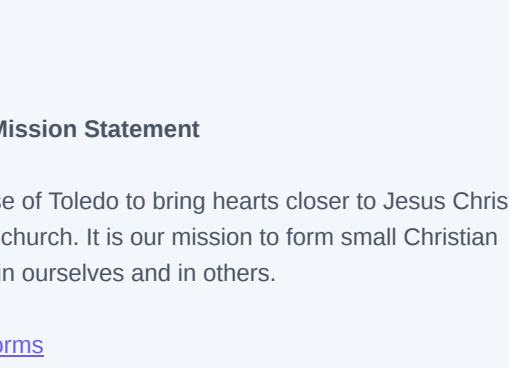
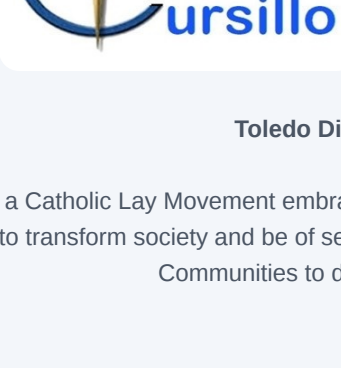




Toledo Diocesan Cursillo Mission Statement

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.

[Application Forms](#)

Cursillo Weekends - 2027

Lial Retreat Center - Whitehouse, OH

Spring

Men's Spring - March 11 - 14
Women's Spring - April 8 - 11

Fall

Men's Fall - September 9 - 12
Women's Fall - October 7 - 10

Spiritual Advisors Letter

Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ.

I have been thinking about life a lot lately. I think about life in varied ways. There is this life that I live in this human body and the various life changes that occur over time. I think of these life variations especially having reached my 75th year. There are health changes, financial changes, emotional changes to name a few. These changes are inevitable.

Then there is the important life issue, How about our spiritual life?
Jesus speaks continually about life. One might think he is obsessed with life and in a way, he is obsessed with life. That obsession is focused on the eternal life that each of us are participating in daily. Jesus says, "you must lose your life to have life eternal". St. Paul writes that this life is a burden that gets in the way of our forever life, our eternal life.

Jesus isn't telling us that the life we live is useless to us. In fact, we are born to be useful in fulfilling the plan that God has presented to the world. That plan is focused on knowing God in the deepest ways and to lead others through our example, our thoughts, our actions, based on what we are taught by Jesus through the Scriptures.

The Scriptures. Here is where we see Jesus showing us the plan for this human life and how it relates to our eternal life. Let me say that again. Our human life relates to our eternal life.

I think the first thing that we need to focus on is that we, right now, are living an eternal life and that this human life is not apart from it. We are to live within the eternal life just as Jesus lives in the eternal life. Is this too much to take in?

When Jesus speaks of losing this life, He is specifically saying that this human life often gets into the way of eternal happiness, peace, a true knowledge of God. We are created in the image of God, the Church teaches and the Scriptures bare out. Jesus is God and thus is the prime example for us, thank You God, to fashion our lives around it. The problem always is the world around us.

I see it all the time on social media. Good well-meaning Christians, Cursillistas, who are caught up in the world events, political statements, taking sides. This is exactly what Jesus was warning us against. The world affects us while we are to be affecting the world. When we get caught up in political views, this side is right or this side is wrong we start becoming of this world.

As Cursillistas we are to be that prime example to those we encounter as that example of eternity here on earth. We are called to above the mundane everyday occurrences that attempt and yes succeed at times to influence us in an earthly manner. Jesus' words that we must lose our life to find life is exactly that. We must be always focused on God and our relationship with God.

The mystics found their way to be one with God. It is good to read the stories of the mystics and how they found oneness in God.

We are eternal beings. How can we find our way to living an eternal life, right now?

Deacon Tom Soper #283

Lay Directors Letter

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the ways I love to pray and study is through music. I listen to a couple of different Christian radio stations and have saved or downloaded many songs to my phone, as I love their messages and going back to them for meditation and prayer. They give me strength, peace, help me feel the love of God and remind me who I'm supposed to be in this world.

Let Them see You in Me, a song by Colton Dixon came out in 2013.

The refrain is as follows;

Let them see You in me
Let them hear You when I speak
Let the feel You when I sing
Let them see You
Let them see You in me

I love this song! The message is simple but profound! When I listen to this song and sing along with it, I pray that God will use me where I am, as I am to be His hands and feet, heart and voice to everyone I meet every day. Through my word and example, I want people to see Christ in me!

My message is simple. Read and pray the words of this song and mean them.

Blessings!

