

Diocese of Erie Cursillo Movement Newsletter

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OCTOBER CURSILLO DATES

HAVE CHANGED!

Due to a conflict at Our Lady of Mercy, PLEASE NOTE!!! There has been a change in the October Men's Cursillo dates. The new dates are October 15-18, 2009.

Women's Cursillo #212 will begin on Thursday, April, 16, 2009 at 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, in Harborcreek, PA. Fathers Mark Nowak, John Detisch and Deacon Frank Pregler will join Rector Marilyn Mead and her assistant, Sharon Zielinski, and their team: Chief Warden Sue Weber, Wardens Chris Buchleitner, Debbie Patterson, Co-Warden Troubadours Pat Marshall and Linda Kennelley, as well as Auxiliaries Patti Matczak, Sharon Staszewski, Kathy Brophy and Mary Good..

The Holy Hour to support this Cursillo will happen on Saturday, April 18, 2009, 9:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church, with Deacon Tim Good presiding.

Palanca must be dropped off by Friday, April 17, 2009 at the following sites: 1) St. Mark Church, 695 Smithson Ave. in Lawrence Park, Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM- 3:30 PM, Friday before 11:00 AM, 2) Al's Awning Shop, 1721 West 26th St. in Erie, Mon. - Thurs. only between 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, 3) Kelly's Sewing Corner, 3330 West 26th St. in Erie, Village West, Mon. - Thurs. only between 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 4) For Art's Sake Gallery, (474-3033) 7547 West Ridge Rd., Route. 20, Fairview, Tues. - Thurs. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Fridays 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM, 5) Hofmann's Church and Religious Goods, 420 East 26th St. in Erie, between 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Mon. - Thurs., Fri. before 11:00 AM, 6) The Cursillo Office, 521 East 3rd Street in Erie, Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Fri. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. After 11:00 AM on Friday, Palanca should be taken directly to the Cursillo site.

The **set up** will be **Wednesday, April 15, 2009** at 6:30 PM. The **Thursday Night Snack** is the responsibility of the assigned committee. The **Friday Morning Breakfast** (be there at 7:00 AM) is the responsibility of St. Mark, Mount. Calvary & St. James Parishes. **Friday Luncheon** (be there at 12:30 PM) is the responsibility of St. Gregory (North East), St. Boniface, Holy Rosary, St. John the Baptist and St. Patrick Parishes. **Friday Supper** (be there at 6:15 PM) is the responsibility of Our Lady of Mercy, St. George, St. Paul, St. Julia Parishes. **Saturday Morning** (be there at 7:00 AM) is the responsibility of St. Joseph, St. Peter, Mount. Carmel, Sacred Heart, and Holy Trinity parishes. **Saturday Luncheon** (be there at 12:45 PM) is the responsibility of Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of the Lake, All Saints and St. Jude parishes. **Saturday Supper** (be there at 6:45 PM) is the responsibility of Holy Cross, Our Lady of Peace, St. Andrew, St. John (Girard) and St. Lawrence (Albion) Parishes. Sunday meals (be there at 7:00 AM and 11:30 AM) **are the responsibility of Venango, Clarion and Forest Counties.**

The parishes assigned to the **Closing Luncheon** this month will be **St. Julia, All Saints, Holy Rosary and the Corry Catholic Community of St. Elizabeth and St. Thomas.** **Parish Coordinators** are reminded of their responsibility to inform their parishioners of this duty. You are asked to bring these casseroles or desserts in disposable containers right to the kitchen. Thank You!

Please remember there should be no flowers sent to this Cursillo. Have them waiting at home if such is your desire.

For directions, times and general information concerning this weekend, call Denise McCaleb Brown at 454-5801, the Cursillo office at 456-2948 or check the web site (bulletin board), which is updated regularly.

The emergency phone number at this Cursillo is **814-898-3306.**

The next two Erie Ultreya are set for **April 3, 2009 and May 1, 2009** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Hedwig Church, 521 East 3rd Street in Erie. The regular program of the Celebration of Eucharist, our sharing program and our closing social period will be observed. **Babysitting is available at this site.** **Parents - Please Note:** TJ and Erica Robison have graciously taken over the task of watching our little ones. Please be sure to sign your child in before the Ultreya (don't just send them down). Also, **please call them in advance** so they will know the ages of the children and can prepare appropriate activities for them. They can be reached at 814-746-1585 (cell). Check the dates and times of other Ultreyas in the Diocese in your area newsletters.

