

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 goal to form small Christian Communities to deepen Spirituality in ourselves and in others.

Dear Cursillistas, Beloved of God,

Grace is the topic for two Friday rollos and another on Saturday afternoon on every Cursillo weekend. Grace is fundamental for being a Christian; that's why the topic and the experience of grace is part of the weekend in such an all-pervasive way.

Unfortunately, fundamentals tend to be taken for granted rather easily and their profound significance may become lost on us. We end up holding definitions, empty shells, but are no longer familiar with the experience itself. I do not want to pass on more definitions, but rather to invite you to enter this fundamental mystery with a greater awareness and to let God be gracious to you.

Rejoice and be glad; you are loved by God far beyond what you can even imagine! It doesn't matter who you are or what you have done or failed to do; the most righteous among you cannot merit communion with God. That is a gift, a pure gift. And that is the meaning of grace: pure gift. God's love in overwhelming measure, beyond comprehension, is poured over us - into us - with the intent to fill and satisfy us, heal and forgive us, console and strengthen us, delight and energize us.

All we have to do is open up to receive this love, this grace. In doing so we become graceful, gracious, holy people. Consider your own experience of being loved by another. How beautifully it heals us! When someone expresses genuine love for you in word or deed, what happens inside you? Doesn't it immediately lighten the load you are carrying or brighten your day? Don't you greet the next person you meet in a warmer, friendlier manner than you might have done otherwise? Likewise, have you discovered that when you've become harsh or judgmental of others it's because you've lost touch with the tender, powerful love of God for you personally?

God is telling us he loves us in a thousand ways every day. When we are open to him, open to those moments of grace, we are renewed in mind, body and spirit. And so we quite naturally extend a warmer, more compassionate

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Application Forms are on the Website:

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

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Men's Weekend Sept 15-18

9/17 - Holy Hour 8pm

Serenade Following

9/18 - Closing 5:30pm

St. Bernardin Chapel

Please share how Christ is working in your life.

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with your witness.

presence to others. We become like fountains overflowing to water and refresh arid land.

Holiness is not primarily an accomplishment. It is not the accumulation of all the great things we've done or the bad things we've avoided. Like grace, it is not something we can boast of due to our strong determination and character; it is not a level of spiritual development that gives us the right to look down on those "lesser souls" who haven't attained to the heights we have. Holiness is a grace which abides in us because God loves us *and we believe in and accept that love*. Our attitudes and actions follow from that belief.

I pray that all of us may be able to let go of our fears and doubts that get in the way of the love and intimacy God so desires. May you be graced! May life and love be yours in abundance!

Always,

Sr. Edna

26th National Cursillo Encounter

The National Cursillo Encounter was held in Romeoville, IL from August 4-7, 2016. Cursillistas heard presentations on the following topics:

Kerygma and Cursillo
Kerygma and PreCursillo
Kerygma and the 3-Day Cursillo
Kerygma and PostCursillo
National Cursillo Center – Synergy and Update

Morning Prayers and Mass were celebrated every day by Bishops, Priests and Deacons and in the many languages of the Cursillistas. There was group sharing after the presentations. Ultreya and Holy Hour were held on Friday evening. Regional Reunions were held on Saturday afternoon followed by the Rosary in Multi-Languages. Fiesta closed out the Encounter on Saturday evening. After the Sunday morning breakfast Cursillistas left the National Cursillo Encounter with many great memories and new friendships.

One question asked of us: Where two or three are gathered in my name...How many were there? **How many would you reply to this question?**

The above presentations can be found on the National Cursillo Website:

www.natl-cursillo.org

On the Home Page click on "workshop sessions" under *National Cursillo Encounter*, then click on "*2016 National Cursillo Encounter Workshop Sessions*" – you will find these presentations in English and Spanish.

If you would like to view photos from the 2016 Cursillo National Encounter from the national website go to: www.natl-cursillo.org On the Home page go to National Cursillo Encounter, then click on “slideshow” sit back and enjoy.

The 2017 Cursillo National Encounter will be held at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas from July 27-30. 2017 marks the 60th anniversary of Cursillo in the United States.

Answer to the above question: Trinity (3), Mary (Jesus’ Mother), all the Saints and Angels. Did you ever stop to think when we group/pray how many others are present, helping us along in our journey in life?



Procession of 3 Bishops, 24 Priests and 24 Deacons before Mass at the 26th National Cursillo Encounter. Banners in the background represent the various languages of Cursillistas in the National Cursillo Movement.



Cursillistas from Toledo Diocesan Cursillo, who attended the 26th National Cursillo Encounter, held at Lewis University, Romeoville, IL (Chicago area) from August 4-7, 2016. L to R: Juan Duran, Joanie Rumschlag, Bernie Rumschlag, George Miller, Carol Miller and Domingo Ortega.



