

# 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.

## May 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.**

**Email**

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**with your witness.**

My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, our risen Lord and Savior,

*Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
he who in his great mercy gave us new birth;  
a birth into hope which draws its life  
from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;  
a birth to an imperishable inheritance,  
incapable of fading or defilement,  
which is kept in heaven for you  
who are guarded with God's power through faith;  
a birth to a salvation which stands ready  
to be revealed in the last days.  
(1 Peter 1:3-5.)*

Our Spring weekends are completed but not over. Please continue to welcome our new Cursillistas:

Cursillo #267: Terry Bettinger, Bryan Blevins, George Dallas, Manuel Garcia, Dick Miller, Jim Patterson, John Shuler, Toby Smith, Pat Temple, Cory Webster.

Cursillo #268: Gwen Achen, Lynn Bine, Amanda Borer, Karen Caputo, Sally Meier, Janice Miller, Barbara Stager, Ellaine Sweet, and Francis Thompson.

Please keep these folks in prayer, palanca, grouping and ultreyas. The

Fall Weekends are almost here. Let's not wait until September to gather new candidates. Prayer, planning and graced courage to ask is what it takes. Put in your application now if you want to work on a weekend. We encourage a list of applicants for teams.

May 13, 2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparitions of our Lady in Fatima. The celebration will begin this May and conclude on November 26, 2017.

For the longest time I didn't care for the Fatima apparition thing. Mainly because of the way the statue is treated.

It appears so effeminate and plastic looking... making me think of idolatry. Plus some of the political accusations that are bantered about regarding the three “secrets” made me skeptical. However, I have been given several books on the history and story of Fatima, and the topic of the place and name “Fatima, is making me take another look. “Fatima” is a Muslim name and when the Muslim Turks controlled that part of Spain and Portugal, the village was named after the Prophet Mohammed’s daughter, “Fatima.” For me, that put a whole new light on Mary’s choosing to appear there to the three children. I think of the possibilities of Mary’s work in bringing about a whole new understanding for the Muslim people, and perhaps this 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary may be the spark.

What an awesome opportunity we all have to learn more about the apparitions and the Fatima story in these next months. I invite you to keep up with the news about the Anniversary Celebration in Fatima, at the Vatican, and elsewhere. This offers us another reason to Pray the Rosary often.

How are you preparing for Pentecost? I would like to invite you to St. Joseph Church in Marblehead on the Vigil of Pentecost. The Vigil service will begin at 7:30 pm until 9. We are cohosting this event with the MCCR. Come join the exciting experience of the Holy Spirit.

Ultreya!  
Fr. Jim



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

All my brothers and sisters in Christ,

The School of Leaders and Secretariat every year replace the School of Leaders with what we call a Focus Day, conducted twice a year, one in June and another in November. Our June Focus day is normally something to do with our spirituality and how we continue to grow in our relationship with Christ. In November, we would always have a day of learning a little bit more about our movement that we didn't know about or maybe just forgot. Knowing more about our movement just makes us better Cursillistas and closer as a Christian community - that's the purpose after all, right?

This year we are changing the Focus days around because we have a rare opportunity before us. The Region V Service Team will be available in June to put on a presentation for us called One Method, Three Phases. This will take place on Saturday, June 17th, at the St. Wendelin Parish Center in Fostoria, Ohio. Please reference the attached flyer.

I encourage all Cursillistas to please put this on your calendar for a day of fellowship, learning and growing in our faith. Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be provided in the morning. Please bring your main lunch items with you (brown bag); beverages and soup will be provided for all.

Hope we have a great turnout for the Region V presentation. I speak very highly of our Diocese when attending Region V Encounters and a great showing on June 17th would be wonderful. Please pray about it.

De Colores!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Dale Fair

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

Dear Fourth Day,

Please take a moment to say a special prayer for the Spring sponsors:

**Cursillo #267:** Kathy Huffman, Don Fritsch, Deacon Kirk, Al Ramirez, Deacon Gubernath, Don Evans and Tim Markel.

**Cursillo #268:** Floyd Hohman, Annie Blum, Paul Borer, Joyce Davis, Jerry Gubernath, Therese Cherry and Kathy Spears.

Let us pray for one another as we witness to Christ's love in our environments of family, work, social groups and parishes. May each of us be open to the Holy Spirit's urging to extend an invitation to a friend to encounter Jesus in a deep and personal way through the living of Cursillo.

#### **Save the Dates:**

Men's Cursillo # 269: September 14 – 17, 2017

Women's Cursillo # 270: October 12 – 15, 2017

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

## From the Cursillo Chair....

I pray you are all doing well during this Easter season. Praise God for the men's and women's spring weekends #267 and #268. May God bless all of you as you serve Him and be His witness during your 4th day.

