

Fourth Day News



Washington Cursillo Movement



Secretariat Corner

WAIT ON THE LORD AND BE OF GOOD FAITH



Those people waited and for those people of faith, they received that Savior, that Child of God born to humble beginnings who came to bring light into the darkness. Those people who were lacking in faith did not see the Savior who entered their world. They remained dark and lost, their world and their lives remained troubled and desperate. Those people of faith were saved and while trouble and desperation remained in the world their lives were lifted and removed from the ills of the world. While they were still challenged and faced trials and tribulations, their faith in that Savior saw them out of the darkness and despair, they saw the light and were lifted out of their depression and hard times.

While the liturgical calendar lists the first day of Advent listed as November 29th this year, we people of faith today have been living our Advent or time of preparation for many months this year.

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! ___ Psalm 27:14

These words from the Book of Psalms have never been so true as they are at this time. For the first time in many of our lives we can relate to those people who were living over 2000 years ago and waiting for that Savior they were told who was coming to bring light to a darkened world. Those people were living during difficult times and felt that they would be saved, and their lives would be made better according to the prophets who promised the coming of the Lord.

A voice cries out: *"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

_____ *Isaiah 40:3-5*

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We saw darkness and despair blanket our entire world and affect our lives like never before. We watched a deadly virus make its way from one end of the globe to the other, victimizing everyone in its path. We witnessed a society turn against one another in search of social justice that has been a long time coming for many.

We were overwhelmed by a political crisis that threatened to break our country and the liberties that so many had fought to maintain. We have suffered the pains of loneliness and isolation, kept away from family, and loved ones. We may have been financially affected to the point of possibly losing our home or having to scramble to feed our families. Yes, this year has brought darkness and desperation to all; none of us were left untouched or unscathed in some fashion. Each day we read those words of the prophets and pray for that Savior promised to come and save our world.

We live this time of Advent and while there may not be a Child born this year of humble beginnings to rise up out of Bethlehem, we do have that Savior who will bring us out of this time of darkness and desperation. Yes, we people of faith, have trust in those very words of the prophets and await the day when light, salvation, and redemption is brought forth upon our world once again. That is the coming we await this Advent. De Colores!

_____ *James Brightful, Co-Lay Director*

Watch and Pray

“Be Watchful! Be Alert!”

_____ **Mark 13:33**

This is the way the Church launches us into the season of Advent. But what does it mean to us to be watchful – to be alert? We watch and pay attention to many things. We watch the news to find out what is going on in the world – or to be released from it in a sports event or movie. We watch the pot on the stove so that it doesn't boil over, or the turkey in the oven lest it burn. We watch the clock for the end of the workday. For each of these situations there is more than a passive watching. There is an expectation that something could be happening or might happen. And we WAIT.

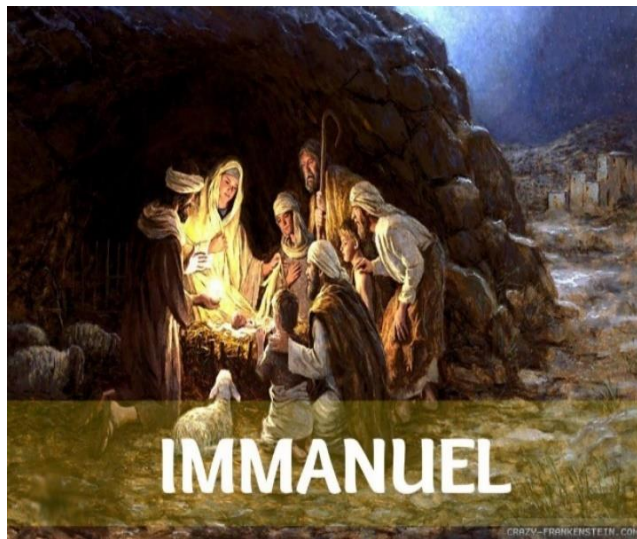
We only wait when there is an expectation. We wait in fear and trepidation when the event we await is something we dread – losing a job, being evicted, an appearance in court, even having to write a talk and present it. We wait in anxious anticipation of something good as does the little child watching that egg in the making and waiting for it to appear on his plate. We watch and wait for those Black Friday purchases from Amazon to arrive on our doorsteps in time for them to be wrapped as Christmas gifts.



