

CURSILLO

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Spiritual Advisor Wisdom

Eucharistic Revival Information

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It has been brought to my attention that within the various dioceses, including the Dioceses of Rochester, we will soon hear about work being done for the planning of a Eucharistic Revival. This Revival has been suggested by Pope Francis. What a wonderful occasion for Cursillistas to welcome this opportunity and be among those in the parishes ready and willing to give of your time and talents in helping make this Eucharistic Revival a time of prayer and appreciation for the special gift we have in the Eucharist. It can be a time for all of us to encourage, pray and welcome back those who have for one reason or another left the church.

Eucharistic Revival Meeting and Planning Sessions. There are three phases to this. The National Level and the USCCB are sending out information now to prepare us for the Eucharistic Revival. They will be sending out other resources for us to use as well. I see this as a wonderful opportunity for all of us to draw even closer to Our Lord in the Eucharist.

We may want to ask ourselves, in what way am I being called to an even deeper relationship with God in and through the Eucharist?

The second phase is the Diocesan Level. Bishop Matano will begin this phase with a Eucharistic Procession beginning at Corpus Christi Parish in Rochester. Obviously, this feast is on June 19th. His Excellency would like it if people from all over the Diocese could participate. If Cursillistas would like to be in the Procession, each Ultreya Center should send in to the Diocese the names of those planning to attend. Groups throughout the Diocese will be doing special projects. For example, the Catholic Schools will be doing projects on the theme of "This is my Body. This is my Blood." You may google St. Bernard's School of Ministry at stbernards.edu and read Bishop Matano's Pastoral Letter on the Year of the Eucharist 2017-2018. There will also be articles on the Diocesan website: eucharisticrevival.dor.org

Phase 3 is the Parish Level. What can be done to revive Eucharistic celebrations? Can parishes use a Book on the Eucharist for adult education? Perhaps your parish can invite St. Bernard's on the Road to come for a talk. Perhaps on Holy Thursday, parish churches can be left open for an hour or so and you can invite others to visit three churches, which is a custom that was prevalent a few years ago. You can pray the Prayer of Revival, pray for the vocations and a return to the Eucharist. It would be a great night of Eucharistic reflection.

You may wish to google America for articles by Fr. James Martin, S.J. or go to USCCB. Your love for the Lord will come through and it will inspire others to deepen their relationship with Him in the Eucharist. What a great opportunity for all of us!

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The Secretariat Page

Notes from April 12, 2022 Meeting:

- Treasurer's Report: Report is upcoming next month.
- School of Leaders: Sue stated the monthly SOL on the 3rd Thursday meetings continue to be a success; she publishes the recording of the rollos for those who missed the meetings. Sue will begin to promote the Living the Rector's Guide for all Cursillistas who want to experience the actual weekend following the Rector's Guide, a Step-by-Step Guide to the Cursillo. The team will be representatives from National and other dioceses.
- Pre-Cursillo: Tim Flynn is looking for a partner to co-chair the responsibilities. Applications are available for the upcoming weekend from Ultreya leaders. Note that spiritual advisors no longer need to sign and application.
- Cursillo: Women's 89 in June was postponed due to scheduling issues with Notre Dame. Neal Combs is starting to organize the details for the upcoming W#89. Neil will begin researching alternative venues to host three day weekends.
- Post-Cursillo: Mary Ellen invited all to the family picnic is July 2 at Seneca Lakes State Park in Geneva. She will assist Region III in promoting the Living the Rector's Guide weekend at Notre Dame, September 8-11, which is an opportunity for Cursillistas to experience the three day weekend using the new guide. Secretariat and people who want to team should attend. Invitations are coming soon.
- Other Business: Keith Bunker has accepted the position of Assistant Lay Director. We thank Keith for saying YES to the Lord. We are still in need of a Secretary to replace Doreen.

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 >>>

Go, Therefore and Make Disciples of All Nations

Tim Flynn, M84, Hilton Ultreya
Precursillo Chair



Jesus' last commandment to the apostles in the book of Matthew resonates with me when I think of the work of Cursillo. To be involved in the process of making a friend, being a friend, and bringing that friend to Christ is a great commission for all of us in Cursillo. And once Christ has a person in the palm of His hand, what wonderful things a new friend in Christ can do!

