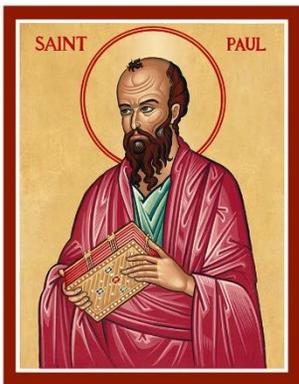


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The PRISM - A Monthly Insight into the Catholic Cursillo Community of Rochester, NY

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Spiritual Advisor Wisdom

St. Paul's Prayer is Our Prayer

Dcn. George Welch, M21, Elmira Ultreya



St. Paul the patron saint of Cursillio gives an insight into our first spiritual practice of Prayer. It is our relationship with God. It is the north star and the way we center our life in Christ Jesus. Even when everything turns and changes around us, we remain steady with prayer. We look to God. No matter what course our life may take we keep our selves pointed to Jesus.

We look and move toward the love of God. Listen to this prayer in your heart from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. "This then is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, wither spiritual or natural takes its name. Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breath and the length, the height and the depth; until knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge you are filled with the utter fullness of God. Glory be to him whose power, working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever." The prayer includes us. "From generation to generation" Christ's power works in us. We can do not just more but infinitely more. We are called by our baptism and by our commitment to Piety, Study and Action to, "tell the people I love them, tell the people I care, when they feel far away from me tell the people I am there." Tell the people by the way you live your life. Kindness or compassion is the God of the Gospel. The God who sees our pain and knows us. God is looking at us with love. He wants us only to respond. Paul prayed that God would live in our hearts. Our faith tells us that God dwells in us. Paul repeated this several times in his letters. "It is not I but God who lives in me." This month we invite you to renew your baptismal commitment. The Cursillio Weekend is Baptismal therapy. We renew our faith in Christ Jesus. We hear the voice of Jesus say through the community "Christ is counting on you." We respond, "I am counting on Christ." Like Paul, we center ourselves in Christ. Eduardo Bonin wrote, "We should speak less about God and talk more often with Him. God loves us. He knows that we exist. He knows us. He accepts and loves us. He marvels at us and gets excited about us. ...all he wants is that we consider that He loves us; that He is not only seeing us, but He is looking at us. That He not only hears us, but He is listening to us." This is an invitation to pray from the stance that the kingdom of God is within each of us. God wants a place within you Eduardo shares. "Make room for Him in your heart." Prayer is a treasure. It is important and valuable. Prayer is the source. Jesus said whatever you ask the Father in my name I will give you. (Jn16:23) Just spend some time with God. He is seeking you. Surrender, give in. All you need to do is be still. Lord your words lead us to the calmness and greatness of your presence. I ask for the grace to let myself be enfolded by the Spirit. Be conscious of where the God who loves you has been present. Embrace God. Just let God love you. Pray.

Decolores!

The Secretariat Page

Notes from June 8, 2021 Meeting:



- School of Leaders: Sue will be introducing Work of the Sections in July referencing the series of articles published in the newsletter, and then beginning the actual meeting of sections in August.
- Mary Liz made announcements that the Cursillo National Virtual Encounter will be July 23 & 24. The cost is \$50.00. Please sign-up on line by July 19th.
- Fr. Mickey and Dea. David offered spiritual guidance.

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 said began with a balance of \$2,170.07, paid out \$58.00 to Flock Notes, closed with \$2,132.07.
- Pre-Cursillo: Donna stated, to date, we have not received any application for the upcoming men's Cursillo.
- Cursillo: Discussed team selection and criteria as outlined in the Cursillo Manual. Sr. Theresa Ruty joined the meeting to discuss the involvement of the Spanish community.
- Post-Cursillo: Mary Ellen reported she is following up with each Ultreya. Picnic is planned for August 8th in Elmira at Hardinge Park, noon-4pm. Invites coming out soon.

