



The Cursillo Movement



The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

<http://www.cincinnati-cursillo.org/>

The Season of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Our liturgical year ends on Sunday, November 26th, the feast of Our Lord, Christ the King. As we end this liturgical year and begin a new one, we are reminded to prepare ourselves for what this New Year holds for each of us. And, it is recommended that we review our spiritual goals and even set new ones for each liturgical year.

Reflections and Evaluations: What have been your spiritual goals this past year? How were your plans fulfilled? What are your spiritual plans for this coming year?

Remember it is never too late to get started on your spiritual goals. Everyone should have a set of written spiritual goals which include evangelization goals. Your spiritual goals should address all parts of your life. Ask yourself, what do you want to do with your time, treasure and talent? How is God asking you to serve him? These reflections, evaluations and goals can and should be shared with your Group Reunion/Friendship Group, Prayer Group, and Ultreya, enclosing – What is your Piety? What is your Study? What is your Action?

We must remember and celebrate that, "Christ Is Counting On You!" May the good God continue to bless you and your loved ones. DeColores!

Father Rey Taylor, Spiritual Advisor

Living the Fourth Day!



Greetings and DeColores Fourth Day Community!

The Advent Season is upon us. While it has come so quickly, my hope for each of us is that we will make the time to slow down and quiet down in order to hear the sound of the Infant Christ sharing His life with us.

During the fall season, we were living our Fourth Day quite actively through the Men's #226 weekend in September, Region IV Encounter and the celebrated Praise & Worship Night both in October. There are many people to thank for all of this coming together so well that I cannot mention all by name here. I humbly ask the Fourth Day Community to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for those who helped to serve so graciously. The picture is from the Fall Encounter hosted in Cincinnati and shows those from our Fourth Day serving and attending from our Archdiocese.



Pictured: back row l to r: Tom Perazzo, Wendy Hauser, Jerry Auer, Mike Coyle, Sue Coyle, Mary Gutman. Front: Julie Tyler, Brenda Loren.

The Pre/Post Committees of the Secretariat are working together to plan the 2018 Fourth Day Calendar. But feel free to mark on your calendars now that we are booked with Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center for a Women's weekend #183 on March 15-18, 2018, and the next Men's #227 on September 6-9, 2018. Do not wait to send

in your applications! I understand there is interest by several candidates already so let's first begin prayer and palanca for them and send the applications in now. Beth Rinderle has graciously answered the call to serve as the women's Rectora. May God's blessings be upon her as she calls upon us, the Fourth Day Community, to serve on the team.

The Secretariat has two very specific needs that we ask for your prayers and actually your sincere consideration of service. We are in need of a Communications member (regular

newsletter production) and in need of a new webmaster as well. Tom Federle has served as our webmaster for some time and is willing to work with the new member during the transition. Please contact me or any Secretariat member if you are interested in serving in either of these capacities or if you need further information. Continue to keep all of us, working through the Secretariat, in your powerful prayers.

Peace,
Julie Tyler, Lay Director



School of Leaders



The School of Leaders is for any Cursillista who desires to accelerate and perfect the conversion process. At each session, we select some aspect of the Cursillo Method for a deeper dive to explore its meaning and relevance for living the Cursillo Method. A speaker presents his or her thoughts on the topic, and then those in attendance discuss the presentation in more detail. The school helps all in attendance develop a better understanding of the Cursillo Movement and helps each person live a more balanced life of piety, study, and action.

Meetings are held monthly on the second Saturday of each month from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Upcoming dates are December 9th at St. Christopher Parish, Vandalia and January 13th at St. Francis de Sales, Lebanon "**Save the Date**". Please see the website at (www.cincinnati-cursillo.org) for cancellations due to weather and future schedule and places of meeting. We look forward to renewing old friendships and growing new ones.

- Jerry Auer

Importance of the Cursillo Method

The three aspects of Cursillo; Pre-Cursillo, the Cursillo Weekend, and Post-Cursillo are so closely connected that failure in the functioning of any one of the three will have direct consequence on the other two, therefore impacting the development of the Cursillo Movement as a whole.

In the Pre-Cursillo, we help others discover the deep love of Jesus and encourage and support our friends in their spiritual journey. Sometimes, as part of this journey, we may sponsor our friend in attending a Cursillo weekend. In friendship, we offer Palanca on their behalf and determine if we can help the person in other ways so they can relax and take the time to be with Jesus on the Weekend. In the Post Cursillo, we continue our encouragement and support for our friend, including being available to share our faith in Group Reunion and Ultreya with them.

Always the goal of the Cursillo Movement: **to make possible living out together the love of God and love of neighbor.** "The Pre-Cursillo grows out of the Post-Cursillo, and the work of Pre-Cursillo is accomplished above all through the word and witness of those who have lived a Cursillo weekend" (The Fourth Day).

We cannot sit passively and "**hope**" that the world comes to know Christ in a personal relationship. We must make a conscientious effort to be witnesses of Christ in the world. Make a friend, BE a friend, and bring your friend to Christ.

- Blake Rinderle



Do you recall how you shared what the Cursillo weekend meant to you and what you intended to do about it? Cursillo has given us special friendships that are ongoing even to this day. It is important to remember what the Cursillo Movement has done in your life. The Cursillo in our Archdiocese always needs your help, be it through prayer and palanca, preparing meals for weekends, bringing food to Ultreyas and Closings, and yes, your financial assistance. As you make your end of year financial plan for philanthropic giving, consider a donation to Cursillo. Any gift will substantially help our Movement to put on weekends by renting facilities, purchasing materials, crucifixes, food supplies and paying our national and regional dues. As we return to regular mailings, those costs need to be covered as well in order to keep everyone informed as best we can.

As you think about what Cursillo means to you, consider letting your family know that perhaps you might want to make a gift at the time of your death. This might be by listing Cursillo as a beneficiary to your life insurance policy or in your will.

You may already be making annual gifts to the Cursillo and we are grateful for your support and we rejoice in your love of the Fourth Day. Any questions, call Rick Gregosky, Secretariat Treasurer, 513-422-8712.

Donations to the Cursillo, which is a non-profit organization, are tax deductible under the IRS code, section 170(f)(8). Consult your accountant for more information. Donations can be made to the Catholic Cursillo, Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

In Memory of our 5th Day Cursillistas

Let us pray for those whom have gone home and thank God for the gift of their lives, especially our 5th day brothers and sisters. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Marcella Heilig, Norma VonHolle, Richard Keile, Mary Flagg, Fr. Ray Luerck, Fr. Paul Walsman, Milt Stentz, Tom Jaeger, Jim Jaeger, Mary Luckritz, Agnes Wheeler, Jack Hilbing, Deacon William Krumm



Reminder: we are seeking a Communications member and also a Webmaster. Contact any Secretariat member for additional information or to submit your interest in serving.

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