Baltimore Cursillo
April 2023 Newsletter



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Calendar of Events

April	14	7:00 – 9:00 PM – ULTREYA in person at OLF
TBD		7:00 – 8:15 PM – School of Leaders By Zoom
April	29	Region II Spring Encounter
May	12	7:00 – 9:00 PM – ULTREYA in person at SPN
TBD		7:00 – 8:15 PM – School of Leaders By Zoom
June	9	7:00 – 9:00 PM – ULTREYA in person at OLF
TBD		7:00 – 8:15 PM – School of Leaders By Zoom
July	14	7:00 – 9:00 PM – ULTREYA in person at SPN
TBD		7:00 – 8:15 PM – School of Leaders By Zoom
Aug	11	7:00 – 9:00 PM – ULTREYA in person at OLF
TBD		7:00 – 8:15 PM – School of Leaders By Zoom

HE IS RISEN

A prayer and call for candidates!
The Baltimore Cursillo Movement has just successfully completed a Women's Weekend, which took place on March 23–26 of 2023. This took place after not having had a weekend for several years due to not having enough candidates and the Covid pandemic. We welcomed seven new Cursillistas to Cursillo.

So, do you have a candidate in mind for a future weekend? Please email Paul Gonzalez at beekeeper59@outlook.com and let him know so we can start praying for your candidate. Cursillo "Letters of Interest" (i.e. the application) can be found on-line at www.baltimorecursillo.org and should be turned into Paul Gonzalez. His address is at the bottom of the form. Send your applications in now!





The position of SCHOOL OF LEADERS Chairperson is still open and also SECRETARY and PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER.

Can you please discern if you might want to take on one of these positions? Please contact Andy Roe for SCHOOL OF LEADERS, SECRETARY or PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER to find out more detailed information.





Note from the Treasurer:

The Lord loves a cheerful giver! Please donate.
A donation can be used to help support a person who would like to attend a weekend but cannot afford the cost.
Please contact Gwen Daniels at teamdaniels@verizon.net.
Note: Amazon is curtailing its Amazon Smile program



MESSAGE FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Easter Greetings!

Holy Week is underway and the recent women's weekend was wonderful and awe inspiring, but I'd like to reflect on the disappointment we all felt when we had to cancel the men's weekend this past month.

Five men could not partake in this blessing because we couldn't find 2 more to go with them. We don't ever want this to happen again (yes it has happened in the past), so we are trying something different. We will arrange future weekends by taking reservations for a Cursillo weekend, but not setting a date until we have enough candidates to make it work. We are still working out the details. We feel the need to stop disappointing people outweighs the need to have a firm date in mind when asking people to come to a weekend.

We will be discussing how exactly to ask people to come to a weekend that hasn't been scheduled yet at our next Secretariat meeting and will provide answers to all your questions after we have them. We know there are people out there that have candidates in mind that did not make it this time around and we want to give them this gift. With Christ's help we will figure out how to do this without disappointing anyone!

If you are one of those people I'm talking about maybe you have some suggestions for an open-ended invitation. Send them to me (andrewroe@adt.com) and we'll include them in our discussions at the next meeting!

I plan on attending the **Region II Spring Encounter April 29** and I will certainly talk about this issue. We are also discussing ways to join forces with the Washington Archdiocese, which is having the same problem we are getting people to weekends.

Be the difference in someone's life by making a friend, being a friend, and bringing that friend to Christ.

De Colores!

Andy Roe
Baltimore Cursillo Movement





SPIRITUAL DIRECTION BY FR. LARRY ADAMCZYK

Did you eat that piece of pie? I was saving that for after dinner! How much money are you saving for retirement? By taking the back roads, I saved ten minutes. By using this coupon, I saved two dollars! The first reading at Mass For Divine Mercy tells us that, "Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Are you saved?

In the second reading at Mass today we heard, "Even though you do not see Him now, yet [you] believe in Him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls." Are you saved? What does it really mean to say, "Jesus is my personal Lord and Savior." What does that word mean? When we think about the phrase, "Did you eat that piece of pie? I was saving that for after dinner!" The word, "saved" means that I am protecting it for my own pleasure. The pie is saved FROM someone, namely, "you." The pie is also saved FOR someone, namely "me." So if, "Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." they were being saved FROM someone and were being saved, or protected, FOR someone. They were being saved FROM themselves, and were being saved FOR the Lord. When we talk about the Lord Jesus as our savior, we are stating that Jesus wants us for Himself. Jesus saves us FROM ourselves and He saves us FOR Himself. We do not save ourselves - Jesus saves us by His life, death, and resurrection. We are saved FOR Him because He loves each of us with an indescribable love. Jesus wants me for His own. He does not want to share me with anybody. You were made for God and you will not be happy until you belong to God. So, are you saved? Do you belong 100 percent to Jesus? Or are you allowing someone else or something else to try and save you?

