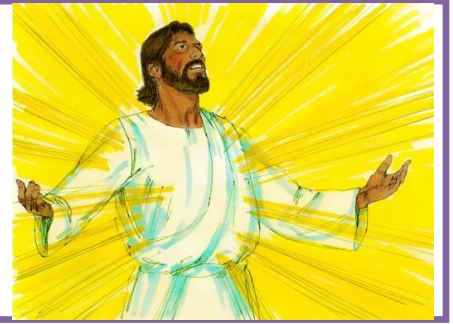


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Toledo Diocesan Cursillo Mission Statement: Cursillo is a Catholic Lay Movement embraced by the Diocese of Toledo to bring hearts closer to Jesus Christ in order to transform society and be of service to the whole church. It is our mission to form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

Sisters and Brothers All,

## August 2017

Application Forms are on the Website:

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Thought I'd share some thoughts on the feast of the Transfiguration that we celebrate in this month. It's right up our alley as Cursillistas -- to share the light of Christ. This feast was established in our very own generation -- we can kinda "own" it. Jesus was fully human in all things but sin and had to learn just as we do about who we are and how to put on clothes and what to eat and what not to eat. He had to learn from the Father who He was. At His baptism at the Jordan by John, He experienced the filling of the Holy Spirit and spent 40 days in the desert letting that sink in. He would go up the mountain to pray to the Father (as a human He didn't have a constant beatific vision!). Near the end of His life, He took Peter and brothers James and John with Him to share with them something special: His sense of being light in darkness (MIGHTY important for all of us) and how He fit in the Father's plan with Moses (bearer of the Law in the Ten Commandments) and Elijah (personification of the gift of speaking the wisdom of God: prophecy).

This gets pretty connected for us especially as evangelizers (bearers of the Good News) as we seek to bring others to Christ. We get to ponder how shedding light in the darkness encompasses following the Commandments and allowing God to speak in, to and through us. We then discover, just as Jesus did, how God can use us by our just being very open to that. Peter was so excited about that he wanted to erect three tents to celebrate it and keep it alive, but Jesus told them, it'll be *with* you all the time, so don't be afraid.... We get that same message on our weekends and then in grouping and ultreyas as we let the Lord use us. We all have experienced a time or several of Jesus being present in a challenging time or a family gathering or tough time at work when we weren't just too sure about what to say or do. But we felt ourselves being led -- and we cooperated!

Jesus' warning to the Apostles not to tell anyone about what they had just experienced until He had risen from the dead was to teach them what the context is for it all -- so that it makes sense to us and others. That's light in the darkness, and how we need it now in our own generation as much as ever!!! Every generation gets the gift -- it's basic to

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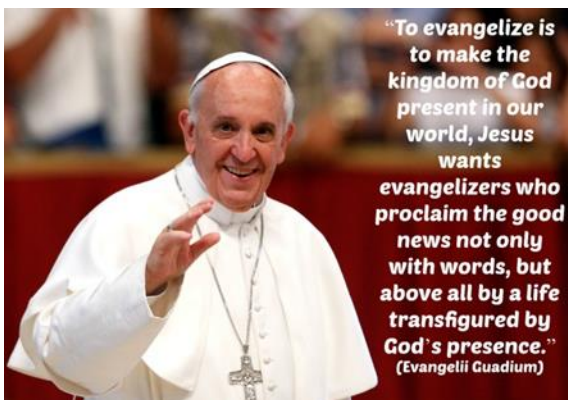
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Yahoo.com**

however the human race is heading. We can make it special at every Mass we attend, but it's even more powerful for us through our being cursillistas. Let's get out and gather more of us.

