



# Rooster Crows NY Cursillo English

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A Message from the spiritual director

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Lent has now begun, and with it our annual chance to hear God’s Word to each of us to “Repent and believe in the Good News.” No matter where we are in our spiritual lives, the Lord is always after us to take one more step – ultreya – in our growth in the Life in Grace.

Lent is a wonderful time to focus on this process. Call it “spiritual spring training.” The classic means are the three that we hear about on Ash Wednesday: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. In the popular imagination we often think only of the fasting part, the “giving up.” But prayer and almsgiving are also part of a complete Lent. It’s a case of another tripod, a term so familiar to us cursillistas.

No matter what we do, Jesus tells us to do it for the right reason: not so that we can be noticed and praised, but so that God’s Kingdom might grow – in us and through our actions. And whatever we do, do it cheerfully. With this in mind, may I offer you all a most Happy Lent.

De Colores!

Msgr. George Thompson  
Spiritual Director

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## A Message from the lay director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year and Happy Feast of the Presentation. Simon declared upon seeing the baby Jesus, “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel”. Luke 2:32

Hope you all had a blessed Christmas and are ready to begin anew as we try to proclaim each day the friendship of Christ to others. One of my special gifts this past year was to be able to receive on my Sirius radio, The Catholic Channel, 129. A lot of my study lately is gleaned from the wonderful commentators, some of whom are: Lino Rulli, Jennifer Fulwiler, Fr. Dave Dwyer, Gus Lloyd and of course, Archbishop Timothy Dolan.

On a recent show, Gus Lloyd reminded me of the parable about the paralytic in Mark 2:1-12. There are so many layers of meaning in this passage, mainly of course, the miracle was performed so that those in the house—and those reading these words in the Bible—might know that "the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins".

However, Mr. Lloyd also gave me pause to think about friendship in our movement. By imagining the intensity of these men who, unable to get to Jesus because of the crowd, had to climb up the roof, dig an opening, and let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. Making a friend, being a friend and bringing that friend to Christ takes much energy, effort, patience, creativity and is not easy at times. The paralytic came face to face with His Creator and was open to the Good News that God in Christ loved him. So hopefully, our friends will be led to realize that same Love.

As we continue on our unique and individual journeys, let Christ help us discern where He will lead us in this New Year. By assessing our own energy, will we be led by the Holy Spirit to an extra service for our movement? Perhaps, by coming to the School of Leaders, the second Saturday of each month at St. Augustine's Church in New City, we can learn more about our movement and continue our personal growth. And if you find a talent is in cooking, music, fundraising, administration, retreat planning, speaking or developing entertainment ideas, you will be welcome to contribute this talent to one of these committees. Contact me if you have questions.

John DeJulio  
Lay Director, 914-522-4733

## Men's Weekend #208 Sept 25-28, 2014 Mt. Alvernia



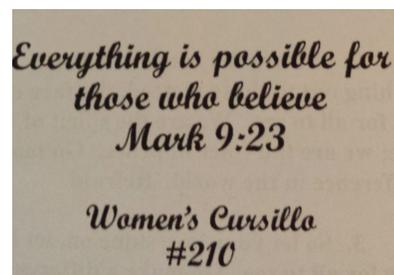
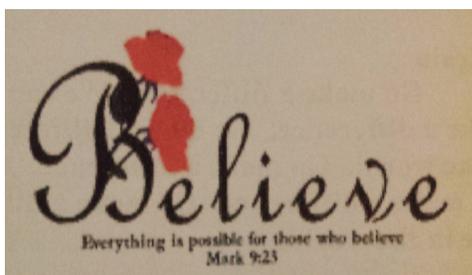
| Candidate        | Parish                              |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Pietro Ancona    | Lady star of the Sea, Staten Island |
| Scott Bierbaum   | St James, Carmel                    |
| Joseph Coyle     | St Joseph's, New Windsor            |
| Vernon Danielson | St James, Carmel                    |
| Andrew DiPaul    | Holy Name of Jesus, Otisville       |
| Fred Gervat      | Holy Family, New Rochelle           |
| Matthew Infante  | St Josephs, New Windsor             |
| Kevin Owens      | St Josephs, Middletown              |
| Adam Perlstein   | St Patricks, Bedford                |
| Juan Roman       | St Bartholomew, Yonkers             |
| Edward Romero    | St Joseph's, New Windsor            |
| Adam Scopino     | Holy Name of Jesus, Otisville       |
| Michael Sweeney  | Trinity, Poughkepsie                |
| Michael Tangredi | Holy Name of Jesus, Otisville       |