We heard in the second reading from Divine Mercy Sunday Mass, "You rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls". We believe in Jesus, in His life, death, and resurrection. We believe in the Holy Catholic Church that He founded nearly two thousand years ago. We believe all sorts of things when we say the Creed every week. Does saying the Creed every week make us "Rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy"? We believe these things because the goal of our faith is salvation. Salvation is belonging 100 percent to Jesus. IF we are saved FOR Jesus, we have to be saved FROM ourselves.

Did you ever notice what is in the middle of SIN? S -I- N. "I" is in the middle of sin. Listen to Thomas the Apostle, "Unless ***I*** see the mark of the nails in his hands and put ***my*** finger into the nail marks and put ***my*** hand into his side, ***I*** will not believe." Jesus gave us the cure for this I-tis. "Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side." Jesus showed the disciples the scars in His hands and feet. For it was by these wounds that we were saved. It was by the shedding of Christ's blood that we were purchased for Himself. Jesus did not die on the cross for Himself but for us. He loved us so much that he wanted to save us for Himself. He wanted to protect us from the ravages of sin. And so we are saved FOR Jesus by the shedding of His blood. This is why the very next thing that Jesus does is to give to the Apostles the ability to forgive sins. Then, Jesus "breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" This ability to forgive sins was given to the Apostles, who gave it to their successors, the bishops, who shared it with the priests.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is how the Lord Jesus makes us, His own. The Sacraments are how Jesus' saving action on the cross nearly two thousand years ago, is applied to us today. This is why

when we come to confession we need to tell Jesus all our sins, and if they are grave mortal sins we need to tell Jesus how many times we have offended Him. We can't hold anything back - Jesus wants all of us. He saved us for Himself. We can't decide, "Okay Jesus you can have these two sins, but I like this one so I'm going to hold on to this one." Jesus wants all or nothing. He gave His all, His very life on the cross, so that the streams of His Divine Mercy could flow over us and save us FOR Himself. As Archbishop Fulton Sheen wrote, "Using human words to describe divine things, we can say that each time we offer Mass, Our Lord shows His heavenly Father the scars in His hands, His Feet, His Side; for this very reason He kept them." And elsewhere He writes, "We were bought not with gold and silver, but with the precious blood of Christ. When the priest raises his hands in absolution over you, the Blood of Christ is dripping from His fingers."



De Colores
Fr. Larry

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

We are still looking for a Coordinator for the SOL! We would like to study the Saints as part of our doctrinal discussions. Someone that is thirsting for knowledge of Christ through the Saints and has a little spare time on their hands would be the ideal person.

Responsibilities per month would be researching great Saints to study and sending an email out to remind everyone when SOL will be held and the Saint of the month so everyone else can be ready to discuss! The sessions can be held live, virtual or both!

Please look out for an announcement from our new Coordinator regarding the SOL in your emails and join our discussions of how the lives of the Saints, their charisms have impacted our lives,

Saint Paul, Patron of Cursillo, Pray for Us

De Colores, Andy Roe

PRE-CURSILLO



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Prodigal Son is one of my favorite parables. It speaks of God's forgiveness, how much love He affords us, and how far He is willing to come toward us so we can learn to live life as He meant it for us.

Similarly, when The Baltimore Cursillo recently celebrated its first Women's Cursillo Weekend in several years, like a prodigal son, it was also a homecoming. The joy expressed by our new Cursillistas who for the first time saw Jesus as their Brother, the Holy Spirit as their Advocate and God's grace overflowing, reminded those present how blessed we are to have lived a Weekend. However, it also emphasized the need for us to let the world know what we have learned; there is much work for us to do.

"The harvest is great, but the workers are few." (Matthew 9:37)

Cursillo will forever be a home for those who strive to practice its method of Piety, Study and Action. These basic tenants--the tripod--are how we have learned to live "a fundamental Christian life". Just as it did for us, The Cursillo Movement has always helped spark a flame in the lukewarm heart of Christians and lead them to true devotion to our Catholic faith. Therefore, it is imperative that all Cursillistas keep the flame alive by supporting each other in our grouping, Ultreyas, Closura and other community activities. Lest we forget that "Christ is counting on us" in helping the lost return to their true home with the Father.