Save the Date August 8th



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News from the Secretariat >>>

Precursillo and More

Donna LaDuca, W58, Precursillo Chair

My name is Donna LaDuca and I am currently a member of Secretariat as Precursillo Chair.

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to take a more active role in the Cursillo Movement? Are you wondering about Secretariat and how their members are selected?



The members of Secretariat are selected from the School of Leaders and they are also active participants in Ultreya. As stated in The National Cursillo Center Mailing – August 2007, “The School of Leaders forms and develops Cursillo leaders in the mentality of the Movement and offers a Christian community for support.”

The School of Leaders is open to all Cursillistas from the Diocese of Rochester. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. The meetings are virtual and can be joined by phone or computer via Zoom. Logon to the cursillo website at www.rochestercursillo.com for more information about the School of Leaders and to obtain the meeting ID and passcode to access the meetings via Zoom.

There are presently two open positions to be filled on Secretariat: Precursillo Chair and Three Day Chair. For more information regarding these two positions, please contact the following. DeColores!

Precursillo Chair

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Cursillo (Three Day) Chair

Bob LaDuca, laduca8@rochester.rr.com, 585-943-2427

Is God CALLING YOU? ✝

School of Leaders Sharing

Review – Discovering Self, Christ and Others

Beth Bullen, W81, Caledonia Ultreya



I read “Discovering Self, Christ, and Others” for my School of Leaders study presentation. Today, I want to review this article with you because it endorsed my spiritual journey. The article points out that “In today’s world failure to prioritize our priorities has become an obstacle to stay focused on our piety, study, and action. The world offers many distractions that often keep us too busy and leave us exhausted therefore, unable to live what is fundamental for being a Christian. “Does this sound familiar to you? To further justify this point, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI is quoted as stating “We are no longer able to hear God - there are too many different frequencies filling our ears.” We must be courageous, do what is right despite the ways and distractions of the world, be humble and recognize we are nothing without God. The article maintains that study is necessary. Study allows curiosity and the quest for knowledge. We must exercise discipline to prioritize ongoing study. Then we can search for the truth, discern the way of God through His creation, and gain knowledge that will permeate and transform our life. Study is an expansion of Piety in which we discern to discover the path of God for us. Study results in knowledge. Knowledge causes change and transformation. This transformation leads to action therefore the person we are today should not be the person we are tomorrow. Why? Because study opens us to God. We can learn to know when He speaks and what He is telling us. Study opens us to ourselves; we learn ourselves better and bring about a constant interior renewal. Study opens us to others, so we learn how to know and love our neighbors and they become the image and likeness of Christ. Specific barriers to disciplined study are identified in the article, and I found this informative. These barriers are False Humility, Self-sufficiency, Indifference, Materialism, Pride, and failure to prioritize our priorities. My barrier is Self-sufficiency, the mindset of “been there and done that!”. Perhaps there is one that you can relate to. The barriers are explained in greater detail in the article. Go to: <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/pdf/articles/english/discover.pdf> Dear friends, I hope this article review has something in it that will help you. I pray you will persevere in being open to study. I pray via study that you will benefit by a slow steady conversion so you will Hear God, understand what He is telling you, know yourselves better, experience a constant interior renewal, and know and love your neighbor as the image and likeness of Christ.

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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

What is the Difference between a Witness and an Echo?

Answered by Margi Lash, W11, Newark-Geneva Ultreya

The “echo” is given immediately following the witness talk by Cursillistas who briefly provide an “echo” about the message contained in the witness talk. The “echo” should be brief, about 2-3 minutes. Less than a minute is too brief. Echos are presented by 2-3-4 Cursillistas. The purpose is not to criticize the talk, but to “echo” or communicate briefly and precisely, “**this is how I live it.**”

The “echo” is not about the person presenting the witness nor the person presenting the echo, it **is** about the “content” of the witness rollo.

- What is the witness doing to become closer to Jesus?
- How can I use the information in my life?

