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From our Spiritual Directors – My Walk With Our Lady

I wrote this article for the Catholic Radio Newsletter and in this month of May we are honoring Our Lady again in her month. Remember, she is the Patron of the Americas. May she intercede for all of us, especially the team and Candidates of the next two Cursillo weekends.

One of the earliest memories I have of my spiritual life and practices concerned our Blessed Mother Mary. My Mom had placed a statue of Our Lady in all our rooms. I can remember being four or five, and being with my Mom collecting wild flowers to place at Mary's shrine in my bedroom each May. Sometimes the flowers were only dandelions, but there were always fresh flowers to honor Our Lady. Another early recollection was after Mass. We never left church immediately. My mother would always take us to the altar rail to pray. Our first stop was the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. After a prayer there, we would go to Mary's shrine and say a Hail Mary together. Next was a prayer to St. Joseph, then over to the statue of St. Anthony for our final prayer before heading home. I can still remember my mother teaching me the rosary, a prayer which she said each day.

And so, from early on, I was fortunate enough to have a relationship with my other Mother. I stayed close to Mary all during high school. But in college, like many young people, my religious practices began to wane. By the time I had left

college, I had stopped going to Mass altogether. During my second year of law school, the Viet Nam war was raging, our nation seemed to be coming apart at the seams, and people were in different camps. It was very hard to study with all that was going on around me. I decided to take a leave from my studies. I was offered a job teaching in a parochial school. I decided to take the job, even though at that time in my life, I considered myself a nonbeliever. Needless to say the good Sisters of St. Joseph and dedicated lay teachers helped bring me back to the Catholic Church.

It was about this time that I got involved in the Charismatic Renewal. I was going to weekly prayer meetings and Charismatic Masses. Many in the renewal mistakenly set aside devotion to Mary and the Saints, needing “only to go directly to Jesus.” I was one of them. My Marian devotion stopped altogether. I remained like this even when I entered the seminary. It was just me and Jesus. St. Bernard's Seminary feast day was in the summer, so the seminary celebrated our feast day on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. I went to Mass that night and we sang the hymn, “Sing of Mary”. When we got

to the verse, “constant was the love he gave her”, the words stuck in my throat and I could no longer sing. If I was a true follower of Jesus, and wanted to model my life after His, how could I ignore his mother? I will be forever grateful for that liturgy. Mary came back into my life. But still my saying of the Rosary was spotty.

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A few years later I was in a church in Rome, Italy. It was a church that had witnessed many cures. People would drink water from a well where the image of Our Lady appeared on a rock. I really did not know much about the church when I first entered. I saw people drinking the water and then kneeling in prayer. I went up and drank the water and knelt in prayer. Now some of you will have a hard time believing this, but I heard a voice say to me, "Say your rosary." I turned to a woman behind me and asked her what she had said. She told me in Italian that she did not speak English and was not talking to me. I turned away and started praying again. And again I heard the voice say, "I said say your Rosary." Not having a rosary with me, I said it on my fingers. I have said it every day of my life since.

Each morning, when I open my eyes, I thank God for getting me through the night, and then I begin my rosary. I start each day with that powerful prayer and ask our Lady's intercession on my day and ask her to protect those whom I love and those entrusted to my care. I know that my priesthood has been

radically changed by this devotion to Our Lady. She loves and protects her priests. I truly can't imagine my life and my ministry without her. One last thing on how she has been part of my life. Before I was ordained, I prayed that I would be ordained on a Marian feast. I did not get my wish, but it was close. I was ordained on St. Joseph Day. My first assignment as a Deacon was at our Lady of Lourdes in Elmira, NY. My first assignment as a Priest was St. Mary in Auburn, NY. My first pastorate was St. Mary in Dansville, NY. So at all those significant moments of my ministry, Our Lady was with me.

I hope that every Cursillista has a strong relationship with Our Lady. She always leads us to Christ.

Fr. Joe Catanise

PS- I am making a pilgrimage to visit eight of the nine approved Marian apparition sites in Europe this September. We will visit France (including Lourdes) Belgium and Portugal (including Fatima). If you are interested, just email me at: fcatanise@dor.org

Two Cursillistas were ordained in June

Justin Miller - ordained a deacon on June 6.