## Women's Weekend #210 October 23-26, 2014



| Candidate          | Parish                        |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Leticia Agosto     | St Bartholomew, Yonkers       |
| Janett Alvarado    | Holy Cross, Middletown        |
| Sr Shinty Anjikkal | St Anastasius, Monroe         |
| Theresa Barbara    | St Lawrence, Brewster         |
| Pam Baroud         | St Josephs, New Windsor       |
| Vivian Cortes      | St Bartholomews, Yonkers      |
| Mary Cuello        | St Bartholomew, Yonkers       |
| Denise DiPauls     | Holy Name of Jesus, Otisville |
| Joyce De Flumer    | St James, Carmel              |
| Irene Fringuello   | St Josephs, New Windsor       |
| Arianna Garcia     | St Josephs, Middletown        |
| Diane Gersbeck     | Holy Name of Jesus, Otisville |
| Cathleen Gold      | St Patrick's, Yorktown        |
| Ester Kim          | St Matthews, Hastings         |
| Catherine Klein    | St Ignatius, Hicksville       |

| Candidate            | Parish                        |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Kathleen Krugel      | Sacred Heart, SI              |
| Madonna Marrero      | St Josephs, New Windsor       |
| Lina McIntosh        | Infant Savior, Pine Bush      |
| Jennifer Mueller     | St Aiden, Williston Park      |
| Noemi Munoz          | St Denis, Hopewell Jtn        |
| Francine O'Brien     | St Josephs, New Windsor       |
| Carol Protuck        | ST Josephs, New Windsor       |
| Catherine Provenzano | Holy Child, SI                |
| Alice Riggio         | St Johns, Pawling             |
| Joanne Riggio        | Holy Child, SI                |
| Maureen Robson       | St Denis, Hopewell Jtn        |
| Catherine Scopino    | Holy Name of Jesus, Otisville |
| Joan Smyth           | St Patricks, Yorktown         |
| Paola Tovar          | St Johns, White Plains        |
| Theresa Weber        | St Denis, Hopewell Jtn        |



## A Note from Precursillo Committee...

Welcome to all new Cursillistas of Mens #208 and Womens # 210 !

We hope you are living your 4<sup>th</sup> day with joy. Many of you already been talking to your friends and family about the wonderful weekend you have experienced and may be thinking about who you would like to invite to the upcoming spring weekends. The first step of course is to pray for guidance on whom to ask. Consider bringing a potential candidate to your Ultreya to see what the 4<sup>th</sup> day is all about and to allow your Ultreya the opportunity to make friends with them as well. Talk to your Ultreya rep about your candidate, ask them for both an application and sponsor form as well as the Sponsor Guideline sheet or download the forms on our website. What a gift to give the opportunity for someone to experience the love of Christ as you did on your weekend.

**Mens weekend March 12-15, 2015**

**Womens weekend April 16-19, 2015**

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## 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. Please visit <http://vols.pt/s6Y6jf> to sign up. A link may also be found on our NY Cursillo English website.

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).

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## Special Announcement Cursillo Featured On EWTN



### CURSILLO: ITS ORIGINS, MENTALITY AND PURPOSE

National leaders of Cursillo explain how our organization brings Christ's love to others through solidarity and friendship. Hosted by Fr. Joseph Wolfe.

Network: **EWTN**  
 Program: **THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL**  
 Air Date: **SUN March 8 @ 5:00PM**  
 Rebroadcast Date: **TUE, March 10 @ 5:00AM**  
 Rebroadcast Date: **FRI, March 13 @ 10:00PM**

The EWTN livestream web address is:  
<http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live.asp>

## 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                 | Marianne Morgante     | Church of the Holy Spirit, Cortlandt | 2017 (Dec)  |
| Pre-Cursillo Chairperson  | Karen Tunney          | St. James the Apostle, Carmel        | 2015 (June) |
| Post-Cursillo Chairperson | Lourdes Blanco        | Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ardsley  | 2017 (Dec)  |
| Cursillo Chairperson      | Martha Santos         | St. Paul's, Bullville                | 2017 (Dec)  |
| School of Leaders Chair   | Sue Tornatore         | St. Mary's, Wappingers Falls         | 2016 (June) |

## Fund Raising For Free

We are always looking for ways to raise funds for our organization. Now we have an opportunity for a very simple way to do this. Our bank account is with TD Bank. Since we are a non-profit organization, TD Bank is willing to make a contribution to our organization based on the activity of participating members' TD bank accounts.