On Saturday afternoon the General session recessed and each regional by language. Above is a picture of most of Region V.

Pre-Cursillo News....

Dear Fourth Day,

8 men are confirmed for Cursillo #263 please support them and the team with your prayers and Palanca!
September 15 – 18, 2016

Candidate	Parish	Sponsor
Aaron Baker	Blessed Sacrament, Toledo	John Lyons
Raymond Karbowskiak	St. Gerard, Lima	Jim Powell
John Lonsway	Sacred Heart, Fremont	Monte Huss and Gus Miller
Ron Lewis	St. Joseph, Galion	Don Evans and Deacon Greg Kirk
Jerry Schmidt	St. Mary, Tiffin	Bill Obringer and Sr. Edna
John Reinhart	St. Michael, Findlay	Tim Distel
Cory Webster	Holy Trinity, Bucyrus	Terynda Webster
Dave Wurm	Holy Trinity, Bucyrus	Dcn Jerry Gubernath

The women's weekend is October 13 – 16, 2016 – Please send candidate application and sponsor applications to the following address: 1014 Shorewood Dr. Fremont Ohio 43420 or mblavey@gmail.com. NOTE: We need 4 confirmed candidates By Sept. 29, 2016 - at this time there are 2 women who have confirmed.

Mary Beth Lavey
Pre-Cursillo Chair

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

From the Cursillo Chair....

Hello to all of my Cursillo family!

Here we are in September already! Days are cooler (sometimes anyhow), and shorter, but there is still plenty of warmth and sunshine to enjoy Gods beautiful reation. Let's all commit to watching for the little miracles all around us each day that He puts in our path to make us smile and remember His love. It could be a beautiful sunrise or sunset, moon, stars, flowers, trees, rainbow, wild creatures, answered prayers, a song on the radio, or people who share wisdom, a smile or a kindness... The possibilities are endless! But the point is, they are there every day. We just have to have our hearts and minds open to receiving them! Then we can share them with others to bless them and keep them inspired as well.

We have a marvelous opportunity to be invigorated this month at the *Holy Hour* and *Closing* of the Men's Cursillo #263 on Sept. 15-18. See the candidate list in Mary Beth's article for palanca. Here is the list of team members for your palanca writing and sacrificing pleasure:

Spiritual Directors-Fr. Ed Schleter & Deacon Andy McMahon

Rector-Jamie Southers assisted by Mike Cherry

Sacristan-Jerry Gubernath and Mike Kachelek

Musicians-Josh Maciejewski, John Lyons, Gus Miller

Disciples-Gary Keel, Bernie Albert, John Benner, Jonathan King, Mike Ruhlen

Shepherds-Joe Coleman (head), Roger Beaudet, Matthew Beeker, Greg Dobbertien, Tom Gremling, Mike Kachelek

Table Leaders-Bruce Alge, Tim Distel, Dale Fair, Monte Huss, Gus Miller, Bill Siebenaler

Rollos

Ideal-Bruce Alge **Laity**-Jerry Gubernath **Study**-Monte Huss

Action-Josh Maciejewski **Leaders**-Roger Beaudet

Study of the Environment-Bill Siebenaler

Christianity in Action-John Lyons

Cursillistas Beyond the Cursillo-Tim Distel

Total Security-Ultreya-Gus Miller

Total Security-Group Reunion-Jamie Southers

The Women's team # 264 is also in formation for the weekend of Oct. 13-16. Their assignments are as follows:

Spiritual Directors-Fr Chris Bohnsack, and Sr. Mary Jo Szpilla

Rector Jane Distel assisted by Mary Lyons

Sacristan-Jane Thompson

Musicians-Karen Bonen, Marie King, Joan Wise

Disciples-Sr. Wanda Smith, Joan Alge, Nancy Cook, Joyce Haney

Shepherds-Denise Biddle (head), Barb Lovell, Peggy Pauley, Judy Ruhlen, Beth Swecker

Table Leaders-Ellen Doran, Barb Grycza, Kay Lavey-Kruzel, Judy Owens

Rollos

Ideal-Peggy Pauley

Laity-Barb Grycza

Piety-Judy Ruhlen

Study-Kay Lavey-Kruzel **Action**-Kathy Huffman **Leaders**-Ellen Doran

Study of the Environment-Marie King **Christianity in Action**-Judy Owens

Total Security-Group Reunion-Mary Lyons **Total Security-Ultreya**-Jane Distel

We are so blessed to be represented by these awesome teams of men and women of faith who commit their time and talents to growing our Cursillo Movement for the betterment of our church and world! Let's support them all we can with our prayers, sacrifices, letters and presence at the holy hours and closings. May they each be blessed 100-fold for all they do in the Name of Jesus!

