

CURSILLO

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

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Spiritual Advisor Wisdom

What Now, God?

Sr. Theresa Rutty, W19, Fairport & Spanish Ultreyas

Perhaps you, like me, have been asking yourself the question, "What Now, God?"

The Gospel readings in July and some reflections of saints and theologians led me to developing my relationship with Jesus, a life-long project. On the feast of St. Martha, July 29th, we were reminded about her being busy about many things--only one thing is necessary. And, what would that be? Jesus points us to Mary, sitting at his feet, drinking in every word, her heart aflame with love. The one thing necessary is to be Jesus' disciple; to listen to his word; to learn to love. When we have a deep, personal relationship with the Lord, it follows that we will be Christian; we will want to imitate him in all he did. We will love others and draw them to Jesus. We will not impose things on others. Jesus only invites; he does not insist. We will not try to transform others. Jesus will do that.

On the 16th Sunday, we heard the parable, about the leaven. I attended Mass with Fr. Mull who in his homily that Sunday quoted St. John Chrysostom, "Christ is the leaven in the world through us. As leaven affects the whole portion of flour, so shall you change the world."

So it seems, that in this time of crisis, God is calling us to be leaven, other Christs, that is Christian; to deepen our interior life. I conclude with a quote from Venerable Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, a Vietnamese martyr:

"The first Christians had an original way of expressing their identity:

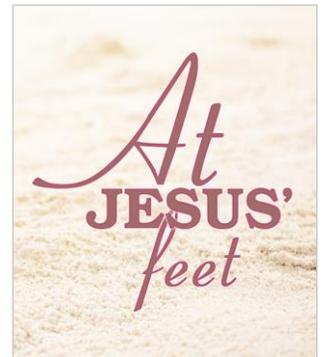
The Christian is one who bears Jesus
in his or her mind, in his or her heart,
in his or her gaze, in his or her hands,
on his or her lips, in his or her entire being."*

DE COLORES!

*quoted from the *Magnificat* July 2020, pages 263-264

Colossians 3:17

"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do all in the name of Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him."



Please reflect on:
Luke 10:38-42
Matthew 13: 24-43



The Secretariat Page

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!

Notes from August 11 and September 15, 2020 Meetings:

August:

- After polling the team and pre-Cursillo, W89 was postponed from November 2020 to June 2021.
- The third and final Step by Step meeting to be held August 13th was approved.
- The plan to move forward with a virtual Grand Ultreya for September 26th was approved.
- It was a unanimous vote to implement School of Leaders allowing each Ultreya to plan/host a monthly meeting with the support of one of the Secretariat members. A different secretariat member will oversee each month so that it does not overwhelm anyone. Leadership talks can be sourced from the National Cursillo website resource center.

September:

- An anonymous donor has offered to gift Rochester Cursillo with its own paid Zoom account for the year. Secretariat approved accepting the gift.
- Mary Liz working with Ultreya leaders has been able to qualify our Flocknote list, removing over 192 names who were unresponsive to queries. This effort has reduced our monthly payment to Flocknotes.
- Notre Dame is holding dates for 2021 weekends in June and November. We will work on a per person price instead of a flat rate for use of the facility.

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News from the Secretariat >>>

Candidate Sponsorship

*Donna LaDuca, W58
Pre-Cursillo*

As Pre-Cursillo Chair, I may have contacted you prior to your Cursillo weekend and signed you up at registration; or, perhaps I was a member of the team when you made your Cursillo.

I am married to a wonder man, Bob LaDuca, who is currently 3-Day Cursillo Chair. I have a total of five step-children and six step-grandchildren. I retired from Eastman Kodak Company in 2017 - completing a 38-year career. Retirement provided me the opportunity to volunteer at St. Andrew's Food Cupboard and St. Peter's Soup Kitchen; I also serve as Eucharistic Minister at GrandVille Senior Living Community. I have been grouping with my Small Church Community for 26 years. My favorite pastime is enjoying the beauty of God's creation: observing the intricacies of a flower petal, color and markings of a bird, beauty of the sky and clouds...I could go on and on. God's creation is truly amazing! Now, on to Cursillo...