To get us started, TD Bank will give us \$50.00 for every **new** checking account and \$10.00 for every **existing** checking account. They will also give us a 1/10 of 1% contribution based upon your annual average balance in a savings account, money market, CD or retirement account and this contribution will continue annually.

It's very simple to do. If you have an existing TD bank account or more than one account, please notify your TD bank that you are associated with **New York Cursillo English** and they will include your accounts as part of their Affinity Membership Program. If you open a new account, please tell them the same thing, that you are associated with **New York Cursillo English**. You do not necessarily have to be a Cursillista to do this. Your family members and friends can also request to be associated with our organization even if they are not Cursillistas. Your account remains private and there is no cost to you for Cursillo to benefit!!!

**For more information, please contact Philip Salo at TD Bank: 845-628-8576.**

*Cursillistas sometimes gather on Sunday morning for a breakfast reunion. This reunion breakfast photo was taken on September 28, 2014.*



## Liberty Ultreya January 2015

To see your Ultreya featured in an upcoming edition of *Rooster Crows*, send an email to the editor ([thomas\\_kane@verizon.net](mailto:thomas_kane@verizon.net)).



# Potluck

Come enjoy the food and have a wonderful time!

**Date:**

Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Time:**

6:00 pm until the food is all gone!

**Location:**

St. Kateri Meeting Room, LaGrangeville, NY

**What to bring:**

Bring a dish and dessert to share with everyone

**Additional information:**

Coffee and tea will be provided.

RSVP to Ginger Fisher 845 297 4711



## “The Match Made in Heaven”

Marianne: “I had been alone for 15 years and since I hadn’t met anyone worthwhile to date, I had resigned myself to being alone for the rest of my life. But, after I lived my Cursillo weekend in November, 2011, I thought it would really be great if I was to meet a fellow Cursillista. I figured we would have a common base to begin a relationship, our faith in the Lord and our activity in the Cursillo movement.

Jerry: “I had been divorced for 20 years, throughout which time God had been teaching me things and preparing me to be the person that He wanted me to be through friends, girlfriends and prison ministry. Father Roch even asked if I would consider entering the diaconate. But, I always dreamed of being married again and feel called to serve God in some other way. But, on the other hand, I was questioning God. He knew I needed somebody in my life. I was wondering if that would ever happen. I knew that it was my will, but was it God’s will? That was the hardest part to figure out. Then, I was asked to help out in the kitchen because they were shorthanded. So, I did. Then I saw this woman helping out on the kitchen team, and by Saturday night, I thought, ‘Huh, there’s possibilities’, and the rest is history.”

Marianne: “I was on the cooking team for the women’s weekend in the fall of 2013. I was there on Thursday evening and saw two guys come in to help out with the team dinner and they ended up staying for most of the weekend. Over the course of the weekend, I found myself working closely with Jerry and felt very comfortable with him. We seemed to work well with each other, so even though I tried not to, I got my hopes up that maybe this guy would be the one I had been hoping for. On Sunday, I enlisted Jerry’s help and we brought the leftover foods to the basement at Mt. Alvernia for the afterglow.

Later, at the closing mass, I sat towards the back with the other ladies on the cooking team. Jerry and Bob sat near the front of the church. We listened to the witnesses of the new candidates, which were very uplifting to hear. But there was one witness in particular that stood out in my mind. She started raving all about the food that was served that weekend and then pointed to Jerry and told him she was going to marry him. And Jerry stood up and took a bow.

During the afterglow, Bob and Jerry saw me and asked me to sit with them. Bob started telling me that they had Jerry’s wedding all figured out. The wedding would be right here at Mt. Alvernia and I was going to be the caterer. So I leaned over towards Jerry and whispered to him that “I would rather be the bride” and he replied that I had a far better chance than the other girl did.