A married couple waits in fear and joy over nine months until their new family member arrives. Children wait in anticipation for the visit from their grandparents, for grandpa to play ball and grandma to read a story.

And the grandparents, too, look forward to that visit when they can swing the children around until they lay quietly, held lovingly on the laps of their grandparents, safe and secure. Here there is love. We wait for love and to give love. But to really understand the character of waiting to which Mark is calling us, we need to go back a bit to our elders in faith, the Lord's chosen people, and their wait for a messiah.

Again, and again, we hear the people of Israel cry out for help and deliverance. They waited in bondage in Egypt and again in Babylon. Their wait was not for some momentary event, but for a daily burden that enveloped their existence.



They waited and cried out because they could not loose their bonds on their own. It required an act of God to release them from the chains that bound them – a “Shepherd of Israel (to) rouse your power and come to save us”. (Ps 80:2-3) They waited for a cataclysmic event that would forever change the world as they knew it. For the first Christians, the second coming of Christ was coming soon – any day.

The words of the Gospels as we near the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of Advent are filled with this anticipation, an anticipation that is muted for us by the passing of thousands of years. We no longer expect that any day the earth shall be no more. Peter ***cautioned the early church with these words: “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.” (2 Peter 3:10)***

In Advent we REMEMBER the plea of the people Israel for the hand of the Lord to come and release them from their bonds. We ANTICIPATE the coming of the Lord on the last day to end the world as we know it and usher in the “new heaven and new earth.” Now we, too, wait – but what does it mean to wait on the Lord?

“Waiting patiently for God always includes joyful expectation. Without expectation our waiting can get bogged down in the present. When we wait in expectation our whole beings are open to be surprised by joy.” (Henri Nouwen Society, “Waiting in Expectation”)

The church gives us clues in the beautiful liturgies of Advent if we but pay attention to the sight and sound. On the first Sunday of Advent, we witnessed the appearance of the purple vestments, the sign of a penitential season. Why penitence?

Because we remember that through the miracle of the Nativity, the reality that the Son of God “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness...becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” The Nativity is the beginning of the cataclysmic act of our salvation through which each of us has been delivered from the bondage of sin.

The world is not the same, because the Son of Man broke the bonds of sin and death. The great promise for which Israel awaited has been accomplished.

In Advent we meet once more John the Baptist and hear his message *“repent and be saved.”* Thus, the Church tells us that our role in waiting is to reorient our lives to God, for in many ways, large and small, we have strayed from the path God wants for us.

This year as in no other we understand to the core of our being the meaning of waiting knowing that the world may have changed in ways that will not revert in the “new normal.” We did reorient our lives. We learned to wear masks and to refrain from touching and embracing even those we love. We stood online waiting to enter stores, to be tested for the virus that plagues us, to receive necessities lacking from our lives, to watch our loved ones suffer illness and be unable to surround them with family as they passed from this life into the next.

We have learned to wait in anticipation for the time when the doors of our churches will be opened without restriction and when all will once again be present to receive the Eucharist, the lifeblood of our lives. We wait for the “relief” to come in the guise of a vaccination that will release us from the hold of this virus. And we have begun to run out of patience. We feel like the last leaf, all withered, hanging from the branch of the tree, and holding on futilely in the face of the coming winter.

We now have a visceral understanding of anticipating salvation. We wait, we pray, and we participate in the process of bringing the world as we know it to an end and ushering in the reign of Christ. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin views this process as “evolution to the omega point.” We know that evolution is a slow process and that each cell, each bit of DNA, has a role.

So too, for us today, we have a role in bringing about the reign of Christ. And it is to that purpose that we are called to reorient our lives through prayer and penance.