FR. BILL'S COMMENTS:



As I write these words, we are fast approaching Holy Week. As you read these words, it may already **be** Holy Week. So let's truly make it holy! We can not truly celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, unless we first truly experience His Passion and Death. Easter Sunday is just another holiday without experiencing Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Whatever parish you belong to, attend the entire Triduum. On Holy Thursday go to the Celebration of the Lord's Supper and thank God for the gift of Eucharist. Remember the Chapel Visit during your Cursillo and enter again into His love.

On Good Friday, attend the Celebration of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross. This is the ultimate Palanca. What Christ endured and gave for us is beyond expression. Allow yourself to be touched by Jesus' gift on Good Friday as you were touched when bags of prayers and letters arrived on Friday of your Cursillo. For those of you in the Erie area, I invite you to Saint Patrick's on Good Friday, at 8:00 PM for our production of "We Watched Him Die". There you will experience the thoughts and emotions of some of those who were there on that horrible, wonderful day. You will never see Good Friday the same again!

On Holy Saturday, go to the Celebration of the Vigil of Easter. There is simply no liturgical experience like it. Darkness and light, sadness and overwhelming joy, hope and fulfillment will all be found there. Remember the break-in at your Cursillo? As the light of Resurrection breaks in during the Vigil Mass, your heart will be lifted even higher and if your parish has RCIA candidates, you will celebrate as they receive the Sacraments that have been such a source of grace in your life.

Now, you're ready to truly celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. As overwhelmingly wonderful your Cursillo weekend (Thursday through Sunday) was, this Triduum weekend (also Thursday through Sunday) is a thousand times more powerful. Yes, the Triduum is like Cursillo on steroids! So make it, live it, celebrate it and proclaim it to the entire world. JESUS IS RISEN! DE COLORES!

~Fr. Bill

Prayers Department: (If you know of someone who has passed away or is ill, please be sure to notify the office.) **Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the loved ones and friends of** Msgr. Dan Magraw's sister, Bernard Schroeck, Babe Chick Shawn Davenport's son, Dan Jerioski's mother, Barb Englert's mother, Chris Robson's father, Ken Wagner's brother, Joyce Miller's grandmother, as well as all those of whom we are unaware. **On our sick and recovering from sickness list we find:** Babe Chick Florence Duchnowski, Missy Orr, Harold

Schroeck, Jean Schroeck, Barbie Lawless, Audrey Van Riper, Rosalie Harayda, Chris and Debi Robson, Babe Chick Kevin Gunter's wife, Mike Cross's mother, Barb Cross's mother, Gary Drapcho's mother, Laura Drapcho's mother, Amy Edward's sister, as well as all those of whom we are unaware.

Please remember the candidates of Footsteps 53 which will be held April 17-19, 2009 and Men's Koinonia 227 which will be held April 24-26, 2009.

As always, keep our seminarians, women and men religious candidates, as well as our Deacon candidates and their wives in your prayers.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE MOVEMENT

1) The Men's Cursillo Choir will be joining in the 5:00 p.m. Celebration of the Eucharist at St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, 48 South Pearl Street, North East, PA 16428. Rehearsal is at 4:00 p.m. Please check the website for further details and additional information regarding the fellowship/gathering after mass. **2) Once again, Stan's Garden Center** (owners Jim and Cindy Skarzenski are Cursillistas) is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the Cursillo Movement. Throughout the month of June, 2009, just identify yourself as a Cursillo member when you make a purchase at either of Stan's locations, 5001 Buffalo Road or 5341 West Lake Road, and your total purchase will be recorded by Stan's. At the end of the month, Stan's will send 10% of that total amount to the Erie Cursillo Office. **3) Are you interested in a GR?** Please contact Joe and Mary Beth Hoag at 814-860-8398, (jhoag@eriercd.org) or Mark and Linda McCamman at 464-5448, (lindamccamman@hotmail.com). **4) For those of you who like to plan ahead, here are some dates worth remembering: 38th Diocesan Family Picnic to be held at Camp Sherwin August 7-9, 2009 and the Third Annual Fr. Tex 2009 Cursillo-Koinonia Golf Tournament to be held August 29, 2009 at North Hills Golf Course in Corry, PA. **5) Due to a conflict at Our Lady of Mercy, PLEASE NOTE there has been a change in the October Men's Cursillo dates. The new dates are OCTOBER 15-18, 2009.** **6) LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR CENSUS INFORMATION IN TO THE OFFICE...** Our Cursillo newsletter is going as paperless as possible to save on mailing costs and to keep our mailing list current. **We need you to submit your contact information so we can eliminate the old mailing system.** Our data entry team has gone back approximately four years to Men's Cursillo #186 and Women's Cursillo #192. This is when we began taking e-mail addresses.**

