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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.

## May, 2022

Application Forms are on the  
Website: [www.cursillo419.org](http://www.cursillo419.org)

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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.  
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## Spiritual Advisor

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

My reflections come from my prayer regarding the Holy Thursday Service and ritual of Foot Washing. I was asked to celebrate a service on Holy Thursday at the long-term care center. I have a beautiful picture of Jesus washing the foot of Peter. As Jesus is leaning over the bowl one can see Jesus and Peter's face in the bowl. Peter's face is incredulous as to what Jesus is doing. Distracted, even how to handle this situation. Jesus, the Master, is caring for his friends, teaching them.

As I was praying over the text it dawned on me that those participating were all women and seniors in the aging process. I noted to the participants that in their earlier years they were always the ones caring for the needs of the folks around them. Most of them were mothers and grandmothers and friends. They took up the task of serving their loved ones. Graciously, I reminded them that they were the ones who took up the task without thinking about themselves. The smiles on their faces told the stories of their memories. Here we are today hearing that story and feeling like Peter who wanted to change places with Jesus so we could minister to Jesus, their Master. They had always been the ones serving. Now, in the aging process these beautiful women need to let another minister to them. These women understood in a new way the meaning of this passage. Jesus' example of caring service they had provided and now receive this care from their Master.

Somehow, as I reflected on this Scripture, and how poignant it was to this group, I reflected on how this can speak to each of us. As leaders in the Cursillo movement we have in the past and continue now to serve others in so many ways - through talks, rituals, Sacraments - we nourish, feed, teach candidates and one another in mind, body and spirit. We are reminded that we are called to serve but also to allow Jesus to minister to and through us. Let us thank Jesus and ask that we remain open to receive the grace to serve and to open us to receive His service and that of our brothers and sisters.

Sister Joy

*We are made for service, to care for each other.  
We are made to love each sister and brother.*

## Lay Director

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



May is such a month of promise. The Spring flowers, if not blooming much yet due to a cool (or cold) April, have emerged. "April showers bring May flowers" is indeed true once again.

How are we letting the beauty and promise of this time touch our hearts to better follow Our Lord in bringing His peace to the struggles that are part of the human existence?

I think that it is not random that May is the month of Mary. May 1st has long been considered the start of new growth. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary. Who better than our Blessed Mother, in this time of beauty and promise, to demonstrate the joy found in God's love than she who accepted that love in her heart so totally, and embraced the difficulties that were part of her human existence so that the promises of God would be fulfilled?



We feel God's love, often and sometimes powerfully. We have encountered the Lord Jesus, who shows us how to be His disciples, to do what He did to bring hope to an imperfect world. We experience the nudging of the Holy Spirit to guide our actions, leading us to where we are needed to further the Kingdom of God.

How blessed we are to be children of God!

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## Pre-Cursillo

With summer coming, we are looking forward to receiving applications for the fall weekends. 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.

A friend in  
Christ is a friend  
for life.

Please be sure to include e-mail addresses so that we are able to 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

Remember to submit an application (found on our website) to us as soon as you can to work the Fall Cursillos! Meetings will start mid-summer for the men's, and shortly after that for the women's. It's always a joy to be a part of a team! Thanks!

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## School of Leaders

Happy Easter, friends!

What a marvelous season this is in our faith with daily readings about Jesus' resurrection, so many miracles, and the flourishing of the early church!

How appropriate that it comes each year in the spring with the longer hours of sunlight, greening grass, early flowers, warming temperatures, flowering trees, shrubs and all those baby animals in nature. How can we keep from smiling and singing the praises of our God who gives so abundantly to us! Being together with fellow Cursillistas always keeps me more mindful of the many blessings in my life. Do all you can to attend grouping, ultreyas, focus days, school of leaders, closings and holy hours, friends. They will give you strength and sustenance for this journey of life. If you can work on a team, sign up and give it your all. It's well worth the sacrifices to partner with other Cursillistas and the Holy Spirit to build up the Kingdom of God!



Our next School of Leaders will be on Saturday, May 21, from 9 AM-noon. Doors open @ 8:30. We will be in the Marian room. That is the first room on your right just after you turn right at the first hallway.

Our Scripture and reflection will be given by Bill Obringer.