Carlos Sanchez - ordained a priest on June 20.



School of Leaders

At St. Patrick's Church in Victor, every third Thursday of the month, a group of Christians meet. They are important people; although you may not see their names in the newspaper or on TV.

What is it that gives these Christians importance? Depending on your viewpoint of what is important, offered here are perhaps a few reasons. They are baptized Catholics, who accept their purpose to share their faith in their environments daily, they pray, they believe in the Scriptures, they participate in their parishes. They are men and women who have lived a Cursillo and lead others by growing in piety, study and action. They are answering the call "Come follow me". As brothers and sisters in a family, they are brothers and sisters of Christ on the journey. Who cannot benefit from a reminder of a faithful God?

School of Leaders, a place for questions, a place for sharing & a place for friends.

Our next meeting is July 16th from 7 to 9 PM

Sal & Marilyn Le Chase

Pre- Cursillo

Do you remember the scene in the Wizard of Oz when Dorothy peeked behind the green curtain and saw who the Wizard of Oz really was? Have you ever wanted to find out what Pre-Cursillo really does behind the scenes? Well ok, push back that rainbow colored curtain and take a peek. Now you can see the work done with the three areas of Pre Cursillo: preparing sponsors, processing applications, and confirming the candidates.

Our work begins with the receipt of a complete application including all candidate and sponsor information including a Priest or Deacon signature. Modern technology has made sending the application easier as more and more sponsors are scanning and emailing documents to us. However, we have even received smartphone pictures of completed and signed applications. As long as we can clearly read it, we are good!

Next, we enter the information on the application into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to allow accurate tracking, room assignments, and filtering and distribution of specialized lists. For example, the kitchen staff will receive only names and food restrictions, while the Rector/Rectora and Wardens/Marthas will receive a more complete list including room numbers and emergency contact information.

At the same time, we contact the candidates to review the application for accuracy. In addition, we add any additional medical or diet restrictions. It is important to note we can accommodate simple issues, but more complicated and restricted diets cannot be accommodated. We also insure the candidate has correct dates for the weekend and if they received a pink book. We also review what to bring and not bring on the weekend, answer very general questions, and finally confirm them for the weekend.

A few weeks before the Cursillo weekend, we email the candidate a reminder letter about the upcoming weekend and a health form. We also send an e-mail to the sponsor reminding them of their duties including transportation for their candidate and attending the sponsor meeting after they bring their candidate to the Cursillo.

Often we still receive applications when we are full. In that case, we still call candidates when we receive their completed application and they are placed on a first come, first served waiting list, or we add them to the top of the list for the next weekend if they prefer.

We revise the list of candidates as needed to handle cancelations, etc. Then we assign candidate and team rooms. We notify the weekend, kitchen and site team about any candidate who needs accommodations, and we update Secretariat. And finally, we upload the final candidate list to the FlockNote database.

Now you have peeked behind the Pre-Cursillo curtain.

DeColores!
Gregg and Beth Bullen



Women's #85 Planning Information: July 9th-12th

At Notre Dame Retreat House
5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, NY

Accommodations:

Sleeping space is available on-site for the Cursillo Community. A stipend of \$40 per night or \$150 for the weekend is suggested. Scholarships are available if cost would otherwise discourage site & kitchen volunteers. Please contact Lynn Rainone at (585) 671-3779 in advance to make your room "reservation."

Candidate Registration:

Sponsors, please bring your candidate with their luggage to the main entrance. Look for the "CANDIDATE REGISTRATION" sign. Please move your car promptly so others can unload. Once you have settled your candidate in their room, please accompany them to the Rollo Room until the Sponsor Meeting begins.