As a scientist, I have an affinity for Teilhard and perhaps his more inspiring statement of the role of the Christian is: “Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.”

It is that fire of love that we seek during Advent, in our prayer and in our work. In Romans, Paul tells us to wait with endurance for the Spirit to come to the aid of our weakness.

First expectation, then waiting and watching, and now patient endurance. Fortunately, God is patiently waiting for us to take the time to reorient our lives. Enough philosophy, what about how we are to wait and pray during Advent?

Once again, the church comes to our aid with some of the most beautiful passages in scripture, in all the readings, but especially in the Old Testament readings and psalms. Start taking an additional five minutes of prayer to go to the books from which these texts are taken and read prayerfully several passages. You might start with Isaiah 63.

The yearning of Israel for a messiah is beautifully expressed in what have become known as the **“O Antiphons”**, prayed in the last week before Christmas:

❖ **December 17 :O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!**

- ❖ December 18: O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!
- ❖ December 19: O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!
- ❖ December 20: O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!
- ❖ December 21: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- ❖ December 22: O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!
- ❖ December 23: O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!



In the Spirit – A Message From Our Spiritual Advisors

“My Fourth Day and Forever”

Dear Brother and Sister Cursillistas,

December 1987. This was the month that changed the trajectory of my life. It was the month I made my Cursillo weekend and began my Fourth Day.

The weekend was conducted at Camp Letts, MD, near Annapolis. It was a weekend of the Cursillo Movement of the Archdiocese of Washington. That the weekend was in December was not the only thing unusual about it. It was also a joint weekend, both men and women making weekends at Camp Letts. The men and women had separate weekends, apart from one another, but we would share meals together in the camp dining facility, and the Clausura (Closing Mass and witness) was conducted jointly.

The weekend had a profound impact on me. I came to understand that I was being called by Christ to serve the Church.

Bishop Sheen has some cogent words to say about patience, words that echo our own practice of prayer and study, particularly before we act. *“Patience is power. Patience is not an absence of action; rather it is “timing” it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way.”* Why not take the time we don't spend rushing around in Malls this Advent to study our changed and changing environment, looking for that place where we can start the spark of light and love. Just as a new life evolves with the tiniest cell, the new world we are to build *“begins with a small explosion of light no darkness can overcome.”* (Ted Loder, *“Tracks in the Straw”*)

**Sue Numrich
Co-Lay Director**



The personal and communal Christ that I encountered on that weekend helped me understand that his unconditional love, for me and all my brothers and sisters, was something I had to share. At the Clausura I witnessed that I intended to answer the call to share the love of Christ, even though I did not yet understand the form that call would take.

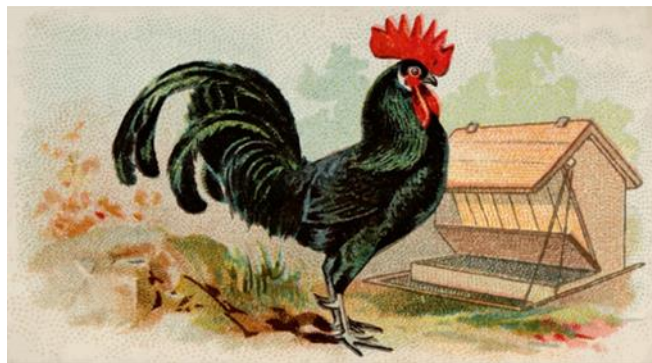
Interestingly, a young woman that I was very friendly with at the time was making the women's weekend. We had decided to make our weekends together at Camp Letts. So, she heard my witness and was the first to suspect that my call might be as a priest.

As I remember, she questioned me about this after the weekend. But I did not think at that time that I was being called to the priesthood. I thought that my call was to serve the Church as a lay man, and probably as a married lay man.

Over some months, while regularly participating in Group Reunion and in the life of the parish (actually, the chapel community at Andrew's Air Force Base), the call to priesthood was revealed. My dear brothers in Group Reunion, and the priest chaplain at Andrews, were instruments in helping me discover a call to the priesthood. This was something totally unexpected. The seed to serve the Church, that was planted on my Cursillo weekend, took form through my Group Reunion and my participation in the life of my faith community.

