

## CURSILLO NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

**THE EVANGELIZER****September 2018****New Website: [www.BellevilleCursillo.org](http://www.BellevilleCursillo.org)****De Colores to the Fourth Day Community!**

Hear ye! Hear ye! We will gather our Fourth Day community for our annual Grand Ultreya and Potluck. This year's Grand Ultreya will be on October 27th from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Saint Liborius Catholic Church located at 911 Sparta Street in St. Libory. Reserve this date on your calendars, and please spread the word to all cursillistas. If you know someone who does not communicate via e-mail, please share this information. Thank you!

**FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR** DEACON WAYNE WEILER

*“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”* Luke 10:2

While the autumnal equinox occurred only a few days ago, we're once again beginning to see the wonders of God's creating hand in the change of seasons. The brisk mornings to come, the shorter days, and beautiful fall colors, remind us that it is harvest time. And we surely can't overlook the dutiful farmers working well into the night to bring in their crops. We pray for a bountiful harvest of the fields that all are nourished and fed by their labor.

But we too have a harvest field to tend to. Daily, many in our communities, whether urban or rural—experience a lack of some of the most basic of resources—things many of us take for granted. We would do well to use this “harvest” time to reflect on our many blessings and give constant thanks to Our Creator who makes them all possible.

The abundant harvest field require us laborers to put our faith into action. To look out for the lost, the lonely, and those searching for what we know Our Lord openly and freely gives—Hope. In doing so we truly express the beauty and meaning of the Christian message, and bring to the world what is so visibly lacking all around us. We give witness to Jesus and the reign of God, “On earth as it is in Heaven.”

The work of evangelization is a Christian duty, but also a joy. The Cursillo helps us to recognize this important demand of our faith and so grow in holiness. What could bring more joy and peace to a disheartened neighbor than for them to gain a glimmer of hope brought to them from a true Christian pilgrim? Never under estimate the power of your example in a society troubled by doubt, mistrust and disappointment. May we always be ready and willing to share the benefits from the great harvest of God's love for us all!

The world and the Church **still** desperately needs the Christian message to be told.

De Colores!

Deacon Wayne

**FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR ROBERT MCCORMACK**

Susan and I attended the semiannual Cursillo Region IV Encounter which was held at the Franciscan Spiritual Center at Mount St Francis, Indiana on September 7-9. Region IV is comprised of sixteen Dioceses in seven Midwestern states, most of which were represented at the Encounter. The Regional Encounters are open to all Cursillistas. I encourage everyone to consider attending a future Regional Encounter. The next Encounter will be held on April 5-7, 2019 at St Joseph's Retreat and Conference Center in Tipton, Indiana.

A short report was given by our Regional Service Team members who attended the National Encounter in Seattle, Washington in August. The theme of that Encounter was Unity in Diversity. Talks given at the Encounter are available on the National website including a discussion entitled "Step By Step" which is about a new 3-Day Manual that will be released soon, probably later this year.

Although details are limited we were told that the Manual will not be published but will be available on the National Website. The actual changes to the Weekend Schedule, including the Rollos and their sequence, will be minor so it should not significantly affect our weekend this spring.

Preparation for the Cursillo this coming March is moving forward. Planning is underway and teams are being formed. So now is the time to complete the application for your potential candidate and submit it to Laura Veach, our Pre-Cursillo Chair.

De Colores! Bob McCormack



**CRISIS PRAYER BOBBI SCHAEFER**

**Crisis.** This is where we find Holy Mother Church today. As She struggles to face these challenges bombarding Her from the Evil One who constantly plots Her demise, we are faced with questions about how do we cope and what can we do as members of the Body of Christ. And above all, 'Where is God in all this mess?'

In all that I've come across, I want to share with you what Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ, has written in [Aleteia](#) on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. May this help you stay on the right path in these times.

