

CURSILLO NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE



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FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR DEACON WAYNE WEILER

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10

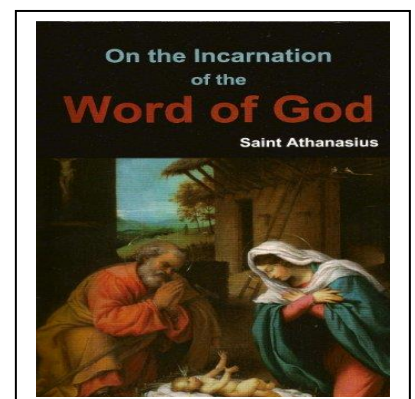
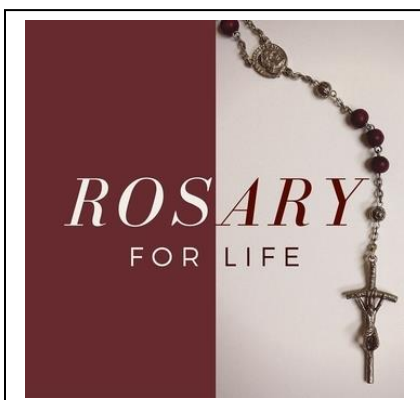
As I prepare this article for The Evangelizer, I can't help but reflect on the many events on the Church calendar for the month of October and beyond. To start, October is a Marian month primarily due to October 7 being the Memorial Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is such an important devotion in the life of faith for so many Catholics. This Sunday, October 3, is Respect Life Sunday. The Church calls us, during this month of October, to commit ourselves anew to respect all human life, from conception to natural death, and all phases of life in between. We're asked to build up and celebrate a "Culture of Life" and oppose that which is contrary to this culture, which the Church so beautifully and constantly embraces.

It won't be long and November will be upon us, and we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. Not far behind, we'll begin the Holy Season of Advent as we prepare for the Incarnation of Our Lord and Savior on Christmas Day.

Our Catholic life is one of prayer and preparation; prayer for the coming of the Kingdom of God, and preparation for the Kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven." The Church calendar helps us call to mind the love Christ has for his Church and us. It keeps us focused on the events of Church history, and the lives of those who have built up the body of Christ by their faith, witness, and lives. As Cursillistas, we have been blessed to hear the Word of God, to bring it to others, and to bear witness to what we have received in Jesus Christ.

Prepare well, pray the Rosary, respect life, remember our beloved dead, and embrace the Wisdom of God in the Incarnation of the Word.

Deacon Wayne



FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR CHERYL RAJSKI

Dear Friends,

Cursillo was blessed with many gifts this past quarter. Two wonderful teams gathered to prepare for the 2021 Weekends. I was a member of the women's team and what an incredible renewal and blessing it was. The women's rollos were beautifully graced by the Holy Spirit. Many thanks to our wonderful rector, rectora, teams, and angels for their service! Thank you Fourth Day for your prayers!

As you can imagine, the decision to postpone the Weekends was not an easy one, but the Holy Spirit was with us. Since that decision, at least three people on the team have contracted COVID from sources outside the team. As I look back, I am so grateful for the decision to postpone.

This delay is a challenge, but also an opportunity. Sponsors, remember to hold your candidates close in friendship! Please fill this time we have been given by growing in your friendship. My candidate understood the decision to postpone, but felt disappointed. We decided that just the two of us would meet and talk about our faith. We will do this in a COVID-safe way at outdoor restaurants or picnics. She asked, in particular, that I share some of the parts of the Weekend that impacted my life and some of the things I do to grow in my relationship with Jesus. This is going to be a good time! Cookies will be involved.

The Secretariat will be watching the COVID situation and also exploring the availability of Weekend locations. Our challenge is that retreat centers often are booked more than a year in advance, so we will be looking for options to find locations with less wait time. Please join the School of Leaders meeting on October 12 and share your ideas.

I am especially thankful for the blessing of our outgoing and incoming Postcursillo Chairs. John Charlton has been a passionate and gifted Chair, with Bernadette always at his side. Thank you for your more than three years of service as the Postcursillo Chair for the Belleville Diocesan Cursillo. We welcome Linda Bagsby as our new Postcursillo Chair! She brings a wealth of experience. So many gifts!

