

CURSILLO

The PRISM - A Monthly Insight into the Catholic Cursillo Community of Rochester, NY

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Spiritual Advisor Wisdom

Fiat Mihi Secundum Verbum Tuum

Sr. Dolores Ann Stein, RSM, W8, Fairport Ultreya

For as long as I can remember, I have always had a special devotion to Our Lady, so when we were asked prior to taking our final vows as religious, “What motto would you like engraved in your profession ring”, I knew exactly what scripture I wanted,

Luke 1:38

“FIAT MIHI SECUNDUM VERBUM TUUM! “Be it done unto me according to thy word!”

Mary ultimately responded to Gabriel with the powerful words, “I am the Lord's servant. May your word to me be fulfilled.” Mary's response has been my response over the years – it has been my YES in both challenging and easy situations. Most of my ministries in early religious life were determined by the congregation. A listing of where you would minister that fiscal year was published and read by the Superior on August 15th following Mass. However, after Vatican II, religious were given the chance to request their ministries.

My first ten years of ministries were in grammar schools, followed by 16 years at Notre Dame High School in Elmira. Then one Friday afternoon, I received a phone call from a priest friend whom I had ministered with on Cursillo weekends inviting me to join him and some other friends for a fish fry. Part way though the dinner, I was informed that his Principal was leaving to take care of her mother and would I consider becoming the Principal.

I found myself in a dilemma as I loved teaching at the high school and had been asked two years before by the President of our Congregation to consider becoming a Principal. I recalled telling her that that was not something I felt I could do. When I got back home that night and I began to reflect on what was being asked of me, my motto and my YES kept coming back to me. I prayed about my decision for several days. Then I decided to make contact with the Congregation. I was very much affirmed and encouraged to take the step. My answer after much prayer was guided by my motto, “Be It Done Unto Me According To Thy Word” and I served as Principal in Hornell for 23 years.

Following retirement, I found myself working at the Diocesan Office for almost 5 years and then was informed one Friday afternoon that that was my last day. They were reconfiguring offices. I have to say, I left there knowing that God had some other plan for me and I was correct. I am now ministering at Nazareth Elementary School two days per week and am Co-Director of Mercy Bridges which is our Congregational ministry to teach adults wanting to learn English as a Second Language. We never know where God will lead us, if we are willing to answer YES.

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The Secretariat Page

Notes from November, 2020 Meeting:

- School of Leaders is being hosted monthly by the various Ultreya centers. Fairport hosted on November 19th discussing Friendship with Kathy Jacobson offering the Technique talk and Sr. Theresa Ruty sharing a Doctrinal presentation. Allan Stone shared briefly on his role as Treasurer on Secretariat. 18 Cursillistas attended via Zoom. Three more School of Leaders are being planned. *(For more info, see page 4)*
- Tom Treis, lay director, plans to put out a letter regarding the events of this past year and prayers during Advent. As well as ask for donations. *(Contact Mary Liz if you didn't receive Tom's letter via Flocknote on November 28th.)*
- Received the question, "Why are we doing Step by Step?" *(See page 3, Ask the Three Wisemen, for the answer.)*
- Secretariat discussed open positions. As of yet, no one has volunteered for these positions. Tom will develop a list of those who have attended Grand Ultreya, School of Leaders, Step by Step, and Cursillo de Cursillo so Secretariat members can pray on who would be a good person to ask for the various positions. The list will be reviewed at the December meeting. Some names were raised and Tom will be reaching out personally to these people to ask them to join secretariat. Positions open: PreCursillo --- Cursillo (3day) --- PostCursillo (4th Day) --- School of Leaders --- Assistant Lay Director
- Spiritual advisors, Fr. Mickey and Deacon David shared guidance for the Secretariat.

What about these Meetings?

Secretariat Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Visitors/Cursillistas are welcome to join the Secretariat meetings. Currently, the meetings are being held virtually. Please contact Allan Stone for the meeting information if you want to join in!

