



Co-Lay Director Greetings

In a few short days, our term as Co-Lay Directors will come to an end as will our second term leading the School of Leaders.

We ask each of you to pray about your personal call to take on a leadership role within the Cursillo Movement in the future. It doesn't have to be chairing one of the phases of the Movement; it could be a willingness to be on one of the committees. The Movement needs your time and talent to be successful in Albany. Your brother and sister Cursillistas need your help in supporting and growing the Albany Cursillo Movement.

Do not let self-doubts or fears that you do not know enough dissuade you! We were brand new Cursillistas "still wet behind the ears," when we agreed to help.

Neither of us knew much about the Cursillo Movement, but what we did know, and trust was that...

God qualifies the called!

and

All things are possible with God.

(Phil 4:13)

What we didn't know then, but know now, is that because we stepped out in faith, these past six years have enhanced our understanding and knowledge enabling us to speak with conviction about Cursillo and what it has to offer.

If we had acted on our fears rather than acting

on God's call... well, truthfully, it's hard to comprehend just how many blessings and graces we would have missed receiving.

Christ IS counting on you not only to make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Him, but also to ensure that the Albany Cursillo Movement stays vibrant and thrives into the future.

**The harvest is plenty,
but the laborers are few.**

(Mt 9:37)

Do not let the fact that you have previously served be an impediment to serving again! Serving again becomes a gift that keeps on giving! Your previous experience is a means of allowing the Spirit to work through you to impart knowledge and wisdom to those who are just beginning to serve.

If you are approached, please do consider that God is calling you. Please do ask God to give you the courage and fortitude to give of your time and talent, generously.

If you are not approached, but you feel the Spirit moving within you, please contact a member of the Secretariat to explore your options and preferences for serving the community. Christ IS counting on you!!

You can find the contact information for the Secretariat Members on the Cursillo website at:

www.albanycursillo.org

ULTREYA!

(Onward!)

Joe & Eva Fitzgerald

Albany Cursillo Website

If you haven't done so,
please do check out the website!

It is full of information that can assist
you in your Fourth Day journey as a
Cursillista and as a potential sponsor of a
Weekend candidate.

Use it to learn more about the
Cursillo Movement and its history...

Use it in the Precursillo phase as you
search your environment for candidates.

The website is helpful in answering
potential candidate questions, as well as
questions you may have.

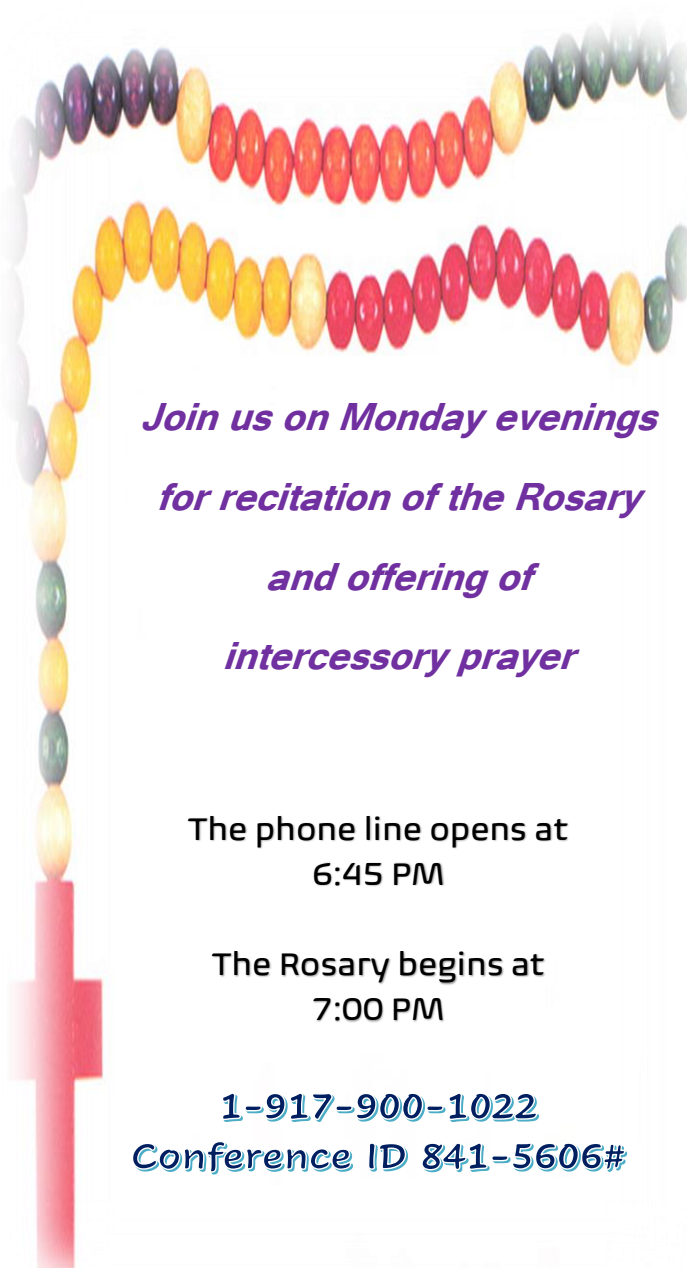
Share the website link with all your
friends and family.

