



Rooster Crows NY Cursillo English

Fall 2014

A Message from the spiritual director

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Making A Friend

September means we begin a “new year.” Strange, isn’t it that we still calculate time mostly along academic lines. Anyway, as we begin this new year, I was thinking of an expression famous in Cursillo: “make a friend, be a friend, and lead that friend to Christ.” We’ve all heard it many times. But what comes first? What comes before that? Why lead a friend to Christ?

Put simply, because Christ is also your friend and brother. It’s a case of leading one friend to another. This assumes of course that Christ is your friend. Perhaps more to the point, it assumes that one is working on that friendship.

And how to do that? Well, Jesus has told us, hasn’t He? “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” In other words, you’ll be interested in and wrapped up in Gospel values and prayer. The values of justice, mercy, forgiveness, love and peace, those elusive virtues, will be part of your life’s pilgrimage (one step at a time – Ultreya!). And you will be tending your friendship and relationship with Jesus by prayer. You’ll be talking to Jesus and listening to Him. And simply being with Him at times. Do these things well and you (and I) could fairly be called a friend of Jesus, ready and able to lead another friend to Him. I guess another way to say this is that yours will be a life of piety, study and action. Another familiar expression.

De Colores!

Msgr. George Thompson
Spiritual Director

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This summer I decided to reread a book that was given to me over forty years ago after I lived my Cursillo. It is entitled "The Cross and the Switch Blade" by David Wilkerson. Reverend Wilkerson was the Founding Pastor of Times Square Church in New York City. He was called to New York in 1958 to minister to gang members and drug addicts. He is an amazing witness to faith, hope and trust in the Holy Spirit.

His witness reminded me that in today's world of struggles to live our Christian life and to persevere with our unique journeys, God has never failed to act but in goodness and love. When all means fail—His Love prevails. Hold fast to your faith. Stand fast in his Word. There is no other hope in this world.

The tremendous witness from our fellow Cursillistas, John and Diane Foley in the New Hampshire Diocese, as they go through the valley and shadow of death, brings to mind David Wilkerson's last writing before his own tragic death in Texas. "Weeping will last through some dark, awful nights and in that darkness you will soon hear the Father whisper, 'I am with you.' I cannot tell you why right now, but one day it will all make sense. You will see it was all part of my plan. It was no accident. It was no failure on your part. Hold fast. Let me embrace you in your hour of pain."

St. Francis of Assisi prayer seems so appropriate now.

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow Love;
Where there is injury, Pardon;
Where there is despair, Hope;
Where there is darkness, Light;
And, where there is sadness, Joy."

De Colores!

John DeJulio
Lay Director

Rector/ Rectora Selection

Our secretariat decided that the Rector/Rectoras should be decided by the power of the Holy Spirit. On August 14, 2014 we placed all the eligible candidates names in a basket , and we prayed over them , then we proceeded to the small chapel where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed. Sitting there in silence, the secretary chose one name at a time. It was a beautiful and grace filled moment. This [method] is recorded in Acts 1:26, "And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles."

The result of this process was:

Tom Castaldo
Spring 2015 Men's Rector

Sue O'Sullivan
Spring 2015 Women's Rectora

School of Leaders Update

The new School of Leaders took off with a great start in June. We had 65 people in attendance and two wonderful talks and discussions!

In July, after our talks, we started our work in the three sections on Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo and Post-Cursillo. I got the chills just hearing all of the discussions and seeing the interest happening within each section. These continued into August where some of the topics being discussed were:

- **Pre-Cursillo:** They discussed the need to know our candidates before sponsoring them...how to deal with candidates that do not have a sponsor (i.e. invite them to Ultreya and other Cursillo functions).
- **Cursillo:** They discussed the way that rectors/rectoras are to be chosen. They came to a consensus that using prayer to the Holy Spirit for the final choices is the preferred way to go. The process to be used to do this was presented to the secretariat at their meeting.
- **Post-Cursillo:** They reviewed the topics that they had discussed last month, handed out an outline for Ultreya, updated the addresses of all of the Ultreya reps, and gave out spiritual advisors lists. Don Swanerbury suggested having a Christian concert as a fundraiser with all of the music ministers from around the Archdiocese. This will be looked at a future time.