Deacon Bruce Alge will give the presentation on chapter 3 of "From Christendom to Apostolic Mission". And Roger Brickner will give a presentation on chapter 4 (the struggle) of "Into His Likeness" by Edward Sri.

There is always great music, sharing, prayers, and lots of hugs in addition to thought provoking discussions. Newcomers are always welcome. We have plenty of room in this space to accommodate more folks. We will have the coffee and hot water on. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

See you on the 21st!  
DeColores, friends!

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## Fourth Day

From the Fourth Day Team

Save The Date

\*\*\* Focus Day \*\*\*

Saturday June 18, 2022

St. Wendelin Church, Fostoria, OH

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

In living your 4th Day, are you living out this verse by taking God's joy and peace to everyone you encounter in your day? Cursillo calls you, just as God calls you to be His hands and feet and voice to the world every day. He didn't say, just do this on the days you feel like it, or every Sunday, but to be Christ to those around you every day.

Praying the love and peace of the Holy Spirit fill you all to overflowing into someone else every day!

More details on Focus Day will be provided through the Prayer vine.

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



## Prayervine



Justin - autism & social anxiety, Greg Dobbertien - heart attack, Cursillistas from the spring Cursillo's, Greg Dobbertien - home from hospital, Cursillo's being held, Sr. Deb Huss - gall bladder surgery, Greg Kirk - surgery, Paul Cook - tilt table test, Tito Ramirez - needs a kidney transplant, Joan Noftz - passed away & for her family, Kelly Kohler - cancer, Bob Drewior - echogram, for Ukraine.

## Ultreyas

Area 8 (Galion area) is having regular Ultreyas the second Monday of each month, rotating locations. May 9 will be at Galion St. Joseph activity center. Use the side door and we will be in the room on the right.

Area 10 (Tiffin area) is holding an Ultreya on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Joseph Church in Tiffin at 7 pm. It will be held in the Upper Room.

## Palanca

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| 5/4/2022  | 5/7/2022  | Women's 436 (Spanish)                         | <u>Leon Gto (Mexico)</u>       |
| 5/7/2022  | 5/7/2022  | Region 8 Spring Encounter Virtual (Bilingual) | Lubbock, TX                    |
| 5/5/2022  | 5/8/2022  | Women's 673 (English)                         | Orange, CA                     |
| 5/5/2022  | 5/8/2022  | Women`s 24 (Spanish)                          | Cochabamba, Bolivia            |
| 5/5/2022  | 5/8/2022  | Men's 141 (Spanish)                           | Raleigh, NC                    |
| 5/5/2022  | 5/8/2022  | Men's Cursillo (English)                      | Rapid City, SD                 |
| 5/5/2022  | 5/8/2022  | Women's 674 (Spanish)                         | Galveston-Houston, TX          |
| 5/12/2022 | 5/15/2022 | Women's 262 (Spanish)                         | Miami, FL                      |
| 5/12/2022 | 5/15/2022 | Women's 203 (Spanish)                         | Rockville Centre, NY           |
| 5/12/2022 | 5/15/2022 | Women's 284 (English)                         | Corpus Christi, TX             |
| 5/12/2022 | 5/15/2022 | Women's Cursillo (English)                    | Canberra / Goulburn, Australia |
| 5/12/2022 | 5/15/2022 | Women's 394 (English)                         | San Angelo, TX                 |
| 5/12/2022 | 5/15/2022 | Men's 288 (English)                           | Biloxi, MS                     |
| 5/13/2022 | 5/15/2022 | Men's 36 (English)                            | London, UK                     |
| 5/12/2022 | 5/15/2022 | Men's 14 (Spanish)                            | Lafayette, IN                  |
| 5/19/2022 | 5/22/2022 | Men's 23 (Spanish)                            | Arlington, VA                  |
| 5/19/2022 | 5/22/2022 | Men`s 25 (Spanish)                            | Cochabamba, Bolivia            |
| 5/19/2022 | 5/22/2022 | Women's 126 (English)                         | Altoona-Johnstown, PA          |
| 5/19/2022 | 5/22/2022 | Men's 674 (Vietnamese)                        | Orange, CA                     |
| 5/19/2022 | 5/22/2022 | Men's 218 (Spanish)                           | Lubbock, TX                    |
| 5/19/2022 | 5/22/2022 | Women's 14 (Spanish)                          | Lafayette, IN                  |
| 5/26/2022 | 5/29/2022 | Women's 373 (Spanish)                         | New York, NY                   |
| 5/26/2022 | 5/29/2022 | Women's 279 (English)                         | Gary, IN                       |
| 5/26/2022 | 5/29/2022 | Women's 675 (Vietnamese)                      | Orange, CA                     |
| 5/26/2022 | 5/29/2022 | Women's 373 (Spanish)                         | New York. NY                   |
| 5/27/2022 | 5/30/2022 | Men's 125 (Spanish)                           | Oklahoma Cty, OK               |
| 5/27/2022 | 5/30/2022 | Men's 62 (Spanish)                            | Tulsa, OK                      |