Use it in the Postcursillo phase...

There is information to assist you with
preparing a Witness and Echo during an
Ultreya.

Be sure to save it as a favorite
and share it with others!

www.albanycursillo.org



*Join us on Monday evenings
for recitation of the Rosary
and offering of
intercessory prayer*

The phone line opens at
6:45 PM

The Rosary begins at
7:00 PM

1-917-900-1022
Conference ID 841-5606#

*If you would like to lead a decade
of the Rosary,
please contact:*

Joe Thouin @
Thouin.ja@gmail.com

...Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us...



Cursillo

The Women's Team began meeting in April and the Men's Team began recently. Both Teams will be well prepared for the upcoming Cursillo Weekends.

Thank you to all who attended the Commissioning Mass. Your participation contributed to the success of this event.

The Men's and Women's Holy Hours are scheduled for August 19th and September 23rd, respectively. More details to come. Please plan on attending the Holy Hours to support the Weekend Team members and the Candidates!

Speaking of Candidates... six are required to conduct the Weekend. Please talk with your friends and invite them to learn a means of growing closer to Christ.

2022 marks the full implementation of the Rector's Guide. This guide applies the process of conducting the Cursillo Weekend as the founder, Eduardo Bonnín, intended.

Later in this edition of the Little Light, you will learn that I am moving to the Postcursillo Chair position.

The Cursillo Chair position will be in good hands with Barbara Fitzgerald. I will work with her to ensure a smooth transition as we provide support and guidance to the Weekend Teams.

De Colores,
Grace Deasy

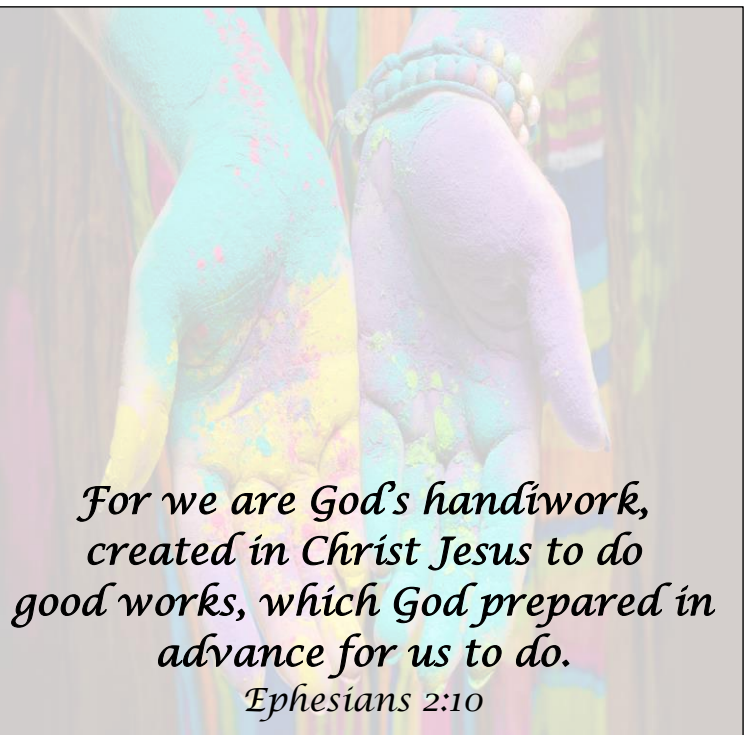
POSTCURSILLO

While Group Reunions and Ultreyas have continued throughout the Pandemic, we all look forward to meeting again in person in the coming months. In June, the Ultreya Coordinators met to discuss their responsibilities and future activities.

The Commissioning of the 2022 Weekend teams took place on June 4 at Sacred Heart Church in Castleton-On-Hudson. This was followed by our annual Cursillo Picnic at Schodack Landing State Park.

I look forward to working with our new Postcursillo Chair, Grace Deasy.

De Colores,
Karen Van Alstine



*For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do
good works, which God prepared in
advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10*

Precursillo

There are some very exciting things happening on the Precursillo front thanks to wonderful volunteers.

First, let's talk about the important stuff...

How many Cursillo candidates have you identified? How many people have you talked to about Cursillo? How many people are you sponsoring for this year's Weekends? Better yet, do you know when this year's Weekends are?

Wow that's a lot of questions, but they are important ones.

What is critical is YOU! Yes YOU! You're an important part of the Cursillo movement. And your help is needed to make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ.