That's why I said yes to being a part of precursillo. Because it makes me part of a group of believers that has the same goal in mind: to help change the world one person at a time. It's nothing less than being like minded with Christ – and what is a greater place than that?

I've been on a number of Cursillo teams over the years and it always fills my heart with joy when I witness a person finding Christ in a deeper way during the weekend. By the end of weekend, you don't want it to end. But when it does, your prayers are directed toward those who need to be on a Cursillo weekend – and don't even know it.

Can you even imagine what the world would be like if everyone experienced a Cursillo weekend? But as it is, we are lights for Christ, that go out into a dark world. Before I was rector for men's 94, I contacted a number of ultreyas and attended the annual Catholic men's conference to get the word out about the coming men's weekend. If we want to be a friend-make a friend-bring a friend to Christ, then we need to look at the places where those potential friends are – and invite them to an Ultreya. As part of precursillo, I want to continue to be a part of that outreach.

Be assured by what Jesus says: **...and I am with you always to the end of the age.**

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School of Leaders Sharing

The Echo Peter Connelie, M84, Caledonia Ultreya



I recently became aware of some misunderstanding about the Echo portion of an Ultreya. I am uncomfortable with being told verbally about changes to Cursillo practices with no supporting documentation. For this reason, I thought it may be worthwhile to review what the Leaders Manual says about the Echo. What it is and what it is not. The Echo is discussed on Pages 140 and 141 of the Leaders Manual. Here is exact text from the Leaders Manual.

“Immediately following the witness talk, there should be 2 or 3 Cursillistas who briefly (2 to 3 minutes) provide an echo about the message contained in the witness talk. The purpose is not to criticize the rollo or try to explain it in a different way or even to give another rollo, but to “echo” to communicate briefly and precisely, “this is how I live it.” The life of the cursillista has presented what is fundamental for being Christian, projected in one or several specific directions, now the opportune thing, the wise and ideal, will be to show how others live these same dimensions.

It is important to be diverse, to call on men and women, young and adult, of different social or cultural situations, so that the universality of what is evangelical will shine.”

What the echo is then is a brief communication of how the echo speaker lives the topic presented in the witness rollo. It is also spontaneous, in response to being called on by the Ultreya leader. The echo is not a criticism of the witness nor an attempt to explain the witness rollo in a different way or even to give another rollo. Nor is it planned or scheduled in advance.

The Chicago Cursillo website provided this overview of the echo. “**The echo** is spontaneous. These are comments from cursillistas that provide additional support to the witness that has been presented. These should help awaken a desire among the other participants to go forth and do likewise. The leader of the ultreya should take care not to exceed the time allotted for this part.” (The time allotted is 10 minutes for all echos.)

The National Cursillo Center Mailing of December 2008 entitled PERSONAL CONTACT & AUTHENTIC WITNESS says this about the echo “After the witness rollo at the Ultreya, an “echo” or “resonance” is also shared. This does not mean providing a summary of the witness that was shared or giving another witness. The echo is a brief affirmation of what the brother/sister shared, “I also live it this way...”; simply emphasizing on some points of the witness of how both live the love of God and the love of neighbor supported by their Piety, Study, and Action. “

I hope this explanation helps to clarify the purpose and meaning of the echo.
“for all things are possible with God.” (Mk. 10:27)

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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



Do We Still Do Las Mananitas on the Weekend?

Answered by Gloria Treis, W29, Fairport Ultreya

Yes, Mananitas is part of the Rector’s Guide, A Step-by-Step Guide for the Cursillo Weekend. When the Holy Spirit drew us into an association with the Foundation of Eduardo Bonin, the movement was able to access his writings and gave us improved translations. What we learned was that Eduardo experienced Mananitas in a Cursillo in Mexico and returned to Mallorca and introduced it there. Eduardo never stopped participating in Cursillo activities, despite his advanced age. He was always present at the morning serenade of Las Mananitas. He knew this was an important moment for the new Cursillistas, to be awakened by the community singing to them. Do you remember your Mananitas experience? Maybe you remember a morning serenade, but did not know what it was called!