Women's 89 has been postponed until 2021, however, now is the time for sponsors to prayerfully select their candidates. As a sponsor, you are making a commitment to guide your candidate from Pre-Cursillo through their Fourth Day. Sponsors must review the blue "The Cursillo Movement Sponsor's Booklet" and provide their candidate with the pink "The Cursillo Movement What is it?" booklet. As outlined in the "Duties of a Sponsor" Guidelines, it is the sponsor's responsibility to explain the weekend to their candidate and invite him/her to attend Cursillo activities prior to the weekend such as Ultreyas, Group Reunion, etc.

Sponsor and candidate booklets, and **revised application Form 07272020**, can be obtained at your Ultreya Center. Ultreya Leaders can order materials at the email address below.

Submit applications to donnapecur12@rochester.rr.com
Please continue prayers and palanca for Women's 89.



School of Leaders Sharing

The Purpose of Group Reunion!

Bobbi LaVoie, W71, Fairport Ultreya

From the Leaders' Manual, "the purpose of Cursillo is to vertebrae Christianity in society achieved through persons who live what is fundamental for being Christian, the love of God and neighbor, in their daily living. and who naturally exert a decisive influence over those environments." To achieve this purpose, Cursillistas LIVE a method. A key step in the method is Group Reunion, the linking of these committed Christians into small groups. The Founder, Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo is quoted as saying: "We have the 3-Day Cursillo so that there will be Group Reunions." This statement clearly indicates that the Group Reunion is the cornerstone of the movement. The Group Reunion is about accompanying and being accompanied. The Group Reunion is the actual experience of the Communion of Saints...the members are part of the mystical Body of Christ. The Group Reunion is where one can think out loud with no fear of being misunderstood or being judged because we know our friends will not betray our friendship. The Group Reunion is about sharing who one is, what one has done, and what one will do to be more Christian, more human. The world will improve when one improves and through personal contact, others will improve and create a world of friends who respond to the commandment: Love one another! I have been grouping since the first Saturday after my weekend in April 2002 through to this pandemic as we group on Zoom each Tuesday. Group Reunion is the vertebrae of my Christian living. If you aren't in a Group Reunion, I encourage you to join one. We are here to assist in you connecting with your fellow Cursillistas!



On her 5th Day
Martha Hegeman W88



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

Why Should I Go to Ultreya?

Answered by Gloria Treis, W29

Maybe we need to review what Ultreya means. Ultreya translates to onward or proceed forward and was commonly used by pilgrims to greet and to encourage one another along the way. So what does this have to do with Cursillo, you ask? I am not going on a pilgrimage ...or are you? Life is a pilgrimage and can get pretty messy sometimes.

Ultreya is the gathering of the small Group Reunions. Ultreya is the Cursillo community of people who come together and share our lives so we can strengthen each other in learning about being and becoming Christians. It is not a place of knowledge and instruction, but a place of sharing and growing in Christ with friends who are united in the Lord!

We share what we live and hopefully live what we share! The Ultreya is a call to move forward and to keep the flame of the Cursillo burning brightly!! I made Women's 29 and am still in Cursillo, thanks to the encouragement and support of Ultreya!!! Will you keep moving forward in your pilgrimage with Jesus? Be among friends and get spiritually nourished!

ULTREYA!!!