The “echo” can be either an “**affirmation**” or a “**conformation.**” An “*affirmation*” is an account of how the echo speaker plans to apply the message of the witness to his or her own life. A “*conformation*” is an example from the life of the person who is doing the echo, it is an experience from the speaker’s life experiences that mirrors the message given by the witness.

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. Ideally the “echo” is prepared in advance of talk. The witness should provide a copy of the rollo to those doing the “echo” and the spiritual advisor offering the summary, so they can pray and prepare ahead of time.

Source: Leaders Manual, pp 140-141. Note: Echo is sometimes referred to a “resonance” and witness as “testimony” in the literature.

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School of Leaders

Work of the Sections- What is it?

Sue Lorz, W83, School of Leaders Chair, Hilton Ultreya



Page 61 of the Leaders Manual lists 6 essential parts of the School of Leaders:

1. Prayer
2. Leaders' Group Reunion
3. Doctrinal Presentation
4. Technique Presentation
5. **Work of the Sections**
6. Section Reports and Announcements

The "Work of the Sections" is plain and simply, all three sections of the Cursillo Movement working, simultaneously, in the three sections that make up the whole of the Cursillo Movement - Precursillo, Cursillo and Postcursillo. "It is important to have each of these sections meeting and functioning as an integral part of the whole process. No one section should be given precedence over the other two sections. Neither can any one section be treated with less integrity than the other two sections. To thoroughly understand the Cursillo Movement, one must understand that it is comprised of three equally important phases. To injure any one phase injures the entire Movement." Leaders' Manual p. 62 #5.

This time period during the regular meeting of the School of Leaders allows all of the leaders in attendance at the School to learn about, contribute to and to assist in one of the three phases of the local Cursillo Movement. The leaders voluntarily choose the phase of the Movement in which he or she feels the Lord is calling them. Individuals are free to change groups in the "Work of the Sections" if, after sitting in on a section, they feel that another section might be more appropriate for them.

The Leaders Group Reunion and The Doctrinal and Technique Presentations at the School assist in the spirituality and formation of the individuals. The "Work of the Sections" engages the individual to be a contributing factor in one or more phases of the Cursillo Movement and to actively engage in Christian community with their fellow Cursillistas. It is a time of Christian community and servant leadership to one another and to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Each section will address the concerns and responsibilities of their particular section, allowing the movement of the Holy Spirit within the group. The Section Chair, or their appointee, would facilitate the group. All three sections of Cursillo engage the Cursillista leaders in a living Christian community of servant leadership and apostolic action in the fulfillment of spreading The Truth of the Gospel to all. Work covered in the "Work of the Sections" might include:

Postcursillo: Group Reunion, The Service Sheet, including activities of the Group, Ultreya, School of Leaders, Friendship, The Witness, the Echo, Christianity in Action, the Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo, Palanca-individual and group, Apostleship, Spiritual Direction, a Cursillo Diocesan community gathering such as a picnic.

Precursillo: Study of the Environment, identifying possible candidates for Cursillo, "priority" candidates for Cursillo, identifying unlikely candidates, the "far away", sponsorship, apostleship, Palanca, friendship, identifying leaders in the environment, Prayer, the Sacraments, discernment, the Cursillo application, interviewing and assessing applicants, team selection, teaming.

The Three Day Cursillo: Teaming, Rollos, transportation of candidates to and from the Weekend site, the general atmosphere of the Cursillo, personal contact, the triple encounter with self, Christ and others, room assignments, Group Reunion at tables, Palanca, Service Sheets, Group Reunion in the Fourth Day, Ultreya, the Witness, Christian community, School of Leaders, the Clausura.

In the March, April and May issues of the Prism, each of the three phases of the Cursillo Movement was described in detail. Coming up in August, after the Doctrinal and Technique Presentations for the evening, we will voluntarily break into the three section of the Cursillo Movement in a spirit of servant leadership and community.

