



Welcome

Women's #85

Babe Chicks:

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From our Spiritual Directors

Let Someone Else Do it

I know we were all amazed and excited about the Pope Francis recent visit. I hope, as I am sure you all do, that he has energized our people. As I watched the adoring crowds, I wondered if people were really listening to his message. Were we? Cursillo is an official arm of our church's New Evangelization. But sometimes I wonder if all of us are doing our part. We have the method: Make a Friend; Be a Friend; Bring a friend to Christ. Are we just an adoring crowd, or are we a community that takes to heart the message of Pope Francis. Are we really committed to reaching out to bring our brothers and sisters to Christ? I say this as I see, at this point, there are only 11 or 12 candidates for the next men's weekend. How can that be? Hopefully this will radically change by the time you are reading this.

A ways back, I talked with a man who was on a men's weekend. He was a convert to Catholicism from an Evangelical Church. He asked if this were all the candidates that the whole Diocese of Rochester could muster for a weekend. He said that in his former Church, there would have been a waiting list, because so many people would have wanted to be on the weekend. He said they would have done anything, given up anything to be on a weekend dedicated to getting closer to Christ.

We all need a reality check. Am I doing what needs to be done to bring others to a weekend? Am I making a real effort to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ? When I think of the hundreds of

Cursillistas in the Diocese of Rochester, it makes me scratch my bald head. Are we living up to our church's mandate to be an arm of the New Evangelization?

My prayer is that we all remember the great gift that was given to us on our weekend. My prayer is that we are truly on fire for Christ, and that we all live up to our calling as Cursillistas. Can all of us recommit ourselves to sharing Christ?

My hope is that every Cursillista makes a solemn resolve to choose one person to befriend and begin to use our method before the next weekend. Let's hope we have a waiting list for the July weekend and every weekend thereafter.

Fr. Joe Catanise



Faith, Family and Follow Through

Last year the Diocese of Rochester began organizing for people to go to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. I was privileged to be one of the thirty people from the different parts of the diocese who went. We had to commit to it back in January, so in the months leading up to it life of course, was very busy and I did not have much time to think about it; but as the time drew nearer, and more and more media attention was being focused on the papal visit, the anticipation built, I'm sure for all of us.

Amidst much media attention leading up to it we left early Tuesday, Sept. 22nd and arrived in plenty of time for the first keynote speaker, well-known evangelist and the recently ordained, Bishop Robert Barron of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. As always, he did not disappoint. He spoke eloquently about the creation story and the *Imago Dei*. Humanity, made male and female in the image and likeness of God has a special calling to order creation according to God's plan.

The family has a central role since that is where we first learn of God's order and God's plan for us and the world. When we do this well, it does not compromise human freedom, but rather leads to true human flourishing. This fact of the *imago dei* is not reserved to us in the church but is at the heart of the gospel message we are called to spread to the whole world.

This talk was followed the next day by Guinean Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments in the Vatican. He focused on the communion of love that exists in God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit united in a bond of perfect love. The family is called in its ideal to reflect the love of God, but we have the reality of sin. The answer to this sin is Jesus, who is mercy incarnate. With the love of Jesus in our

homes we are empowered to overlook differences of opinions and the hurts that happen there and we can bring that reconciling love to the world.

The next day, the very inspiring Cardinal Tagle built upon this theme adding that, as the family experiences the woundedness that comes from sin and hurt, as well as the redeeming love of Christ, it must not give up on the world, but rather bring that message to those who are lost and searching. He focused on the parables of Luke 15 and noted that they all have happy endings because the protagonists sought out the lost (sheep, coin, prodigal son) and brought them home or brought others in to rejoice (as in the case of the woman who lost a coin). The church must not give up on humanity; it must go out to on a healing mission to bring others home to Christ.

There were other talks that were very good and it was inspiring to be with 20,000 people from around the world, but of course the week culminated with Mass with Pope Francis on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Fr. Ed Palumbos and I were able to concelebrate the Mass and to distribute communion. The whole experience was electric, with people from all over the world celebrating the Eucharist with the Vicar of Christ. The night before the Pope had discarded his prepared text and preached eloquently and from the heart on God's dream for the family. He called the family a factory of hope and challenged modern families not to abandon children nor grandparents.

In the homily on Sunday, based on the line by Jesus that giving a cup of water to his disciple will be rewarded, he mentioned that all such little acts of loving-kindness that are often forgotten are important because "Love is shown by little things."

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We left the weekend exhausted – we had walked roughly 30 miles over the week – but uplifted. Furthermore, I came home with a greater commitment to follow through on what I had learned that week. As the Synod on the Family is taking place in Rome continuing from last year, I realize that we cannot leave it up to the universal church alone. There is much that we must do to strengthen family life here and now in our local church. May Cursillo be a strong influence on our families locally and universally so that we may bring the hope, the healing and the help of the gospel to the world of today.