I heard something interesting. Some have understood that they should not share details of Cursillo. I have researched this and the only Cursillo "secrets" are mañanitas, palanca, and the closing. Those are secrets because life needs a few lovely surprises! So, with those three exceptions, feel free to share what you learned and the impact Cursillo has had on your life with your candidates and friends.

We are a little less than a month away from All Souls Day when we will continue our palanca of praying for Cursillistas that have gone to Jesus before us. While this list is much improved from last year, there is certainly room for improvement. We need your help to stay current with the many parishes in the large area of the Belleville Diocese. Please review the list of Cursillistas included in

this newsletter for any errors or missing names. Call Cheryl Rajski at 618-334-0135 or email laydirector@bellevilleCursillo.org with changes. Thank you!

God bless you all and keep you safe in His love and care!

Cheryl



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

Belleville Diocese
 Bishop William Cosgrove
 Msgr. James Blazine
 Fr. David Braun
 Fr. Dean Braun
 Fr. Robert Gore
 Fr. Alvin Grawe
 Msgr. Charles Nebel
 Fr. William Rensing
 Msgr. Ken Schaefer
 Fr. Jerry Wirth

Blessed Sacrament
 Larry Allen
 Joe & Catherine Eros
 Ed Hagelstein
 Eunice Hagelstein
 Lee & Della Paul

Cathedral of St. Peter
 John Bassett
 Mary Bien
 Zoe Braner
 Marshall & Joyce Bush
 Kelly Casey
 Mary Chambers
 Sr. Myron Corder
 Margaret Davis
 Dcn. Don & Shirley Deitz
 Sylvia Kuzmik
 Nick Lang
 Teresa Lucash
 Steve Schranz
 Mary Shively
 Ed & Nancy Sternau
 Dcn. Joseph Stock
 Elizabeth Stock
 Mary Trapp

Holy Trinity
 Theresa M Bloss
 Esther M Reardon
 Dcn. Tom & Becky
 Underwood

**Immaculate Conception,
 Columbia**
 Donna Kocher
 Anna M Luth

Our Lady of Assumption
 Helen Harper
 Charlie & Carol Huebner

Our Lady of the Snows
 Father Robert Braun
 Debbie Modglin

Queen of Peace, Belleville
 Sharon Rickert

St. Agatha
 Joy Auffarth
 Dennis Beste
 Josephine Emge
 Jackie Hagan
 Joe Haubrich
 Victor Kaiser
 Babs Mohr
 Mary Jean Nolte
 Joanne Pitchford
 Mike Wahlig
 Margaret & George Wahlig

St. Albert the Great
 Fred & Viola West

St. Andrew, Murphysboro
 Dcn. Don Sparling

St. Anthony, Beckemeyer
 Dcn. Robert Lippert

St. Anthony, Lively Grove
 Gertrude Gross
 Dot Habrock

St. Augustine, Belleville
 Diek Diekemper
 Mary Jo Foerste
 Phil Feder

St. Augustine, Hecker
 Paula Kaiser

St. Clare
 Louise Schwaegel
 Helen Clayton

St. George, New Baden
 Pat Cates

St. Henry, Belleville
 Charlotte Kaffer

**St. John the Baptist,
 Smithton**
 Charlotte Meister

St. Joseph, Freeburg
 Tammy Crowe
 Mary Feurer
 Patricia Kassing
 Mary Nieman
 Oscar Skaer
 Marie Weissert

St. Kateri
 John & Abbie Scherrer

St. Liborius
 Norma Bergkoetter
 Hilda Hummert
 Loretta Mueller
 Robert Pence
 Ann Recker
 Norbert & Dorothy Roesel
 Dan Schuessler
 Florence Troesser
 Lorraine Weber

St. Mary, Anna
 Jack Sherwin

St. Mary, Belleville
 Karl Birk
 Florence Braun
 Marilyn Browy

St. Mary, Carlyle
 Carol Mattern

St. Mary, Chester
 Carl Gardiner
 Dana Thornton

St. Michael, Paderborn
 Jacqueline R Billings

St. Peter & Paul
 Mike Wahlig
 Betty Eberle

St. Teresa, Belleville
 Gene Mueller
 Leona Lippert

St. Mary, Mt Carmel
 Mary Etta Agers
 Elsie Bader
 Mary Barber
 Margaret Baumgart
 Barbara Belka
 Dick Belka
 Joseph Beuligmann
 Mary Lou Beuligmann
 Curt Coffee