With prayer and companionship,

Fr Skip



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

Matthew Chapter 13 – Seeds and Weeds – A couple of the Sunday Gospels in July were parables about the “Sower and the Seed” and “Good Seed and Weeds”. These are Parables at the heart of our “environment” and of the Cursillo. In the Parable of the Sower, we find seeds on the path, on the rocky places, amongst the thorns and in the “Good Soil”. Eaten up, burned up, choked out and fruitful were the results. In our discipleship of friendship with Jesus, the Father and the Spirit, we are tasked to welcome others into relationships. Our primary relationship “environment” is in the mirror and knowing that we are lovable and loved and becoming better Daughters and Sons of the Father. Within this is our running to and from our salvation in the redemptive action of Jesus. Thusly, the challenge is to enter into friendships with those that Jesus knows are “to die for...”

We find ourselves in “Good Soil” – all praise to the Lord! Now to the Friendships – what “soil” are they in? Is something “eating them up”? Is something “burning” them out? Is something “choking” the love of the Lord out of them? Or are they also in “Good Soil” and needing the “method” to sustain their spiritual journey and bear much fruit? All are possible, all are real, and the Lord leads us to so many different sisters and brothers in search of “good soil” or perhaps just a way to make themselves better self’s.

Our challenge is to be the friendship conduit that moves soil, brings water, pulls thorns or sparks enthusiasm. The study of our environments should give us the keys to the tools that are needed. Prayer is primary, we need a relationship with the Lord of those we wish to introduce, bring or bring back to His Love. Prayer is actually the tool that is of best benefit to ourselves, as it gives us the gift of conversation time with our God – prayer is your “Group Reunion” with God. Fellowship is found in our Group Reunions and Ultreyas. This is the incubator of how Christian Friendships are developed and sustained. These actions are planted in the “Good Soil” of Mass, the Eucharist and other Sacraments, the Holy Scriptures and the personally necessary sustained blessings that are our Holy Spiritual Worship (see Romans 12:1-2). Look to the Lord to see what He would have you do as your Apostolic Action.

As the Sower speaks to our part in the Lord's Great Commission, the Parable of the Seeds and the Weeds speaks to where we are planted. Perhaps we over worry about what surrounds us, though it is often all consuming. It is difficult to see that God is Lord – even over the mayhem. Yet He is God and He is Lord and He has the much greater plan in mind. All of this is difficult to see from our point-of-view, yet if we reflect on the times in our lives that the miraculous touch of the Creator was manifest in our needs, we know this to be truth (see Romans 8:28). Notice that the wheat was not stopped by the weeds and this is also true for us. The wheat draws from the gift of the earth and rain and grows to the sun (Son), because that is what it is created to do. Be blessed – do not spend too much time in worrying about the weeds.

A Cursillo "Thank You" to Bernie & Joanie Rumschlag for their wonderful hospitality to about forty folks from the Cursillo Community at our annual picnic. The rains did come, but the hearts and souls and stomachs were full and the love abounded. Also the Lord's blessing touch to the Rumschlag's and Dale and Karen Fair as they represent the Diocese at the National Encounter.

Prayers and Palanca for Team Formation and Candidates – thank you for your yes and for your prayer support...

De Colores –

Tim Haney  
Your Lay Director

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

Dates to know:

September 14 - 17 is the weekend for the Men's Cursillo. August 24<sup>th</sup> is 3 weeks before the men's Cursillo and at this time there must be 4 confirmed candidates.

Oct. 12- 15 is the Women's Cursillo weekend. Sept. 22 is time line for having 4 confirmed candidates.

Please turn any candidate and sponsor applications in as soon as possible!  
Candidate and sponsor applications can be found on the Cursillo website:

[www.toledocursillo.org](http://www.toledocursillo.org)

Email or mail these applications to:

Mary Beth Lavey  
1014 Shorewood Dr  
Fremont Ohio 43420  
[mblavey@gmail.com](mailto:mblavey@gmail.com)

***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. As I write this Betty and I just finished speaking to 19 engaged couples preparing them for marriage. As I reflect on our marriage and the life we lived together, I am so grateful for all the blessings that He has given to me, Betty, my children, grandchildren and the Cursillo movement, which has changed my life and helped me to be the best man and Christian I can be.