To sum up, the why and wherefore of the "Work of the Sections", one must consider the value of each of the three phases of Cursillo, and the providential benefit to be gained individually and socially when the Cursillista leaders in their journey toward holiness, assume at least some ownership as servant leaders in one or more of the three phases of the Cursillo Movement.

"We, from our Group Reunion are bound to all of you, joined together with you in life, criteria and prayer. The reality of the Mystical Body embraces us, increases our value and guides us. In constant dialogue, helping each other, serving the Church, let us continue on as pilgrims for Christ toward the Father through the impulse of the Holy Spirit, with the help of Mary and all the Saints, taking our brothers along with us." "Structure of Ideas (Vertebration)" page 239.

Praise God from whom all good things come!

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Witness by a Friend of Christ!

Nancy Tubiolo, W74
Fairport Ultreya

For some time I've had lower back and right hip pain that has gotten worse. I had physical therapy. I continued until the therapist reassessed me and referred me to an orthopedic office. He said he'd seen some really good results even without surgery. After a couple appointments Covid shut things down. I had x-rays after a physical. They showed mild arthritis. I contacted the orthopedic office and restarted things there. The PA did a complete assessment. She checked reflexes, etc. and said she saw something that could indicate stenosis in my neck. She asked about a variety of symptoms I could experience. I said I have none. She recommended MRI's of my neck and lower back.

My husband and I met with the neurosurgeon to review my x-rays and MRI's. He said I have severe spinal stenosis in my neck. He showed us on the MRI's a couple places where there's no space between my spinal cord and my vertebrae. We were surprised but the evidence was clear. He recommended surgery. Later, I went to Wegmans and saw the physical therapist I had been seeing the year before. I told him what was happening and that I would be having surgery. He said that office was the least likely to do surgery and if the doctor recommended it I could be sure I needed it.

I had never run into my physical therapist before and this was the same day. God was reassuring me. I also spoke with a physical therapist I know at church. Her friend had surgery with this doctor and had good results. She also said he's Catholic and goes to church in Fairport. When I had my surgical clearance appointment at my PCP's office the PA said the doctor's wife was one of her nursing instructors and that I was in good hands.

God's been guiding me through all of this.

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You are Welcome
to attend any Ultreya!

Hilton Area - Last Saturday (4th or 5th)
IN PERSON at 6:45pm
Tim Spinelli, (585) 395-4510
tspinelli@aol.com -OR-
Randy Campanaro, (513) 314-2999
rayjaycamp@yahoo.com

*Please contact Ultreya Coordinator for
an invite with the Zoom info!*

Hornell Area - 1st Thursday, 7:00pm
Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
Mary Liz Bartell, (607) 324-0372
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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
Kathy Jacobsen, (585) 755-9578
[kjacobson046@gmail.com](mailto:kjacobsen046@gmail.com)

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 Ruddy, (585) 325-4041
truddy46@yahoo.com

Dansville Area - 2nd Sunday, 11:00am
Sacred Heart Parish, Kennedy House
Bonnie Olsen, (585) 335-5971
summersky252@aol.com

Owego Area - 2nd Sunday, 2:00pm
St. Patrick's Church
Jerry & Dodie Ward, (607) 786-0339
grr.ward@gmail.com

Upcoming Events!

More info on our website www.rochestercursillo.com



School of Leaders – 3rd Thursday of the Month
at 7:00pm via Zoom.us Next meeting is July 15th

National Cursillo Encounter via Zoom
July 23-24, 2021
Register Online at [2021 2nd Virtual National Encounter](https://www.rochestercursillo.com)

Rochester Cursillo Picnic
Hardinge Park, Elmira, NY
Sunday, August 8, 2021, noon-4pm

Region III Fall Encounter
Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua
November 19-20, 2021

Men's #94
Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua
December 9-12, 2021

HOLD the date! Second Touch – Buffalo Diocese
Stella Niagara, February 4-6, 2022
Bill Gross, 716-821-0175

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Coming Soon >>>

Check your
Flocknotes messages
for details on events!