Deborah Davis
 Edna Drone
 Donna Dunkel
 Sarah Hadra
 John Hagerty
 Barbara Hagerty
 Leona Halbig
 Bill Higgins
 Dick Hockgeiger
 Norman J. Keepes
 Bertha Keiffer
 Lewis Kieffer
 Paul Kolb
 Walter Kolb
 Edna Lowe
 Mary Ann Mobley
 Ann O'Donnell
 Dee Rafferty
 Tom Sarg
 Vern Schular
 Bill Spray
 Bob & Thelma Steckler
 William Trapp
 Lorena Wirth

Parish Unknown
 Norm Becherer
 Bill Braun
 Marilyn Brawley
 Norma Eilering
 Dianne McFarland
 Janet Scheu

PRECURSILLO GARRY RANGE

“Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ.” The Cursillo mission!

As we begin to plan for the rescheduling of the postponed 2021 Cursillo Weekends, our first step is again prayer - prayers for our Fourth Day, prayers for Secretariat and School of Leaders, and prayers for sponsors to be given words of encouragement to evangelize and bring others into a deep relationship with Christ by starting their Cursillo journey. It is not too early to begin prayers for those called to be on the team and for those who could benefit from Cursillo. Faith and prayer are such gifts at all times, but they are especially precious in these times as we continue in hope to resume more normal activities in our lives and for Cursillo.

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

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

De Colores!

Garry Range



POSTCURSILLO LINDA BAGSBY

Hello! My name is Linda Bagsby. I began my Cursillo journey on Belleville Women's #29 in 2007, and I sat at the table of St. Teresa the Little Flower. I am the new Postcursillo Chairperson for the next three years. I have previously served as Treasurer for the Secretariat from 2014-2017. I have been on eight Women's teams, and I am currently "on hold" as the Rectora for the Women's Weekend #43 - hopefully that will happen in 2022.

Currently, in-person gatherings are on hold due to Covid restrictions. But there may be plans in the making for a special Christmas Ultreya in December via Zoom. Watch your email for more information. If you haven't joined in any Cursillo Zoom meetings, I invite you to attend the next Ultreya Zoom meeting on the second Friday of the month - November 12, at 7 p.m., and the School of Leaders meeting via Zoom on October 12 at 7 p.m. Put them in your calendar on your phone!

Another role I have in Cursillo is "Historian." We maintain two binders - one for Men's Weekends and one for Women's Weekends. The information in the binders is incomplete for many of the early Weekends. I am making a request to anyone who has pictures or formation information from previous Weekends to share that information for the binders. Lay Director Cheryl Rajski is helping to gather history, from the early days of Cursillo in the Belleville Diocese, to fill in some of the missing information. If you have any old pictures or team information - don't throw it away! We would be interested in hearing about how you remember your Weekend. Call or email me or Cheryl - we would love to hear your stories! Send to: postcursillo@bellevillecursillo.org

One more thing: If you have sponsored a candidate, you should be familiar with the booklet "Cursillo - What Is It?" I'd like to quote a passage from that booklet (page 36, towards the back of the book), "Our society needs us to be apostolic. Our Church needs us to be apostolic. Our world needs us to be apostolic. But most of all, our Lord wants us to be holy apostles. We must incarnate Christ so that we can proclaim Him to each person in the environments where God has planted us. Let us strive to be Christ-like. He chose ordinary persons to become 'fishers of men.' Should we do any less?" How do others see Christ in you?

Peace, Love, Joy.

Linda Bagsby



SCHOOL OF LEADERS MARGIE REAKA

“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

With Secretariat’s difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Weekends, I reflected on this scripture passage which, for me, conveyed peace for today and hope for the future.

School of Leaders continues to meet monthly to prepare for upcoming Weekends. At the October 12 and November 9 meetings, we will reflect on the 2021 team preparation and formation, which began months ago but came to an abrupt end. Rector Kent Jeanneret and Rectora Linda Bagsby will present their thoughts and lead the discussion. Team members are highly encouraged to attend.