One of the hardest things I have ever done was to have to communicate to my dear girlfriend that I believed that I was being called to be a priest. As the first to have that intuition, she let me go with her tears. We remain good friends to this day. She has married and has two beautiful children, and I cherish the time I am able to visit with her and her family in Northern Virginia.

I entered into a co-sponsorship agreement, between the Archdiocese of Washington and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, as a candidate for the priesthood (seminarian). Over six years of seminary formation and eighteen years as an active-duty military chaplain, I was absent from the Church of Washington for a long time. Fortunately, the Army assigned me to DC a couple of times over those years and I was able to stay connected with our Cursillo community, even serving as spiritual advisor on weekends three times. After retiring from the Army, in 2016, I was assigned to my present position as pastor of St. Peter's on Capitol Hill.



I am so happy to be stable now and fully connected with the Cursillo community that helped to form me as a disciple of Christ, a community of friends who so beautifully reflect the face of Christ in our local Church.

Every December is a time for me to reflect on the theme of my Cursillo weekend: "Prepare the Way of the Lord." I remember as yesterday how I went into that weekend not knowing exactly what it was about, but incredibly open to receive. This is the necessary task of Advent, to help us open our hearts to the mystery unfolding before us, to receive the precious gift of Christ who comes in often unexpected ways. I sat at the table of "Stars of Bethlehem". This helps me to think about how I allow myself to become a reflection of the tender Babe who changed the world through genuine humanity and sacrificial offering.

After 25 years of service as a priest I am very thankful. I believe that I am fulfilling the call of service to the Church that I received on my Cursillo weekend. Furthermore, I remain convinced that my call came largely through the Cursillo community that witnessed to me the love of Christ and drew out my vocation to share that love as a priest.

My love for this community is unwavering. I am never more fully alive, and mindful of Christ, then when I am with you. The community draws out the best in me.

Thank you for your generous palanca as I celebrate 25 years as a “Cursillo priest.” I rely on your prayers as I pledge my continued service to our Church and our beloved movement.

Your Servant in Christ
_____ Fr. Gary, Spiritual Advisor

“ADW Cursillo – This Time is our Time to Model our Method”

While the story of Cursillo begins with Bonin’s vision of community that emerged from the spiritual reflection of his group reunions in Spain, the story began to take shape, substance and depth in our local Church in the 1970’s. I have heard stories of our Movement from back in the day: *The Archbishop of Washington was thinking about shutting down the Movement because there were some challenges in our local Church, and the Archbishop X did not see the Movement as part of the solution.*

My recall from stories shared in small groups with Cursillistas who Fourth Days had much longer than mine, was that the local Cursillo Movement was homogeneous (white) and suburban. And the story of the Exodus was relived and the Movement matured.

Our local Cursillo leaders emerged as a powerful environmental group reunion with a pastoral plan to transform the Church of Washington.



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Folk from the suburbs made a commitment to live their faith in the city and people in the city and the suburbs came together and the Cursillo Movement became our Movement.

From St. John Francis Regis in Hollywood to St. Paul in Damascus, from St. Augustine in NW to St. Thomas More in SE, and many parishes in between, our Cursillo Movement made us one Church. It was not uncommon to gather with Vietnamese, Latino, Korean and other communities that make up the diaspora of the Church of Washington to be the same physical location celebrating the faith. The Cardinal-Archbishop’s staff had almost no involvement in our Movement’s multi-cultural celebrations of one faith, one Lord and one Baptism.

It was and still is stunning to people observing from the outside. Shortly after I was ordained and before Father Norvel became Superior General of the Josephites, he leaned to his right from the celebrant’s chair to ask me why there were three white couples sitting together at the 11 am Mass, thinking that whites would not come to church in the inner city.