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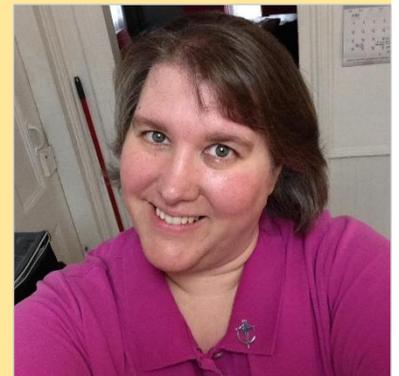
News from the Secretariat >>>

The Blessings of Serving on Secretariat

Mary Liz Bartell, W69, Assistant Lay Director

Last week, I had the blessing of attending the virtual NACG Encounter with nearly 200 other Cursillistas. I grouped with wonderful ladies from Jamaica, Trinidad, Los Angeles, Washington DC. We shared our Ultreya experiences and I received wonderful encouragement to persevere thru the Covid Zoom Ultreyas and not give up on serving Cursillo as an Ultreya Leader. We all struggle with low Ultreya attendance and getting Priests to attend our Ultreyas. But the friendships built at Ultreya sustain the charism of the movement in our lives. It was a wonderful experience that if I had not been on Secretariat as Assistant Lay Director I may not have chosen to attend. But the NACG is not only for serving Secretariat Members but for any Cursillista interested in attending. On and off again, for the last 18 years, being on Secretariat has been such a blessing in my life. I first served as Treasurer for 4 years from 2002 to 2006 in two consecutive terms. Then I served as Pre-Cursillo Chair for 2 more terms and helped train my successor for half a year. Then with a break between serving I was later asked to serve as Post-Cursillo Chair for 3 ½ years, and now, as Assistant Lay Director. I am committed to serve for 3 more years as Lay Director. I have always said yes when asked to serve because I firmly feel that Cursillo is my vocation and apostolate. I made a commitment at the Closing of Women's 69 Cursillo, 21 years ago, to say "Yes" to God at whatever he asks of me. In turn he has blessed me with the means to attend almost every Secretariat Meeting. And now with Zoom it's even easier to attend instead of driving back and forth from Hornell twice a month. (One night for School of Leaders and one for Secretariat each month, it's not a burden, it's a joy!) I urge you to say YES if God asks you to serve the Cursillo on Secretariat because it will deepen your understanding of the Movement, build your friendships with other committed Cursillistas, and keep the fires of your Cursillo burning well into your 4th Day!

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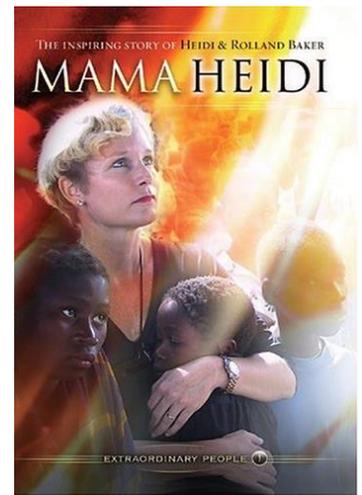
School of Leaders Sharing

A True Story, Shared in Thanksgiving!

Margi Lash, W11, Geneva-Newark Ultreya

Heidi Baker gave her heart to Jesus as a teenager. She and her husband became missionaries to Mozambique to care for orphans. Heidi became ill and flew home for treatment. She had a vision, "Thousands of children were coming toward me. I was crying, 'No, Lord. There are too many!' I saw Jesus. His body was bruised and broken, His side pierced. He said, "You give them something to eat." He took a piece of his broken body and handed it to me. It became bread. I gave it to the children. It multiplied in my hands. Then Jesus said, "You give them something to drink." He gave me a cup of blood and water, which flowed from His side. I drank and gave it to the children. The cup did not go dry. The Lord said, "There will always be enough." Heidi and her family returned to Mozambique. The government gave them forty-eight hours to vacate their orphanage. The only place left was their small office in the city. "We had many street orphans with no family who had walked barefoot fifteen miles into the city. They had been beaten. They wanted to go with us to worship the Lord. I told them we had no place for them, they replied, 'But, Mama, you said there would always be enough!' Hundreds of children kept coming. We stuffed bunk beds in our garage, cots in the yard and driveway. We hosed kids down to try to wash them. We had nowhere near the food, cooking or sanitation facilities we needed. "Does God really care? I never thought He would leave us in a situation like this." Heidi's daughter began to cry because they hadn't eaten in days. A neighbor came over with chili and rice, enough for the four of them. Heidi showed her all the children. Then Heidi prayed over the food. She got out bowls and began serving. From the start, everyone had a full bowl! "Since then we have never said no to an orphaned, abandoned, or dying child. We feed and care for more than one thousand children. They eat and drink all they want of the Lord's goodness." Heidi's story is shared on the inspirational DVD 'Mama Heidi.'