Also in August we had nominations for the positions of Treasurer, Cursillo chair and Post-Cursillo chair. We will open the nominations once again for September's meeting due to the summer time and the secretariat will vote after the September SOL. The nominees so far are:

Treasurer: Marianne Morgante

Cursillo: Lynne Diano and Martha Santos

Post-Cursillo: Marty Diano

There will be no School of Leaders in December due to the conflict with the Advent Ultreya at Mount Alvernia and the Communion breakfast the weekend before.

This September's SOL will have discussions on the Laity before and after Vatican II, and Friendship in the Cursillo. In October and November topics will include: Evangelization and our Pope Francis, The call to bring young people back to the church and Friendship through the Post-Cursillo and Pre-Cursillo. I hope to see many of you there all throughout the fall!!



Sue Tornatore (Chairperson of the School of leaders)

20 WEEK RAFFLE CONTINUES



Our annual **Twenty Week Raffle** for the ENTIRE New York Archdiocese began on Renewal Day in May. This fund raising Raffle is critical for our Cursillo Weekends to continue. The Raffle proceeds allow us to maintain our low \$165 donation for the Weekend, providing support for candidates who cannot afford this amount and most important keeps New York Archdiocese Cursillo solvent in support of other expenses.

The tickets are \$20.00 and are being distributed at the upcoming Ultreyas. There are two weekly winners, for 19 weeks: one \$25.00 and one \$50.00. The final drawing is on week 20 which includes one \$100.00, two \$250.00, one \$500.00 and one \$1,000.00 prizes. Winning tickets are returned to the pool.

The final drawings will be at our Annual Harvest Social in October.

Listed below are the winners for the first 12 weeks of our annual Twenty Week Raffle. Congratulations to the winners!

Week #	\$25 Winner	Ulteya
1	Ed Shimanski	Bronx
2	Frank Aguiler	
3	Bronx Ultreya	Bronx
4	Lynne Diano	Bedford
5	St. Francis Xaviaer	Bronx
6	Peg Doherty	Mahopac
7	Marge Momberger	Mahopac
8	Florence Thomas	Walden
9	Donna Cicone	
10	John Knipp	Newburg
11	Paul Murphy	Bullsville
12	Kathy Livingston	Walden

Week #	\$50 Winner	Ulteya
1	Peter Walen	
2	Sal Maffa	
3	Mark O'Sullivan	NO. Dutchess
4	Mary Lou Aranyos	Staten Island
5	Long Do	White Plains
6	Bob Gatto	Staten Island
7	Ron Soltis	Newburg
8	Mary & Carmine Cataldo	Staten Island
9	Linda Maria	Staten Island
10	Gladys Ann Adams	Minisink
11	Sara Merring	Walden
12	Laura Faso	Pine Bush

Weekend Palanca

Please show the candidates our support of our community in one of the following ways:

1) **PRAYER PALANCA:** We are using Volunteerspot.com to organize Palanca prayer vigils throughout the weekends. An account is not necessary; all you need is an email address. A link to the online Palanca signups for the upcoming Fall weekends can be found on our webpage:

<http://www.natl-cursillo.org/newyork/>

The screenshot shows the Volunteerspot.com interface for the 'Mens #208 Palanca' event. It features a calendar for September 2014, a 'Choose Your Spots Below' section with filters, and a list of events for Thursday, September 25, 2014, and Friday, September 26, 2014. Events include 'Palanca Prayers For Candidates' and 'IDEAL ROLLO'.

2) **WRITTEN PALANCA:** may be sent to:
 Yolanda Leavy
 310 South Centerville Road
 Middletown, NY 10940
 (NYPALANCA@HVC.RR.COM)

3) **KITCHEN PALANCA:** For information regarding Kitchen Palanca please phone Joann Vignini (845-561-7674).

