

CURSILLO

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

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Spiritual Advisor Wisdom

Prophets + Prophecy = Life

Deacon Dave Paluskiewicz, M81, Caledonia Ultreya
Diocesan Assistant Spiritual Advisor

I have a car license plate frame and on it is written, "Choose Life – Your Mother Did." The message is prophetic, follows the commandments, is not condemning and it reflects the Golden Rule. Sometimes prophets do not have to speak God's words.

When we were baptized we were anointed with holy chrism (Priest & King) and we received God's Holy Spirit (Prophet). The priest said, "He (Jesus) now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, may you live always as a member of His body, sharing in everlasting life." We were anointed to be prophets and we received God's Spirit, the same Spirit bestowed on Moses and all the prophets. I think most of us forget we are prophets and how to be a prophet.

First, a prophet is not someone who predicts the future, that's not what prophecy is. A prophet is someone who, as in the book of the prophet Isaiah, he speaks about himself: "God has taught me, so I speak as God's disciple and I know how to sustain the weary. Morning after morning, God wakes me up to hear, to listen like a disciple, someone learning God's ways."

A prophet, as Isaiah said, is someone who not only speaks for God, but who first listens to God. That's why it's important for us every Sunday as we come together for the Eucharist to read over the word of God so that we're prepared to hear it more deeply. We must listen to the word of God so we can speak the word of God.

Perhaps it's important to realize, too, that the most important prophecy that we will ever proclaim will not be the words that we say. But, how we really proclaim God's word and God's way is by the way we live. We live the commandments and our words always give life.

Like Jesus, we never condemn anyone. Remember some people were condemning a person of sin and Jesus told them the person who is without sin can cast the first stone. No one replied and Jesus said to the person, "I do not condemn you, go and sin no more." Also, Jesus tells us to take the plank out of our eye before we remove the splinter from some else's eye. We are not perfect and we should look at our lives making sure we are living the gospel message. We who are prophets must live the words of Jesus, that is, to be the way the truth and the life.

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"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Colossians 3:23-24

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The Secretariat Page

Notes from September 14, 2021 Meeting:

- Treasurer's report: Allan stated we started out with a balance of \$3,066.07. We paid \$58.00 for Flocknotes. We received donations totaling \$100.00. Ending balance is \$3,108.07.
- School of Leaders: Sue shared the speakers for the September session, Fr. Joe Catanise was scheduled on the Eucharist (but it was delayed to October due to a ministry emergency) and Neal Combs spoke on prayer. Sessions are recorded if you missed the meeting. For the last two meetings, they have worked on the sections: precursillo, Cursillo, postcursillo, and will continue next meeting.
- Precursillo: Donna reported no applications have been received. Donna reminded all that her position will be open come November 2021... PLEASE STEP FORWARD IF YOU CAN SERVE ON SECRETARIAT!!!
- Cursillo: Bob confirmed W89 is June 2-5, 2022 and M95 is November 10-13, 2022. Discussion about whether team members should be vaccinated.
- Post-Cursillo: A location & date for the 2022 picnic will be announced by January 2022. Looking into Deacon George's suggestion of Camp Koinonia. Mary Ellen continues to go to all of the Ultreyas. She would like to reach out to those who are not grouping &/or Ultreya. She is looking into having a Grand Ultreya. Region 3 Encounter should be attended by the whole community.
- Secretary: Doreen's term ends in December and she is unable to extend due to new obligations.

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 >>>

School of Leaders

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



"I am the vine. You are the branches." John 15:5

Do you remember the commitment ceremony when you completed your Three Day Weekend and went from being a candidate to being a full fledged Cursillista? It was such a profoundly close moment when we were told "Christ is Counting on You" and we replied, "And I am counting on Christ."

Christ is still counting on us and we are still counting on Christ.

For the last two months, Cursillistas at the School of Leaders have, by design, dedicated the last half hour of the School toward the "Work of the Sections": Precursillo, Three Day Weekend and Postcursillo. All three sections make up the whole of Cursillo and one cannot exist without the other.

The "Sections" have done some amazing work aimed at helping our Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Rochester to move closer to our Ideal to invertebrate Christianity in our society and to transform the environments in which we live from within.

The conversion of heart that we have found in living a life of friendship and love and sharing what is fundamental in being a Christian *and* the knowledge of how very much God loves us is a joy that Christ is counting on us to pass on to others through the love and friendship of Cursillo.

I invite you to join us, to walk the journey with us. Come to School of Leaders. Participate in the "Work of the Sections" at School of Leaders. We need you and we want you, our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, to share in the love and friendship of self, Christ and one another with us.

