

# THE ARK



Toledo Diocesan Cursillo Mission Statement: Cursillo is a Catholic Lay Movement embraced by the Diocese of Toledo to bring hearts closer to Jesus Christ in order to transform society and be of service to the whole church. It is our mission to form small Christian Communities to deepen Spirituality in ourselves and in others.

## April 2017

Application Forms are on the Website:

<http://www.toledocursillo.org/Download.html>

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***Please share how Christ is working in your life.***

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***with your witness.***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus,

Blessed Holy Week and Easter Season to each and all! Hopefully we all made a bunch more progress in coming closer and closer to Our Savior as we had the added spiritual enticement of a weekend for the men and team preparation for a weekend for the women and their weekend falling quickly in the celebration of the Easter Season. I love the way our God puts wonder-full things together so nicely!

As our world-wide Christian family gets to celebrate the most important message of all time, we can get better and better at telling the Good News (evangelizing!!) year after year and person upon person in the Movement -- for all the world to hear, Christians and non. We're about getting better and better at telling the fantastic love story the Creator wants everyone to hear and know. And we love what we're doing and enjoy one another and celebrating life -- not just here and now but for ever and ever! Whoopee!

Let's make an additional effort this special year of the hundredth anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima to make her message better known and exciting to celebrate -- as an ADDED reason to smile, and spread joy, and take great CARE of one another (not *just* our fellow Cursillistas)! Knowing our God and the Mother of Jesus we can expect and look forward to some **amazing** things to happen in our lives. The world needs us. We're here. We'll come through!

Flourish forever,  
Fr. Skip

***Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die John 11:25-26***

**From the Lay Director.....**

All my brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month I wish to share with you a close moment of how the Holy Spirit can work in our lives if we will just allow it to happen and what effect it has on others.

The date was March 11, 2017, and it was the Saturday night of our Men's #267 weekend. Everyone at the Holy Hour made their way over to The Pines so we could serenade the team and candidates, and afterwards we proceeded down into the basement of The Pines for some socializing and praying in the Palanca Chapel. While downstairs I was approached by our fellow Cursillista Jonathan King who now lives in Detroit, Michigan, and was currently part of a Detroit Men's Cursillo Team #397. Jonathan explained to me that he drove down to Fremont for two purposes that evening - one for the Holy Hour and Serenade and the second was to ask for help with the Detroit Men's Team #397. The request from Jonathan was, "Would it be possible for some men from the Toledo Diocese to be Disciples for the Detroit Cursillo." I ask him why they needed our help and when was the weekend? I found out that the Detroit teams do not have a Palanca Chapel as we do and the weekend was starting on March 23rd. I told Jonathan I would think about it and see what I could do. My first thought was how could we pull this off on such short notice and who should I ask? I checked my calendar and found that I would not be available to help so now what? I was worrying about it and then gave it up to the Lord. Why do we always do things backwards? I should have prayed about it first instead of worrying. You think I would know that by now, but I guess it's our human instinct!

Sunday, March 12th, at the closing my wife Karen was sitting beside Therese Cherry and we were sitting in front of Bill and Judy Owens. I mentioned the request from Jonathan King, and Therese Cherry said that Mike (her husband) would probably do it if you ask him, and Bill Owens said he would have to check his calendar. I thought it was a **coincidence** that we were sitting where we were, and then I thought as I always say "**NOT**". There is no such thing!

On Monday, March 13, 2017, I sent Mike Cherry an email and explained it all to him and asked if it would be possible for him and some Cursillistas to take on this task? I received an email back from Mike that day, and he said he would volunteer for the Head Disciple position. He sent out an email, and four men stepped up and said "yes". I want to thank the five men, our Brothers in Christ, who gave of themselves in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on their knees that weekend for the Detroit Men's Cursillo #397 -- Mike Cherry (Head Disciple) and the four other Disciples - Bill Owens, Bruce Alge, Mike Huffman and Greg Dobbertien. We understand in our Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Toledo that the Palanca Chapel is the power and strength for our weekends; and with a lot of prayer, the Detroit Movement will also see this with the example provided by these five Disciples of Christ and the influence of our Brother Jonathan King.