At the end of the evening, we stayed to help clean up and Jerry helped me load the food in my car to be taken to the homeless shelter. We said goodbye and Jerry handed me his business card and asked me to call him. We spoke on the phone a few days later and agreed to meet again at the harvest social the next Saturday. We had a fun evening. At the end of the dance, Jerry walked me out to my car. He told me he would call me and that maybe we could go out for dinner one evening, which we did the following Saturday. We found we had a lot in common and the conversation flowed very easily. There were no uncomfortable moments or awkward silences. I felt so right being with him.

We started seeing each other every weekend. I was concerned that the distance between us would be a problem. I live in Westchester and he lives in Orange County, an hour’s drive apart. But it is working out quite well. We talk every evening on the phone and see each other every weekend.

I knew I loved him within a matter of weeks, and apparently he felt the same way. The day Jerry told me he loved me, he also told me that you really have to know a person for a full year before you know them well enough to make a commitment. Then he asked me if I would be willing to move up to Orange County. I said yes, but not for another 4 years. I explained that I was not willing to leave my job until I had reached the 10 year mark so that I could get my health benefits covered for life. So he agreed that was a good idea and we continued seeing each other on weekends.

On the women’s weekend this fall, we marked the one year anniversary of when we met. Jerry finally could make the commitment, even though we had been committed to each other since the beginning. Saturday, after lunch, Jerry suggested we take a walk in the fresh air and sunshine. We walked around the grounds and talked about how beautiful it all was and how happy we had been since we had met. Then, we reached the front of the church and looked out over God’s creation, the Hudson Valley and all the beautiful fall colors and scenery. Jerry got down on his knee and asked me to marry him and of course, I said yes!”



**Marianne and Jerry’s Wedding Date**  
**April 24, 2015**



## WILLS & OBITUARIES (A Message From The Development Committee)

WOULD YOU PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING A LEGACY TO THE **NEW YORK CURSILLO ENGLISH** MOVEMENT BY INCLUDING A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL AND/OR CONSIDER HAVING **NEW YORK CURSILLO ENGLISH** MENTIONED AS A MEMORIUM IN YOUR OBITUARY.

Have I gotten your attention? It has been on my mind for some time that there are many of us who are experiencing the winter of our lives. As I peruse the obituaries I am struck by the number of memoriums that are mentioned and I wondered why there are none that designate the Cursillo Movement.

I have been a Cursillista for 42 years and only once in that time have I ever seen or heard of such a memorium. After doing some research I discovered that the income derived from that one incident was \$17,000.

As a former Lay Director I receive many phone calls regarding the movement. About 8 months ago, an old time Cursillista who now lives out of the area called to tell me that he and his wife were revising their wills and since Cursillo had been such an important component in the development of their Spiritual lives, they wanted to remember the Movement with a legacy in their new wills. Could I give them the name of a person to whom they could refer? Of course I could!!!!!!

Some years ago, while attending a National Encounter, I met a man from another NY Diocese who told me that his community has so far saved \$185,000. They were hoping at some point to take over an abandoned Diocesan building for a pittance and using the money to refurbish it to have a place to have their own weekends. This is an immigrant community who are hoping to achieve their dream with their nickels and dimes.

SO WHAT IS OUR DREAM? To provide free weekends for anyone who would like to make a Cursillo Weekend. This is our ultimate goal. Is it attainable? Absolutely!! Had we been putting aside a small amount with each weekend when we started in the early 1960's and investing it wisely we would have 50 plus years of savings and perhaps today we would be achieving our dream.

As a member of the Development Committee, I recently attended a one day seminar on Fundraising. I discovered that for an organization such as ours there are five ways to raise money:

1. Fees: Attendance at Weekends
2. Raffles: Money raised at events and the yearly raffle
3. Sustained Membership: Monthly payments to a fund from Bank Accounts
4. Wills
5. Obituaries

Fees and raffles we are already familiar with and if anyone would like to sign up for a monthly deduction from their bank accounts, we would be happy to oblige. The money from Fees and Raffles will continue to go to general expenses to help us keep our heads above water

This scenario leaves us with Wills and Obituaries. Neither of these two options requires you to dig into your pockets at this time and since you cannot take it with you, the only requirements are that 1. You mention **New York Cursillo English** in Your Will or at least add it to a Codicil and 2. Make sure that your children know that you want the memorium in your obituary to go to **New York Cursillo English** and not the save the froggy fund. This money from Wills and Obituaries will be put into a reserve account and eventually invested so that it will grow until we can afford to offer free weekends to all.