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is a month of growth when nature is reborn. It normally belongs to the Easter season, between Easter and Pentecost. Many Catholics may be aware that May is consecrated to Mary. But why? It is associated with the particular season of the year. May is known for its springtime beauty with flowers and blossoms, with trees springing back into life and grass sprouting.





Blessed John Henry Newman says “May remains a month of promise and hope and preludes to summer, the season of light. It is in this sense that it represents Mary. She reflects the light of Christ.” (Obtained from catholicstand.com) What can we hope in? How can we grow? How have we grown through Lent? Something to ponder (my new word) upon. While you are pondering that- ponder upon your Brothers and Sisters in Christ who will be having Cursillos this month. And through all that, how can we be the light of Christ, like Mary.



Happy May,

Jan Stainbrook, Palanca Chair

## Secretariat Member openings

### Current Openings

Communications

Cursillo

Post-Cursillo (4<sup>th</sup> day)

Hispanic Representative



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.

**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.



Announcing... Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

***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!***

## Witness

To all of our Cursillo Friends,

Back on March 29, I was the intended victim of a scam attempt; thanks be to God I escaped the plot. I would like to share my experience in the hope that it might save others from this horrible experience.



At about 9:30 A.M. I answered the phone and was greeted with this message. Hello Grampa, this is your grandson Tyler, and I'm in big trouble; (his voice full of desperation) I've been in *an accident and hit* another car driven by a six months pregnant woman who was taken to the hospital for injuries. I got a broken nose and a busted lip and I am under arrest and I'm in big trouble and I need your help. So write these things down; you need to contact the Public Defender at this phone number (which I wrote down) and ask for Adam Wiese to help me. And then, "I gotta go, I gotta go!" Click (hang up) and dial tone. So I immediately called that number, Adam answered and filled me in on what had transpired. Here is his story; Tyler was distracted by and had reached for his cell phone and he rear ended another car, and the driver suffered a broken collar bone, her six month term pregnancy was jeopardized.

Tyler was being held by the county sheriff's office and had been treated for his injuries. Also his cell phone had been confiscated. Tyler didn't want this to be publicized and he would have to be held overnight until bail could be arranged. He was being in an area of the jail not in contact with the rest of the prisoners. Mister Wiese told me I had to come up with \$14,700 cash to obtain Tyler's release the next morning and asked me if I could come up with that money. I said I would try. He said I should call him on his cell phone and gave his number to use after I had obtained the money.

I told Pat this nasty news and we both were extremely upset. I prepared to run into town and she insisted that she wanted to come along with me. So we got into the car, backed out of the garage and started going down the lane. I told Pat before we go any farther I want to call our sheriff's dept. to verify the story that I had received. I stopped the car and made the call. The accident was supposed to have happened in Bellevue so Fremont called Bellevue police and found that no such accident had happened that morning. Then we talked some more with the sheriff's staff and they told us that our case was almost certainly a scam and told us to try to contact Tyler on the phone. So we punched in the number and the sweetest we ever heard said "hi Grampa I'm at work, why are you calling me?" It was a youthful voice full of vigor unbothered by the problems that we had been told had befallen him. I briefly told him that someone was trying to scam us and he replied that he would call us right after work to hear the details. After Pat and I had finished bawling and praising the Lord, Pat said, let's just drive over to St. Mary's and visit the Blessed Sacrament and we did just that!

The internet has huge amounts of personal information available and crooks who are determined can learn enough to bilk people especially older folks like ourselves and rob them blind. I believe that my guardian angel gave me the thought and the insight that saved the day and saved us from a big mistake. May God bless all of you! Thankfully yours! ---

Gus and Pat Miller