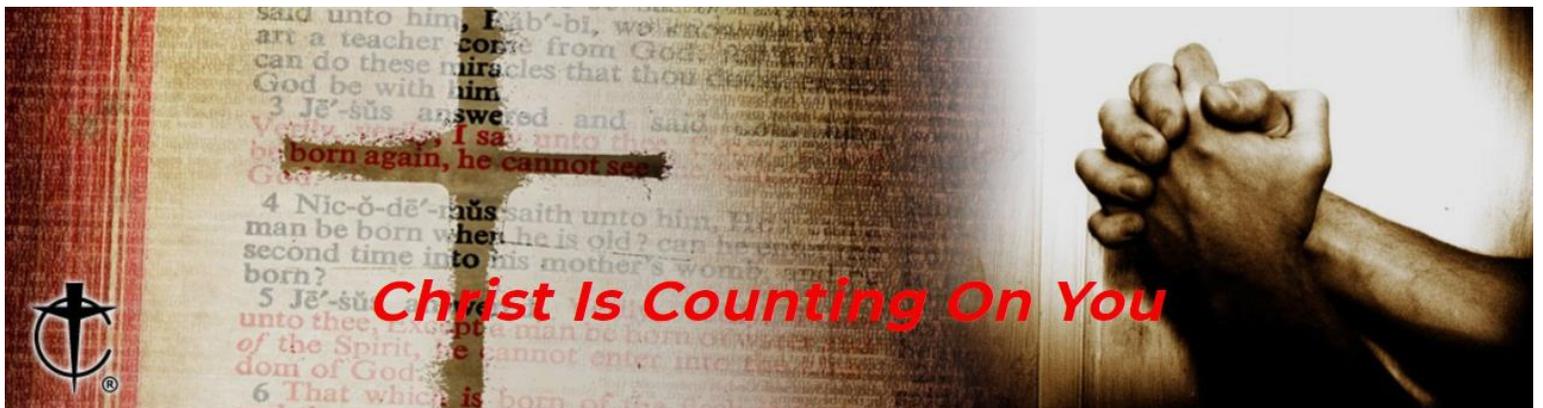
A Blast from the Past...



Rochester's First Female Cursillistas from Weekend #1

Do you recognize anyone in this photo?
Do you know what year this weekend was held?
Do you know where this weekend was held?

Kindly share any information you may have on W#1 with Gloria Treis at gloriatreis16@gmail.com
We'll let you know what we discover!



Witness by a Friend of Christ!

Mary Ellen Darling, W83
Geneva Ultreya

During the pandemic I have been attending Mass online. The experience was so different – so far away. But I persisted and continued the process trying to stay attentive through the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist. And.... Father's Homily and, Of course our Prayer to St Michael at the end of Mass. When we had an option to attend public Mass, I hesitated, concerned about spreading the virus to those around me at home with underlying issues. So, I continued to attend Mass online. I did go to Adoration every Thursday throughout the pandemic as there are only a few people at church and that hour is always my closest moment to Christ. And I would stop by during the day to pray and spend some time with the Lord when I was in town. I finally made the leap and attended Mass at my church, St Francis in Phelps, of St Peter's Parish. I was the first one there. As I walked in, I was in awe and so taken aback of how much I had missed. I saw the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle and I knew I was home. I decided to take on my role of greeting parishioners as they came into church. It was so good to see faces I had not seen in months and to greet them as they came in smiling and happy to be there. As Mass began, I sat down and, using my senses, saw and heard and tasted the Lord. It was such an incredible experience. During the Homily Father shared the connections between the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. I always am in awe of those bridges. His words of Jesus – Come to me and I will give you rest were so inspiring as I sat there in tears, so glad I had come home. I received the Eucharist and was glad I had come home. Then, at the end of Mass, we recited the Prayer of St Michael, and again, I was so glad I had come home. DeColores!



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 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
Lynn Rainone, (585) 671-3779
lynnrainone@gmail.com

Geneva Area - 2nd Monday
Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
Margi Lash, (315) 548-5164
lashmb59@gmail.com

Elmira Area - 4th Thursday
Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
Deacon George & Paula Welch
(607) 738-3959
gwelch@tqcp.com

*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
summersky252@aol.com

Hornell Area - 1st Thursday, 7:00pm
St. Ann's School
Mary Liz Bartell, (607) 324-0372
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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

Coming Soon >>>

Region III Fall Encounter Via Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 860 3396 6890 Password: 320887
Friday, October 9, 7-9pm, Regional Diocese Updates
Saturday, October 10, 9-11:30am, Ultreya What is it?

School of Leaders
Thursday, October 15th at 7pm Via Zoom.us
Watch for Invite

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

For information on the PRISM, please contact:
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Check your
Flocknotes
messages for
details on events!

