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

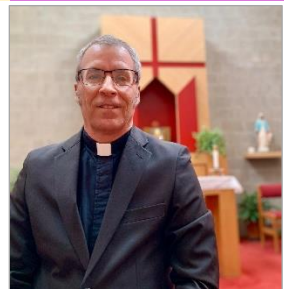
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Spiritual Advisor Wisdom

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fr. Mickey McGrath, M76, Fairport Ultreya, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor



In case you do not know, each month in the Catholic calendar has a certain theme or devotion to which it is designated. In some cases, the relation is clear, like in January when we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus and in June there is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is not clear why the month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary especially since the principle feast we celebrate is the Assumption of the Virgin Mary—it has to do with World War II and the devotion of Pope Pius XII to Our Lady of Fatma. Due to the great turmoil in the world, Pope Pius XII responded to the requests of Our Lady of Fatma and consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 31, 1942. Since the war continued, in 1944 Pius XII established the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be celebrated on August 22, the octave day of the feast of the Assumption. He did this for multiple reasons, namely that by her intercession there may be obtained “peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue.”

After the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI decided to switch the feasts of the Immaculate Heart and the Queenship of Mary. The feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was connected to the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (celebrated on the Saturday following the feast of the Sacred Heart, typically in June). The Queenship of Mary was moved to August 22 to recognize that Mary’s queenship is closely connected to that of her Assumption into heaven. Despite the switch, many Catholics continued to celebrate August as a month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as they felt her message at Fatima needed to be heard in a more extended way. Though this spiritual theme is not an “official” designated decree by the Catholic hierarchy, it is an historical development that grew out of World War II and the message of Our Lady of Fatma.

A devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is important since it is what she herself asked for at Fatima. After showing the visionaries an image of Hell, she said to them, “You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.” This devotion is not so much directed to her, but to her Son, Jesus, for the closer one gets to Mary, the closer one gets to Jesus. St. Louis Grignion de Montfort said, “Just as in the natural and corporal generation of children there are a father and a mother, so in the supernatural and spiritual generation there are a Father, who is God, and a Mother, who is Mary. All of God’s true children have Him for their Father and Mary for their Mother. He who has not Mary for his Mother, has not God for his Father.” If we desire peace in our world, nation, and families, let dedicate each day to her with this prayer: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

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The Secretariat Page

Notes from August 9, 2022 Meeting:

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!

- Treasurer's Report: Allan reported a balance of \$2408.04. Payment to Flocknotes for \$58.00 paid. Cursillo Books \$80.50. Donations \$20.00. Closing Balance \$2289.54. National Dues are due for \$400.00 and Zoom account at \$150.00
- School of Leaders: Weekly Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are said every Friday at 9pm as Palanca for the upcoming W89, November 3-6. Sue talked about the Catholic Devotion of the month, July was Immaculate Heart of Mary and August the Seven Sorrows of Mary. SOL Technique Talk was on the First Conversations of Cala Figuera and can be found on the National Website
- Pre-Cursillo: Collecting applications for W89 – 15 candidates registered with one pending application. We have one application for M95.
- Cursillo: M95 is currently holding August 17-20, 2023, at Notre Dame to be confirmed in November. Keith Bunker will be the rector. Please pray for M95 as they discern team and become friends with candidates.
- Post-Cursillo: Mary Ellen shared Cursillistas are invited to attend a Desert Day at Notre Dame Retreat House on Tuesday, October 4, 9am-3pm sign up via Flocknotes. Ultreyas are active across the diocese. We encourage people to attend in person to bring the closeness of friends in Cursillo back.

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News from the Secretariat >>>

A Gift from God!

Mary Liz Bartell, W69,
Lay Director, Hornell Ultreya



Our lay director has been a busy mama these past weeks.

As you know last year, Mary Liz and Kevin Bartell were blessed with a foster daughter named Mia Jade Lee. And on July 28th, the family welcomed Micah Xavier as their foster son!

