



### Mission Statement

The mission of the Detroit Cursillo Movement is to live the method and strategy of the Cursillo Movement so that each man and woman can be enlightened and transformed to go forth and Christianize their environments in the light of the Gospels and the glory of the risen Christ.

### WEBMASTER

“Cursillo Has A New Home”  
A new internet home that is.  
The Detroit Cursillo website  
has moved to:  
[www.cursillo-detroit.com](http://www.cursillo-detroit.com)

You can now find all manner of information about events, weekends, School of Leaders, Utreyas and much more.  
Go check it out today!  
Any suggestions or questions please email Richard Schnur;  
[webmaster@cursillo-detroit.com](mailto:webmaster@cursillo-detroit.com)

### From the Lay Director

Dear Cursillo Family,  
“When a believing person prays, great things happen”. *James 5:16*. Thank you Lord for the beautiful believing people who make up this wonderful Cursillo community. The last several months have brought about many challenges and many blessings. For starters, we were blessed with a beautiful August day for our annual Cursillo picnic. Many people came and shared fellowship, food, games and a beautiful liturgy.

We now have a new Cursillo Website. Visit us at [www.cursillo-detroit.com](http://www.cursillo-detroit.com). We will be updating it regularly with events, newsletters and other items of interest. Many thanks to Richard Schnur, for the many hours spent putting our new website together and volunteering to maintaining it. Thank you Richard. Also, many thanks to Paul Pfannes who set in motion the precursor

to our new website. He has provided his assistance whenever help was needed and was instrumental in helping us get our special emails forwarded to the community. We sincerely thank Paul has been very faithful to Cursillo and his efforts are deeply appreciated.

Of major concern is our need to determine where our Cursillos will be held in the future. Once again, we have been evicted from our present Cursillo site at St. Bartholemew. We have searched for a new site within the Archdiocese without success. However, we have found a new home for our Cursillo weekends. Starting October of 2008, our Cursillo weekends will be held at St. Mary’s Retreat House in Oxford. It is perfect for our needs. See for yourself at their website: [www.stmarysretreathouse.org](http://www.stmarysretreathouse.org).

God has opened doors for

a ministry that is a true blessing for the Church. Keep believing and keep praying. Cursillo is alive and well and growing.

Joyce Toia, Lay Director

### Upcoming Events

#### Cursillo

Men: Oct. 16-19, 2008

Women: Oct. 23-26, 2008

St. Mary’s Retreat House  
Oxford, MI

#### Reminder

#### **Cursillo Picnic 2008**

**Remember to save the 4th Sunday in August for this gathering. A good time is guarantee to all!!**

### The Bob Roose Cursillo Fund

In the past year, the Secretariat has been exploring additional sources of income for the Cursillo that will help to cover the costs of the Cursillo. It is hoped that in this way we will be able to cover our costs and to be able to have enough money to assist potential candidates who cannot afford the cost of the Cursillo.

Roose. Bob, as everyone knows, loved the Cursillo Movement so much that it only seemed fitting that this fund be named in his honor, “**The Bob Roose Cursillo Fund**”. Additional information regarding this fund will be forthcoming in the new year.

Additional source of income will also be sought in order to

### Christmas Party

Sunday

December 16, 2007  
3:00 P.M.

Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Harper Woods, MI

You're all invited to attend.  
Bring your family and enjoy

Over the past few years the Cursillo Movement has been going through a self assessment so to speak. I think all groups and organizations need to evaluate what they do and answer the tough questions, "why do I exist and what difference would it make if I weren't here? These are the ultimate questions we all seek to answer for ourselves, especially as we grow in wisdom (get older). As you evaluate the service you are offering to God's people I offer my own experience as something to bump your reflections up against.

I made my Cursillo in 1991 and it was a very powerful experience. I was struggling with my faith and I had spent some time away from any church and then some time away from the Catholic Church. I struggled with that decision and really missed the Eucharist but I did enjoy the worship and preaching at non-denominational churches much better. My Cursillo weekend really nailed down my need to stay in our Church and try to affect things from within.

Although I did not stay actively involved with the Cursillo Movement, I

became very involved in our Church and a few years later submitted my application to the Archdiocese of Detroit to the Permanent Diaconate. Ordained in 2002, I am approaching my 5 year anniversary as a Deacon in the Church. I can point most assuredly to my Cursillo experience as a main factor in this decision to pursue a vocation as a Deacon and thereby, my increased involvement in our parish. How many "others" have gone through the Cursillo experience yet may not be seen at Cursillo functions yet are involved making positive change in their environments.

I have related this story at a couple of different Cursillo gatherings but I thought it might be helpful if I shared it with you here. During several meetings I've attended of the leadership group of Cursillo, I have heard the disappointment with lack of on-going participation and the difficulty in planning a weekend. I appreciate the frustration and the temptation to abandon this call but I think there are many more people like myself that would point to what you've done for them in their lives

through the prompting of the Holy Spirit on their Cursillo weekend as the main factor in their decision to become or stay a disciple of Jesus Christ.

I encourage you to stand strong, to continue to offer the one thing that makes a positive change in people's lives, a relationship with Jesus Christ. How many priests, deacons and religious have made their commitment because of their Cursillo? How many marriages have been restored, how many people have made a commitment to Christ because of the Cursillo that continues to be offered. I don't believe I would be an ordained Deacon without you and the Cursillo.