De Colores!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Dale Fair

**Pre-Cursillo News....**

Please offer prayers and Palanca for the Cursillo #268 Candidates:

Gwen Achen  
St. Mary, Tiffin  
Sponsor: Dcn Floyd Holman

Lynn Bine  
St. Rose, Perrysburg  
Sponsor: Annie Blum

Karen Caputo  
Christ the King, Toledo  
Sponsor: Joyce Davis

Janice Miller  
Holy Trinity, Bucyrus  
Sponsor: Dcn Jerry Gubernath

Elaine Sweet  
Most Blessed Sacrament, Toledo  
Sponsor: Therese Cherry

Fran Thompson  
St. Gerard, Lima  
Sponsor: Kathy Spears

Amanda Borer  
St. Joseph, Fremont  
Sponsor: Paul Borer

Barbara Stager  
Blessed Sacrament, Toledo  
Sponsor: Therese Cherry

Have a Blessed Holy Week.

Mary Beth Lavey, Pre-Cursillo Chair  
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Fremont Ohio 43420  
419.704.9507

***Make a Friend – Be A Friend – Bring a Friend to Christ***

**From the Cursillo Chair....**

May God bless all of my Cursillo brothers and sisters. Last Sunday, April 2nd, the RCIA team at Tiffin St. Joseph put on a retreat for the elect and their sponsors. We discussed the readings for Palm Sunday and ended with a reflection on The Pieta. Tim Haney, during team #267 formation, asked us to consider how much of Jesus are we willing to hold? I asked the elect and their sponsors the same question. How much of Jesus are we willing to hold? Are we willing to hold just His hand or all of Him? How much time are we willing to spend with Him, an hour a week, an hour a day, or every hour of the day?

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during lent, I pray that each day brings you closer to holding all of Jesus, like Mary in The Pieta, embracing Him, not wanting to let go. God loves us so much, even though we are less than perfect. Let's hold His son and His message of love very close to our hearts.

Let us not forget to pray for the Women's team #268, their last meeting is this Thursday April 6th at The Pines and for the candidates and their sponsors. The weekend is April 20-23. Divine Mercy Sunday is the 23rd, how great will it be to be at The Pines and have the closing on that feast day. God is good all of the time.

Team # 268 is as follows,

Father Jim Brown,	co spiritual director
Sister Pat Schnapp,	co spiritual director
Betty Obringer,	Rector
Therese Cherry,	Asst. rector
Jeanne Badik,	Troubadour
Kathy Huffman,	Troubadour
Cristy Homrich,	Head shepherd
Karen Reinhart,	Ideal, shepherd
Joyce Davis,	Layperson in the Church
Linda Gubernath,	Piety, Sacristan
Becky Stout,	Study, shepherd
Deb Karbowskiak,	Action
Chrissy Vasko,	Leaders, shepherd
Annabell Swint,	Study of the Environment
Connie Kehres,	Christianity in Action
Joyce Haney,	Shepherd
Nan Kimmet,	Shepherd
Helen Coleman,	Head disciple
Patty Kreilick,	Disciple
Chris Powers,	Disciple
Jan Stainbrook,	Disciple
Luanne Welch,	Disciple

May the peace and love of the risen Jesus be with all of you.

YBIC  
Bill Obringer



## School of Leaders

The next School of Leaders is **Saturday, April 22, 9:00 a.m.**

**Note:** this is the **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday** of the month, not the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.