I recently had a conversation with my children. I explained that my Spiritual Journey began with Cursillo and 42 years later it is still the path I follow. Cursillo became the anchor of my life enabling me to hold steady to the teachings of my faith no matter what storms battered it from the outside or how many doubts I experienced from the inside. I told them that I fully expect them to acknowledge my requests or they would have to live with the guilt of having denied me my last wishes.

Please recognize that there are many of us (including myself) who will never live 30 years or so to see this come to fruition, but what a wonderful legacy to leave as we know that whatever we donate will be going not only toward the growth of the Cursillo Movement but ultimately to the Spiritual growth of future generations. Would this not make God smile????

**Questions: Pat DiGiacomo: [PatDig42@gmail.com](mailto:PatDig42@gmail.com) or 845-297-7466**



### PreCursillo submitted by Lourdes Blanco



In its most simplest definition, Cursillo in Christianity is a catholic movement where, through friendship, its members introduce Christ to friends. Together they inspire to live a Christian life in this new Christian community.

Cursillo in Christianity strives to inspire the conversion of a person using three phases--precursillo, cursillo, and postcursillo. In the precursillo phase we identify, befriend, and eventually lead the person to a deep and personal encounter with Christ. I will say this again. In precusillo we identify, befriend and eventually lead the person who appears to be searching for something they believe will fill them with happiness ("their ideal") to a Cursillo weekend.

The preCursillo phase begins when you meet a person. It ends when you escort your friend to their Cursillo weekend.

How many times have we heard the phrase "make a friend--be a friend--bring a friend to Christ"? The phrase almost makes you feel like you can meet a person and immediately bring them to Christ. Truth is, for you to give a good precursillo, you need to spend time with the person and get to know them. This is key in the precursillo phase.

There is a spanish precursillo saying, that when translated sounds something like this: "First you become friends. then you become better friends. then you become still better friends. Then you bring your friend to Christ. " Precursillo is a process. It takes time. For a precursillo to be successful we need to get to know the person. We must spend time becoming a friend to them. We must take an interest in the person, get to love them, both physically and spiritually. We must show them, through how we live, the love we have for Christ and how present He is in our lives. We must witness to them and bring them into our environment, to our social and religious gatherings, into our Cursillo community. Once we have accomplish this and more, only then are we ready to bring our friend to Christ.

It is so exciting getting a potential new candidate. It is wonderful when the person we are bringing to Christ is a close friend of ours, someone we already know, love and trust. Sometimes we don't know the candidate well. Maybe they are someone who has seen you at mass and has gone up to you and said they wanted to learn more about the Cursillo weekend. Perhaps they were inspired by a flier they saw. Or maybe they read the awesome article written by Rob Reiser a couple of months ago about a Cursillo weekend. Perhaps they attended a meet and greet, coffee and bagel after mass pre-cursillo activity. When we first meet a candidate our job is to make friends with this potential candidate, not sign them up for the first available cursillo weekend. We need to become their friend. Their good friend. Bring them into our environment. Invite them to our social and church functions, our Cursillio gatherings, our family events, our Ultreyas. We need to witness to them, share our love of Christ with them, bring them into our Cursillo community. Get to know them and become better friends with them. Then we become still better friends. And once we have become better friends, then we bring them to Christ. It is a process. A process which can take anywhere from a several months to a year or more.

Early this year I met a woman who had heard about a Cursillo weekend. She was given my name and number as a contact person. I spoke with the candidate. She seemed like a really nice and pious woman. She was eager to experience the weekend and asked me when was the next women's weekend. Even though we had an upcoming women's weekend, I told the candidate that I did not yet have the dates for the women's weekend for the fall 2015 but that I would be thrilled to sponsor her and that I wanted to get to know her better and share what I could with her. We went out for coffee a couple of times. I asked her for her email and I have been including her in some of the weekly emails that I send out. I invited her to a prayer group I attend and I am getting to know her. We have not yet become better friends but I will keep working on it. Hopefully she will be ready to be a candidate for the women's Cursillo in the Fall 2015...

