

Cursillo 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.

July 2021

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Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Men's September 16-19, 2021

Women's October 14-17, 2021

**Please share how
Christ is working in
your life.**

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To my precious sisters and brothers in the Lord,

We are using our gifts and talents to make important things happen for the sake of helping one another and bringing together as many others in our lives to share these gifts with as many others as they can! That's GROWTH in the Movement that's intimate to our nature as Jesus' handmaids and disciples and evangelists. We're into *getting the Word out!* by making friends and being friends and working together to get more and more friends to grow the Family of God we so treasure.

This is easier said than done, I know. But in dreaming about the Ark, I got the idea of being like Noah, and provided with the power of the Creator, be able to put together a mighty ship to get humans and all kinds of the parts of nature into something viable that can weather the storm. I'm wondering and trying to imagine what it must have been like for Noah and his friends and family to go through that mighty important experience in human history.

Maybe we can have some fun dreaming about that together in our gatherings (Group, Ultreya, School of Leaders etc.) so that we can be very conscious of searching the mind of God to be able to handle our own generation's challenges. I have the idea of being open to the Holy Spirit as the leader of our Movement by giving us new and awesome ideas to put all our efforts into practice in exciting and amazing ways. (It's got to come from above or we'll really get things screwed up, right?)

We're learning to zoom! We're moving to new weekend sites. We're learning varying types of communication from presence and internet to dreams sharing and how many other things I'm not aware of right now. I think it's exciting and I'm suspecting Noah had that same idea even if it was bathed in survival mode.

DE Colores,

Fr. Skip

Lay Director

(Each month one of our Lay Director's will write an article)

July is the month dedicated to the Sacred Blood of Jesus. What does this mean for me in my life?

This is the Precious Blood prayer:

Thank You, Lord, for shedding Your Blood for us. May the Water and Blood that came from the side of Jesus create a protecting fountain of grace, one which flows directly from the throne of God to us. Come, Lord, and fill us with Your Holy Spirit.



This prayer reminds me of the Divine Mercy service that we held in our parish. I didn't have much knowledge of the Divine Mercy chaplet, prayers, and hymns before then, but quickly developed a love and appreciation for them.

With the limitations of this past year, I found myself with TIME. Such a gift. I heard of the Divine Mercy Chaplet being sung on a daily basis on Facebook by Catholic singer/songwriter Steve Angrisano. It soon became a part of my every day. Jesus, I trust in you!

So, how is my prayer life now, out and about more, visiting friends, traveling to see family, planning and attending gatherings? I must admit that prayer, although woven into my day in small moments of thankfulness to God for His many blessings, petitions for my cares and concerns as well as for those in my life, confession of my offenses, and awe of His wonders, I am not setting aside specific times for connection to God like I had been when time was more plentiful.

I had read a quote from a monk at St. Meinrad: "If I don't believe that prayer is the best use of my time, I won't be able to find time for prayer."

July is my month to begin again the process of devoting specific time to spend with Jesus every day, knowing that it is definitely the best use of my time!

De Colores.
Kathy Otermat

May the peace of Christ always disturb your life!

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Pre-Cursillo

“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.” (Psalm 118:1)

As we move into July, it just seems like a good time to give thanks to the Lord for all that he has done for us. This last year has been a challenge, but we have come through it, and hopefully for the better. I think of all the good things the Lord has given me over the last year: family, faith, time to reflect, time to create, and so much more. I know that I have grown and hope that you have found the same.

A couple of months ago, I mentioned that my term on Secretariat was ending at the end of June. As of this time, there is no one to replace me as the Pre-Cursillo chairperson. Secretariat is looking for a person, or persons, to fill this position. It is an easy job and rewarding as well. It has been a blessing to work with the candidates and sponsors for the weekends, as well as the rectors of the teams. I get to know a little bit about the candidates, and then enjoy meeting them at the closing. It is kind of a sneak peek at the weekend. If you are interested in being more involved in the Cursillo movement, please consider this position. I will work with you for the Fall weekends, and make sure that we have a smooth transition. If you would like to know more about the Pre-Cursillo position, please feel free to contact me, or any member of the Secretariat. We would love to have you.

Just a reminder to send in your candidate applications. The men’s weekend, September 16-19, and the women’s weekend, October 14-17, will be here before we know it.

A Happy Fourth of July to all.

DeColores!

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

Cursillo

DeColores! Happy Summer! Looking forward to your hugs!

Love and Prayers!

The Huffman’s

School of Leaders...

As we all try to get "back to normal" following a year of uncertainty and often much chaos, we may have a little trouble finding the balance in our lives. We have to remember that life is not a matter of getting everything done that we want to accomplish in one day, week, or month. To get back to true balance in our lives, we need to be aware of God's presence throughout each day. God is in the most boring things we participate in, as well as the most exciting things, and He is in everything in between.

We need God in everything we do because without His love we do not exist. In our tragedies and celebrations.... God is loving us! In our struggles.... God is loving us! In discovering the beauty that exists in nature.... God is loving us! When our favorite team loses and the team we don't care for wins.... God is loving us! When we do something stupid that we deeply regret.... God is loving us! When we get angry at having to stand in line for a long time.... God is loving us! When we realize all the blessings we have in life.... God is loving us! When we endure many problems with our physical and or mental health.... God is loving us! When we share a great meal.... God is loving us! When we doubt that God loves us.... God is loving us!