Mananitas is a tangible sign to the Cursillistas!! They can see what they have been told about Palanca. That there are people praying and sacrificing for them (and for some non-morning persons like Tom and I, this was a BIG sacrifice!!!) They can see that there are people who will be there for them after the weekend who will support them on their journey. So please keep on alert to hear the details for the Mananitas for the upcoming weekends. Get those singing voices ready and practice getting up early!! Decolores!

Witness by a Friend of Christ!

Ellen Hinds, W64, Fairport Ultreya

I would like to tell you how God has been working in my life. My son Marc had a brain tumor at nine years old resulting in a seizure disorder. All these years God has amazingly directed our path. God is always present. Even when Marc has a seizure, I thank him because God always protects Marc. For many years, with many gray hairs along the way, we have been preparing Marc to be independent. Twice a week, Marc attends a program at the Hickock Day Center for traumatic brain Injury (TBI). Marc feels so comfortable and safe there. He is with his peers; many of whom live independently. Due to Medicare guidelines, people with TBI cannot go into a group home or they lose their benefits, hence, TBI patients must live independently with aides coming to their homes. In 2019, Marc filled out paperwork for an apartment in Henrietta; he was #55 on the waiting list. In January 2022, Marc was #27. I figured a few more years. Well God has other plans for Marc. I heard a message from God, "look at Marc's phone." I turned it over to see an important voicemail. Marc never checks his voicemail so I am glad I listened. "This is Heritage Garden Apartments your name has come up. If I do not hear from you by Friday the 15th at 4:00 your name goes all the way to the bottom of the list." I called to set up an appointment. Marc, I, and his special helper, Mark Leider, discovered a very nice place. We said we would take the apartment. Marc was so excited. We filled out all the paperwork including documents from his work, doctors, bank accounts etc, My husband, Bob, Marc and myself have been buying things that he will need. Marc signed the lease and received the keys on April 28, 2022. Marc is on cloud nine; feeling very confident. We are scheduling aides to help Marc with cooking, cleaning, seizures, transportation etc. He will move in June. **We know that God is in control. When we make plans God laughs at us, He says we will do this on HIS time not ours.** We know there will be bumps in the road for Marc. As Marc begins this new chapter of his life, we are praying God will be there always for him. "With God All Things Are Possible" Matthew 19:26. Please keep my son Marc Hinds in your prayers. He has gone through a great deal of things in his life. Thank you, God for this wonderful opportunity that you opened the right door for my son. Decolores!



You are Welcome
to attend any Ultreya!

Hilton Area - Last Saturday (4th or 5th)
In Person at 6:45pm
St. Leo's Church
Tim Spinelli, (585) 755-6252
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Caledonia Area - 1st Saturday
Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
St. Columba Church Rectory
Beth Bullen, (585) 538-9406
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Elmira Area - 4th Thursday
IN PERSON & Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
St. Mary's Faith Formation Center
Deacon George & Paula Welch
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Hornell Area - 1st Thursday
IN PERSON & Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
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Geneva - Newark Area - 2nd Monday
Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
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Fairport Area - 2nd Saturday
IN PERSON & Virtual at 7:00pm
Assumption Church
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*Please contact Ultreya Coordinator for
an invite with the Zoom info!*

*These Ultreyas are currently not meeting
due to Covid-19. Pray to reunite soon!*

Dansville Area - 2nd Sunday, 11:00am
Sacred Heart Parish, Kennedy House
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Rochester SPANISH 3rd Saturday
St. Michael's Office Building
Sr. Theresa Rutty, (585) 325-4041
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Upcoming Events!

More info on our website www.rochesterkursillo.com

Coming Soon >>>

School of Leaders – 3rd Thursday of the Month
at 7:00pm via Zoom.us - Next meeting is May 19th
For Zoom invite, contact Sue Lorz, (585) 704-4988
suelarry5644@gmail.com

Region III Spring Encounter, St. Ann's, Ebensburg, PA
May 6-7, 2022

Cursillo Picnic, Seneca Lake State Park, Geneva
July 2, 2022

Cursillo National Encounter **Plan to attend!**
Chapman University, Orange, CA,
July 21-24, 2022

Living the Rector's Guide Cursillo Weekend Experience
Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua
September 8-11, 2022

Region III Fall Encounter, Stella Niagara, Buffalo, NY
October 28-29, 2022

Women's #89
Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua
November 3-6, 2022

Check your
Flocknotes messages
for details on events!



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