St. Michael the Archangel, 750 Bright Road, Findlay in the school Teachers' Lounge  
(*Enter through the office door, turn right at first corridor, and then left at the next corridor; teachers' lounge is on your right.*)

### **Presenters for April 22:**

- Mary Beth Lavey - Bible reading and reflection
- Sr. Edna - "Laudato Si" - Chapter 6, I-III, Pg. 133-144
- Bill Obringer - "The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement" – Ch. 8, Section 6, International Groups; World Organization & Encounters: Pages 220-225, #598 - #620

### **NOTE to Cursillistas – especially Men of Cursillo #267:**

You and your Sponsors are invited to School of Leaders on April 22. (Refer to more dates below) This is a great way to gain more knowledge about Cursillo and to meet and bond with other Cursillistas!

The **new** Cursillista who attended the March 18 School of Leaders is **Jerry Schmidt #263** from Tiffin and his sponsor, Bill Obringer. Present also were seven new, or haven't recently attended, Cursillistas plus the regular Cursillistas.

Coffee and tea is provided...**feel free to bring a snack to share.** We end the morning with prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### **2017 Remaining SOL Schedule:**

May 20, June 17 - Focus Day (refer to flyer), July 23 – Picnic/Ultreya, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18 – Focus Day. SOL is not held in December.  
Carol Miller, SOL Rector/Secretariat Member

Team: Joan & Bruce Alge, George Miller, & Sharon DeCant

### **Survey:**

There has been discussion at Secretariat about the need for a babysitting service at School of Leaders meetings. Please help us to determine the need by responding to this survey. You can answer through an email to Chris Powers at [chrispowers1952@yahoo.com](mailto:chrispowers1952@yahoo.com).

Please let us know if you would be interested in this service. Thank you.

## Announcing:

***A Cursillo Focus Day..... Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>***



### **One Method, Three Phases**

**The Pre-Cursillo generates the Cursillo weekend.**

**The Cursillo weekend generates the Post-Cursillo.**

**The Post-Cursillo generates the Pre-Cursillo.**

**9 AM – 3 PM**

**Gathering at 8:30 AM**

**St. Wendelin Parish Center**

**Upper Room**

**323 North Wood Street**

**Fostoria, Ohio**

**Bring a brown bag lunch.**

**Soup and beverages will be provided.**

**Free will offering to cover expenses**

A Study Day  
on the basic method of  
the Cursillo Movement  
for new and seasoned Cursillistas  
and all others interested  
in this Movement.

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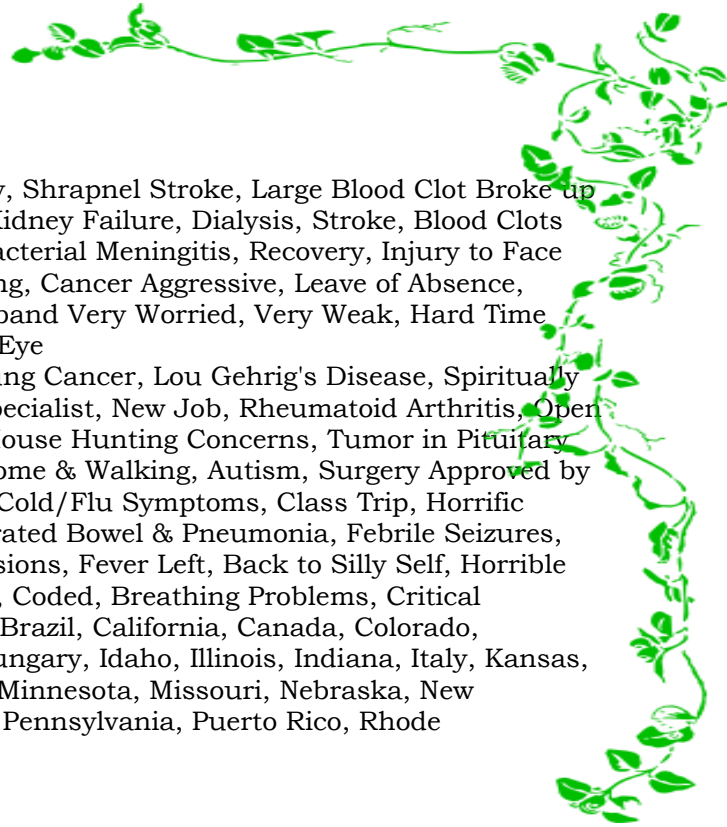
Presented by members  
of Region V  
Service Team