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Pre-Cursillo

This month's excerpt from The Cursillo Movement's Sponsor's Booklet:

THE PURPOSE OF SPONSORING is to bring a change in the environments.

You should have a plan on how you are going to do this. Part of your plan would include identifying those individuals that have the talent to bring about change - bring Jesus Christ to their environments. ...Your candidates will become the agents for change in their families, work situations, neighborhoods, social gatherings, etc. Your candidates will become an active participant in Group Reunion, Ultreya, and create Environmental Groups. Your candidates will become part of the Christian community that links together with others to bring Jesus Christ to the world.

THIS IS THE PURPOSE OF SPONSORING!

Next year's Springs weekends are:

Men's #303 March 11-14. Application deadline February 24

Women's #304 is April 8-11. Application deadline March 24

Next year's Fall weekends are:

Men's #305 September 9-12. Application deadline August 24

Women's #306 October 7-10 Application deadline September 22

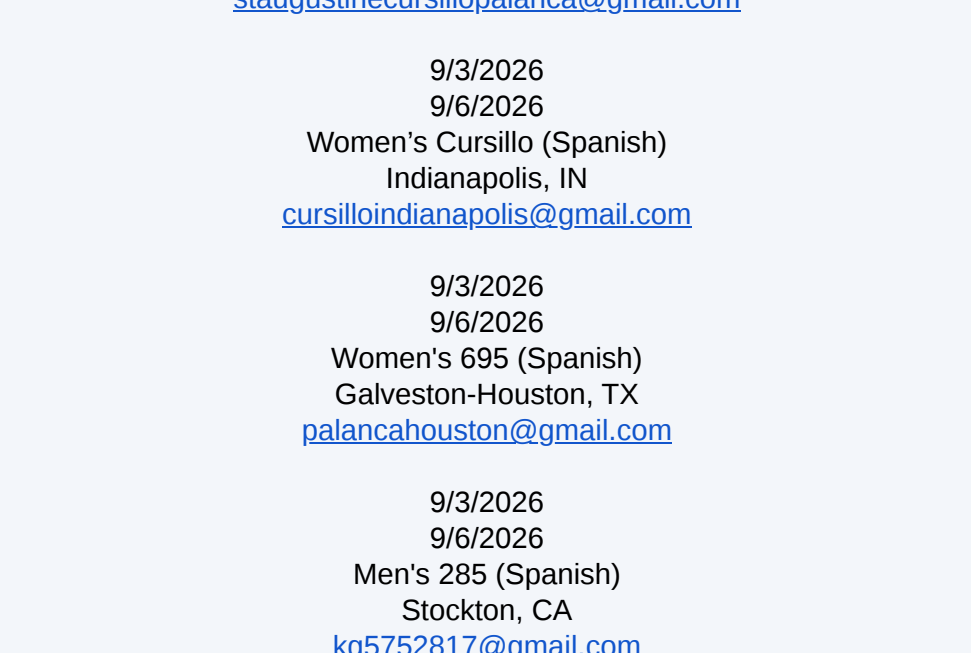
I am looking for a Toledo Jesus parish area sponsor and a Mansfield area sponsor. If you think you could possibly be a sponsor for one of these candidates let me know.

You have time to start praying for possible candidates for next year's weekends. Time to Make that friend, Be that friend, and Bring that friend to one of the weekends. Please go to www.cursillo419.org for the most up to date candidate and sponsor applications.

Also we are looking for someone to work with me as Co-Pre-Cursillo chair. There are some basic computer skills needed but I can teach those to you if necessary. If you think you might be called to this ministry please pray on it and contact Troy Peebles, Karen Reinhart-Fritsch or myself. Thank you.

Thank you.

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I hope that summer has brought you some time for relaxation and a vacation from your busy schedule. God gives us so much including time away from our busy lives. Enjoy all His blessings. This summer we were blessed with two Cursillo Weekends! The Lord led us to a new retreat house at Maria Stein. Even in a new place Our Lord rained down His blessings and gave us new sisters and brothers in Christ. Sister and brothers to share the love of Jesus.

We would like to invite all our Cursillistas including our newest from Cursillo 301 and 302 to join one of our teams for next year, 2027. There will be some changes again in 2027. We will be in a new home again for these weekends. The Lial Retreat Center in Whitehouse Ohio. Our Weekends will move to the spring and fall again. Our next weekend dates including the start date of team meetings are below.

Men's Spring - March 11 to March 14, 2027. Team meetings begin January 7, 2027.