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns related to the Cursillo Movement. If I don't know the answer, I probably know someone who does, and I promise to do my best to help you!

Blessings and Hugs,

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NOTE RE Candidate Palanca: Please mark your envelopes if the palanca is special - "family" or "friend" or "day" - to be sure they receive them in a timely manner.

School of Leaders

Schedule for Cursillo Fall Study Focus Day and School of Leaders

September 17, School of Leaders, 9:00 a.m.

St. Michael's, 750 Bright Road, Findlay in the 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.)

- Scripture reading and reflection: Karen & John Bonen
- Spiritual Advisor's Presentation: Fr. Ed, "Laudato Si," Chapter 2: IV, V, VI, VII; pages 58-68. Pope Francis Encyclical Letter on care for our common home
- Lay Presentation: Joan Alge, "The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement" Chapter 7, Section 13 & 14 – Leaders in the Post Cursillo & Conclusion; pages 192-196; #512-#526

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

October 15, 2016: Cursillo Fall Study Focus Day - Sherry Weddell Workshop at St. Michael, Findlay. (She is the author of the book "Forming Intentional Disciples") Refer to more information in the September ARK.

Cursillo Fall Focus Study Day – Saturday, October 15

NOTE... The Secretariat members made the decision to switch the Fall Focus Study Day, usually held in November, to October 15 and have School of Leaders on November 19. Cursillo Fall Focus Study Day will be at Findlay St. Michael Church to participate in a Workshop. Details below...

A Workshop is being held using the book "**Forming Intentional Disciples**" -- The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus. The workshop will be presented by the author, **Sherry Weddell.**

Saturday, October 15, 2016

St. Michael the Archangel Main Church, 750 Bright Road, Findlay, OH 45840

Workshop is from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.

Lunch on your own (bring a bag lunch or grab fast food)

Secretariat members encourage all Cursillistas, especially SOL Cursillistas - who studied this book, "Forming Intentional Disciples" - to attend this workshop. This is a great opportunity for us to hear and meet the author, Sherry Weddell and enrich our lives.

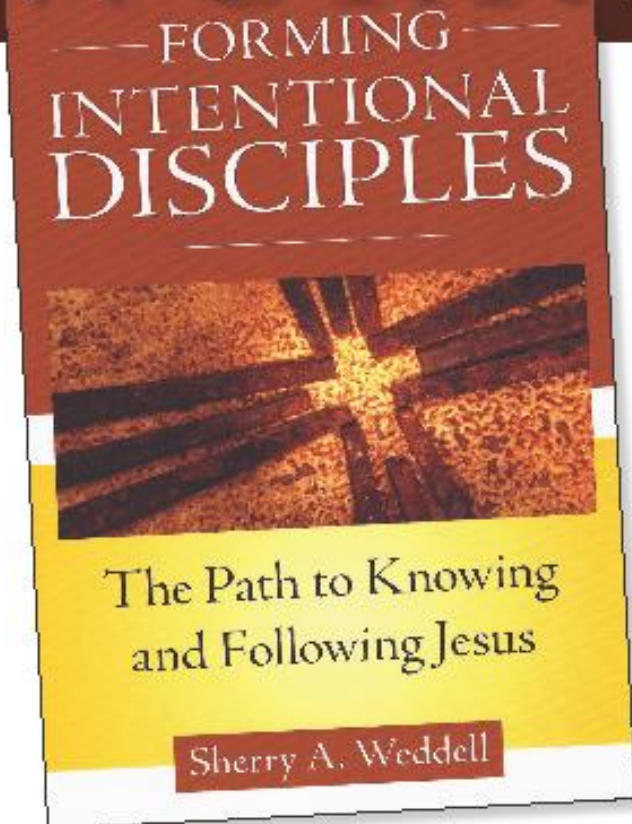
Directive received from Debbie Benson, Secretary from Findlay St. Michael: The Teachers' Lounge is reserved on October 15 for all Cursillistas so they can eat lunch together. This will give us an opportunity to have a discussion on the morning workshop presentation.

If you are interested in attending the workshop (even if you can only stay for part of the presentation) please register at: gleibfarth@findlaystmichael.org (Geri Leibfarth)

Looking forward to seeing many of you on October 15th at the Workshop at St. Michael's in Findlay, which will be our **Cursillo Fall Focus Study Day!**

Carol Miller, SOL Rector/Secretariat Member

WORKSHOP



presented by
**Sherry
WEDDELL**

October 15, 2016 • 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
(registration begins at 8:15 a.m.)