**5 Steps to Fight the wickedness: Remind yourself (and Satan) that you are not helpless!**

1. **Pray always!** Cry out to God, pray the Litany of the Saints to remind yourself you're not alone. Recall God's fidelity in your life and count your blessings!
2. **Fast, sacrifice and do penance.** Perform a simple act of defiance against discouragement, self-pity and resentment. Remember what Our Lady said at Fatima about souls lost because no one prays or fasts for them.
3. **The sacraments and Eucharistic adoration.** We need confession now more than ever! Assist at Mass as often as possible. Commit to Eucharistic adoration when you can, and make a Spiritual Communion when you can't.
4. **Be mindful of your health and personal limits.** Avoid excesses, i.e. alcohol and junk food. Get enough sleep to enable your body to endure this present darkness. Making ourselves sick can weaken our spiritual defenses.
5. **Be alert to the needs of those around you.** We cannot do this alone...we need each other! And practicing charity to those in need can bring unexpected graces to our hearts.

Let's not give our spiritual enemy an opportunity to separate us from Christ and the peace He desires for us. WE can choose to face our days armed with the helps and graces God gives us. We don't have to like or trivialize the pain of what is happening; we don't have to succumb to it, either.

“We are more than conquerors through Christ Who gives us strength!!!” Remember, “Pray, Hope....and Don't Worry!” **Our God IS in control!**

De Colores!

Bobbi Schaefer



**PRECURSILLO LAURA VEACH**

*Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ.*

**The dates for the 2019 Cursillo weekends are: Men, March 7-10; Women, March 14-17.**

**Application deadlines are: Men, February 21, 2019; Women, February 28, 2019.**

Cursillistas, spread the word that God is calling...calling all to a magnificent friendship with Christ, our Lord. The rector and rectora are busy putting together their teams and planning for the weekends. Make friends and sponsor them for the Cursillo weekends. Work with your candidates to complete the application for the 2019 Cursillo weekend, and submit it along with your sponsor commitment form and the deposit as quickly as possible to secure a place for the weekend. Sponsors, maintain contact with your candidates, pray often, offer palanca, participate in the novena which will begin in January, 2019.

*“Lord, give success to the work of our hands.” (Psalm 90)*

Information on the 2019 Cursillo weekends, the Candidate Application and the Sponsor Form are included in The Evangelizer and are posted on the website at [www.bellevillecursillo.org](http://www.bellevillecursillo.org). You may contact me via email at [laura.sings.4@gmail.com](mailto:laura.sings.4@gmail.com) or by calling 618-233-3062 (home) or 618-972-3062 (cell). If I'm unavailable, please leave a message. I will return your call.

*St. Paul*, Patron of Cursillo, pray for us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, pray for us.

DE COLORES!

Laura Veach

An encounter with God,  
An encounter with Yourself,  
An encounter with Others

#### **POSTCURSILLO JOHN AND BERNADETTE CHARLTON**

As summer fades into autumn, we gather our Fourth Day community for the annual Grand Ultreya and Potluck. This year's Grand Ultreya will be on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Saint Liborius Catholic Church located at 911 Sparta Street in St. Libory. Please reserve this date on your calendars and help spread the word to all Cursillistas. We will e-mail more details later as planning progresses. If you know someone who does not communicate via e-mail, please share this information. Thank you!

God is good ... all the time! He was especially good to many Cursillistas as we shared a wonderful Day of Recollection at Sacred Heart Parish in DuQuoin on July 14<sup>th</sup>. An eager team of Fourth Dayers greeted us and ably assisted throughout the afternoon. They will be forever remembered as the DuQuoin Dream Team. Deacon Wayne Weiler presented an interesting talk on Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad) — The Call to Holiness in Today's World*. Pope Francis identifies five signs of holiness: being Grounded, Joyful, Bold, Communal and Prayerful. "Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward. Let us ask for the apostolic courage to share the Gospel with others and to stop trying to make our Christian life a museum of memories. In every situation, may the Holy Spirit cause us to contemplate history in the light of the risen Jesus. In this way, the Church will not stand still, but constantly welcome the Lord's surprises." We continue to be grateful for Julie Weber who graciously shares her musical talents so we can praise God through song. Also, we were pleased to have Father Cherboi from Loyola University join us. He provided the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass.

As your Post-Cursillo representatives, we are here to serve you. Post Cursillio is our aid toward keeping alive the spirit of progressive conversion encountered on our individual weekends. Our Post Cursillio tools are Group Reunion and Ultreya ... the gathering of individual group reunions. These Cursillio tools help us create core groups of Christians who leaven our environments sharing the

Gospel. Currently, monthly ultreyas are held in Belleville and New Athens. The hope is to establish more ultreyas throughout our large Belleville Diocese.