I am now planning for the fall weekends. The Men's #269 is Sept. 14-17, and the Women's #270 is Oct. 12-15 2017. Men's team meetings start July 13<sup>th</sup> with Tim Distel as rector. Women's team meetings start Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> with Mary Beth Lavey as rector.

***You do not need to be invited to work a weekend,  
just submit a team app.***

Please get your team apps in soon if you want to work one of the weekends. The team application process is as follows.

1. Get team applications from the website, [toledocursillo.org](http://toledocursillo.org), click download and pick team app.
2. Fill out the team application and mail to

Bill Obringer  
3930 E. Co. Rd. 50  
Tiffin OH, 44883

or e-mail to [wobringer@woh.rr.com](mailto:wobringer@woh.rr.com).

3. Your app will be forwarded to the rectors of the weekends and one of them will contact you.

Call me at 419-447-6410 or e-mail me if you have any questions.

God bless you.

Your brother in Christ.  
Bill Obringer

*A team application is enclosed with this issue of The ARK.*



Diocese of Toledo

**cursillos in christianity**

**TEAM APPLICATION**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

AREA # \_\_\_\_\_ PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT # CURSILLO DID YOU MAKE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list below the Cursillo's that you previously worked. The number Cursillo, **IF** you remember it, and the service that you offered to that particular weekend.*

#	Kitchen	Disciple	Shepherd *	Profes.	Sacristan	Troubadour	Rector	Asst. Rec.

- *If you were previously a professor, which rollo did you give?*

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*Please try to finish this sentence: I would like to serve on this team as...*

- Wherever I am needed*   
  *Kitchen*   
  *Disciple*   
  *Shepherd*   
  *Professor*  
 *Rector or Asst. Rector*   
  *Sacristan*   
  *Troubadour*

*Are you receiving a Newsletter, the Prayer vine or both?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Are you making regular Group Reunions or Ultreyas?* \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments or Questions?*

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## School of Leaders

The next School of Leaders is **Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m.**

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 May 20:**

- Jim Powell - Bible reading and reflection
- Fr. Jim - "Laudato Si" - Chapter 6, IV-IX, Pg. 144-160
- Dale Fair & Carol Miller – The Diocesan Pastoral Plan

### **NOTE to Cursillistas – especially Cursillo #267 and #268:**

You and your Sponsors are invited to School of Leaders on May 20. (Refer to more dates below) This is a great way to gain more knowledge about Cursillo and to meet and bond with other 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:**

June 17 - **Focus Day** (refer to flyer for details), 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



## 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

### April Prayers:

Liver Transplant, Double Lung Transplant, Brain Tumor, Chemo, Leukemia, bone Marrow Transplant, Breast Cancer, Brain Cancer, Cancer, Need to Fit in this World, Lot of Issues, Rest in Peace, Lung Cancer, Successful Treatments, Safe Travel, Healing, Gout, Forgiveness, Leg Injury, Heart Attack, Good News, Improving, Can't Walk, Scar Tissue, Specialist, High Fever, Dehydration, Bacterial Infection, Heart Problems, Bowel Obstruction, Kidney Transplant, Testing, Tragically, Healing, Military Needs Protection, Waiting for Loved Ones, Non-Hodgins Lymphoma, Strength, Divorce, Emergency Custody, Alcoholism, Severe, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Treating with Medication, Congestive Heart Failure, Heart Issues, Back Surgery, Keep Workshops Open, Going to Washington D.C., Seneca County Opportunity Center, Thyroid Surgery, Mastectomy, Need to Find Problem, Severe Back Pain, COPD, Malignant Basil Cell Cancer, Destroying Body, Organ Damaged, Thanksgiving, Lump as Big as a Tennis Ball in Thyroid, Testing, Seizures, Ecoli Infection, UTI, Kidney Stones, Allergic to Medication, Dog Attacked another Dog, Bad Infection Brewing, Lawn Mower Accident, Hurt Leg Badly. Palanca Reminders: Argentina, Arizona, Brazil, Bolivia, California, Canada, Columbia, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Italy, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mexico, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington,



## Ultreya

### Location

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

Tiffin, St. Francis Home  
May 21st, 7pm

Lima St. Charles Gathering Space  
To Be Determined

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

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

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## Words of Wisdom...



*When you are a mother you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always thinks twice, once for herself and once for her child.* Sophia Loren

*Moms are like buttons – they hold everything together.* Unknown

*Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother.* Unknown



Wishing you the  
very best this  
Mother's Day!

### **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).