Let us pray for the Men's and Women's teams now in formation and for their weekends, and for the candidates that God will send them.

Peace to all of you.

Bill Obringer  
3930 E. County Rd. 50  
Tiffin, OH 44883  
[wobringer@woh.rr.com](mailto:wobringer@woh.rr.com)

## Spanish Cursillo Info...

The Spanish men's Team will be also starting every Thursday, beginning on Thursday, August 10 in Bowling Green, Oh. at 7 pm to 9 pm, with one of them in Carey, Ohio for a tour of the facility. The Cursillo week end is scheduled for October 19 thru 22, 2017 in Carey, Oh. Prayers

The Spanish Women will be starting their meetings on Thursday, August 31 also 7 to 9 pm in Bowling Green, Oh. with the last one at Carey, Ohio for tour. Womens Week end on November 9 thru 12th in Carey, Ohio. Prayers

## School of Leaders

**Saturday, August 19, 9:00 A.M.** is the next School of Leaders.

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

### Presenters:

TBD - Bible reading and reflection

Fr. Ed - Rediscovering the Heart of a Disciple - Introduction & Chapter 1

Helen Coleman - Cursillo Sponsors Booklet - Chapters 1 & 2

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

## How do you find Balance in your Life?

Balancing your life is not a matter of getting everything done that you want to accomplish in a certain day or week or month. Having true balance in your life is being aware of God's presence throughout each day of your life. God is in the most boring things you participate in, the most exciting things you participate in, and everything in between.

We need God in everything we do because without His love we do not exist. In your tragedies and celebrations... God is loving you. In your struggles at work... God is loving you. In discovering the beauty that exists in creation... God is loving you. When your favorite team loses and the team you hate wins... God is loving you. When you do something stupid that you deeply regret... God is loving you. When you get angry at having to wait in line for a long, long time... God is loving you. When you realize all the blessings you have in life... God is loving you. When you endure many problems with your physical and/or mental health... God is loving you. When you share a great meal... God is loving you. When you doubt that God loves you... God is loving you!

We hope you get the picture and realize how to find balance in your life!

John & Karen Bonen, SOL Rectors

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



## Sanctify and Empower Us! – Let Us Proclaim

My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ,

Greetings in our Lord Jesus and in the Holy Spirit.

I want to share a wonderful opportunity with you that will be coming in the first weekend of October 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>. It is the Ministry of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement's annual Conference entitled **“Sanctify and Empower Us! - Let Us Proclaim”**. This year's conference marks 50 years of the Holy Spirit's Power in the Church and in our lives.

I invite you to look over the enclosed brochure and step out in faith and join all kinds of people who will be there. Perhaps you could come as a friendship group or an ultraya group for either Friday night and Saturday, or just one or the other. Whichever you choose you will not be disappointed.

Do not be afraid. You do not have to speak in tongues or do anything that feels or looks uncomfortable or weird. Just be yourself and come enjoy Praising God, singing and praying together, and sharing with some really great speakers -- Fr. Dave Pivonka, T.O.R, Mr. Jim Murphy , Mr Steve Toth, the Director of the MCCR, and yours truly...

The Conference is at St. Jerome Parish in Walbridge, Ohio. I look forward to seeing you all there.

DeColores,

Fr. Jim Brown



# Sanctify & Empower Us! Let Us Proclaim!

2017 Holy Toledo Charismatic Conference

**50**  
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CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER  
IN THE CHURCH & OUR LIVES - CONTINUE TO LEAD US!