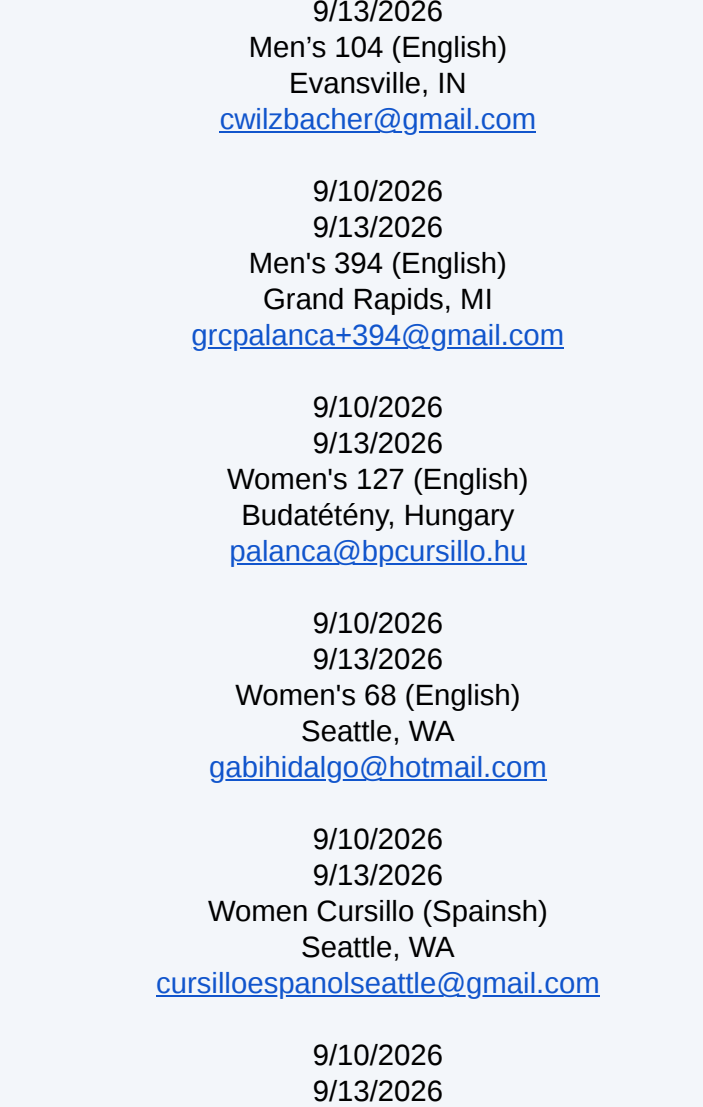
Women's Spring: April 8 to April 11, 2027. Team meetings begin January 28, 2027

Should you have any questions concerning filling out forms or if you are new to a team and would like to know what to expect being on a team please give us a call. From past teams we can tell you that being on a team is not scary but a wonderful experience!

Come see for yourself!