So, what are the exciting things...

Thanks to Eva and Joe Fitzgerald and Carol-Jo Pusateri, Cursillo was discussed on Albany's very own Catholic radio station, WOPG. 89.9 FM or 1400 AM. The interview can be heard at <https://albancursillo.org/articles-and-interviews/>

Molly Poleto and Kathleen Peer hosted a Zoom information session on May 9th to discuss Cursillo with those who might be interested.

Precursillo cont.

Ultreya and small groups are a wonderful Fourth Day experience and are another way to introduce people to the Movement. Invite them to join you!

Interested in promoting Cursillo in your parish? Give me a shout.

Lastly, the Men's Weekend is August 25th-28th and the Women's Weekend is September 29th-October 2nd.

Register your candidate early to guarantee them a space in this year's weekends.

A MINIMUM OF SIX CANDIDATES IS NEEDED TO HAVE A WEEKEND.

De Colores!

Shannon Kelly

Kellykares4you@gmail.com

Congratulations and Blessings to

Jim O'Rourke

who will be ordained to the Priesthood!

*All are welcome
To participate in
This celebration!*

*Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception,*

June 18, 2022

11 a.m.

Spiritual Advisors' Corner

Co-Advisors:

Sr. Betsy Van Deusen
Fr. Chris Welch

I pray your Fourth Day is progressing well.

I have enjoyed my time as a member of the Secretariat. I will miss those who will be stepping down, and excited to get to know those who will be coming forward to serve.

With the advent of Zoom, I have been able to visit more Ultreyas than in the past. I am touched by the witness of the many who share their Fourth Day so generously with me and others. Our church is blessed by the witness of your lives!

Congratulations to our Sr. Betsy in her new role as CEO of Albany Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities is in good hands under her leadership.

I recently attended a National meeting for Spiritual Advisors, via Zoom; a great sharing of faith from all. In the past, I thought the "far aways," Eduardo Bonnin spoke about, were the nonpracticing Catholics, but I was informed that a "far away" can be the person in the pew each week... Some come to Mass simply because it is an old habit. They may be stuck in the old habit.

Years ago, our church did not encourage people to grow in faith. Many have a 4th grade understanding of Church and faith. The hallmark of our Cursillo Movement is

Spiritual Advisors' Corner, cont.

the belief that faith formation is a lifelong endeavor. Each of us can grow in our faith each day of our lives.

I know on my journey to the priesthood it was the words of encouragement I received from the community that caused me to consider and pursue a life in the church. The words we share with others can have a profound effect upon them.

The "far aways" may simply be people who are stuck. The Three Days can be a spark to bring someone to re-look at the need to grow in prayer, study and action. As you consider candidates for the Three Days, consider who the "far aways" are in your community. They may be simply waiting for an invitation to grow in faith. You can be the spark they are looking for to light a fire of faith in their lives.

May God continue to bless each of us on our Fourth Day.

Fr. Chris Welch
Co-Spiritual Advisor



SCHOOL OF LEADERS

During Fall 2021 and Winter 2022, the **Cursillo School of Leaders** met on six occasions via ZOOM to learn more about the Cursillo Charism. We used two books to pursue our studies.

In the four Fall sessions, we read and discussed **Eduardo Bonnin: An Apprentice Christian**, while in the two Winter sessions, we focused on **The Cursillo Charism**.

We were most grateful to host a very special session of the Albany Cursillo School of Leaders in November 2021, with guest presenters, Gail Terrano, translator of many of Eduardo Bonnin's writings, as well as a former member of National Secretariat and the world-wide Secretariat, along with Cef Aguilon, National English Language Coordinator.

Both had met Eduardo before his death and shared with us their understanding of Eduardo's writings, perspectives, challenges, and desire for Cursillo to continue to be a means of "knowing God loves us," while passing that message on to others, especially, the "far away." Many Cursillistas from across the United States joined us for that memorable conversation!

This past year, Don Berens provided outstanding service to the Cursillo Community by preparing the background materials for each session, as well as presenting a topic at the sessions. Don contributed tremendously to understanding this very challenging reading! Many thanks, Don.

Also, MaryGrace Dansereau prepared for and presented at three sessions – we are grateful for her willingness and her ability to present the material in a manner that enabled greater understanding of the materials.

Rector Guide Training was conducted in person on April 30, at Transfiguration Parish, Spiegletown. ALL Cursillistas were encouraged to attend so to prepare themselves for future Weekend assignments, most especially, the Team members for 2022.