## OCTOBER 6-7, 2017

**Friday, Oct 6,** Check in 6:00 pm  
Program 7 pm - 10 pm  
**Jubilee Opening: Fr. James E. Brown**

**Saturday, Oct 7,** 8 am - 6 pm  
includes 4:00 pm **Vigil Mass**  
followed by **Healing Service**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
& lunch on 2 hour break

**Inspirational Speakers**  
**Servants in Song Ministry**  
**Adoration Chapel**  
**Personal Prayer Ministry**  
**Churchill's Religious Goods & Gifts**

**St Jerome Catholic Church**  
**Parish Life Center - Gym**  
300 Warner St Walbridge, OH

**REGISTRATION ONLINE**  
Go to our website: [mccrholyspirit.org](http://mccrholyspirit.org)

**OR mail-in** see back of poster or  
download form on our website

**Priest, Deacons & Religious Free**  
**Young People's Groups \$100 for 5 or**  
**more Teens or College Students**

**SAVE: Register by September 8**  
**\$25 / person or \$45 / couple or family**

**After Sept 8: \$30 per person**  
**\$50 per couple or family**

**Optional box lunch \$8,**  
must be ordered at time of registration and by  
Sept. 30 deadline. Or you are free to bring your own  
food and drinks. There will be a list of restaurants  
within driving range for lunch.

## Speakers:



### Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR

Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, is a nationally known author and speaker. He also leads pilgrimages to some of the holiest sites in the world. He spends much of his time helping others come to know God's love for them through preaching, writing, CDs, and other spiritual outreaches. Father Dave's books include *Spiritual Freedom: God's Life Changing Gift*, *Hiking the Camino: 500 Miles with Jesus*, and *Encounter Jesus: From Discovery to Discipleship*. In the Fall of 2015 Fr. Dave released a new book "Breath of God - Living a life led by the Holy Spirit." Fr. Dave has held several ministry positions at Franciscan University of Steubenville and is actively involved in the highly successful summer conferences program. Father is a member of the Sacred Heart Province of Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular. He is presently the director of Franciscan Pathways, an evangelistic outreach of his Franciscan Community. Visit his ministry website [thewildgooseisloose.com](http://thewildgooseisloose.com)



### James "Butch" MURPHY

James Alan Murphy is the founder and president of Vera Cruz Communications. He recently was appointed as the new ICCRS (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services) President.

He attended twelve years of Catholic school at St Francis Cabrini School in Allen Park Michigan and completed his education at Wayne State University School of Social Work in Detroit and received his bachelor's degree in Social Work. The Social Work program specialized in studies and practicums for casework, group work, and community organization.

While still a senior in high school, Jim made a decision to surrender the rest of his life to Christ. That decision has had a major impact on every aspect of Jim's life.

Murphy's interest in the world has found him prospecting in Alaska, doing archaeological research in Central and South America, and trekking around the world. His jobs have included grocery stores, restaurants, playing in a band, auto repair, salvage diver, charter boat operator, delivery truck driver, and construction. On one occasion he served as a body guard for Mother Theresa. He has been a guest on the 700 Club, the EWTN network, and has helped create videos for national broadcast. Jim has authored several articles for various publications and has been a guest on several radio and television programs.

Jim has worked in the Catholic Church in many capacities. He has been involved in youth ministry on parish, diocesan, national and international levels. He has served as a member of several parish pastoral teams. Murphy has also worked in Religious Education programs including adult formation programs. With the use of guitar, Jim often leads prayer and worship services. He gives parish missions, speaks at retreats, and consults for many parish and diocesan level groups in the Church.

In addition to his work with Vera Cruz Communications, Jim is the former chairman of, and currently a consultant to The National Service Committee for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He is a former producer of "The Choices We Face", a weekly television program of Renewal Ministries. He is past Chairman of the Youth Executive Committee for the North American Renewal Service Committee, an ecumenical organization. Jim is currently the director of the Leadership Formation for the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service (ICCRS), whose offices are located at the Vatican, in Rome.

In 1992, inspired by the American Bishops' letter *Heritage and Hope*, Jim undertook a 4200 mile journey on foot across America, carrying a 6 ft. cross in an effort of prayer and evangelization. The journey took 18 months...and 14 pairs of shoes!