May the Joy and Blessings of the Resurrection be with all of us!

Paul H Gonzalez
Pre-Cursillo



THREE - DAY WEEKEND

Praise the Lord! It's been a long time coming, but we were blessed to host an incredible Women's Cursillo Weekend on March 23-26 at the Washington Retreat House in Washington, D.C. Darlene Conley and her faith-filled and energetic team met and prepared for several months and were supported by Father Larry Adamczyk, Deacon Mark Loepker, and Deacon Keith Chase on the weekend. Most importantly, seven women got to experience for themselves the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through the Cursillo movement.



Please welcome our new Cursillistas:

- Mara Barnet, DeDe Connelly, and Penny Jones from Holy Family Parish in Davidsonville
- Jane Horensky from Christ the King Parish in Glen Burnie
- Pam Kalb from St. Francis Xavier parish in Cockeysville
- Elisabeth Murray from Our Lady of the Fields in Millersville
- Gabriella Oh from St. Bernadette Parish in Severn

How blessed we are that these women and their sponsors are from multiple parishes around the diocese. Please come and meet them and show your support at one of our upcoming Ultreyas.
On behalf of the Secretariat, I'd like to thank all of you in our broader Cursillo community who contributed to the success of this weekend through your prayers and Palanca, as sponsors, as team members and spiritual advisors, as drivers, as Closura participants, as Cursillo leaders, and in other forms of planning and support. And, a big THANK YOU to the Holy Spirit for blessing our community and the new Cursillistas so abundantly.

How blessed we are!

De Colores!

Dave Luddy, 3-Day weekend coordinator, 410-340-4064

POST CURSILLO (4TH DAY)

Peace be with you in this Easter Season!

The Baltimore Women's Cursillo weekend #96 was experienced at the Washington Retreat House, near Catholic University, March 23-26. Our community has grown! That is reason to rejoice! We now have more creative minds and hearts to enrich our faith lives through one another, in community. Welcome, new Cursillistas!

The weekend was during Lent, but on Saturday, March 25, we were able to celebrate a joyful solemnity, the Annunciation of the Lord. How fitting that this solemnity was during a joyful Cursillo weekend! The retreat house is next door to the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. During Darlene Conley's Rollo, the shrine's bells began to chime. More joy!

Last January, we spent a day of reflection at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center, where Ms. Andrea Springer led us in reflecting on "embracing balance" in our lives. At the end of the day, many of us took away the need for more joy in our lives of faith. Pope Francis certainly agrees with that – just read The Joy of the Gospel, if you haven't yet! One close moment from that day was a surprise guest. As people were checking in at the front door, a gentleman from New York was in the lobby, waiting to register to stay the night, on his way home from the March for Life in DC. He overheard us talking about Cursillo, and said, "De Colores!" We invited him to join our day of reflection, which he did. He is involved with the Cursillo community in Buffalo, NY. We both agreed that it's wonderful that Cursillistas from everywhere are family!



Stay tuned for the announcement of our Grand Ultreya date and location. Meanwhile, please continue to come to the Ultreyas on the 2nd Friday of the month, alternating between Our Lady of the Fields in Millersville, and St. Philip Neri in Linthicum, starting at 7 PM. See the calendar in this newsletter.

A wonderful opportunity to gather with Cursillistas from our Region 2 will be on Saturday, April 29th at St. Martin of Tours Parish, 5450 E Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19124. Registration starts at 8:00 AM, program at 9:15, Mass at 4:00 PM. The cost is $40 for the day, and registration deadline is April 15th. For more information, please see announcement in this newsletter.

We are called to live our Fourth Day with the methods learned on the Cursillo weekend, as we pursue Piety, Study and Action. We have the support of our community. Please reach out to any Secretariat member with any questions, concerns or suggestions. We are here for you.
Meanwhile, enjoy the beauty of spring upon us, of Easter joy, and stay tuned for future gatherings.

De Colores!