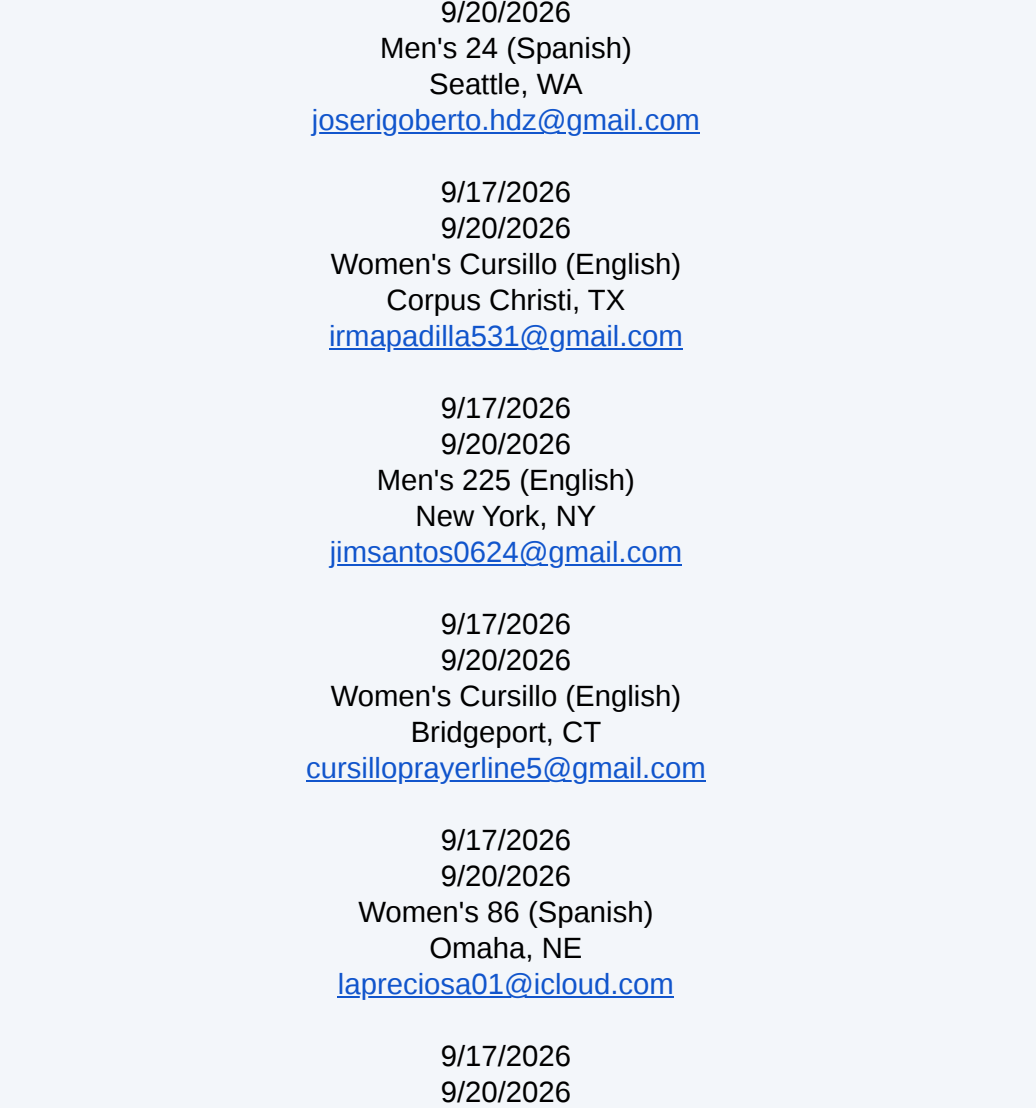
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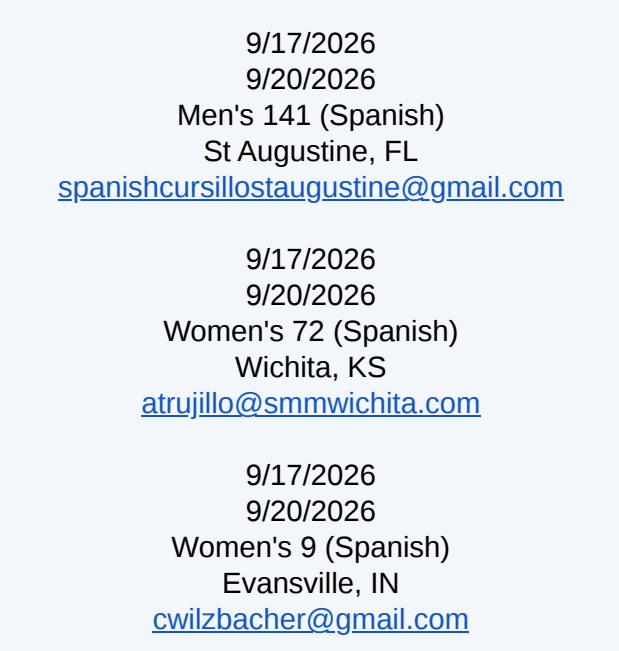


HE HAS SNIFFED OUT A PERSON WHO NEEDS TO BE AT THE NEXT FOCUS DAY!

9AM- 3PM, OCTOBER 17, 2026, ST WENDELIN'S CHURCH



Area 8 Ultreya
September 14 @ St Joe's Activity Center in Gallon.
7-9 PM.