If you are in need of joining or starting a group reunion, your sponsor should be able to assist you. However, we are also here for you. We can be reached at [charltonba23@gmail.com](mailto:charltonba23@gmail.com) or (402) 578-5198.

De Colores!

John and Bernadette Charlton



St Liborius Catholic Church

**SCHOOL OF LEADERS JOHN SCHABERG**

**Lead your Environments to Christ!** This is what Cursillo is all about, and the School of Leaders is where **we learn from each other** to achieve that Ideal. **In September, we talked about the challenge** we have been suffering for decades – the **sins of a small minority of priests and hierarchy**. *“Why do we remain Catholic?”* is what our Environments ask of us.

*To whom shall we turn?* The **Church is the Body of Christ**, offered to us for the **forgiveness of sins, and for the promise of eternal life**. If only we forgive as we are forgiven, and love as we are loved. It is our responsibility to **love and minister to those children** who were abused, and to **minister to the sinners** who preyed on them. But their sins do not deprive the Church of God’s love. God is asking us to **love even more!** **This is a job for the 4<sup>th</sup> Day and the friends they make!**

**Do not hide your faces, Cursillistas!** This is Christ’s Church, and we receive the **Grace of God** and the **prayers of Mary** on behalf of the Church. The sins of certain individuals cannot take that away. **We must continue to bring that message to our Environments and to our friends.**

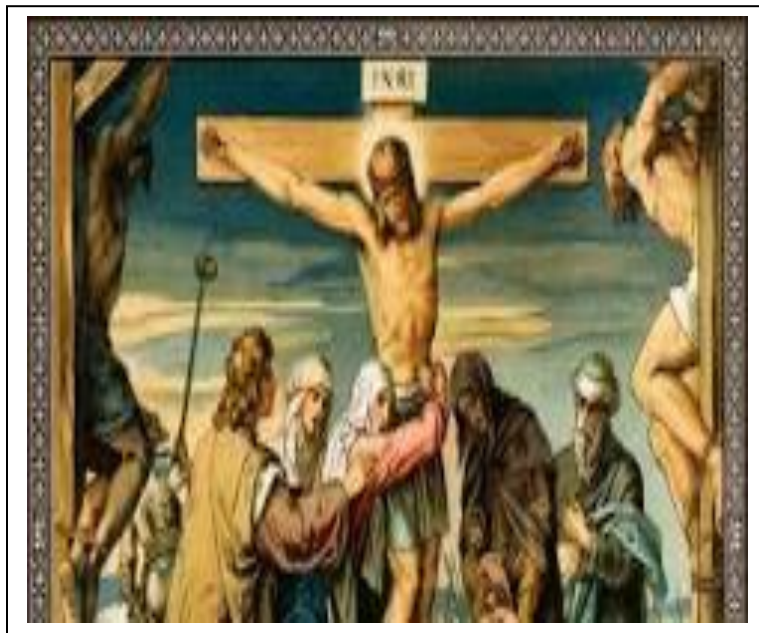
Make a friend, be a friend . . . The Church will prevail against the Gates of Hell. I want to be a part of that - - I can't wait to see **what God has in store for his children.** How can I do my part?

Our **School of Leaders** will meet on **October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11th at 7:00 pm** in the **Parish Center of St. Joseph's Parish in Freeburg, IL.** Please join your fellow **Leaders! And pray for all of our Priests and Bishops!**

**Romans 1: 12:** *“What I mean is that both you and I will be helped at the same time, you by my faith and I by yours.”*

De Colores and Peace!

John I Schaberg





# Cursillo in Christianity



The start of your journey to grow in piety, study and action



Belleville Cursillo	2019 Weekend Date	Application Deadline
Men's Cursillo Weekend	March 7 - 10	February 21, 2019
Women's Cursillo Weekend	March 14 - 17	February 28, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name for your name tag \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name & Phone number)

Are you a Catholic, eligible to receive the Sacraments?

Yes  No

Has the Cursillo Movement been explained to you?