Cursillo (English) Secretariat Archdiocese of New York



Position	Name	Parish	Term
Spiritual Director	Msgr. George Thompson	St. Patrick's, Bedford	2015 (June)
Lay Director	John DeJulio	St. James the Apostle, Carmel	2015 (June)
Secretary	Mildred Blanco	St. Bartholomew, Yonkers	2015 (June)
Treasurer	Al Lett	St. John the Evangelist, Mahopac	2014 (Dec.)
Pre-Cursillo Chairperson	Karen Tunney	St. James the Apostle, Carmel	2015 (June)
Post-Cursillo Chairperson	Gino Lucadamo	St. Mary of the Assumption, Katonah	2014 (Dec.)
Cursillo Chairperson	Ginger Fisher	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, LaGrange	2014 (Dec.)
School of Leaders Chair	Sue Tornatore	St. Mary's, Wappingers Falls	2016 (June)

EMOTIONS: OUR FRIENDS OR OUR FOES?

*This presentation is based on the four basic emotions
(anger, fear, sadness and happiness).
It is an invitation to discover anew these "stepping stones"
to a fuller and richer "life and living" that God desires
for each one of us.*

Mount St. Francis, 250 South St., Peekskill, NY

Saturday, October 18, 2014

9:30am...Arrival

10:00am...Opening Prayer and Reflection

11:00am...Mass

12:00pm...Dinner

2:15pm...Reflection

3:00pm...Closing Prayer

Reflections given by Sr. Danielle Marie Baran, C.R.

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RSVP by October 10th to:

Sr. Laura Morgan

250 South Street

Peekskill, NY 10566

(914)737-3373

Suggested Donation: \$25

Renewal Day Witness (Edwina Hassi)

Anytime Cursillistas gather we leave enriched. Our Renewal Day on May 31 at St. Augustine's in New City was no exception. Cursillistas gathered from all areas of the archdiocese and enjoyed renewing acquaintances with others with whom we had made our weekends or with whom we had served on team.

Fr. Bill Cosgrove graciously hosted us in his well-suited parish hall. Fr. Tom Kreiser gave two informative and inspiring talks, each of which he introduced with a song. We are so fortunate that he has become such an integral part of our Cursillo community. We are truly grateful to him for all that he does and does so well. Luigi Manente (Regional Young Adult Outreach Coordinator for the Archdiocese) gave a witness that blew us all away, and the sharing in groups enriched us all with new friends, new ideas and an experience of community.



Fr. Tom spoke to us of Church and of models of the church (remember when Avery Dulles' book *Models of the Church* was used by many of us as the basis for the Layperson talk?)

He spoke of us as **disciples**: a faith sharing community guided by the Holy Spirit, always learning ("disciple" = student), as **body**: a life sharing community. Jesus is the source of life. He is the vine and we the branches. One can't live apart from the body of Christ, as **Sacrament**: Jesus said to Philip, "whoever has seen me has seen the Father". The church is the sign and source of our unity with God, as **people of God**: "that they all may be one" a witnessing community. That community is reflected by word (prophetic) and worship (priestly) - the common universal priesthood of the laity which is complementary to the ordained priesthood (we offer sacrifice, intercede for others). As Jesus spoke in His Father's name, the church talks in Jesus' name. The keys of the kingdom were given to Peter to whom Jesus said: "whoever listens to you listens to me." Thus the church shares Jesus' authority. As Jesus was a person for others, the church is a community for others, and as **servant**: we are a ministering community.



We were also reminded of the marks of the Church, which we find in the Creed: one, holy, catholic, apostolic. **One**: it reflects the Trinity (Holy Spirit, the love between the Father and Son). Even though we are one there is diversity in the unity of the Church (not uniformity); different rites, cultures, prayer styles; **Holy** - the Church originates in the Trinity; the Holy Spirit works to keep members faithful.