May Almighty God continue to bless your work in raising up disciples for His son through this most amazing experience. Deacon Steve

## Treasurer" Report

### Cursillo Financial Report

**November 1, 2007**

Balance as off8/ 31/07    \$3050.09

10/1/07October :

Income:                            \$110.00

Total                                \$3160,09

Expenses:

Regional Mtg    \$300.00

Bank Adj.                        .25

Bank Svc. Fee

July and Aug                \$18.00

October Exp.                \$318.25

Bal as of 10/31/07

**\$2841.84**

THANK YOU

## Ultreya

A new Ultreya has been established in North Branch, Michigan. The first one was held on October 28th immediately following the 11:00 Mass. It was very well attended and was wonderful. There were sixteen people that gathered for the Ultreya, six who hadn't made a Cursillo. Barb Sinka, Sr. Helen and Sr. Theresa did a super job. This Ultreya is scheduled on the last Sunday of the Month after the 11:00 Mass beginning promptly at noon. For anyone who may be interested, it's is a very nice ride up to North Branch and a very nice way of extending our hand out to a very welcoming community.

**The Auburn Hills Ultreya has found a new home.** Beginning in January, it will be held at St. John

promptly at 7:30 p.m. Rita Etlinger continues to coordinate that Ultreya and deserves many thanks for her commitment. Questions may be addressed to Rita at (248) 682-7482.

The St. Elizabeth Ultreya in Wyandotte is being reorganized and hopefully will up and running soon.

The Saturday Ultreya has been flourishing at Our Lady Queen of Peace and attendance is slowly increasing and the fellowship has been awesome. Barb Davis, who coordinates that Ultreya deserves many thanks for her dedication

The goal for the existing Ultreyas is to provide whatever is needed to strengthen them. Any suggestions to achieve this goal would be appreci

On a bright beautiful Sunday in August, the Cursillo picnic was held at Metropolitan Park. This year we rented a pavilion that offered the best of everything, on the shore of Lake St. Clair, right next to the golf course and very close to the bathrooms, what more could anyone ask for.

The attendance was wonderful and the atmosphere very relaxing. Some people came early for breakfast and others arrived later in the afternoon but regardless of the time of arrival, a great time was had by all.

There were piñatas filled with candy for the children and games for them to play with prizes for the winners. For the adults there was

merriment, fellowship and good food.

A much deserved "thank you" is in order to those that provided the leadership in preparing and coordinating this year's picnic. Tom Pozniak graciously offered to coordinate the planning and making the necessary arrangements. Sam Toia and Harry Russell arranged and supervised the games for the children and a multitude of people provided candy for the piñatas. There was much sharing of goodies brought by the attendees and a beautiful setting in which to enjoy the togetherness and fun.

The climax of the afternoon was a beautiful Liturgy with Fr. Mark Brauer presiding. Fr. Mark's homily provided the opportunity to give thanks for all the goodness that God provides, in-

cluding the wind, the sun, the waves lapping the shore, the Cursillo family praying together and a very real sense of peace in knowing that "God Is Good".

**Please reserve the last Sunday in August, 2008 and join us at Metropolitan Park for the annual Cursillo picnic. Bring your families and come enjoy God's goodness. It's a great day for the family to celebrate together in the Lord.**

### In Memoriam

*"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them". May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen*

**2007**

- Joe O' Connor
- Joan Sapiel
- George Gerbe
- Richard Hoffman
- Bruce Talbot
- Norm Furgal

### Pre Cursillo Happenings

As we look forward to the Christmas Holiday, we look forward to a New Year in our lives as well as in the Detroit Cursillo. We now know that we have made arrangements for a men and women weekend at St. Mary Retreat House in Oxford, MI. We have 8 men and 8 women candidates (we need more), we have Rectors who will form teams shortly, and we have a 4th day community to support us.

As for the Parish Representa-

tives, we continue to look for Cursillistas for Parish Representatives as liaisons in the Detroit Archdiocese. It's the opportunity to share the gift of Cursillo with your parish community bringing them to Christ.

I will step down as Precursillo Coordinator in the near future as I take on the position of Executive Secretary. We are confident that the Pre Cursillo Coordinator position will be filled shortly. However, if you feel called to take on a leadership role giving of your time, you will be doubly blessed as you help build God's Kingdom. You will be assisted by members of the Secretariat till you feel comfortable in the role. If you feel an interest, call Diane Russell at (586) 876-2373 or email druss56084@comcast.net.

*"Every day and in every way, when we do the Lord's work we are all Precursillo"*

### School of Leaders

The new Coordinator for the School of Leaders is Gordon Peck. Gordon has graciously accepted the challenge of this very important part of the Cursillo. He welcomes anyone

simply to gain knowledge of the Cursillo, to join him at Our Lady Queen of Peace on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The Lord may be calling your name. Don't miss this great opportunity to

*Serving God isn't punishment; it is nourishment.*

Ultreya

Our Lady Queen of Peace Rectory  
Harper Woods, MI  
First Saturday of the Month — 10:00 a.m.

St. John Fisher Church  
Auburn Hills, MI  
Fourth Tuesday of the Month — 7:40 p.m.

Cursillo

Men:       October 17—20th, 2008  
Women:    October 24—27th, 2008

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