We are the light of Christ and the Church in the world within which we live. As both individuals and members of the Cursillo Community, we are commissioned by Christ Himself to spread His Truth to everyone.

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School of Leaders Sharing

Consecration to St. Joseph – The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father

reviewed by Kathy Jacobsen, W69, Fairport Ultreya

"I did not understand him (St. Joseph) well enough, but that will change." St. John of the Cross

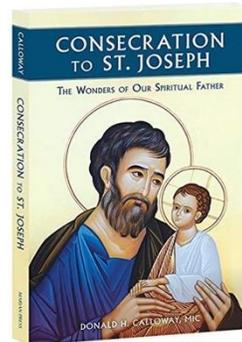
This has been the year of St. Joseph. For many centuries St. Joseph has been relegated to the background, the silent saint. My impression of St. Joseph has been of the man standing beside or behind Mary and holding the baby Jesus in one arm and a lily in the other. That impression changed when I read Fr. Donald Calloway's book, *Consecration to St. Joseph – The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, and made the consecration to St. Joseph. Through this book I have learned so much about this man. He was a devoted and loving husband and father, but there is so much more to this quiet man. St. Pope John XXIII stated in 1961, "Now is the time of St. Joseph." It is time for total consecration to St. Joseph. Our world certainly needs a strong positive male role model. Too many of our children lack the guidance of a father. In his book, Father Calloway gives us a method to follow that will lead us closer to our Spiritual Father. This method is based on St. Louis de Montfort's 33 Days of Marian Consecration. Why should we consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph? God desires devotion to surge forth in our day in the form of special prayers and trusting abandonment. Total consecration means making a formal act of entrustment to your Spiritual Father so that he can take care of your spiritual well being and lead you to God. The act of consecration consists of three parts:

Part I: 33 days of preparation. Using the Litany of St. Joseph as a guide, each day, Fr. Calloway explores one of the virtues of St. Joseph. He shows us how St. Joseph exhibited that virtue in his life and how we can follow his example.

Part II: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father. At the end of each day's lesson on the virtues of St. Joseph, a short reading from the 10 Wonders is assigned. These wonders will give you a better picture of who St. Joseph is and why you should deeply love him Part II concludes with a recitation of the Litany to St. Joseph.

Part III: Prayers to St. Joseph. Our preparation must include daily prayer. This section gives us many prayers to choose from. Daily prayer to St. Joseph will help you develop a loving relationship with your spiritual father.

You can use this book to make your own consecration to St. Joseph, either individually or with a group. You can also follow Fr. Calloway on you YouTube as he leads you through the consecration process. Venerable Pope Pius XII tells us, "If you wish to be close to Christ, we again today repeat, "Go to Joseph." Ite ad Joseph!" 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 is the Regional Service Team?

Answered by Bobbi LaVoie, W71, Fairport Ultreya

The US Cursillo is divided into twelve regions with three major language groups: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Each language group has their own regional service team. The Diocese of Rochester belongs to Region III and we have an English regional service team that supports both English and Spanish speaking Cursillistas. Currently, there are six active dioceses in Region III: Rochester, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Altoona-Johnstown PA, Youngstown OH, and Cleveland OH. The Regional Coordinator leads the regional secretariat which is comprised of the lay director from each diocese, a regional spiritual advisor, and 3-5 regional service team members. What does the regional service team do? They promote the Foundational Charism through workshops and Cursillo de Cursillos for the diocese within the region. They promote friendship at the diocesan, regional and national levels and maintain proper channels of communication. They host bi-annual regional encounters that ALL are invited to attend. Any Cursillista can be called to serve on the regional service team as long as he or she is: living the method of Cursillo through Group Reunion and Ultreya; understands the mentality, essence, purpose and method of Cursillo; attends School of Leaders; has served on a Three Day team and has given at least two rollos; has the support and approval of the diocesan Secretariat; can submit a "letter of good standing" from their pastor; and finally, has a will to travel. Often service team members are asked to travel to the various dioceses in the region, attend National training sessions, and to attend the annual National Encounter. Service team is a call to serve as a leader in the Cursillo movement. Regional Service team members serve a four year term. Every three years, a regional service team member is elected to become the regional coordinator who then sits on the National Secretariat. If you are interested in serving Cursillo on a regional basis . . . please contact Bobbi LaVoie at 585-727-4866 or notestobobbi@yahoo.com DeColores!