What a biblical name! We know of the old testament Book of Micah. Micah derives from Hebrew translating in English as “who is like (God). Micah consists of two Hebrew words, “mi” meaning “who” and “cha” meaning “like” the word “God” is implied in the meaning of the name. Micah is very similar to the slightly longer name Michael, which also means “who is like God” but includes the word “el” or God. Xavier is Arabic for “new house” and in Latin it means Savior. (from babycenter.com)

If you can offer any support with children's items or diapers, the family would appreciate your assistance. And of course, prayers please for this beautiful family!

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The Prism Editorial Team





You are Invited

**4th Day Cursillo Community of the Diocese of Rochester
please join in Las Mananitas and the Closing
for the Living the Rector's Guide Weekend
Notre Dame Retreat House
Canandaigua NY**

Call Bobbi LaVoie for more info: 585-727-4866



**LAS
MAÑANITAS**

**Sunday, Sept 11 at 6:30 am
Gather in the Retreat House
Lobby to line up then process
to surprise the Cursillistas.
Bring your singing voice and
a tambourine, guitar, or
shaker if you have one!**

**Sunday, Sept 11 at 3:15 pm
Gather in the Retreat House
Chapel to experience a
"Clausura"
Greet your fellow Cursillistas
with friendship and
Decolores!**



Closing

School of Leaders Sharing

Sponsorship

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Paula Welch, W17, Elmira Ultreya

The way the Cursillo movement grows is by recruiting new candidates to make the three-day Cursillo Weekend. Therefore, the role of the sponsor is critical to the success of the movement. A sponsor should be aware of the two-fold purpose of the Cursillo. The immediate purpose is to provide the foundation for being Christian – Love God and love thy neighbor -. The ultimate purpose is to be the backbone of Christianity. To be leaven in our environments by living the Gospel message. “God is love and those who abide in love abide in God.” Cursillistas are not called to preach the good news, but to be the good news. I am reminded of the old folk hymn “They will know we are Christians by our Love.”

Keeping the purpose of Cursillo in mind we must be conscientious in our act of sponsoring a candidate, for the three-day weekend can be a life changing experience. The purpose of sponsoring is to prepare an individual who can bring change in one’s environments. Therefore, sponsoring is not haphazard. It is a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. A sponsor should have a plan. The plan would include identifying those individuals with the talent to bring about change. How to be a sponsor:

- 1) Make a friend. We should be true authentic friends with our potential candidate. We must be willing and able to walk with them in their fourth day. We must be willing to invite them into our group reunion or help them find a group reunion and accompany them to Ultreya.
- 2) Be a friend. By our lives we should show the love of God. We must explain the Cursillo Weekend in such a way that potential candidates will become enthusiastic about attending. Cursillo is not a cure all for personal or spiritual problems. It is not a cure for our lukewarm friends and relatives. A Cursillo candidate should be open to discern God’s plan for them. And willing to submit themselves to the love of God. Only through continued friendship can these qualities be discerned.
- 3) Talk to God about your friend. Sponsoring a candidate should only be attempted after discernment. Only with God’s help can we determine if we should invite our friend to make a Cursillo Weekend. Only with God’s help can we determine if we are willing and able to accompany our friend throughout their fourth day.
- 4) Talk to your friend about Jesus. If you can’t share your faith with your friend, why are you trying to share Cursillo?

Not everyone can or will make a Cursillo. Please don’t let this stop you from making friends in Christ, being a friend in Christ and sharing Christ with your friends. One of my friends once said” Don’t shove the Dove.” In other words, it is by our life that people will come to know we are Christians, not by our preaching Cursillo. Always remember, we are the light of the world. Let our light shine before all. That they may see the work that we do and give glory to God.

For further study please see the “Blue” Sponsors booklet and “Sponsoring candidates for the Cursillo Weekend” National Cursillo Center Resources. DeColores!