Community Schedule for the Weekend:

Thursday	
1:00 pm	Site Team unpack/set up
6:30 – 7pm	Candidate Registration
Saturday	
7-8 pm	Ultreya Center Holy Hour offered as palanca for candidates
Sunday	
12:00 pm	Site team begins packing
2:45 pm	Music Practice in Chapel. Please use Main Chapel entrance facing the lake
3:30–3:45 pm	Gather for Closing Mass in Main Chapel
4 – 6 pm	Candidates enter for Mass followed by receiving line. Please consider staying to help site team with clean-up.
9pm	Site Team finishes packing.

**Can you help in the kitchen
for the weekend,
one day or even a meal?**

Palanca:

Be sure to address palanca with first & last name. Palanca can be brought to the site on Thursday or Friday.

If mailing, please send palanca in by July 1st to:

Bob LaDuca,
103 Ramsford Rd,
Rochester, NY 14622
laduca8@rochester.rr.com

Or

Bibi Silvera-Portacio,
573 Marsh Rd,
Pittsford, NY 14534
scevc@yahoo.com

Or email to:

rochestercursillopalanca@gmail.com

Sponsors, please be sure to inform your candidates that cell phones are not permitted on the weekend. Emergency contact info will be provided to all candidates. Thank you!



Our Rectora for W#85 is Kathy Jacobsen

"Faith includes being ready for surprises that may lead us in directions we might not choose for ourselves."

When I read this quote in Living Faith, I thought how perfectly it expressed my feelings at being chosen as Rectora of W#85. I was content to serve in the kitchen making oatmeal and perhaps by being on a team or two. I never expected to be asked to be Rectora.

When I came to Rochester in 1968 to teach, my plan was to stay for two years and then move on. We all know what God thinks of our plans. I met my husband, Jim and here I am 47 years later. We were married for 42 years before he passed away suddenly in March of 2012. I have two children, Jeff, who is 45 and Kirsten who is 37. I have been a member of Holy Trinity Church in Webster for 45 years and have served as a teacher for the CCD program and

Children's Liturgy of the Word, as well as cantoring. I also was involved in Stephen Ministry and am a Stephen Leader.

In 1999 when I was invited to make W#69 I had no idea where it would lead. Living my 4th day has brought many changes to my life. I know that God loves me and I want to share that love with others.

Being Rectora has forced me out of my comfort zone and has shown me that I can do anything if I place my trust in God. My prayer is that the candidates will be led to deeper relationship with God as a result of attending W#85 and that they will know the peace and joy that comes from this deeper relationship.

DeColores
Kathy Jacobsen

Meet the W#85 Team

Rose Carnegie	Louise Carson
Eileen Hasso	Kathy Jacobsen
Rose Jensen	Donna LaDuca
Margi Lash	Bobbi LaVoie
Sue Lorz	Annie Murphy
Stephanie Neder	Bonnie Olsen
Anne Paluskiewicz	Margaret Rolfe
Maureen Seeley	Carol Smith
Bibi Silvera-Portacio	Karin Spears
Paula Welch	

W#85 Spiritual Directors:

Fr. Edison Tayag
Deacon George Welch
Sr. Theresa Ruddy

From the Lay Director: Hello everyone and De Colores!

I hope God is continually blessing you with an abundance of joy and peace. WOW! It is amazing that we have filled up another women's weekend. So many candidates coming closer to Christ. I welcome you one and all. I am going to give each and every one of you new candidates a new task though. Yes, already your work for Christ is beginning. Your sponsors, you know, the one that got you to sign up for this Cursillo weekend, yeah that person....I task you to make sure that they go with you to your first Ultreya. Make sure they help you get into a small group as soon as possible. Make sure they walk with you in your new journey in Christ. Sponsors, I task you with the same jobs. Make sure you actually go with your candidates to their Ultreyas, you help them get into a small group, you stay a true friend and join them in their new journey with Christ. They are going to have questions and you need to be there to answer them and help them. It seems at times this bond does not stay connected and for you candidates and sponsors for this women's weekend, I task you to make sure this bond never breaks. One of the biggest reasons Cursillistas are so successful staying so close with Christ is due to "community" which you can experience through Ultreya and Small Grouping. You can also experience it through that close bond with your sponsor and candidate and never letting go. You will be amazed at how much more joyful and happy you will be in Christ this way.

