

Newsletter

Diocese of Kalamazoo



September 2017

Message from the Lay Director...

It is quite an exciting time for the Kalamazoo Cursillo! **Our Pre Cursillo team has been on fire...** giving talks at masses, "Come and See" gatherings, and a beautiful presentation at a day-long evangelization conference!!! There is great excitement and interest in the Cursillo! Because having a "Reunion Group" is key to having the full experience of the Cursillo, our team has been trying to reach out to parts of the Diocese where we only have one or two Cursillistas, in order to help to build grouping opportunities. If you have longed for a reunion group and are in that situation, please let us know. Our Pre- Cursillo team can help you in your area!

We already have many applications for the Women's weekend in November. **Now is the time for you to pray...and then invite and share the Gift of Cursillo with another.**

We need everyone's HELP! We are trying to locate all of the Cursillistas in the Kalamazoo Diocese and update our database...[attached to this newsletter is an info sheet for you to fill out your current info.](#) We ask that you also pass it on and get the info of any other Cursillistas in your Parish. Because there was a 20 year gap of activity, we know there are many that are not being reached. We need to gather the family!

In the spirit of gathering everyone together, we are excited to offer our first **Re- Kindle the Fire!** October 14th...Mass at 4 pm, dinner and festivities 5-7:30pm! **A fun, fall "homecoming" for Cursillistas!** Please see more details on second page!!! We had already reserved the venue and the presenters before the date was published for the Kalamazoo Diocese Evangelization Convocation. So, for all those planning to attend the Convocation that day, please know you can and still come for dinner, fire, music, witness, grouping, and praise and worship! Let's join together to Fire Up in-order to strengthen ourselves, our team, and our ministry!

De Colores! Sharon Matkin

September Ultreya is this Sunday
September 17th @ 2pm., St Thomas More, Kalamazoo

Irene Dunlap will be our witness speaker!

Reminder: spouses and friends are welcome as our guest at the Ultreya! We tried something new last month...our grouping was about a question or observance pertaining to the witness talk...it was very interesting and fun! We plan to do the same this month...so much more welcoming to our guests and fun for all! So, feel free to invite!

August Witness... "The Cursillo changed my life!"



Jeff Chancey, who just lived his Cursillo in May, is on FIRE and delivered a powerful witness at the August Ultreya! Cursillo has changed his LIFE and he is very effective in sharing that with others! Jeff thought he was a good practicing Catholic before the

weekend, he even thought he could just sneak out and do a little business during the weekend! God had a different plan...the Holy Spirit took hold of Jeff and he began to experience the presence of Jesus like never before! Jeff runs his own business and never had time to really serve the Lord...but God provides. Jeff is still running a successful business but he is now able to give his family and the Cursillo his energy, passion and time too! Jeff joined our Pre Cursillo team and has been a passionate leader for the Cursillo! Make sure you take the time to meet Jeff at the Ultreya...you will be inspired! Thanks Jeff!

Pre-Cursillo Update...



Our team has been busy working with Fr. Altine (also a Cursillista) reaching out to the five parishes in Cass County with weekend Mass talks and Come and See gatherings. It was a lot of fun and produced much fruit as we've received many applications! We also enjoyed meeting and hearing the stories of some old Cursillistas! This past weekend Cursillo was part of day long evangelization seminar in Byron Center. Our team was asked to offer a break out session and to sit on a discussion panel! This was a great experience! One close moment for the four that presented, happened with the last speaker of the day...She began... "Come Holy Spirit...and froze...but our team naturally finished the prayer... alone! She was wowed...and said she had never seen that happen before! Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit...especially in passionate Cursillistas! We are committed to getting the word out about the Cursillo! We need Reunion Groups for all Cursillistas!!! Please know we are here to help you encourage those in your parish too! **Jeff Chancey, Dave Garwood, and Mary Williams thank you for your continued service on the Pre- Cursillo team!**

Dave and Serena Spear, Pre-Cursillo Chairs

Palanca Needed...

- ❖ Please offer Palanca for the team formation and for the candidates for the Women's weekend November 9 to 12, 2017.
- ❖ Also, please offer Palanca for the formation of the team and candidates for the Men's weekend February 22 to 25, 2018.
- ❖ Palanca consists of prayers, sacrifices, and works of mercy.
- ❖ If you want to send specific information of your Palanca, please send it to marymarthawilliams@msn.com
- ❖ I will forward all emails to the women's and/or men's teams and weekends.
- ❖ Remember Palanca is the prayers, sacrifices and works of mercy and not the letters that are sent. The letters are only a reminder to the recipients that they are being prayed for.
- ❖ Also, please continue to offer Palanca for Cursillo weekends throughout the world.

Mary Williams, Palanca Coordinator

Welcome New Treasurer...

We are excited to announce that **Diana Godish** has accepted the position of Treasurer! Diana made her Cursillo last November #66! Welcome and thank you!



- **September 17th**– Ultreya, 2:00 p.m., St. Thomas More, Kalamazoo
- **October 5-8** – Men's Spanish Cursillo, St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo
- **October 12-15**, Women's Spanish Cursillo, St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo
- **October 14th** – “**Rekindle the Fire**”, 4pm Mass 5-7:30 pm dinner and more!, Sacred Heart of Mary, Dowagiac
- **November 9-12, 2017** – Women's English Cursillo, St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo

Find us on the Web...

Check out our website at <https://kalamazoocursillo.com> . The site contains a wealth of information about our movement. When at the site, be sure to click on the buttons and explore what we have there for you. Use it as a resource when talking with potential candidates about attending a Cursillo weekend, it is perfectly OK to direct them to our site for more information.

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Cursillistas gather for:

A REKINDLING OF THE FIRE

A RETURN TO PRAYER

Saturday, October 14th, 4-7:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart of Mary, Dowagiac