Yes  No

Has the follow-up program of friendship grouping and Ultreya been explained to you?

Yes  No

Marital status:

Single  Separated/divorced

Married  Widowed

If married, is your spouse Catholic?

Yes  No  na

Has/will your spouse made a Cursillo?

Yes  No  na

Why do you want to make a Cursillo?

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Please explain any condition that would require special attention such as diet, medication, or physical handicap.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return your completed application with a \$50 deposit (non-refundable) to your sponsor.

Checks are payable to "Cursillo in Christianity"

The total cost of the weekend is approximately \$175 (the balance can be paid on the weekend).

Please do not let the cost of the weekend prevent you from attending.

**(You will receive a confirmation e-mail from the Precursillo chairperson with information about the weekend)**

Belleville Cursillo website: [www.bellevillecursillo.org](http://www.bellevillecursillo.org)

Questions? Contact Laura Veach, Precursillo Chairperson - 618.972.3062



## *Sponsor Guidelines*



Speak to God about a person before speaking to a person about God



To be a Sponsor is a privilege, and as such, carries a serious Christian responsibility. Sponsoring a friend for the Cursillo is not a haphazard circumstance. It should be a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. Therefore, you must know your candidate and consider the important items below.

### GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATE SELECTION

- ✚ An adult Catholic (18+) who is able to receive the Sacraments and emotionally mature to understand the evangelical message and commit to it
- ✚ Able and willing to influence others in a Christian way
- ✚ Be free of unusual stress, e.g., recent loss of a loved one (out of respect for the candidate and in courtesy to other attendees)

### CANDIDATE APPLICATION

- ✚ Do not be secretive. Answer honestly any questions the candidate has about the weekend or the movement (with the exception of palanca)
- ✚ Explain the Cursillo 4<sup>th</sup> Day (Group Reunion and Ultreya) to the candidate
- ✚ The cost of the weekend is approximately \$175. No one will be turned away because of finances. Inform the precursillo chairperson, in confidence, if your candidate is unable to pay for the weekend in full
- ✚ Complete the application with your candidate and mail this completed Sponsor Commitment, the Candidate Application, and a \$50 (non-refundable) deposit to the precursillo chairperson. Note that Candidate Applications cannot be accepted without the submission of the Sponsor Commitment Form.
- ✚ Shortly after receipt of the application and Sponsor Commitment Form, the precursillo chairperson will **e-mail** the applicant a confirmation letter with further information about the weekend. You, as the sponsor will receive an e-mail as well. Check with your candidate that they received the e-mail and provide answers to any additional questions.

### IN PREPARATION FOR THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

- ✚ Do palanca (pray and sacrifice) for your candidate
- ✚ Attend the Novena on Sundays from January 6 through March 3 at 1:00 PM, St. Joseph Freeburg
  - ✚ Invite your candidate to attend a group reunion and Ultreya (prior to the weekend)

### THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

- ✚ Insure your candidate has transportation to the Ruma Center. Candidates should not drive to the Cursillo site.
- ✚ Continue doing palanca for your candidate and all others attending the weekend
- ✚ Write a palanca letter to your candidate (indicate "Sponsor Letter" on the outside of the envelope) and give it to one of the team members prior to the start of the weekend
- ✚ Attend the Sunday evening closing and dinner, arriving at Ruma by 4:00 PM. Take your candidate home.

### RESPONSIBILITIES FOLLOWING THE CURSILLO WEEKEND

- ✚ Keep in close contact with your candidate, continuing to show as much interest as you did prior to the Cursillo, and encouraging them to persevere in their 4<sup>th</sup> Day
- ✚ Help your candidate find a sharing group
- ✚ Attend the Cursillo Weekend Reunion with your candidate
- ✚ Accompany your candidate to Ultreya and School of Leaders

## *Sponsor Commitment Form*

Complete the sponsor commitment form and mail with your candidate's completed application and \$50 deposit to Laura Veach, 4 Zinnia Drive, Belleville, IL 62221.

Upon receipt, a letter will be sent to your candidate with information about the weekend. And you will receive a letter with a reminder about a Palanca letter for your candidate, their transportation to and from Ruma, and your support of your candidate beyond the 3-day weekend.