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



What does Mentality mean in reference to Cursillo?

Answered by Bobbi LaVoie, W71, Fairport Ultreya

According to Oxford Dictionary, it is “the characteristic attitude of mind or way of thinking of a person.” How your mind works is your mentality, either in a way that's measured in school or testing, or in the way you think about things. A learned way of thinking comes from experiences. Have you ever witnessed something at the same time as another person and you both interpret it differently. That is because you have different mentalities. Mentality answers the “why” of what we do in our life and in Cursillo. Without understanding the reason for doing something, we react in a rote or superficial manner. Eduardo Bonnin began Cursillo guided by three basic principles of his Mentality: the love of God, the love of person and friendship. In Cursillo, we strive to keep close to the love of God and to journey in the company of like-minded persons. As a Cursillista, we want a mentality that will listen, discover, plan and lead others to this Christ-centered way of life. The Mentality of the Cursillo Movement is based on and lived through the four pillars of Christian Living: the Gospel, Common Sense, Faith and the Person. If we all face life and the lives of others with a mentality to be totally Christian with reason and love, it would become contagious! Decolores!

Witness by a Friend of Christ!

Beth Bullen, W81, Caledonia Ultreya

When I retired, I decided that I would serve God by doing what I enjoyed. I am now retired and attend daily Mass. God comes first in my daily routine. Then I spend the rest of my time gardening and volunteering at the EquiCenter. I have always liked horses. The EquiCenter's mission is to "foster growth, wellness, and educational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities through the power of equestrian, horticultural and outdoor experiences. "My son Paul has been an EquiCenter participant for over twelve years. The participants receive help from equine-related and/or horticulture therapies for a variety of issues. These issues may include developmental and/or physically disabilities, learning disabilities, PTSD, and cancer.



My action at the EquiCenter is to love my neighbor by my volunteerism 4 days a week. I help a wide variety of people. I help a young man with Autism, a woman who is physically disabled, an elderly gentleman in a wheelchair, a woman with a traumatic brain injury, a classroom of special education students, the EquiCenter staff, and my son Paul. I cannot overtly evangelize. But what I can do is share God's love. I do this with positive comments, enthusiasm, willingness to step in when others cannot, working in bitter cold and blistering heat without complaint, and by offering positive observations to participants, staff, and fellow volunteers. I care for the horses with compassion and reflect often on their beauty, thanking God for creating these strong yet fragile animals who provide therapy to so many participants. I pray as I groom the horses for the riders. I pray for the participants, their families and for the staff. I share my Catholic faith when someone asks about my Our Lady of Fatima necklace, asks about my availability (I put church time before volunteering) or when a friend is asking for prayers.

That is how I evangelize. I challenge you to volunteer your time doing an activity you love. Yes, you too can evangelize!
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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
TSpinelli@aol.com

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
(607) 738-3959
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Hornell Area - 1st Thursday
IN PERSON & Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
Mary Liz Bartell, (607) 324-0372
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Geneva - Newark Area - 2nd Monday
Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
Margi Lash, (315) 548-5164
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Fairport Area - 2nd Saturday
IN PERSON & Virtual at 7:00pm
Assumption Church
Kathy Jacobsen, (585) 755-9578
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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
Bonnie Olsen, (585) 335-5971
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Rochester SPANISH 3rd Saturday
St. Michael's Office Building
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Upcoming Events!

More info on our website www.rochesterkursillo.com

Coming Soon >>>

Check your Flocknotes
messages for details ON
events!



School of Leaders – 3rd Thursday of the Month
at 7:00pm via Zoom.us - Next meeting is September 15th
For Zoom invite, contact Sue Lorz, (585) 704-4988
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SOL Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet for W89
Every Friday until Oct 28 at 9:00pm via Zoom.us
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Living the Rector's Guide Kursillo Weekend Experience
Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua
September 8-11, 2022

Cursillo Desert Day
Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua
Tuesday, October 4, 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

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