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...Who do we give a precursillo to? I have a sister I am very close to. We text, talk and email several times a week every week. She is not a Cursillista. I have been giving her a precursillo for about 3 years now. I have invited her to my Ultreya and have always extended an invitation to all the apostolic plans my group reunion has engaged in. My group reunion's apostolic plan has included organizing people to pray the rosary in front of Planned Parenthood, in support of the unborn life, traveling to homes with a pilgrim virgin, and sponsoring after mass meet and greet precursillo activities. Sometimes my sister has accepted and embraced my invitation. Sometimes she has declined. But one thing is certain, she is becoming familiar with my special group of friends. She likes the closeness we all share and has noticed how much we care and love each other. She is beginning to fall in love with my special group of friends.

So, who gets a precursillo? Every cursillo candidate, whether you know them for a day, a year or a lifetime.

In the spanish cursillo it is common for members of our group reunion to work together to give a precursillo to a candidate. They all witness and evangelize to the candidate. They all get to know and love the a candidate and often times once that candidate lives his/her cursillo, that candidate becomes a part of that group reunion. How much better is it to demonstrate our christian love for one another than by showing a potential candidate how much we love our cursillo family. By giving a precursillo with the other members of our group reunion we show with our actions how happy w are to be a part of the cursillo community we belong to. Our friendship with Jesus must be visible in our friendships with others. In Pope Francis' first Apostolic exhortation Pope Francis reminds us that we "should appear as people who wish to share our joy...(because it is not by proselytizing (prosaletizing) that the Church grows, but by attraction." As Cursillistas We are called to share the light of Christ we received on our weekend not just by telling people the Good News but by showing it in how we live. This is exactly what happens when our entire group reunion shares the responsibility of giving the candidate a precursillo.

Precursillo is a process of selection and preparation. When we fail to give a proper precursillo we fail our movement, the candidate, and even the cursillo weekend. Wanting to do a weekend in and of itself is not enough to go sign someone up. We need to love our candidate before we sponsor them. If we don't really know the person, we don't know if they are really ready or appropriate for the weekend. If we haven't made them a part of our family, a part of our environment, if we haven't given them a proper precursillo, prepared them with a view towards postcursillo, they may live the weekend thinking a cursillo weekend is some ordinary retreat. And it's not. Cursillo is a way of life. It's the new Christian community the is spoken about in the bible in Corinthians.

A good precursillo takes time. Sometimes a year. Sometimes 3. but If everyone gives a proper precursillo, our movement would be 1 million active and strong, our SOL would be filled to capacity, our Ultreyas would be vibrant and overflowing with Cursillistas.

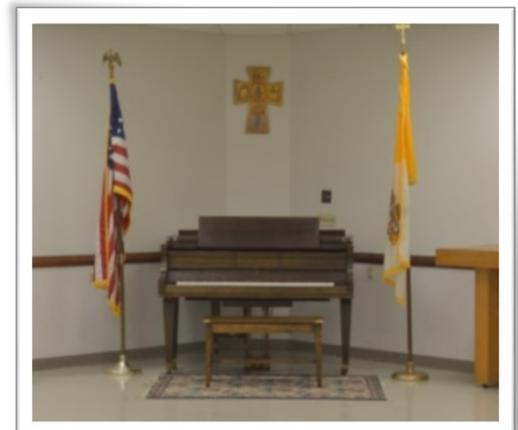
Our Cursillo weekend changed us. It helped us to find what we were searching for in life. We became profoundly filled with joy as we deepened our relationship with our Maker. We understood that for us to be truly happy in life we have to include Jesus in all that we do, that if we want to feel and continue to feel the way we felt on that 3 day weekend, we had to abandon our old ideals and our old ways of living and learn to listen to God's word. It is through a good precursillo that we get our friend, our candidate, to understand Cursillo is a way of life and he or she is being invited become a member of our special Christian Cursillo community.

Thank you,

De Colores.

Lourdes Blanco

Post-Cursillo Chair





### Annual Harvest Social (2014)

St. Mary's Parish Hall  
Marlboro, NY



Thanks for all the  
memories of the 2014  
Harvest Social.