St. Michael the Archangel Main Church
750 Bright Rd. • Findlay, OH 45840



Lunch on your own.
(bring a bag lunch or grab fast food)

NO COST to attend, however a Free-Will Offering will be taken.

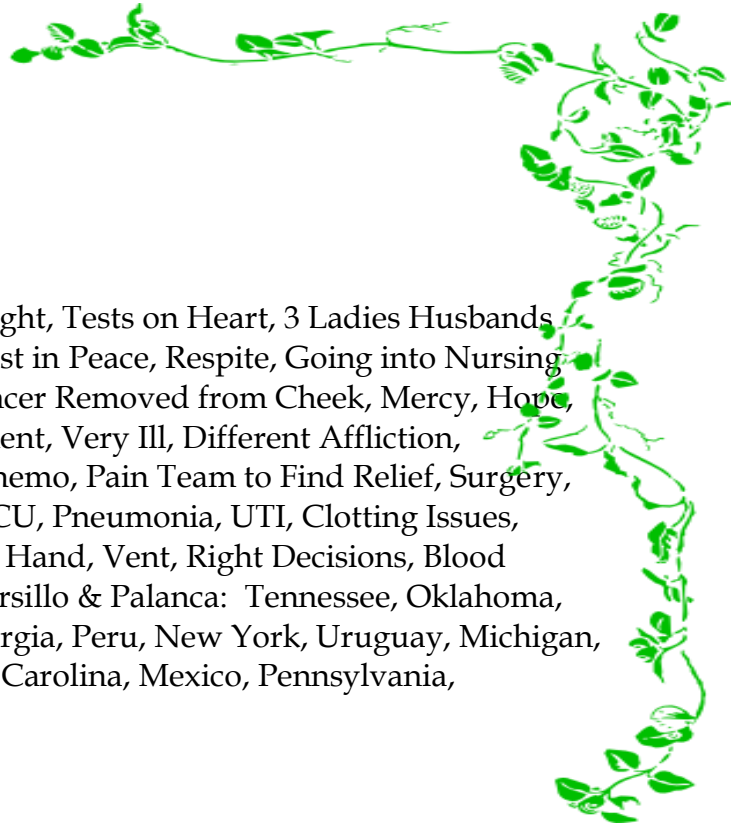
ALL ARE WELCOME!

IMPORTANT – Please register at: gleibfarth@findlaystmichael.org

Prayervine

August Prayers:

Abortion, Diabetes, Surgery on Eyes, Issues, Save Sight, Tests on Heart, 3 Ladies Husbands Died, Health Problems, Cancer, Fell, Broke Heel, Rest in Peace, Respite, Going into Nursing Home, Alzheimer's, Dementia, Depressed, Skin Cancer Removed from Cheek, Mercy, Hope, Release from Pain, Speedy Recovery, Hip Replacement, Very Ill, Different Affliction, Cardiac Arrest, Restricted Lifestyle, 1st Round of Chemo, Pain Team to Find Relief, Surgery, Kidney Biopsy Surgery, Decrease Steroid Dosage, ICU, Pneumonia, UTI, Clotting Issues, Heart, Kidney Problems, Blood Pressure, Fell Broke Hand, Vent, Right Decisions, Blood Disease, Set Back, External & Internal Blistering, Cursillo & Palanca: Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kansas, South Carolina, New Jersey, Nebraska, Georgia, Peru, New York, Uruguay, Michigan, Florida, Brazil, Puerto Rico, Columbia, Utah, North Carolina, Mexico, Pennsylvania, Argentina, California, Texas



Utreya

Location

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

Tiffin St. Francis Home
September 25th, 7:00pm

Lima St. Gerard's Spirituality Center
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
1st Saturday of the Month, Noon

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CURSILLO:

At the National Cursillo Encounter in August 2016 an announcement was given for an easy way Cursillo can gain financial assistance: Amazon Smile. If you are an Amazon shopper, the following article will help you set up Amazon Smile. Toledo Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat members approved of this financial aid to Cursillo. This will only take you a few minutes to set up...Amazon automatically does the rest for you. Explanation and Instructions below:

About AmazonSmile

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization: National Cursillo Movement Inc.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Select: National Cursillo Movement Inc. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

If I already have a charity...Can I change my charity?

Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account" to: National Cursillo Movement Inc.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, Amazon may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

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Thanks for your donations!!



Words of Wisdom...

Written on the wall in Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta:

People are often unreasonable, irrational,
and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish,
ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful
friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may
deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy
overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be
jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.
Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never
be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It
was never between you and them anyway.

*– Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
1910-1997*

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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 or faith2co57@buckeye-express.com.