In January we will resume our rollo presentations and discussions. Whether you are new to a team, would like to be considered for a team, or are an experienced team member, you will learn something new!

School of Leaders will continue to meet via Zoom so that everyone interested can attend without travel concerns. If you would like more information about School of Leaders, please call or email me.

Peace, love, and joy,

Margie Reaka
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Cursillo Leadership

The Cursillista Is a Leader who:

- Goal: Become an individual with own identity by finding God within ourselves
- Proficiency: takes risks, has initiative, accepts responsibility & is generous
- Set the Example: Be an authentic person
- Courage: Lead and Influence the crowd, agent for change in a non defensive way

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<p><u>LOOKING FOR A FRIENDSHIP GROUP REUNION?</u></p>
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Belleville Area Friendship Group Reunions

Men & Women's Friendship Group / Meets each Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM at member's house: Contact Bob McCormack, (618) 277-3709; McCormack3000@gmail.com

Women's Friendship Group / Meets 1st and 3rd Saturday at 8:30-10:00 AM in the Parish Center at St John's - Smithton: Contact Julie Weber, (618)-444-2894; weber-julie@sbcglobal.net or Linda Bagsby, (618)-960-1023; lbagsby@gmail.com

Men's Friendship Group / Meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM at member's house: Contact Garry Range, (618)-401-9677; g.range@charter.net

Men & Women's Friendship Group / Meets at St. Augustine of Canterbury rectory in Belleville after the Tuesday 6:30 PM Novena Mass on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday: Contact Paula Sobol (484)-574-3272; psobol07@aol.com

Women's Friendship Group / Meets at Coffee with Christ Cafe, 6 Wade Square, at Lebanon Ave and Sherman in Belleville at 9:15 AM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday: Contact Phyllis Lange, 618-213-6391

Women's Friendship Group / Meets at the "Sisterless House" (old convent) at St. Joseph's Parish in Freeburg at 7:00 PM, Tuesday evenings: Contact Bernadette Charlton, 402-578-5198; charltonba23@gmail.com

Men's Friendship Group / Meets at Frank Lill's house, 905 Meadow Brook Drive, Freeburg at 1:00 PM Thursday afternoons: Contact John Charlton, 703-868-6419; charltonje23@gmail.com

DuQuoin Area Friendship Group Reunions

Men's Friendship Group / Tree of Life / Meets at Haeffner Hall Du Quoin at 8:00 AM on the last Saturday of the month: Contact David Martin (618) 318-3183

Men's Friendship Group / Halom / Meets at Haeffner Hall Du Quoin at 8:00 AM on the last Saturday of the month: Contact Tony Kellerman (618) 318-0094

Women's Friendship Group / JOY (Jesus, Others, You) / Meets at Sacred Heart School Du Quoin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month: Contact Kathy Krisfaluzny (618) 318-0128

Women's Friendship Group / Mother Theresa / Meets at Haeffner Hall Du Quoin at 12:15 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month: Contact Kay Baker (618) 571-0515

Women's Friendship Group / Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton / Meets monthly at 1:00 PM at member's homes: Contact Marie Schimanski (815) 978-9419 for date and place

Murphysboro Friendship Group / Meets at Antoinette "Toni" Martie's house, 200 Marlyn Lane, Murphysboro at 4:30 PM, Thursdays: Contact Toni Martie, 618-319-0212

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS BY EMAIL

Note that prayer requests are distributed, once per day, by one email address, (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

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. We are allowed one mass distribution email per day. (Note that any prayer requests sent to 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

Secretariat Meetings

Watch the Website calendar for meeting times which begin at 7 p.m. via Zoom, 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. via Zoom (watch for announcement in Prayer Requested emails). Contact Margie Reaka (618) 581-7355.

Ultreyas

Belleville Area: Monthly on the second Friday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (watch for announcement in Prayer Requested emails) Contact Lawrence "Rock" Verrochi, (618) 581-7705.

Friendship Groupings

Belleville Cursillo creates a list of all the Friendship Groupings in our diocese to make available to Cursillistas and the sponsors of new Cursillistas. If you are part of a Friendship Group, please send to Kent Jeanneret at jeannerk@charter.net the following information: name of Friendship Group, meeting times, contact information, and location.

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