I told him that those couples were from the Calvert County Ultreya at St. John Vianney and came to support me in my preaching ministry. Father Norvel came to love the authenticity of our Movement in Washington. Our Movement impacts nationally. For those who have attended a regional or national Cursillo Community gathering are impressed by the diversity of our Movement – unlike other local movements, ours is diverse urban, suburban, black, white, Latino, Korean, Vietnamese, immigrant and native and many other points of diversity, we are one.

Why say this, now? The Bishops' Conference has structures to promote cultural competency and our Archdiocese has an office of cultural diversity that have yet to produce the powerful witness of our local movement. In a time where vocations were scarce our Movement produced a plethora of priests and deacons.

The Bishops' Conference and the local Archdiocese create staffs and invest money to create what our local Movement has already achieved, real community in the midst of a diverse Catholic community.

When I invited the Secretary for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns to meet with my group reunion, she was surprised that a black deacon and his wife from the heart of the city would gather with white couples from Prince George's County. The Secretary was more surprised to discover that the commitment to be community continued for nearly 20 years.

Food for thought! Our neighborhood, nation and world are during two pandemics; there is the havoc put upon us by COVID-19 and the eruption of protests around the world upon the death of George Floyd. It appears that what some have called the United States' original sin, has infected other nations as well.

In his last three major writings, *Evangelii Gaudium*, *Laudato Si'*, and *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis has invited us to worship the sacred ground of the other, to build new human structures to save the environment, and to bring justice into our environments which is a manifestation of God's love for all.

What our country and our Church need and what Pope Francis calls for in his exhortations is what we have in our Movement already, small groups that represent the diversity of our neighborhoods, gathering to share a common faith and creating the possibility that there will be more saints in heaven. We have the faith, the diversity, and the unity that the Pope, our bishops, and our local Church seek.

If there was a time for us to double down on living the faith through the Cursillo Method, that time is right now. Ultreya!

_____ Deacon Timothy Tilghman





Therefore, thus says the Lord God, see, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: "One who trusts will not panic." _____ Isaiah 28:16

If you need prayer or know someone who does, please send your request to James Brightful at Pray911amen@gmail.com

My brothers and sisters whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

_____ ***James 1:2-4***

*Let us focus on the Love of the Lord and how He is moving in our lives before we ever feel the event. **For Brother Richard and the entire Missionaries of the Most Holy Trinity community:** Lord God, you who are my Father and Protector, you breathe life into me and when You are ready to reclaim my life You call me home to be with You. Each muscle and organ in my body functions because of You.*

Each bit of nourishment I take into my body is designed to build and strengthen it so that it might perform and function properly and without fail. Each morning I awaken to a day that You have set before me to do what is needed to bring rest and peace come the end of that day. Yet with all this there comes the time in my life when I am tested, I am challenged.

My mind, body, or spirit is not in sync, they fall out of order, they fail to function as they should. It is at this time when You are calling me as Your child to come closer to You. It is at this time when You are saying, my child, I love and care more for You than You can imagine. It is during this time, when You wait for me to prove I am deserving of Your love, and when I am tested and proven deserving of Your love, you give me even more. You strengthen me to endure even more. You draw me even closer and wrap me in strong, supportive arms and say ***"fear not my child for you are Mine and I will take care of you. Let me fall to my knees, throw my hands into the air, and cry out in humble prayer "thank you my Father for loving me."*** Amen.

May each of you know that you have the Lord there with you even when you feel the pressure of this life getting to you, when the heartbreaks of COVID-19 have taken your breath away, He is there to lighten that burden!