**Questions? Call Dale Fair 419-339-1516**

## Prayervine

### March Prayers:

Rest in Peace, Lung & Brain Cancer, Open Heart Surgery, Shrapnel Stroke, Large Blood Clot Broke up into a bunch of Little Ones, Mayo Clinic, Hospice Care, Kidney Failure, Dialysis, Stroke, Blood Clots on Lung, Pneumonia, Breast Cancer, Right Decisions, Bacterial Meningitis, Recovery, Injury to Face by Eye, Surgery, Double Vision, Cancer & MS, Debilitating, Cancer Aggressive, Leave of Absence, Thanksgiving, 2 Steel Rods in Back, Constant Pain, Husband Very Worried, Very Weak, Hard Time Breathing, Holy Orders, Ordained Deacon in May, Right Eye over Muscle Surgery, Need Surgery Approved, Stage 1 Lung Cancer, Lou Gehrig's Disease, Spiritually Dry, Dark Place, Bone Marrow Biopsy, Biopsy on Hip, Specialist, New Job, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Open Wound, Needs Better Care at Care Center, Safe Travel, House Hunting Concerns, Tumor in Pituitary Gland, Stoke, Faith, Hope, Lot of Pain, Getting Better, Home & Walking, Autism, Surgery Approved by Insurance, Need to Schedule & Perform Surgery Timely, Cold/Flu Symptoms, Class Trip, Horrific Head-On Crash, Severe Spinal Injuries, Paralyzed, Perforated Bowel & Pneumonia, Febrile Seizures, Find the Cause of Seizures, Worried Parents, Major Decisions, Fever Left, Back to Silly Self, Horrible Seizures, Health Problems, Bad Bed-Sores, Temperature, Coded, Breathing Problems, Critical Condition, Bladder Surgery, Palanca: Alabama, Arizona, Brazil, California, Canada, Colorado, Columbia, Connecticut, El Salvador, Florida, Georgia, Hungary, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Italy, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, Wisconsin,



## Utreya

### Location

St. Clement Parish, Jeager Hall  
2nd Sunday of the Month, 2:00 PM

Tiffin, St. Francis Home  
April 30th, 7pm

Lima St. Charles Gathering Space  
To Be Determined

Bucyrus/Crestline/Galion/  
New Washington/Bethlehem  
2nd Wednesday of the Month 7:30PM

Spanish Utreya/SS Peter & Paul Church  
728 S. St. Clair St., Toledo  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month, Noon

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## ***The Spanish Cursillo Leader School Mother's Day Dance***

Date: May 13, 2017  
Time: 8 p.m. to Midnight

Admission: \$10 Per Person 7-9 p.m.  
(After 9 p.m. \$15 Per Person, or \$25 Per Couple)

Place: Wood County Fairgrounds (Jr. Fair Bldg)  
13800 W. Poe Rd. (Gate C)  
Bowling Green, Oh.

Music Provided by La Traision

Mexican Food will be sold  
50/50 Raffles, Prizes

For more information Call:

Juanita Ybanes 419-308-5795 or  
Ramiro Martinez 419-435-4500



### **NATIONAL CURSILLO INFORMATION:**

[www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org). Read about Cursillo news, palanca requests from around the world, or read the national newsletter.

**CURSILLO WEBSITE:** [www.toledocursillo.org](http://www.toledocursillo.org)

Go here to view news of upcoming events, read the current month's Ark or download forms.

To request prayers from our fourth day community, email Barb Grycza: [faith2co57@bex.net](mailto:faith2co57@bex.net) or [faith2co57@buckeye-express.com](mailto:faith2co57@buckeye-express.com).