sacramento, CA	<a href="mailto:mccsacramento@outlook.com">mccsacramento@outlook.com</a>
2024-06-06	Men's 68 (Spanish)	Wichita, KS	pattybks1@gmail.com
2024-06-06	Women's 262 (Spanish)	Laredo, TX	sanjosehomehealth@hotmail.com
2024-06-06	Men's 606 (Spanish)	Tucson, AZ	leobardo.321@hotmail.com
2024-06-06	Men's 30 (English)	The Turks and Caicos Islands, Nassau, N.P., Bahamas	<a href="mailto:inks1112@yahoo.com">inks1112@yahoo.com</a>
2024-06-06	Men's 7 (Spanish)	Evansville, IN	kmgries87@gmail.com
2024-06-06	Men's 30 (English)	The Turks-Caicos Islands, Bahamas	inks1112@yahoo.com
2024-06-06	Women's 1229 (Spanish)	Caguas, PR	oscarorozco@prtc.net
2024-06-13	Women's 17 (Spanish)	Knoxville, TN	<a href="mailto:gumercindocano@gmail.com">gumercindocano@gmail.com</a>
2024-06-13	Women's 607 (Spanish)	Tucson, AZ	<a href="mailto:vm8731321@gmail.com">vm8731321@gmail.com</a>
2024-06-13	Women's 1238 (Spanish)	Peoria, IL	<a href="mailto:timlisaegner@gmail.com">timlisaegner@gmail.com</a>
2024-06-13	Men's 683 (Spanish)	Galveston-Houston, TX	<a href="mailto:leorobles1@yahoo.com">leorobles1@yahoo.com</a>
2024-06-13	Men's Cursillo (English)	Richmond, VA	<a href="mailto:Bblaws1@verizon.net">Bblaws1@verizon.net</a>
2024-06-13	Women's 410 (Spanish)	Santa Fe, NM	<a href="mailto:diasol68@yahoo.com">diasol68@yahoo.com</a>
2024-06-13	Women's 464 (Spanish)	León, Gto	<a href="mailto:mcc.c.silao@gmail.com">mcc.c.silao@gmail.com</a>
2024-06-13	Men's 683 (Spanish)	Galveston-Houston, TX	<a href="mailto:leorobles1@yahoo.com">leorobles1@yahoo.com</a>
2024-06-20	Men's Cursillo (English)	Richmond, VA	<a href="mailto:Bblaws1@verizon.net">Bblaws1@verizon.net</a>
2024-06-20	Women's 69 (Spanish)	Wichita, KS	pattybks1@gmail.com
2024-06-20	Women's 69 (Spanish)	Tulsa Ok	gcarolinag@outlook.com
2024-06-20	Women's 91 (English)	Rochester, NY	rochesterW91@yahoo.com
2024-06-20	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Santa Rosa, CA	palancadecursillos@yahoo.com
2024-06-20	Men's 36	Tuxpan, Veracruz	cursillosdecristiandadnaranjos@yahoo.com.mx
2024-06-20	Men's 411 (English)	Santa Fe, NM	jpach02@msn.com

2024-06-20	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Omaha, NE	Linda.Munoz1225@gmail.com
2024-06-27	Womens Cursillo (English)	Boise, ID	<a href="mailto:Barbdauner@msn.com">Barbdauner@msn.com</a>
2024-06-27	Men's 84 (Spanish)	Denver, CO	donygallegos@icloud.com
2024-06-27	Women's 87 (English)	Charlotte, NC	palancacharlotte@gmail.com
2024-06-27	Women's Cursillo (English)	Biloxi, MS	palancamscursillo@gmail.com

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

Palanca is much more than just creating letters to let people know you are praying for them. Palanca is prayer and self-denial in ourselves and in your area you are living now. Palanca should be an ongoing service you do. People continue to need help after the 4 th day. The world is full of evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Prayer helps other and it also helps you.

**Jack B. Reuter, Palanca Chair.**

**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.*



**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.



<b>Spiritual Advisor</b> Fr. Ed. Littelmann	<b>Spiritual Director</b> Fr. Jim Brown	<b>Spiritual Director</b> Sr. Edna Michel	<b>Lay Director</b> Kathy Otermat (6/23)
<b>Lay Director</b> John Lyons (6/23)	<b>Treasurer</b> Barb Stager (6/25)	<b>Pre-Cursillo</b> Gary & Helen Keel (6/24)	<b>Co-Cursillo</b> Robert Drewior (6/26)
<b>Co-Facilities</b> Zach Guernsey (6/27)	<b>School of Leaders</b> Walter Beckford (6/24)	<b>School of Leaders</b> Annie Blum (6/24)	<b>Co-Cursillo</b> Dave Zaborski (6/26)
<b>Co-Facilities &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Day</b> Angie Mehling (6/27)	<b>Post Cursillo/ 4<sup>th</sup> Day</b> Bill & Betty Obringer	<b>Co-Post Cursillo/4<sup>th</sup> Day</b> Becky Smeltz (6/25)	<b>Palanca</b> Jack Reuter (6/27)
<b>Co-Facilities</b> Mary Lyons (6/27)	<b>Hispanic Representative</b> Juanita Ybanes (6/26)	<b>Communications</b> Judy Brickner (6/26)	

**TOLEDO 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.



**CHRIST is COUNTING on YOU!**

Join us for a day of renewing the basics of Cursillo.

Saturday - June 15, 2024

8:30am – 9:00am Registration, Fellowship & Breakfast

Starting at 9:00am to 4:00pm

Mass is at 4:30pm at St. Wendelin (if desired)

St. Wendelin Parish, 323 N. Wood St. Fostoria, Ohio



Month of the Sacred Heart