_____ **Peace and blessings**
James Brightful

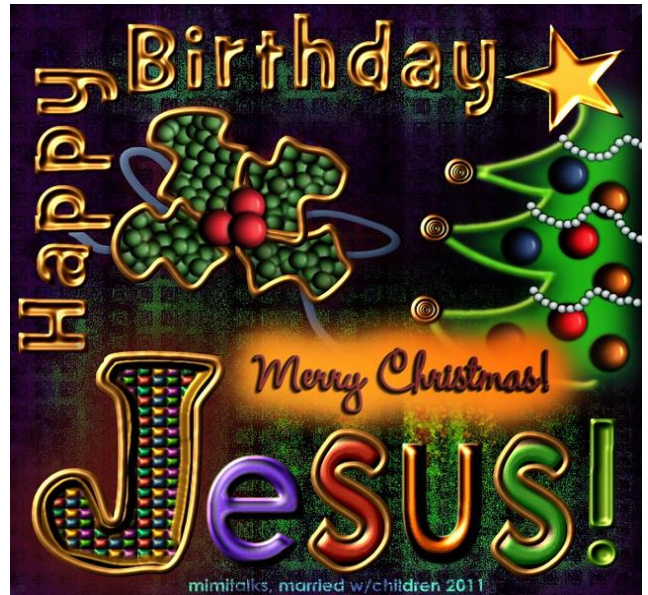




A POEM
“GOD OF THE UNIVERSE”
By Cheryl Kerwin

God of the Universe-what a beautiful sunset
as we taxi out of Nashville!
Streaks of crimson, pink and orange make me
smile and bring a total sense of calm over me.
 Breathe in – Breathe out.
I’m stealing quiet moments with you
 where I can.
As we climb into the evening sky, I feel closer
 to you.
A soft blanket of clouds envelope me and I feel
that if we go just a little higher...maybe I will
see your face, appearing in that higher layer of
 clouds.
 Breathe in – Breathe out.
I’m stealing quiet moments with you
 where I can.
God of the Universe-as daylight quickly fades
into night and darkness surrounds me, hear
 my prayer.
A prayer for silence in this noisy world.
A prayer for the wisdom to know when you’re
 talking to me.
 Breathe in – Breathe out.
I’m stealing quiet moments with you
 where I can.

Cheryl Kerwin
152 Women’s Weekend
Calvert & Southern MD Ultreyas



This Advent...

Hug someone’s child virtually
Walk somewhere you usually drive
 Miss a meal
 Share a meal
Share a meal with a stranger virtually
 Realize that there is no “they”
 Organize a family “media free” day
 Read Luke 2:1-20
Read Luke 2:1-20 out loud even if no one is
 listening
 Apologize
 Visit the homebound
Find Afghanistan, Iraq, Congo, Sudan, and
 Darfur on a map
Pray for peace in Afghanistan, Iraq, Sudan
 Congo, and Darfur
 Sing
 Sing louder
 See God’s face in “them”
 Feel God’s touch
 Hear God’s voice
 Sit silently, breathe
 Sit silently, pray, breathe
 Simplify something

Visualize a peace that is:

*Not just the absence of conflict
But the existence of compassion
Not just the absence of poverty
But the presence of prosperity
Not a time of tolerance
But an atmosphere of acceptance
Not just education
But wisdom
Not just family
But community
Not just "justice for all"
But the "just inclusion of all"
Not just "live and let be"
But "live that others may be"*

_____ **Ralph McCloud**



**Cursillo School of
Leaders – Our New
Normal**

We invite you to experience an **Encounter with Christ To Deepen Your 4th Day Life** Via Zoom. We have all had to change our Piety, Study and Action during this time of isolation from in person meetings.

2021 CSOL Schedule

Join Zoom Meeting

Topic: Cursillo School of Leaders

Time: This is a recurring meeting

7:00 – 8:50 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81552163918?pwd=a2FIWXJDS2MybDhuUVpVL3k2MythUT09>

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January 20, 2021

Topic TBA

February 17, 2021

Topic TBA

March 18, 2021

**Evangelization in Modern World (Chap. 3)
Group Reunion: Apostolic Action: What it
is, Success and Failure, Need for an Apost.
Plan**

Apr. 21, 2021

**Evangelization in Modern World (Chap. 4)
Ultreya: Purpose**

May 19, 2021

**Evangelization in Modern World (Chap. 5)
Ultreya: Format**

Cursillo 2021 Calendar of Event

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COMMUNAL ROSARY

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7pm

Washington Cursillo Movement will lead in
January.