I hope you get the picture and realize the answer on how to find balance in your life. Hint: We gave you the answer in the May Ark!!!!

GOD LOVES YOU LET HIM!!!!!!!

NO School of Leaders in July. Instead, we will have a Cursillo picnic on July 18, 2021. You will find more information in the ARK!

Next School of Leaders will be August 21, 2021, at 9 AM (LIVE AND IN PERSON) at St Michael the Archangel in Findlay. 750 Bright Rd. Come in the main office door to the first hallway, turn right. Room is on your right. Marian room.

Scripture reading and reflection: John Welch.

Spiritual Advisors presentation: Fr. Jim Brown, Chapter 9 of "His Way" by Fr. David Knight (available on Amazon and the National Cursillo Website)

Lay presentation: John Lyons, Chapter 10 of "The Study of the Charism", OMCC (available on National Cursillo Website. www.natl-cursillo.org)

Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a snack to share and a fellow Cursillistas or two. Let's show Covid that we are happy to be back meeting in person with a record number in attendance.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

Remember....God loves you.... LET HIM!!!

John and Karen Bonen, Rectors

May your days be filled with God's Peace and Love!

John and Karen Bonen, Rectors

Fourth Day

Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God"

In the business of the summer months, it's important, as always, to take and/ or make time for God! Not just an hour a week at Sunday mass, but time to share and listen. When your heart and mind are open, as you all know, God speaks to you and even through you! Take time to live your 4th day and allow Him to help you, make a friend, be a friend and bring. Friend to Christ!

The Welch's and the Reinhart's
4th Day

Your Post Cursillo Team,
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Prayer Vine:

Jon - motorcycle accident, Marilyn - rehab after knee surgery, Floyd - broken hip, emergency appendectomy, for upcoming Cursillo's in the U.S., Amy Hoffman - broken leg, Liz - in hospital with broken leg, young dad - running tests after passing out, neighbor - taken to hospital after overdosing.

*Please send your prayer requests to Jane Distel at
prayersaregoingup@gmail.com.*

Secretariat Member openings

When we first went to the School of Leaders, we were so surprised at how comfortable we felt there. It felt like a 3-hour Cursillo weekend. (Condensed version) We couldn't wait to go again the following month. Our love for SOL has grown immensely over the years. We were honored to serve as rector for the last 4 years. We have learned so much about our movement and have grown in our faith because of it. The School of Leaders is in need of new Rectors. Please take a moment and prayerfully consider this position within our movement.

John & Karen Bonen

Do you love our Cursillo movement? Do you feel called to be more involved? The School of Leaders is in need of new rectors starting in July 2021. Ask the Holy Spirit if this is something that you could do. Spend some time in prayer and see if this might work for you. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact John & Karen Bonen (karenbonen@yahoo.com) or call/text us at 419-563-5115. We have been blessed beyond measure!

Other openings happening in June, 2021

Pre-Cursillo

Post-Cursillo (4th day)

Hispanic Representative

Communications

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!

Question of the month - WHAT DOES CURSILLO MEAN TO ME

Please put your thoughts or feelings into a couple of sentences. Your responses will be compiled and put on our website in the future.

Please send your response to Nancy Cook at nancy750@bex.net

Palanca

Hi All,

July is here already and what a bang it will be. There will be more celebrating this Fourth of July like ever before as this holiday is the first, in a long time, where people will gather with less fear. Let us give praise to our God for that. We still need to be aware, but things are beginning to open up and so are the number of Cursillos across the world (OK, all are in the USA, but it's a start). Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us join our brothers and sisters in support during their upcoming weekends. How can we do that? What sacrifices can we offer to support our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus during their events? It could be as small as a Hail Mary each day during the weekends or as grand as fasting during the 3-4-day event or doing both – prayer and fasting. What can I give, Lord, to show my love for my friend that he/she may come to know you?

Below are the upcoming Cursillos for the month of July:

7/8/2021	7/11/2021	Women's 4 (Spanish)	Evansville, IN
7/8/2021	7/11/2021	Women's 30 (Spanish)	Birmingham, AL
7/15/2021	7/18/2021	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Omaha, NE
7/15/2021	7/18/2021	Men's 270 (English)	Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO
7/22/2021	7/25/2021	Women's 271 (English)	Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO
7/29/2021	8/1/2021	Men's 62 (English)	Palm Beach, FL
7/29/2021	8/1/2021	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Omaha, NE
7/29/2021	8/1/2021	Women's 84 (English)	Charlotte, NC

If you would like to let me know your “palanca” for these upcoming Cursillos please do so as I will forward it along with our Diocesan wishes. It's never too late, many prayed for you at one time.

Blessings and safe celebrations,

Jan Stainbrook, Palanca Person



Mark your calendars! The Toledo Diocesan Cursillo Movement Annual Picnic (except last year!) will be held Sunday, July 18th from 2:30 pm - 6 pm at Bernie and Joanie Rumschlag's, 2851 S. C.R. 591, Tiffin. We'll start with sharing a meal together, then have an Ultreya. Please bring your table service, drinks, and a dish or two to share. It is always a great time! Hope to see you there!!

'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.