Through Baptism and Confirmation we are consecrated to the Holy Spirit; we are holy. **Catholic** (universal): people are only saved thru Jesus Christ - even those not connected and those who don't know Him; however the safest and surest way to salvation is through the Catholic faith...hence our mission to evangelize. **Apostolic** - built on the foundation of the apostles

Steps of **evangelization** were outlined:

- transformation of human in human society (open hearts)
- witness in way we live (to transform)
- proclaim - explicit invitation
- inner adherence (more than feeling); our faith is about what we choose
- entry into community - there is no Christianity without community in which to live it
- acceptance of signs (expression of community) sacraments and rituals
- faith is personal but not individual - it is meant to be lived in community
- apostolic initiative (we are disciples)
- committed to person of Jesus Christ who transforms and converts me

In order to be aware of God's presence; imagine that Christ is with you in every situation

- interactive learning - from trial and error
- community through interaction

Goals of Evangelization

- bring about enthusiasm to share deeper sense of Scripture and the sacraments - lead people to reflect on what Jesus is and does for us in the Eucharist
- invite all to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ
- create a more welcoming attitude
- create an attitude of sharing faith; bring people together
- invite fallen away to experience the church anew
- foster Gospel values; the world needs redemption and change
- to love one another - essence of discipleship
- everyone needs to know that God loves each of us as if we were the only creature on earth
- Jesus died and rose so we might go to Heaven

Evangelize by being enthusiastic about our faith. Most importantly we were reminded that **Christ continues to count on us.**



Join us for our annual Harvest Social



Saturday, November 1st, 2014

7:30pm

St. Mary's Parish Hall

73 Grand Street, Marlboro NY

We will provide coffee, tea, and soft drinks. Please bring your own alcoholic beverages and a finger food or dessert to share.

- Music
- The 20-Week Raffle Grand Prize Drawing
- Tricky Tray Baskets
- 50/50
- Door Prizes

Cost: \$12.50 per person. Please RSVP to Jackie Mazariegos at (845) 697-5057 or jackie_maz@yahoo.com



*New York **Cursillo** English* *Annual Communion Breakfast*

Mass and Breakfast At Holy Child Forum
4747 Amboy Road
Staten Island, N.Y. 10312

***Date:** Saturday, December 6th, 2014*

***Time:** Mass at 10:00AM Breakfast to follow*

***Cost:** \$20.00 per person paid in advance*

***Celebrant:** Father Tom Devery*



For more information please contact Lisa or Tom Castaldo
(718) 967 - 3473

- or -

Mail \$20.00 checks payable to NY Cursillo - English to
Lisa Castaldo

199 Rolling Hill Green
Staten Island, N.Y.
10312

No later than November 28, 2014 – Please reserve early as seating is limited



In keeping with the Spirit of Christmas, please bring an unwrapped children's gift.
Thank you in advance.

24th Annual National Encounter

The 24th annual National Encounter was held at beautiful Chapman University in Orange California, California this past July 23-26. In addition to being treated to a great location and some terrific food the participants heard talks given on Cursillo and the New Evangelization, A Personal Retrospect from Miguel Sureda, a member of Eduardo Bonin's Group Reunion, Evangelization Through Friendship, The Joy of the Gospel, Conflict Resolution, The Servant leaders Call, Growing in Holiness Through the Cursillo, and Stewardship in the Cursillo Movement.



A Holy Hour and Reconciliation were celebrated on Thursday evening with our National Spiritual Advisor Father Alex Waraksa, supported by our National Assistant Spiritual Advisor Deacon, Gary Terrana. Friday's Eucharistic Celebration was presided by Bishop Dominic Luong, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange, California. He was joined by Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, our current National Episcopal Advisor, and Bishop Carlos Sevilla, our incoming National Episcopal Advisor as well as 20-30 priests and deacons. Saturday's Eucharist was celebrated by Bishop Elizondo with the homily given by Bishop Sevilla.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Ultreya held on Friday Evening, as well as the Fiesta! Held on Saturday.

Even with all the events of the weekend, if you asked most folks the best part of the Encounter (or an Encounter for that matter) they will tell you it is the opportunity to meet other Cursillistas from around the country and from six different language groups in a spirit of friendship. It is an opportunity to share stories and to learn from one another.



It was, as it is every year, a wonderful time for all who attended. There was only one thing missing: you! See you next year, July 23-26, 2015, at Villanova University in Philadelphia, PA!

- Jim Santos

Region 1 Coordinator





NY Archdiocesan Cursillo Picnic

Sunday July 13, 2014 (12:00 Noon)

Bowdoin Park, Pavilion 4

Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls, New York



Thanks for all the memories of the 2014 NY Archdiocesan
Cursillo Picnic.