De Colores,
Fr. Mickey McGrath

(P.S. Clips from a video series were shown throughout the week. Please take the time go to <http://humanum.it/films/> to see several beautifully created videos on family life.)



From the Lay Director

De Colores everyone!

I hope Jesus Christ is filling your hearts with the Holy Spirit! I want to take this chance to welcome our new Babe Chicks from the Men's #90 weekend. I hope Christ has touched your hearts even slightly. Please do not forget to join a small group, even if you have to create one, as well as come to Ultreya. We also have Leader's school and I encourage you to come to that as well.

What a GLORIOUS event we recently had here in America with Pope Francis visiting and addressing the UN as well as Congress bringing grown men to tears and touching hearts of all nationalities, religious and non-religious beliefs, all over our country. His message of

focusing on being humble, laity taking more action in the church, and especially the family was simply breathtaking! Speaking of the Family, remember to never walk over your family to get to church. This goes for those just coming off the weekend and veteran Cursillistas. This also goes for your friends that might need you as well. Just because they may be different than you, not as on fire for Christ like you are, does not mean you should treat them any differently. Just think, "What Would Jesus Do?". If everyone could try to always ask themselves this question before making a decision, before speaking, before acting, before thinking of anything else, I truly feel this world would be a better place.

A couple of reminders-- Do not forget to do Palanca for the next men's and women's weekend coming up next year. It's never too soon to start. We also will be sending out a notice at the beginning of next year for our annual Grand Ultreya. It is such a great time when all of our Cursillistas come together to share Christ.

I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

May the rest of this year as well as the beginning of the new year bring you all Faith, Hope, and Love....but especially LOVE!!!

De Colores everyone!

Thomas Smith
Rochester Cursillo Lay Director



Pre- Cursillo

Sponsor Steps

Being a Cursillo sponsor can be a very rewarding experience. Watching someone bloom where they are planted after sponsoring them is true discipleship. All it takes are a few steps to get to process rolling.

First, we need to make sure that we are recently “connected” with Cursillo. Being “connected” means that we have recently attended an Ultreya, grouped recently, or attended School of Leaders. Our Website lists all of the Ultreya centers in the Rochester Diocese. Our Website can be accessed here:

<http://www.rechestercursillo.com>.

It is advised that the sponsor has read the information contained in *The Cursillo Movement Sponsors Booklet*, sometimes called the “blue book”. This booklet is available from your Ultreya center.

Next, follow the Cursillo steps

1. Pray First- Speak to God about the candidate before you speak to the candidate about God. Ask for guidance and direction. You are not alone in this process.
2. Then Make a friend –the best place to start is from within your own parish. Get to know this person. Are they a catholic in good standing? For example, do they attend Mass regularly? Do they attend parish activities? Are they living according to the teachings of the church? Is this a person that you are willing to continue the 4th day journey with?
3. Be a friend –. Start with a conversation. Ask if they have heard of Cursillo and see where the conversation goes. After all this is how the Holy Spirit works.
4. Bring a friend to Christ – Jesus is with us always. You must not only get your candidate to Cursillo, but to help them with their fourth day by bringing them to Ultreya and group reunions.

As Pope Francis recently demonstrated to us so eloquently, reaching out to our brothers and sisters and modeling Christian love can result in life changing experiences.

De Colores,

Beth & Gregg Bullen





Post-Cursillo

We are pleased to welcome the Holley Ultreya Center into the Rochester Cursillo community. The Holley Ultreya Center started this past September at St. Mary/St. Mark Parish Center 13 Main St., Holley, NY. Tim Bader M87 (585)880-7037 is the Ultreya leader and Fr. Mark Noonan is the Spiritual Adviser. They meet on the second Saturday of the month at 6:00PM with a pot luck supper, the meeting starts at 7:00PM. The Ultreya Center serves the Cursillistas from the Holley, Kendall and Albion area. While Holley is geographically in the Buffalo Diocese, it is closer to Rochester than Buffalo and most of the Cursillistas made their Weekends at Notre Dame. Please keep this new and growing Ultreya Center in your prayers.

A complete list of Ultreya Centers is listed elsewhere in this Prism. We are blessed to have Ultreya Centers throughout the Diocese, but we do not have any in Rochester or in its immediate suburbs. If any of you city dwellers would like to start an Ultreya, we will be glad to help. It is very easy and anyone of you can do it, remember, we are all leaders. Several of our Ultreya Centers were started by Babe Chicks, so it does not take a lot of Cursillo experience to get started. If you would like to learn more about starting an Ultreya Center in your area, please contact us at pconn108@gmail.com or (585) 538-6937.