Jim is married to Susan. They live in Westam Michigan near Lake Michigan with their son John Patrick. Visit his ministry website [www.veracruzcm.com](http://www.veracruzcm.com)

#### ACCOMMODATIONS: Nearby hotels:

*Sleep Inn & Suites, 1761 Meijer Circle, Oregon, OH 419-697-7800*

*Holiday Inn Express, 3154 Navarre Ave, Oregon, OH 419-691-8800*

*Comfort Inn East, 2930 Navarre Ave, Oregon, OH 419-691-8911*

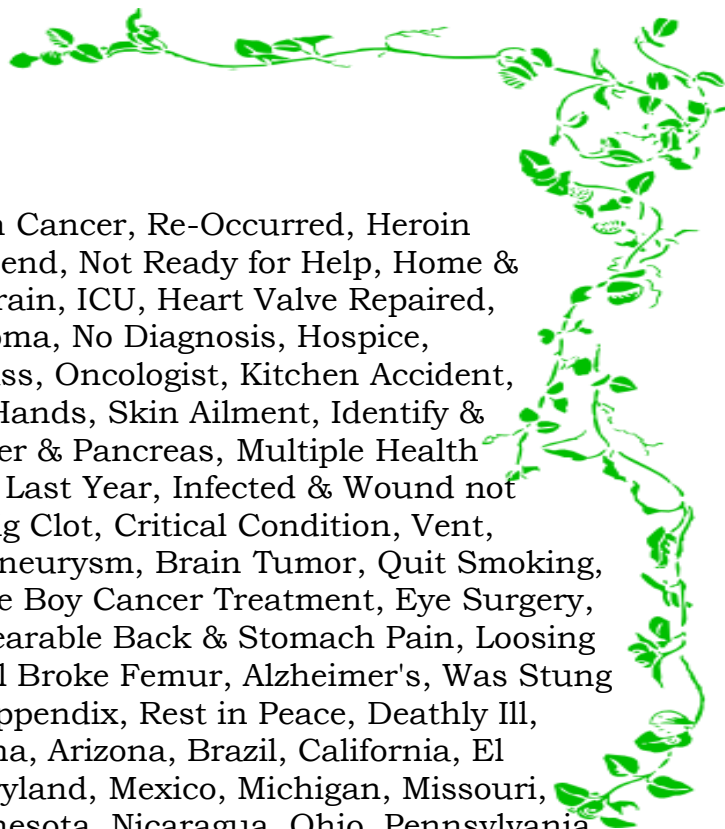
*Hampton Inn, 2931 Navarre Ave, Oregon, OH 419-724-3333*

For more info call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal 419-691-6686

## Prayervine

### July Prayers:

Re-Construction, Surgery on Nose due to Skin Cancer, Re-Occurred, Heroin Addiction, Not Ready to Leave Enabling Boyfriend, Not Ready for Help, Home & Doing Better, Cancer of the Mediastinum & Brain, ICU, Heart Valve Repaired, MRI Showed no Cancer, Medically Induced Coma, No Diagnosis, Hospice, Surgery, Melanoma Right Temple, Triple Bypass, Oncologist, Kitchen Accident, Dizzy Spells, Severe Burns on Face, Chest & Hands, Skin Ailment, Identify & Treat What is Causing it, Cancer Spots on Liver & Pancreas, Multiple Health Problems, Knee Replacement not Healed from Last Year, Infected & Wound not Closing, Not Himself & Woozy, Brain Bleed, Big Clot, Critical Condition, Vent, Permanent Damage, Seizure at Work, Brain Aneurysm, Brain Tumor, Quit Smoking, Polyps Removed from Throat, Biopsy OK, Little Boy Cancer Treatment, Eye Surgery, Broken Vertebra in Back, Gash in Head, Unbearable Back & Stomach Pain, Loosing Hope, Finger Amputated, Cervical Cancer, Fell Broke Femur, Alzheimer's, Was Stung on Left Eye, Cellulites, Testing for Shingles, Appendix, Rest in Peace, Deathly Ill, Can't Keep Food in System, Palanca: Argentina, Arizona, Brazil, California, El Salvador, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, Mexico, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Minnesota, Nicaragua, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Peru, Puerto Rico, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington,