Join in by calling 602-580-9850, Access
Code 7284587.

For additional information, contact Shelia
Vallot 301-928-4701

31st NATIONAL ENCOUNTER

July 22-25, 2021

Orange County, California

More information to come!

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PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

1st QUARTER ISSUE

January - March

Submission Deadline

March 19th

Publish Date-April 2nd

2nd QUARTER ISSUE

April - June

Submission Deadline

June 25th

Publish Date-July 2nd

3rd QUARTER ISSUE

July - September

Submission Deadline

September 24th

Publish Date-October 8th

4th QUARTER SPECIAL ISSUE

October - December

Submission Deadline

December 10th

Publish Date-December 20th

Editor's Corner

Do you have thoughts, poems, prayers, or reflections to share? The Washington Cursillo® Community wants to hear from you!! **Ultreya Leaders**, please send us your sharing — it would be great to hear from each leader at least once a year!

Babe Chicks your articles are the most important ones. Let us hear from you. **If you know someone who has gone on to their 5th Day**, we need your sharing and memories. **Please send them before the submission deadlines!!!!**

Articles should be submitted no later than the “submission deadline” listed on the Production Schedule, using Arial 12 Font Size, and be no longer than 600 words.

Remember to sign your articles with your name, weekend, and Ultreya.

Submit articles by email to:

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(or) larsk196@msn.com

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



ULTREYA

Assumption

1:30pm, 2nd Saturday
Undercroft
Assumption Church

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Richard Sylvester

Bowie-Lanham

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St. Edward's, Bowie

Tony Colbert

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Calvert County

7:30pm, 2nd Monday
St. John Vianney
Church Basement

Ginger Caldwell

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Cathy Martinoli

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Central PG County

7pm, 4th Monday
Rosemont Room
St. Joseph's in Largo

Harold Sims

Harold.sims@yahoo.com

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East of the River

7:30pm, 4th Friday
OLPH
1st Portable Bldg.

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Laurel

7:30pm, 3rd Friday
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7:30pm, 1st Saturday
Missionaries of the
Most Holy Trinity Home
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North Montgomery County

7:00pm, 3rd Sunday
St. Paul's Church Hall
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St. Teresa of Avila

7:30pm, 2nd Monday
St. Teresa's Church
Parish Life Center (PLC)
14th & V Streets, SE
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NE/SE

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7pm, 4th Wednesday
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Newport

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye
Cursillo Wishes You a Bountiful Christmas
And we are asking you to share some of your bounty with us.

Covid-19 has brought us problems and blessings. Among the blessings – virtual meeting. And now we have purchased our own, unrestricted Zoom account to let larger groups meet for longer than 45 minutes. Among the problems that have remained with us is the location of weekends and the higher costs that accompany new venues. We need your help to defray these costs and to continue to offer scholarships for those who could otherwise not afford to make a weekend. We still believe that money should not prevent someone from making a weekend. We are asking you to participate in two fundraising efforts:

1. **Right now.** Before the end of the year. Send a check to our treasurer:
See donation form below and on website.
2. **In January.** Start searching under the cushions of your couch and wherever you squirrel away a bit of money and save up for a raffle. It's a beautiful, hand-made afghan in green and white – perfect for St. Patrick's Day. The raffle will be handled by the Ultreyas, so watch for the **Afghan News.**

*Have a holy and blessed Christmas
and may God shower blessings on you and yours in the New Year.*

Your Secretariat





Donation Form

Washington Cursillo Movement

“Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ!”

Donor information (please print or type)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST. Zip Code: _____

Phone 1 (Home): _____

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Pledge Information

I (we) pledge a total of \$ _____ to be paid now monthly
 quarterly yearly

I (we) plan to make this contribution in the form of Cash Check
 Money Order

Acknowledgement Information

If the donation is to honor someone, and you would allow us to publish their name(s), please use the line(s) below with names to be used in all acknowledgements:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Please make checks payable to:
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