Region III Fall Encounter



Let The Spirit Guide You

Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Rd, Canandaigua, NY

Friday, November 19, 2021

Arrive after 3pm
Group Reunion 6pm

Dinner 5pm
Presentation & Prayer 7pm

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Morning Prayer 7:30am
Rollos and Discussion 9:00am
Rollos and Discussion 1:00pm
Dinner 5:00pm

Breakfast 8:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Mass 4:00pm
Farewell 6:00pm

\$125.00 Full Participation with Room Friday Night (check room type)
single with shared bath____
double with ensuite bath ____ roommate's name _____

\$60.00 Optional Room for Saturday Night with Continental Breakfast____

\$75 Commuter____

Name_____ Diocese_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Email_____

Any allergies or issues: _____

Mail registration with payment to: Wayne Fleckenstein, Region III Treasurer, 2313 Banker St, McKeesport, PA 15132 Make checks payable to: Region III Cursillo. Kindly register by November 9

For information or questions contact Bobbi LaVoie at 585-727-4866 or notestobobbi@yahoo.com

If you cannot join us in person, please join via Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85836067014?pwd=OzFIbWNwbHdIREFOk1RaY1pJNkgvOT09>

Meeting ID: 858 3606 7014 Passcode: 465559 Dial +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Witness by a Friend of Christ!

Patricia Malach, W35
Geneva – Newark Ultreya

I lived my Cursillo in 1980 at the Cenacle on East Ave in Rochester. Since then, I have been in Group Reunion, which has kept me focused as I strive to live a Christian life. Before Cursillo, I suffered from a slipped disc. On Cursillo, I wore my back brace and used a pillow to sit in a comfortable position. On Saturday afternoon, I went to the chapel and laid on a pew with my knees bent to relieve my discomfort. While resting, a team member asked if I would like the team to pray over me. I readily consented. By Sunday, I had discarded the back brace and was able to get around pain free! I am still thanking and praising God for my healing. I never went back to the orthopedic surgeon. In the 41 years since, I have done some stupid things, like riding a lawn mower or picking up a young child. Sometimes I feel a twinge in my back. Immediately, I pray, "God, I claim my healing!" God has been so good to me! Three months ago, He gave me the idea that I could benefit from a spiritual director. The Mass, Rosary and prayer were good, but I felt my personal relationships with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit needed deepening. Through our priest and a friend, I was connected to a Sister of St. Joseph. *The friend that helped me was Dana Camprione – working from Heaven!* When I was grouping with Dana, she had given me a phone number for a Sister of St. Joseph she knew. I loved the Sisters of St. Joseph who taught me all through grade school. I called and this sister referred me to one who did Spiritual Direction. After 20 minutes of conversation, we felt a connection. She is my Spiritual Director now. We have met twice and I have noticed a deepening of my relationships with God the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. DeColores to all the team members from Women's #35, to Dana, and to all of you. DeColores!



You are Welcome
to attend any Ultreya!

Hilton Area - Last Saturday (4th or 5th)
IN PERSON Pot Luck 6:15 pm / 6:45pm
St. Leo's Church
Randy Campanaro, (513) 314-2999
rayjaycamp@yahoo.com

Caledonia Area - 1st Saturday
IN PERSON & Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
St. Columba Church Rectory
Beth Bullen, (585) 538-9406
beth.bullen1@gmail.com

Elmira Area - 4th Thursday
IN PERSON (tbd) /Virtual Ultreya at 7pm
St. Mary's Church Rectory
Deacon George & Paula Welch
(607) 738-3959
pwelch@tqcp.com

Hornell Area - 1st Thursday, 7:00pm
IN PERSON & Virtual Ultreya at 7:00pm
Mary Liz Bartell, (607) 324-0372
maryliziz@aol.com

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

Fairport Area - 2nd Saturday
IN PERSON & Virtual, Own Meal 5:15pm
Ultreya 6:00pm
Kathy Jacobsen, (585) 755-9578
[kjacobson046@gmail.com](mailto:kjacobsen046@gmail.com)

Rochester SPANISH 3rd Saturday
IN PERSON (tbd) 4:00pm Ultreya&SOL
St. Michael's Office Building
Sr. Theresa Ruttty, (585) 325-4041
truttty46@yahoo.com

*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
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 October 21st
For Zoom invite, contact Sue Lorz, (585) 704-4988
suelarry5644@gmail.com

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

Women's #89
Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua
June 2-5, 2022

HOLD the date! CURSILLO NATIONAL ENCOUNTER
Chapman University, Orange, CA, July 21-24, 2022

Men's #95
Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua
November 10-13, 2022

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Coming Soon >>>

Check your
Flocknotes messages
for details on events!

