

Diocese of Kalamazoo

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Newsletter



Be Still and Know...

“Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10)

Following the hustle and bustle of the beautiful Christmas season, this is the verse God gave me for my 2018 mantra! So simple, yet so profound. I must say it has been powerful to pray and contemplate these words. Just to be still...relax, stop striving, and rest in His Presence. I share my mantra with all of you! May we all spend more time in His presence...experience peace in His presence, be healed in His presence, be loved in His presence, and be refreshed in His presence. If we all really made this our priority...the Glory of God would shine so brightly...all would see!

I assure you many are beginning to see the light that shines from the Cursillo. Both Spanish speaking and English Cursillistas are making a difference in our parishes, Diocese, and world. It is exciting to have such a gift...and plan to offer our friends and family! Thank you for truly living the Cursillo plan on your 4th day and beyond. Christ is counting on us...to make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ. There is nothing more important than inviting others to know Christ!

We are just a little more than 2 weeks from the Men's weekend, Feb. 22-25! We have a spiritually strong and very dedicated team. Right now we have 22 candidates! The Amigo Center has only a certain number of beds available! If you have been talking with and praying for a friend or family member please go...take the Holy Spirit with you and pick up their application now! The letter to candidates must go out soon!

We ask all Cursillistas to offer extra Palanca from now and through the Men's Weekend...for the candidates and team! Attached you will find the Cursillo Rosary...Melissa Schultz shared this with me. I hope you also enjoy praying it!

Please make sure to attend the Ultreya this Sunday...we will pray for and over our team #69. They have been called to share Christ in a powerful way! We have been called to hold them up as they go forth. De Colores!!!

Sharon Matkin, Lay Director

In Our Prayers...

Prayer is so powerful and we must keep each other in prayer! We ask that you pray for the healing of fellow Cursillistas **Mike Metzger, Jeff Rambadt & Deacon Larry Kasuboski.** Please also pray for **Susie Boone, volunteers, and youth** as they live the Presence retreat this weekend!

Many more need to be in our prayers as well! We are in need of a way to share and manage special prayer requests submitted by our Cursillistas. **We are in need of a volunteer to head this up! Would you be willing?** Please contact Sharon Matkin, 269-689-9087, srmatkin@gmail.com!

We NEED Palanca...

The Kalamazoo English Men's Cursillo weekend #69 will be **February 22-25.** Once again, we will be offering Palanca from 5pm Thursday to 5pm Sunday. Please offer a minimum of one hour of prayer or sacrifice during that 72 hour period for the success of our men's weekend. Email the hour(s) you will be praying to marymarthawilliams@msn.com. Further reminders will be sent before the weekend.

Also, continue to offer Palanca for all weekends throughout the year in all parts of the world. See all by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/palanca-requests/>

Ultreya...Don't Miss It!
Sunday, February 11th,
2:00pm St. Thomas-More
Kalamazoo

Come and pray for the Men's
Team of Cursillo #69

Team #69 is just about ready to GO!

Plans and preparations have already been underway for our **Men's Cursillo Weekend February 22-25, 2018**. Rector **Bob Matkin** and Assistant Rector **Mike Metzger** have 20 men who have answered the call and said "YES" to serve the Lord on Team 69!!! They will gather together this Saturday in Sturgis to complete their formation process and to tour the Amigo Center. Please keep these men in your prayers. **Father Dan Hyman-Spiritual Advisor, Bob Matkin-Rector, Mike Metzger-Asst. Rector, Eric Baker, Andy Boyd, Jeff Chancey, Mike Collins, Mauricio Garcia, Dave Garwood, Anthony Gettig, Ben Jackson, Keith Keyser, Guencho Leon, Jim Lewis, Mitch Martin, Ted Petropoulos, Bernie Panone, Jeff Rambadt, Bob Rolek, Jeff Swett and Richard Yesh.**



Pre-Cursillo News...

January has been a very busy month in preparation for the Men's Cursillo weekend and the Women's Cursillo this fall. Our team has been praying about and contacting prospective candidates while also giving talks in Edwardsburg, Cassopolis, Douglas, Sturgis, Battle Creek, Hartford, Bangor and White Pigeon. So far, we have 22 men's applications **in hand** with **many more possibilities** yet to come. If reports on the possibilities come to fruition over the next few weeks we may have a record number of attendees for the upcoming men's weekend. If you have a candidate you are sponsoring and we do not yet have their application, please encourage them to get it in ASAP.

Applications can be emailed to Dave Spear @ d.c.spear49@comcast.net .

In the process of sharing Cursillo, we have met many dedicated Priests and Parishioners from our Diocese and beyond. This has been very rewarding for the team. We have also had several women step forward to request brochures and applications for the upcoming Fall Women's Cursillo – please pray that many of them will answer God' call. DeColores!

GoFundGod!

As Christians, we are called to evangelize and bring others to Christ. Cursillistas have been given a gift and a plan to do this through our Cursillo weekends. Thank you to so many who have already made their tax deductible donation to our movement. If you have not yet done so, we ask that you remember the Kalamazoo English Cursillo in your yearly charitable donations so that God can continue to use us to do His work. Checks can be made payable to the Diocese of Kalamazoo with English Cursillo on the memo line. Send to our Treasurer:

Diana Godish
1431 Northampton Rd.
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

A Reunion Group is a Gift for YOU!



All Cursillistas need a Reunion Group! We must each invite, help start, encourage, and pray for one another! If you have not found a group yet, please contact: **Mike Metzger or Sharon Matkin**...contact info listed below on 2018 Secretariat. We want you to enjoy the gift of a lifetime!



- **February 11th** – Ultreya, 2:00 p.m. St. Thomas More, Kalamazoo
- **February 22-25, 2018** – Men's English Cursillo, Amigo Centre, Sturgis
- **March 11th** – Ultreya, 2:00 p.m. St. Thomas More, Kalamazoo

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