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John 6:9-13

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.



Ask the Three Wisemen (and women) . . .

Ask a wise Cursillista who has been around forever!

Send in your questions about Cursillo... anything and everything!

Send questions to: notestobobbi@yahoo.com Attn: Ask the Cursillo Wisemen

So, Why Are We Doing Step by Step?

Answered by Gloria Treis, W29, Fairport Ultreya

In 1994, on the 50th anniversary of the first Cursillo, Eduardo Bonnin (the founder of Cursillo) invited Cursillistas from all over the world who were interested in living the authentic Cursillo (known as the Foundational Charism) to Mallorca to participate in the first and second Conversations of Cala Figuera. Members of the United States National Secretariat attended and discovered that changes had been made in the United States that were taking us away from an authentic Cursillo. Tom Sarge, the Executive Director of the National Cursillo Center at that time realized we were travelling down the wrong path. In July 2003, the National Secretariat officially decided to follow the Foundational Charism. Up until 2005, we did not have a detailed outline for the Three Day Cursillo in writing from our founder. So Eduardo began the work of writing and presenting it. We learned about the "step by step" process that the leaders of Mallorca had in progress in 2014. By 2018 we decided to follow our founder's example and study and implement "Step by Step". This Step by Step is a guide so that Cursillistas understand the "Why" of each element in the movement as it was intended.

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Witness by a Friend of Christ!

Lisa Spinelli, W86
Hilton Ultreya

Having a relationship with Jesus was very hard in the past, but after I attended a Cursillo weekend, I have been able to build a relationship with Jesus. I have to say that it is not easy and that on a daily basis I have to pray to Jesus and ask him for his guidance.

I work for an accounting firm and back in March when everything was shut down because of the virus, I still had to work. I had two people working with me and they were both high risk, so they were sent home. I became a little angry with the situation, because they were home and collecting unemployment and were making more money than I was, while I was still working, and I was working anywhere from 50 to 70 hours per week. Through all of this I never became angry with Jesus. I was grateful that I still had a job. Each day I prayed and asked Jesus to help me get through the day. Jesus was always there with me and he walked with me and got me through all the stress of the situation. When I do Jesus' will and not my own will, even when things are tough, that's when I can be in a relationship with Jesus. When I turn away from Jesus is when I lose focus and try to control my own life.

As church was closed down and I could not go to Mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist, I felt like I was too far away from the Holy Spirit. When I was able to go back to Mass and receive the Eucharist, I felt a chill in my body, and I knew that Jesus was there.

My group meetings stopped for a little bit and then we found a way to have our meetings over the phone. Having group meetings with my group was so important to keep me on track and to keep me focused on the Holy Spirit. DeColores!



You are Welcome
to attend any Ultreya!

Hilton Area - Last Saturday (4th or 5th)
IN PERSON at 6:45pm
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rayjaycamp@yahoo.com

Please contact Ultreya Coordinator for an invite with virtual meeting ID info!

Caledonia Area - 1st Saturday
Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
Beth Bullen, (585) 538-9406
beth.bullen1@gmail.com

Fairport Area - 2nd Saturday
Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
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Geneva - Newark Area - 2nd Monday
Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
Margi Lash, (315) 548-5164
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Elmira Area - 4th Thursday
Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
Deacon George & Paula Welch
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These Ultreyas are currently not meeting due to Covid-19. Pray to reunite soon!

Rochester SPANISH 3rd Sunday
1:30pm Ultreya & School of Leaders
St. Michael's Church
Sr. Theresa Rutty, (585) 325-4041
trutty46@yahoo.com

Dansville Area - 2nd Sunday, 11:00am
Sacred Heart Parish, Kennedy House
Bonnie Olsen, (585) 335-5971
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Hornell Area - 1st Thursday, 7:00pm
St. Ann's School
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Owego Area - 2nd Sunday, 2:00pm
St. Patrick's Church
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Upcoming Events!

More info on our website www.rochestercursillo.com

Coming Soon >>>

Check your
Flocknotes
messages for
details on events!

School of Leaders
at 7pm Via Zoom.us
Thursday, December 17th
Thursday, January 21st
[Watch for Invite on Flocknote](#)

Vigil to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron Saint of Cursillo
December 11-12, 2020
[Watch for Invite on Flocknote](#)

Region III Spring Encounter
Stella Niagara Retreat Center, Lewiston
May 7-8, 2021

Women's #89
Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua
June 10-13, 2021

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