The Buffalo Diocese Cursillo will be hosting a Cursillo de Cursillos on February 4-7, 2016 at the St. Columban Retreat Center in Derby, NY. Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC) is a 3 day course for Cursillistas who would like to deepen their life in grace. It is open to all Cursillistas. The course is structured similar to a 3 Day Cursillo weekend, with 15 Rollos and 5 Meditations presented by a team of laity and clergy. Time is allotted for table discussion and questions and answers after each Rollo. The course provides a relaxing atmosphere with plenty of time for breaks, reflection, personal contact and daily Eucharist. Fr. Alex Waraksa, Cef Aguillon, Jim Santos and Dcn. Gary Terrana from National Cursillo will all be there. The Cost is proximately \$200 for the weekend. For more information or for applications, please contact us or your Ultreya Center leader.

DeColores
Ann & Peter Connelie
Postcursillo Co chairs



Ultreya Centers

Listed below are the Ultreya 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 Ultreya, 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 Ultreya, Our Lady of Peace Chapel, 103 Exchange Street,
Judy Savaria (607) 243-5691

Hilton Area

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



Holley Area

2nd Saturday, 6pm Potluck / 7pm Ultreya St. Mary/St. Mark Parish Center 13 Main St.,
Holley Tim Bader (585)880-7037

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

Owego Area

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

Pittsford Area

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

Webster Area

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



Men's #90 Planning Information: November 12-15

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



Men's #90 Volunteer Sign Up

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 sign up through the website or contact the site or kitchen coordinator in advance to make your "reservation."

Candidate Registration:

Sponsors, 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 your candidate is settled please proceed to the Sponsor Meeting.

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 concludes strike & packing.

Questions about volunteering-- just ask...

Kitchen Coordinators:

Marilyn LeChase at cha554@aol.com or

Nancy DiBattisto at nandbt150@yahoo.com

Site Coordinator: Bob LaDuca (585) 342-3234

Closing Mass Musicians contact: Patty Gorman pgorman@dor.org

Men's #90 Rector: Sal LeChase

I have been a cursillista for at least 40 years. My name is Sal LeChase, Men's #12. My wife, Marilyn and I have 3 children and 6 grandchildren and belong to St Leo's, Hilton.

Active in Cursillo in the 70's and 80's, my sponsor was a driving force for me as he made sure I was in a permanent group and went to Ultreya which at that time was weekly.

After a break from Cursillo involvement I returned to work in Cursillo at the encouragement of my brothers, Jesus and Father Joe Catanise. They did not take no for an answer. As an Ultreya leader I benefit from meeting with and sharing the lives of the 35 or so Cursillistas who attend our monthly Ultreya at St Leo's.

At Notre Dame in November when I serve the Lord as Rector for Men's #90, I pray that the love for Jesus fills each candidate's heart as it has mine.

Men's #90 Team

Gregg Bullen (Environment)
Joe DiBattisto (Piety)
Mike Mahar
Mark Peterson (Layperson)
Tim Salata
Doug Skeet (Action)
Thomas Smith
Tom Treis

Keith Bunker
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Allan Stone
John VerWulst
Bill Yandow

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Scott Pechie (Beyond the Cursillo)
Rob Picco
Norm Seeley
Paul Smith
Kevin Spears (Christianity in Action)
Dusan Vujanovic

Spiritual Advisors: Fr. Joe Catanise, Msgr. Gerry Krieg, Fr. Bob Ring, Dcn. Lon Smith, Dcn. Dan Callan

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

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

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

Or email to:

rochesterkursillopalanca@gmail.com



The Year of Mercy~~We Prepare!

***Mark Your Calendars Now!
You Won't Want to Miss These Events!***

"I am convinced that the whole Church — which has much need to receive mercy, because we are sinners — will find in this Jubilee, the Year of Mercy, the joy to rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time,"

~~ Pope Francis

**You are invited to join us for two outstanding
"Year of Mercy" kick-off" events at
St. Louis Church, Pittsford:**

Monday, October 26th: 7:00pm ~ 8:30pm

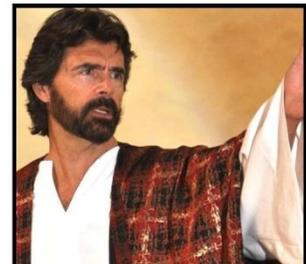


Father Jacek Mazur & Rick Paulini
from Catholic Radio will speak on
"The Virtue of Mercy In Our Lives"

2-Night Mission With Frank Runyeon

**Friday & Saturday, November 20th and 21st
(time to be announced)**

**"Acts of Mercy~~ Luke: Stories of Mercy &
James: Works of Mercy"**





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Ultreya Centers

Visit the Rochester Cursillo website for a complete list of Ultreya Centers and meeting days & times. <http://www.rochestercursillo.com/ultreya-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.

The PRISM is available on-line at www.rochestercursillo.com. This is offered as a cost-saving measure. If you have an email address, please let us know so each PRISM can be forwarded to you.

Please send your email address to cursilloprism@gmail.com

Need to send something in for the PRISM by snail mail? Please mail it to:

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