Note that Candidate Applications cannot be accepted without the submission of the Sponsor Commitment Form.

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Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you know him/her? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you feel this person is a good candidate? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Please complete the following information in regards to you, the sponsor.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

When and where did you start your Cursillo journey?  
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Are you presently a member of a friendship group?  Yes  No

Are you able to assist your candidate to become part of a friendship group?  Yes  No

Are you praying and sacrificing for your candidate?  Yes  No

Have you explained post Cursillo to your candidate?  Yes  No

Do you plan to attend the closing of the Cursillo weekend?  Yes  No

If the candidate is married, have you discussed Cursillo with his/her spouse?  Yes  No

Have you explained the \$50 deposit and total cost of the weekend?  Yes  No

(If your candidate cannot afford the weekend, please let us know so other resources may be sought to assist them.)

Belleville Cursillo website: [www.bellevillecursillo.org](http://www.bellevillecursillo.org)

Questions? Contact Laura Veach, Precursillo Chairperson [laura.sings.4@gmail.com](mailto:laura.sings.4@gmail.com)  
 OR 618.972-3062

### LOOKING FOR A FRIENDSHIP GROUP REUNION?

Below are contacts for Friendship Group Reunions in the Belleville area:

Men & Women's Friendship Group: Bob McCormack, (618) 277-3709; [McCormack3000@gmail.com](mailto:McCormack3000@gmail.com)

Women's Friendship Group: Julie Weber, (618)-444-2894; [weber-julie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:weber-julie@sbcglobal.net) or Linda Bagsby, (618)-960-1023; [lbagsby@gmail.com](mailto:lbagsby@gmail.com)

Men's Friendship Group: Garry Range, (618)-401-9677; [g.range@charter.net](mailto:g.range@charter.net)

**NOTE:** Additional Friendship Group's points of contact will be posted in future Evangelizers as information is received. Please send your Friendship Group's points of contacts' information, including meeting day of week and type of group (men or women or both) to Kent Jeanneret; [jeannerk@charter.net](mailto:jeannerk@charter.net).

### PRAYER REQUESTS BY EMAIL

Note that prayer requests are distributed, once per day, by one email address, ([PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org](mailto:PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org)). A different email address is used to request prayers.

**To request prayers that will be distributed via email to all Belleville Diocesan Cursillistas, please send to the following email address:**

**[CursilloRequestedPrayers@gmail.com](mailto:CursilloRequestedPrayers@gmail.com)**

[CursilloRequestedPrayers@gmail.com](mailto:CursilloRequestedPrayers@gmail.com) is read late each day. All prayer requests from this email address are gathered into one email and sent via [PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org](mailto:PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org). We are allowed one mass distribution email per day. (Note that any prayer requests sent to [PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org](mailto:PrayersRequested@BellevilleCursillo.org) may be missed or not sent in a timely fashion.)



## **Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring that friend to Christ!**

Check out the Cursillo Diocese of Belleville Website: [www.BellevilleCursillo.org](http://www.BellevilleCursillo.org)

### **Secretariat Meetings**

Watch the Website calendar for meeting times which begin at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, Freeburg, IL, on the last Tuesday of May, July, September, November, January, and March.

### **School of Leaders**

The School of Leaders is on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's in Freeburg. Contact John Schaberg (618) 420-2670.

### **Ultreyas**

**Belleville Area:** Monthly on the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Undercroft at St. Peter's Cathedral. (Entrance on W. Garfield St.) Contact Jerry Palmisano, (618) 581-7705.

**New Athens Area:** Monthly on the third Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at St. Agatha's Parish Center in New Athens. This is immediately after the 10 am Mass. Contact Ann Haubrich (618) 475-2006.

**Murphysboro:** Every other month on the last Sunday of the month at St. Andrew's school cafeteria. This is immediately after the 11 a.m. Mass (approximately noon). Contact Joan Sherwood (618) 529-4351.

### **Friendship Groupings**

Belleville Cursillo has begun an activity to create a list of all the Friendship Groupings in our diocese to make available to Cursillistas. If you are part of a Friendship Group, please send to Kent Jeanneret at [jeannerk@charter.net](mailto:jeannerk@charter.net) the following information: name of Friendship Group, meeting times, and location.

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