I ask that you do not forget also that there is a Men's weekend coming up in November. The dates are November 12th through November 15th. Please remember to Make a friend, Be a friend, then Bring that friend to Christ. Talk to God about your friend first before you talk to your friend about God. Once you have brought your friend to Christ, then you can talk to them about Cursillo. So start thinking of all of your friends and see what happens.

Remember also for each weekend to do palanca and consider coming down to help in the Kitchen or with the site team in setting up and taking down. It can be a very fun time. If you have not helped out before then come down and see what you are missing.

De Colores everyone!
Thomas Smith
Rochester Cursillo Lay Director

Post- Cursillo

The Grand Ultreya held in April was a great success. The witness talks were awesome, the food was delicious and the comradery was very enjoyable. As always, when Cursillistas come together, it is a Holy Spirit filled experience.

We are pleased to report that several new Ultreya Centers have recently opened in Dansville and Ithaca and one will be starting soon in the Holley/Kendall area. A complete listing of all the Ultreya Centers with meeting dates and times is located on the next page.

If you live in an area that is not conveniently located near an existing Ultreya Center, why not consider opening one yourself. Several of our Ultreya centers have been started by Babe Chicks and it is very easy. We would be happy to talk with you if you would like more information about starting an Ultreya Center.

Peter & Ann Connelie

SAVE THE DATE!!! This year's Rochester Cursillo picnic will be held at St, Leo's church in Hilton, The date is August 15. There will be a Mass for the Holy Day in the morning and a 5:00PM weekend Mass in the evening. Check the Rochester Cursillo website <http://www.rochesterkursillo.com> for more information.

Utreya Centers

Listed below are the Utreya Centers you can visit to help strengthen your faith and come together with other wonderful people all journeying to a stronger relationship with Jesus.

Locations -- Meeting Times -- Site Contact Information:

Dansville Area 2nd Sunday / 11:00am, Sacred Heart Parish, Kennedy House, Perkinsville NY,
Bonnie Olsen(585) 335-5971

Caledonia Area

1st Saturday, 6:00pm Dish to Pass / 7:00pm Utreya, St. Columba Church Rectory,
Ann Connelie (585) 538-6937

Elmira Area

4th Thursday, 7:00pm, St. Mary's Church Rectory, Carol Smith (607) 734-2614

Geneva Area

2nd Monday, 5:30pm Potluck / 6:00 Utreya, Our Lady of Peace Chapel, 103 Exchange Street,
Judy Savaria (607) 243-5691

Hilton Area

Last Saturday, 5:15pm Potluck / 5:45 Utreya, St. Leo's Parish Center,
Sal LeChase (585) 455-3980

Hornell Area

1st Thursday, 7:00pm, St. Ann's School,
Mary Liz Bartell (607) 281-1355

Ithaca Area

3rd Sunday, 12:00pm, Immaculate Conception Church, Carges Hall, Ithaca,
Barb Maning (607) 273-8052

Pittsford Area

2nd Saturday, 5:30pm Potluck / 6:30pm Utreya, St Louis Church,
Suzy Ward (585) 746-5676

Webster Area

3rd Sunday, 6:30pm Potluck / 7:00pm Utreya, Holy Trinity Church,
Bobbi LaVoie (585) 265-4986

Owego Area

St. Patrick's, time TBD,
Marion & Deacon Warren Rutan (607) 642-8972

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Welcome

Women's #84

Babe Chicks:

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 Maria Garcia-Rivera
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 Elizabeth Jubenville
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 Sara Schmerbeck
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 Patty Soeder
 Sue VerWulst
 Grace VerWulst
 Luci Welch
 Pat Wilson
 Carol Wright
 MargaretMary Zeh

Utreya Centers

Visit the Rochester Cursillo website for a complete list of Utreya Centers and meeting days & times. <http://www.rochestercursillo.com/utreya-schedule.html>

Leaders School

Cursillistas from the Diocese of Rochester are encouraged and welcome to attend monthly School of Leaders meetings on the third Thursday of every month at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 115 Maple Avenue, Victor NY 14564 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm.

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