Tina Delaney
Holy Family Parish, Davidsonville
Cursillo: October 1998, Table of St. Edith Stein



Cursillos in Christianity Region 2 Spring Encounter

All Language Groups, **Saturday, April 29, 2023**

St. Martin of Tours Parish* (Northeast Philadelphia)
5450 E Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19124

Registration starting at 8:00 am – Program begins at 9:15 am to Mass 4:00 pm
Cost only $40, Registration Deadline April 15, 2023

Name:

Address:

Email: Phone:

Diocese:

Light **Breakfast** Items, Hot **Lunch**, **And Dinner** Sandwiches Dine In or Take Out

Please send this form and a check to *Cursillos in Christianity English Region 2* to:
Annie Ventola, 30 Schmidt Circle, Watchung, NJ 07069 (aventola@hotmail.com)
Or
You can now register and pay online https://www.region2cursillo.com

Hotel information if desired:
Days Inn by Wyndham – 4200 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19124
Four Points Sheraton – 9461 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19114
WoodSpring Suites Northeast– 4050 Woodhaven Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154

Bring your Pilgrims Guide, Rosary and Your Cursillista Friendship

Any questions contact Terri DiBacco, Region 2 Coordinator
@ roostersregion2@gmail.com or 717-329-9681

*Access to meeting rooms require stairs. Elevator access to church only.

PALANCA



Palanca is our ACTION from the HEART.

Our actions should always be sincere, thoughtful and consistent in our act of mercy.
Our Palanca could be:

Offering up Mass
Saying a person's name or situation during the consecration
We can do a Novena
Say the rosary
Adoration
Fasting

They are ALL good tools for Palanca. We do this with joy in our hearts.

Please watch for the WEEKLY PALANCA REQUEST from our local and international encounters. We receive them; acknowledge them with our Palanca from the community and then pass them on to Rose Marcin who puts them on our website. Rose also sends the information to Cursillistas that have requested to be put on an email list dedicated to that purpose. If you are not receiving the Palanca list please let Rose know. Rmarcin@gmail.con

OUR NEW CURSILLISTAS are on fire. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PALANCA! GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

WE ARE CHRIST S VOICE HE IS COUNTING ON US -WE ARE COUNTING ON CHRIST

Thank you, DeColores, Darlene
1Thess.5:16-18





ULTREYA

REMEMBER OUR ULTREYA LOCATIONS ALTERNATE EVERY MONTH. THIS MONTH WE ARE AT OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS AND NEXT MONTH WE ARE AT ST. PHILIP NERI.

They are on the second Friday of every month from 7:00 P.M. until 8:15 P.M.
SPN (6405 S.Orchard Rd. Linthicum Heights, Md.) and OLF (1070 Cecil Ave.S, Millersville, Md.) We hope that this will accommodate more cursillistas.



We Curailliatas make a DIFFERENCE IN GOD'S WORLD!!
MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING YOUR FRIEND TO CHRIST!!

We will send out reminders each month, it will let you know which place and room. We are hoping to start another Ultreya in a different area. If you have an interest, pray on it and consider hosting one. If you're interested, please call me, or Andy Roe.

Please come and join us for some Genuine Friendship in grouping, laughing and praying. We aim to have a witness each month. Please consider your moment of God's miracle in your life or that of a friend. We would love to hear and pray with you. We offer our petitions at the Tabernacle. Followed with a mini social.

God Bless you and your family,

Looking forward to seeing you!
Bernadine Smith and Darlene Conley
J.I.T.I.Y.

De Colores!



CURSILLISTA'S CORNER

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION IN CURSILLO

It is recommended, especially if you are new to the Cursillo Movement, to choose someone you know to be your spiritual director. He or she can be an experienced and competent friend of yours who knows you very well and is suitable enough to help you along the way of strengthening your relationship with Christ. He or she can be an ordained clergy, professed religious sister, or a layman who is well versed in his Catholic Christian faith. Essentially, he or she is a friend who is always willing to show you how to get below the surface of your life to find the root of the areas within it that hinder a deeper relationship with Christ.

When you become a part of the Cursillo community, you resolve to be more serious and sensitive about loving God. You come to realize that changes will need to be made primarily internally but externally as well. With the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, your spiritual director will help you to determine the aspects of your life that need to be changed. With his or her counsel, advice, and personal experience, your life can be put more in union with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

You should take the time to search for someone you know with whom you are comfortable and takes seriously his or her own relationship with Jesus Christ. He or she should be open and knowledgeable enough of his or her faith and be willing to share his or her own personal experiences of how he or she practices the Catholic faith. The spiritual director should also know you well enough and is capable of taking you to where you want to be as a follower and friend of Jesus Christ.

De Colores!

Mike Huether



The Cursillo Movement of Baltimore
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ULTREYAS (2nd Friday of the Month) – Alternating between Our Lady of the Fields and St. Philip Neri
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