Finally, as Eva and I depart from our duties of the last three years as Co-Lay Directors, we also pass on to new leadership – the role of Chair, School of Leaders, having served as Co-Chairs from July 2016 – June 2022. As "newbies" in 2016 ourselves, we have learned so much through the School of Leaders role, and specifically, from the National Cursillo website, as well as from the various Cursillo publications we have studied with YOU these past six years. Our friendships and study with YOU in the School of Leaders made us more knowledgeable to serve, while also being open to learning from afar – including participating in Regional and National Encounters – to learn even more! So, we plan on continuing to study with you in the Fourth Day ... but under the fresh outlook of new leadership!

De Colores! Ultreya!
Joe and Eva Fitzgerald
Co-Chairs, School of Leaders 2016-2022

Congratulations

To the newest members of the
Secretariat...

Lay Director:
Rika Murray

Secretary:
Katherine Downing

School of Leaders' Chair:
Mary Grace Dansereau

Cursillo Chair:
Barbara Fitzgerald

Postcursillo Chair:
Grace Deasy

May they serve with wisdom, courage,
understanding, acceptance, and
faithfulness as they nurture the
Albany Cursillo in the
Charism of the Movement.

To the outgoing members of
the Secretariat...

Thank You!

Co-Lay Directors:
Joe & Eva Fitzgerald
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022

School of Leaders' Co-Chairs:
Joe & Eva Fitzgerald
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2022

Postcursillo Chair:
Karen Van Alstine
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2022

Secretary:
Bob Van Alstine
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022

Well done, good and faithful servant...
Mt 25:23

Region One News

Joe Fitzgerald...

Accepted the invitation to add his
name to the roster for the Cursillo
Movement, Region One Support Team.

This Team assists the Cursillo
Movements in New England and in
Eastern and Northern New York State.

Upon selection
he will serve a 4-year term.

RECTOR / RECTORA SELECTIONS

2023

Rob Písch
Eva Fitzgerald

2024

Mark Sabatini
Kim Gray

**32nd
National Cursillo
Encounter**

The Encounter will be held at
Chapman University – Orange, CA

The registration fee is **\$375** per person if
the registration form is received by
June 15, 2022.

The fee increases to **\$415** per person
after June 15, 2022.

Space cannot be guaranteed after
July 16, 2022.

This is the first in-person Encounter since
2019. Joe and Eva attended the 2019
Encounter in Scranton, PA. They found it
to be uplifting, bonding, and spiritually
fruitful.

More hands make light work!

Therefore, as we have opportunity,
let us do good to all people,
especially to those who belong to the
family of believers!

Galatians 6:10

Albany Cursillo needs YOU!
Please pray about how you can
assist in great or small ways!

Thank you, Joe Thouin!

For your critical service to the
Cursillo Community.

As the Communication Coordinator
you enabled us to quickly begin
praying for Cursillistas and their
family members, and you ensured
Cursillistas were informed about
events.

*Thank you,
Carmela Vecchio!*

For your willingness to take on the
duties of Communication
Coordinator! Your willingness to
assist the Community is greatly
appreciated.



YOU Can Make a Difference!

*...Perhaps you were born
for such a time as this...*

Ezther 4:14

UPCOMING EVENTS



2022

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
August 16	6:00 pm	Secretariat Meeting	TBD
August 19	TBD	Men's Holy Hour	TBD
August 25-28	xxx	Men's Cursillo Weekend	Dominican Retreat/Conf. Center
Sept. TBD	TBD	Day of Reflection	TBD
September 17	10 am - 12 pm	School of Leaders	TBD
September 23	TBD	Women's Holy Hour	TBD
Sept 29-Oct 2	xxx	Women's Cursillo Weekend	Dominican Retreat/Conf. Center
October 15	10 am - 12 pm	School of Leaders	TBD
October 18	6:00 pm	Secretariat Meeting	TBD
October 23	TBD	Diocesan Ultreya	TBD
November 12	10 am - 12 pm	School of Leaders	TBD
November 29	6:00 pm	Secretariat Meeting	TBD
December 12	10 am - 12 pm	School of Leaders	TBD
December	TBD	Advent / Christmas Event	TBD

2023

January 21	TBD	Postcursillo Workshop	TBD
January 24	6:00 pm	Secretariat Meeting	TBD
February 18	10 am - 12 pm	School of Leaders	TBD
March 18	10 am - 12 pm	School of Leaders	TBD
March 21	6:00 pm	Secretariat Meeting	TBD
April 29	TBD	School of Leaders Workshp	TBD
May 9	6:00 pm	Secretariat Meeting	TBD
June	TBD	Weekend Commissioning Mass and Annual Picnic	TBD

Please be aware that this calendar is a planning tool approved by the previous Secretariat. On July 1, 2022, the new body of the Cursillo Secretariat will be in place and these dates and times may change. Once confirmed by the New Secretariat, the website will be updated.

Living our 4th Day!

Commissioning Mass and Annual Picnic 6/4/2022

A small representation of the many who attended...



... Come
dance in the
forest,
come play in the
fields
and sing to
the glory of the Lord!

Canticle of the Sun