We had a great turnout and the company was terrific!



SAVE THE DATE!

Date	Event	Location	Comment
Sept. 25-28	Men's Cursillo #208	Mount Alvernia	Larry Malone, Rector
October 11	School of Leaders	St. Augustine, New City	9:30am, Refreshments 10-12, School of Leaders 12:30, Secretariat Meeting
Oct. 23-26	Women's Cursillo #210	Mount Alvernia	Grace Ross, Rectora
Nov. 1	Harvest Social	St. Mary, Marlboro	See flyer on page 8!
Nov. 8	School of Leaders	St. Augustine, New City	9:30am, Refreshments 10-12, School of Leaders 12:30, Secretariat Meeting
Dec. 6	NY Archdiocesan Communion Breakfast	Staten Island	See flyer on page 9!
Dec 13	NY Archdiocesan Advent Ultreya	Mount Alvernia	Stay tuned for more info...
March 12-15	Men's Cursillo #209	Mount Alvernia	Tom Castaldo, Rector
April 16-19	Women's Cursillo #211	Mount Alvernia	Sue O'Sullivan, Rectora

Ultreya Locations

County	City/Town	Meeting Place	Time	Contact
Bronx	The Bronx	St. Francis Xavier	Fourth Tuesday 7:30pm	Ed Shimansky (718) 931-8373
Dutchess	Hopewell Junction	Saint Kateri	Second Thursday 7:00pm	Ginger Fisher (845) 297-4711
Dutchess	Poughkeepsie	Mt.Alvernia, Wappingers Falls	Fourth Monday 7:30pm	Mary Lou Koziol (845)-297-1319
Dutchess (North)	Hyde Park	Regina Coeli Parish Center	Third Saturday, 7:00pm Pot Luck following 5:00pm Mass	Linda Dalmer (845) 266-3176
New York	Upper Manhattan	St. Charles Borromeo 211 W 141st St	Second Thursday, 7:00pm	Norma Marshburn (212) 410-1974
Orange	Bulville/Goshen/ Middletown	St. Paul's Church	Third Saturday 7:30pm	Rich & Julie Dzurilla (845) 457-4893
Orange	Pine Bush	Infant Savior	Second Thursday 7:30pm	Jessica Nicosia (845) 361-9483
Orange	Walden	Most Precious Blood	First Thursday 7:00pm	Kathy Livingston (845) 778-0320
Orange	Minisink	Holy Cross, South Centerville	First Saturday 7:00pm	Yolanda Leavy (845) 355-2903
Orange	Newburgh	St. Joseph's Rt 9W & Union Ave. New Windsor	Second Thursday 7:00pm	John & Laurie Hanley (845) 562-6503
Putnam	Mahopac/ Carmel	Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Carmel	Third Friday 7:30pm	Tracey Kane (845) 225-3529
Richmond	Staten Island	Holy Child School of Religion	Third Thursday 7:30pm	Ginny Buonviaggio (718) 356-3966
Sullivan	Liberty	St. Peter's Church	Fourth Saturday 6:30pm	Joan Paddock (845) 292-5548
Ulster	Saugerties	St. John the Evangelist	Second Thursday 7:30pm	Judy DeFino (845) 217-1229
Westchester	Bedford	St. Patrick's Church (Basement)	Fourth Friday 7:30pm	Gino Lucadamo (914) 763-0480
Westchester	White Plains	St. Bernard's	Third Saturday 7:30pm	Don Jones (914) 948-1090
Westchester	Valhalla	St. Bernard's in White Plains	Third Saturday 7:30pm	Joe Bisesto (914) 948-4489
Westchester	Peekskill/ Putnam Valley	Susie Caras and John Keck Home	Third Wednesday, 7:30pm	Marianne Morgante (914) 528 0618
Westchester	Yonkers	St. Bartholomew's McManus Center (2nd floor) 15 Palmer Rd., Yonkers, NY	Last Saturday, 6:30 pm	Mildred Blanco (646) 529-3249