## Utreya

### Location

### Contact

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

Ron and Carol Plenzler  
[carron@buckeye-access.com](mailto:carron@buckeye-access.com)

Tiffin, St. Francis Home  
August 27<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Holy ½ Hour, and Palanca Party

Betty and Bill Obringer  
[wobringer@woh.rr.com](mailto:wobringer@woh.rr.com)

Lima St. Charles Gathering Space  
To Be Determined

Dale Fair  
[kfair@woh.rr.com](mailto:kfair@woh.rr.com)

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

Connie Kehres  
[blessedarewe37@gmail.com](mailto:blessedarewe37@gmail.com)

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

Juan & Ramona Duran  
[camposduran54@yahoo.com](mailto:camposduran54@yahoo.com)



## Faithful Witness...

Since my sister Martha passed July 3rd I have really been uncomfortable. She was my 4th and last sister. NEVER IN THIS SITUATION BEFORE. DON'T LIKE IT.

I would tell people, "They were with me for 79 years and they just seemed to FLY AWAY." I HAVE BEEN SO LONELY WITHOUT THEM. Well, today, August 4<sup>th</sup>, I was out on our front porch trying to clean up after the high water problem we have had to deal with. I stopped for a moment and looked out in our front yard, AND RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY FACE WERE 2 BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES JUST DANCING AND DANCING. I stood still with my broom and just cried. They kept dancing and dancing, they flew a little higher and kept dancing and dancing. A little higher,,,,, still dancing. Soon, they danced away. NOWHERE TO BE SEEN!!!!!!!!!!!!

OH MY GOODNESS!!!!!!!!!!!! THANKS FOR THE VISIT!!!!!!!!!!!!

THEN, THE BIRDS STARTED SINGING AND SINGING. BEAUTIFUL!  
THEN, I LOOKED DOWN AND SAW A BIRD FEATHER. I PICKED IT UP AND LAID IT AT THE FOOT OF MY ANGEL ON OUR FRONT PORCH.

MY FOUR SISTERS AND I LOVED TO SING AND DANCE TOGETHER. WHAT A POWERFUL HEALING I HAVE HAD!!!!!!!!!!!!

My last 2 sisters left quickly and I did not get to say, "See you later." Cele passed July 2014, quietly in her bed, and Martha passed July 3rd, 2017 on the operating table. Almost healed from Cele's death. One less sister.....?????!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Well, I had the attitude, "it is what it is, what are you going to-do about it.?"

I feel very guilty about not taking more time to be with Martha those past 3 years. TOO BUSY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Now I realize that WAS A VERY BIG MISTAKE. SHE IS NOW GONE.

So, if you find yourself feeling guilty about NEGLECTING your loved one, I pray that you will try to put them FIRST if you possibly can, MORE THAN YOU DID. If it is just a few minutes visit and a HUG, BE SURE TO TELL THEM YOU LOVE THEM. OUR TIME HERE ON EARTH DOES RUN OUT EVENTUALLY. I FOUND THAT OUT IN A VERY HARD WAY.

Thanks to all of you who sent us cards and prayed for us. ALL IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. It feels so good to FEEL LOVED BY FRIENDS. RIGHT NOW, I FEEL EXHAUSTED.....A GOOD FEELING!!!!!!!!!!!!

BLESSINGS, LOVE AND PEACE TO ALL.

PAT MILLER.



*"Mary,  
the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God,  
after the completion of her earthly life,  
was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven."*

*(Pope Pius XII, Munificentissimus Deus, 1950)*

**NATIONAL CURSILLO INFORMATION:**

www.natl-cursillo.org. Read about Cursillo news, palanca requests from around the world, or read the national newsletter.

**CURSILLO WEBSITE:** 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).