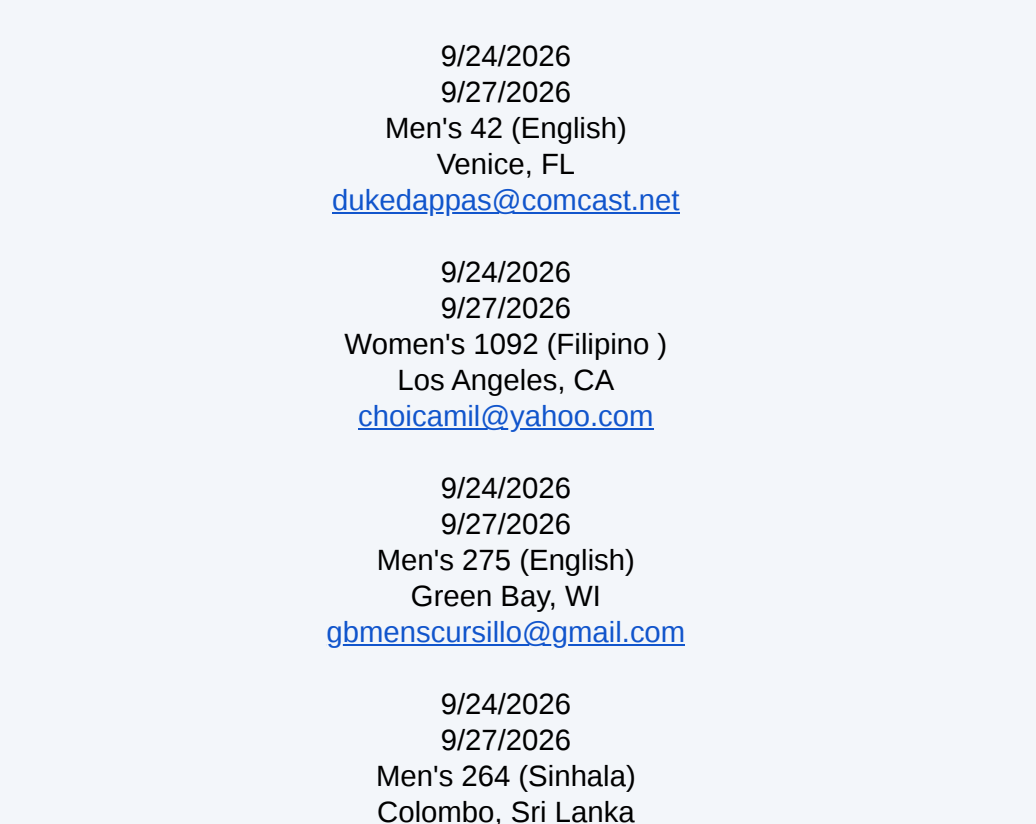


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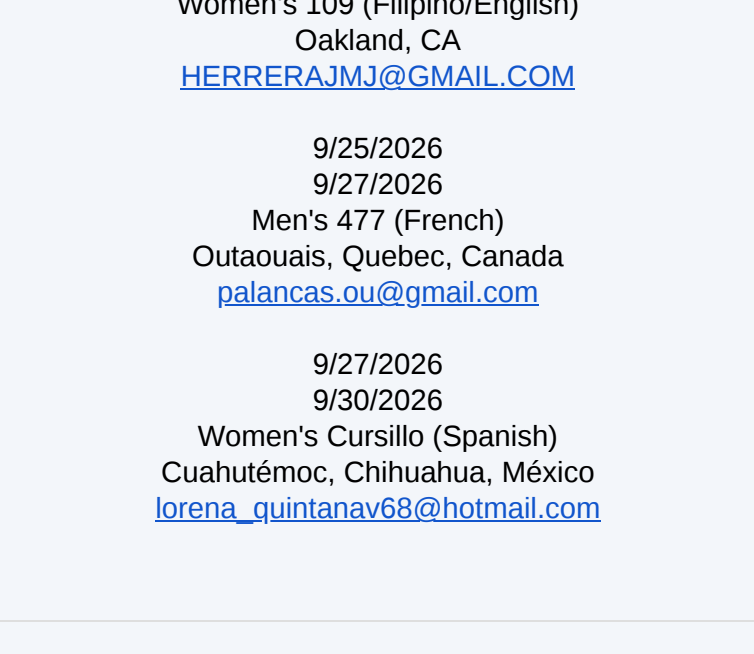
September School of Leaders will meet on September 19th at St. Michael's Findlay. Please note that we will meet in the St. Joseph room (room across from the Marian Room). John Lyons will provide the scripture reading and reflection. Deacon Don Fritsch will present Chapter 3 from The Religion of the Day and Sarah Lau will present chapters 18, 19 and 20 from Rediscover Jesus. Doors will open at 8:30 and we will begin at 9am. As always, feel free to bring a snack to share. Hope to see you all there.

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Chuck - Passed away
Mark Blum - Passed away
Aiden - Skull fracture,
Kenny Carter - Heart Attack, Brother - in hospital with liver issues,
Becky - Surgery,
Dani - Health Issues,
7 priests who've passed away,
Melody's dad - Passed away,
Kenny - Heart Attack



Fall is just around the corner. The days are getting shorter, and the beautiful colors of change will soon surround us. September reminds us of the many blessings God gives us and the opportunities we have to share His love.

Palanca is a powerful gift that helps support and strengthen those experiencing and serving on Cursillo weekends. Let us continue to lift them up and trust the Holy Spirit to guide each weekend.

National Cursillo Website - <https://cursillousa.org/palanca-requests>

De Colores!
Bob & Alicia Swartzmiller

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