We had a great  
turnout and the  
company was terrific!

## 2nd Annual Diocesan Wide Communion Breakfast (2014) Holy Child Church, Staten Island



Over 160 Cursillistas attended the 2nd Annual Diocesan wide Communion Breakfast on December 6th, at Holy Child Church. It was the 20th time Staten Island has hosted the event. Although it was a dreary day outside, inside there was so much sunshine being shed from all the love of those who attended. Many thanks to Father Tom Devery for celebrating the Mass with Deacon Bill Castellane and Deacon Bob Gatto. After the mass, breakfast was served including several very special platters of freshly cut fruit, provided by Staten Island's very own Nester Pla. a retired butcher (go figure). Many thanks to those who worked so hard in setting up the night before and cleaning up

afterwards. Your efforts always lend themselves to making this the special event it is, year after year. This year's lucky winner of the 50/50 was Marylou Aranyos from Staten Island. Her take was over \$500. What great timing for Christmas!!! Congratulations Marylou. In addition to the 50/50 there seemed to be 50 or more raffle baskets ranging from religious statues to Money wreaths. Thank goodness Jerry Vuoso finally won one. There were many laughs throughout the drawing, primarily provided by Jerry. A good time was had by all. Although at the time of this writing, not all financials have been completed, a very nice contribution to Secretariat should be coming shortly. Thanks to all who attended and all who worked. We look forward to seeing you again next year.....



- Tom Castaldo

## 20 WEEK RAFFLE WINNERS 2014

The final drawings were held at our  
Annual Harvest Social in October.



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.

| Week # | \$25 Winner          | Ulteya        |
|--------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1      | Doris Rowland        | Staten Island |
| 2      | Ed Shimanski         | Bronx         |
| 3      | Frank Aguiler        | Yonkers       |
| 4      | Lynne Diano          | Bedford       |
| 5      | St. Francis Xaviaer  | Bronx         |
| 6      | Peg Doherty          | Mahopac       |
| 7      | Marge Momberger      | Wappingers    |
| 8      | Florence Thomas      | Walden        |
| 9      | Donna Cicone         | Bullville     |
| 10     | John Knipp           | Newburg       |
| 11     | Paul Murphy          | Bullville     |
| 12     | Kathy Livingston     | Walden        |
| 13     | Mark Forman          | Walden        |
| 14     | Nancy Durso          | White Plains  |
| 15     | Rich & Julie Dzurill | Bullville     |
| 16     | Lucadamo & Sons      | Bedford       |
| 17     | Helen Bruno          | Poughkeepsie  |
| 18     | Nicole Curran        | Walden        |
| 19     | Mary Faggione        | Minisink      |

| Week # | \$50 Winner            | Ulteya        |
|--------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1      | Sal Maffa              | Staten Island |
| 2      | Mark O'Sullivan        | Minisink      |
| 3      | Peter Walen            | Poughkeepsie  |
| 4      | Mary Lou Aranyos       | Staten Island |
| 5      | Long Do                | White Plains  |
| 6      | Bob Gatto              | Staten Island |
| 7      | Ron Soltis             | Walden        |
| 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     |
| 13     | Gillian Batchasing     | Pine Bush     |
| 14     | Helen Wilson           | Manhattan     |
| 15     | Jean Dayton            | Newburg       |
| 16     | Patricia Carbone       | Newburg       |
| 17     | Mike Palmiotto         | Bedford       |
| 18     | Jessie Salmin          | Poughkeepsie  |
| 19     | Linda Maria            | Staten Island |

| Week # | Prize  | Winner          | Ulteya    |
|--------|--------|-----------------|-----------|
| 20     | \$100  | Peg Hoblin      | Walden    |
| 20     | \$250  | Lucadamo & Sons | Bedford   |
| 20     | \$250  | Linda Dirango   | Walkill   |
| 20     | \$500  | Gail Baumann    | Pine Bush |
| 20     | \$1000 | Mike Pamiotto   | Bedford   |

Thank You to all those who entered and participated in the 2014 Raffle!