If your contact information has changed since then, we will need you to provide the updated information. **We will not be transferring any contact information prior to these Cursillos. In order to be listed on the Cursillo Census and continue receiving your Cursillo Newsletter you need to update your contact information with the Cursillo office.**

- If you have an e-mail address, please go to the "Cursillo Census Form" on

the public website at www.eriecursillo.org and fill in your contact information.

This is the most cost effective way for the newsletter to be distributed.

Please forward your updated contact information for our **Cursillo Census** as soon as possible. Also, we ask that you **please do not call the Cursillo office with your contact information**, as this will only complicate the data entry process. You will need to either e-mail or mail in your updated information as stated above. We appreciate your help with updating our Cursillo Census, and also for helping reduce expenses for the Cursillo Movement. Thank you in advance for your cooperation - DeColores!

Heard at the Last Closing:

- This weekend has been the most uplifting, soul searching weekend of my life!
- If I want to be a marketing agent for Cursillo, this just made me your #1 agent!
- I have 40 new guys that have put footprints in my heart!
- Mom, I always thought you and Dad were weird for this stuff. I'm happy to say now I'm weird, too!
- Being a Christian coming here, I thought I had a full tank. I wasn't even close!
- God is knocking but there's only a handle on my side (of the door)!
- Real men use glitter!
- My entire body just started quivering and I realized it was God coming into my body.
- I can look in the mirror now and like what I see!
- God loves us unconditionally. I'm going to stop just going through the motions and really make it mean something.

Candidates for Women's Cursillo #212:

Cynthia "Cyndi" Aiello (Medvid), St. Leo Magnus (Ridgway), (Gennaro Aiello)
Jo Ann Barnes (DeSantis), Our Lady of Peace, (Scott Barnes)

Theresa "Terry" Baumgratz (Wehler), Queen of the World (St. Marys), (Paul Baumgratz)

Jean Benedict, Holy Family, (Ashley Benedict)

Thora Bliley (Martin), St. Boniface, (Brenda Evan)

Joyce Buhite, St. Boniface, (Lou and Ruthie Stiles)

Mary Evan (Moodie), St. Boniface, (Alyssa Evan)

Teresa "Tessa" Fusco (Laskowski), St. Ann (Our Mother of Sorrows), Frank Fusco)

Asha Herba, Holy Trinity Lutheran, (Abdul Ali Mahmud)

Briana Kennelley (Szuba), No Parish Affiliation (Fairview), (Maureen Murabito)
Kathie Kutterna (Kishel), St. Gregory Thaumaturgus (North East), (Pat and Teresa Wilczynski)
Ceil Libra, St. Boniface, (Agatha Tyzinski)
Cathryn Liebel, Our Lady of Mercy, (Annette Fuhrman)
Mary Margaret Malue (Theiss), Our Lady of Peace, (Dolly Theiss)
Brittany Mathers, St. Gregory Thaumaturgus (North East), (Pat and Teresa Wilczynski)
Melissa "Missy" Niedzielski, Federated Church (East Springfield), (Joe and Rose Tarquinio)
Mary "Molly" Percy, St. Boniface, (Jeff Rzepka)
Amy Popielski, St. Boniface (Kersey), (Bud and Mary Ann Lanzel)
Philomena Rad, St. Luke, (Mary Gibson)
Stefanie Rowe, No Parish Affiliation, (Michael and Cari Rowe)
Nancy Saxton (Collier), St. Thomas the Apostle (Corry), (Sue Gluvna)
Sarah Schneider, Sacred Heart of Jesus, (Mary Gibson and Ashley Benedict)
Susan Skarzenski (Borrello), St. Gregory Thaumaturgus (North East, (Maria Pisano)
Stephanie "Steph" Stepnowski, Holy Rosary, (Susan Carpenter)
Linda Wagner (Mitchell), Cathedral of St. Paul (Episcopal), (Robert and Kathleen Mitchell)
Kathleen "Katie" Walton, St. Michael (Greenville), (Sis Swartz)
Carol Ann Wroczynski, No Parish Affiliation, (Dave and Tina Piotrowicz)