## SAVE THE DATE!

| Date            | Event                                    | Location                                    | Comment  |
|-----------------|--|---|--|
| March 7         | Lenten Ultreya,<br>Archdiocese-Wide      | St. Augustine Church Chapel<br>New City, NY | See Flyer On Subsequent Page<br>Contact Lourdes Blanco 914-693-2959              |
| March 12-15     | Men's Weekend #209                       | Mt. Alvernia<br>Wappinger's Falls, NY       | Rector: Tom Castaldo   |
| March 14        | School of Leaders                        | St. Augustine Church<br>New City, NY        | Starts with refreshments at 9:30AM<br>Meeting From 10:00AM until Noon            |
| April 11        | School of Leaders                        | St. Augustine Church<br>New City, NY        | Starts with refreshments at 9:30AM<br>Meeting From 10:00AM until Noon            |
| April 16-19     | Women's Weekend #211                     | Mt. Alvernia<br>Wappinger's Falls, NY       | Rectora: Sue O'Sullivan  |
| April 24-26     | Regional Encounter                       | St. Thomas Seminary<br>Bloomfield, CT       | See Region 1 website for info and registration<br>form (linked from our website) |
| April 30—May 3  | Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC)              | New Hampshire                               | Contact John Wentworth at<br>jwentworth04@yahoo.com                              |
| May 9           | School of Leaders                        | St. Augustine Church<br>New City, NY        | Starts with refreshments at 9:30AM<br>Meeting From 10:00AM until Noon            |
| July 23-26      | 25th National Cursillo<br>Encounter 2015 | Villanova University<br>Philadelphia, PA    | Contact: John DeJulio**<br>914-522-4733  |
| August 2        | Summer Picnic & Ultreya                  | Bowdoin Park<br>Wappingers Falls, NY        | Stay tuned for more info...  |
| September 24-27 | Men's Weekend #210                       | Mt. Alvernia<br>Wappinger's Falls, NY       | Rector: TBA  |
| October 22-25   | Women's Weekend #212                     | Mt. Alvernia<br>Wappinger's Falls, NY       | Rector: TBA  |

\*\*Note: The Secretariat is offering stipends to help with the cost of registration. If you would like to attend and need help with registration costs, please call John DeJulio at 914-522-4733. The amount of the stipend will depend on the number of applicants. A registration flyer can be found on the subsequent pages. You can also read more about this on the Cursillo National website (<http://www.cursillo.org/>)

# LENTEN ULTREYA



March 7, 2015

St Augustine's Church (SOL)

140 Maple Avenue

New City, NY

2:30 p.m. at the Chapel

- Lenten meditation will remind us of God's constant invitation for a deeper relationship with Him
- Listen to inspirational Witness Talks
- Honor those who have entered their 5<sup>th</sup> Day;
- Enjoy fellowship, bring something tasty for the sharing table.



For more information, please call Lourdes Blanco (914) 693-2959 or  
Karen Tunney (845) 742-3255



**25<sup>th</sup> National Cursillo<sup>®</sup> Encounter**  
**Villanova University, Villanova, PA**  
**July 23 – 26, 2015**

Last Name:

First Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

E-Mail:

Phone:

Diocese:

Region #:

Language Group:

Male or Female:

Select one:  Bishop  Priest  Deacon  Vowed Religious  Laity

Select one:  Spiritual Advisor  Assist. Spiritual Advisor  Lay Director  Other:

If you wish to room with a specific person (spouse, friend, relative) then the other person's registration form must accompany this form.

Do you have a roommate preference? If yes, provide name:

Need assistance - physically challenged? Describe need:

Make checks payable to: National Cursillo Center. Only MasterCard and Visa credit cards are accepted.

**Registration Fee is \$325.00 per person.** Full payment and this form must be received by June 15, 2015. Registration fee increases to \$400.00 per person beginning June 16, 2015. **Unable to guarantee registration after June 30, 2015.**

Visa or MasterCard:

Card Number:

Name on Credit Card:

Expiration Date:

Voucher # (if any):

Discount:

Amount Submitted:

Please use a separate Registration Form for each person. Type or print legibly and fill in all spaces as applicable.

Send this form and payment to:

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**There is a \$40.00 non-refundable fee for all cancellations through May 31, 2015. No refunds after May 31, 2015.**  
**The National Cursillo<sup>®</sup> Center is responsible for payment to Villanova University regardless of cancellations.**

For office use only – Registration Confirmation # \_\_\_\_\_

## Ultreya Locations

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