



YOU are part of something very BIG! NOW is the time for CURSILLO!

Our world is truly being challenged by Satan...we see it in our world, our nation, our cities, our work places, our parishes, our homes, and our relationships. Eduardo Bonnín Aguila, the founder of Cursillo could see this too. The first Rollo he ever wrote and delivered was the Study of the Environments...which truly lead to what we know as the Cursillo, the Cursillo of Christianity. Eduardo was inspired by a call from Pope Pius XII. A spark was lit and from there the Holy Spirit led Eduardo. He spent the rest of his life understanding and sharing the Charism and mentality of the Cursillo. The basis of all Charism's is LOVE...the basis of the Charism of Cursillo is **for all to know "God Loves YOU"**. The basic guidelines of his mentality is **Love of God, Friendship, and the Person; especially the far away**. Think about what is being attacked in our world... human relationships! Relationships close to us are being attacked and severed... Husband and wife (Marriage); Mother and Father, Mother and the unborn, Parents and children, brothers and sisters (family), teachers and students, young and old, friends and friends, etc. Ultimately being attacked is the relationship between human and God.

Eduardo Bonnín lived "**make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ**" by reaching out and building relationships face to face wherever he went. He understood how important all relationships were to a relationship with Christ. This simple method, Cursillo, has been effective and spread throughout the world. But as Eduardo traveled to visit and empower, he quickly realized that the message he had received and shared was being lost due to adaptations, additions, deletions and lack of understanding of the mentality by which they were developed. So he began to write the **Step by Step Manual for the Cursillo**, complete with the answers to why!!! He died before the entire manual was complete. However, his faithful Cursillistas of Mallorca, Spain, who had been helping him with this project continued working diligently from his notes to complete this Manual for us to better understand, and for us to be better able to follow and share the true Charism given by the Holy Spirit.

Eduardo Bonnín Aguila is now being considered for Sainthood! Please read more about this at <https://feba-usa.org/>



The Step by Step Manual is **HERE!** Important Workshop - August 24th noon - 3pm, St Joseph, Battle Creek!

In late Spring I, Sharon Matkin, attended a Regional Cursillo workshop where the Step by Step Manual was presented. This Summer I attended the National Cursillo Encounter and learned so much more about Eduardo, the mentality and Charism, the depth of research for the Step by Step, and how the Cursillo continues to change lives and open encounters with Christ for so many throughout the world!!!! I was also able to meet with Eduardo's friend from Mallorca, many other Lay Directors and leaders to discuss and share.

The Step by Step takes us back to the original...which is simple, yet profound. We will have our first **workshop to uncover all Eduardo was to share on August 24th from noon to 3 pm**. This will follow a morning of the Women's team formation. **All are encouraged to attend!!!** There is no cost, but you must register to receive the materials needed. Contact me at srmatkin@gmail.com.

Cursillo 4th Day Grouping Survey...WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In order to better serve the Cursillo Community, we are trying to gather Reunion group information within the Diocese so we can assist those who are searching for existing groups to join. We are asking that one person from each group be designated to "take the lead" and provide the following information: **Your name and contact information; the names of all group members; and the location, day and time of your group meetings.**

Please send this information to Michael L. Metzger, Post Cursillo chair ASAP at: m1m1976nd@gmail.com

Rectora & Rector Named...

Please continue to pray for Holly Keyser, Rectora of Women's Cursillo #72 and the entire team that will begin formation tomorrow. Also for Brett Cutshall, Rector of Men's Cursillo #73.

Pre-Cursillo Update...Weekend #72

Currently we have 10 candidate applications in hand for the next Women's Cursillo Weekend in English. This is a GREAT start; however, we have a long way to go to hit our goal of 25-30. Mass talks are already set up for the following weekends to assist in delivering the Cursillo message to potential candidates and to bring inactive Cursillistas back to Ultreyas and Grouping: **August 24th and 25th at St. Mary's Assumption – Bronson, St Charles – Coldwater, Our Lady of Fatima – Union City. August 31st and September 1st at St Mary – Paw Paw. September 7th and 8th at St Joseph – Battle Creek. September 21st and 22nd at St Thomas More – Kalamazoo.** PLEASE CONTACT JEFF CHANCEY IF YOU CAN ASSIST IN ANY WAY, YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPECIATED. Remember...the VERY BEST way to bring folks to Cursillo is to **MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND AND BRING THAT FRIEND TO CHRIST!**

Palanca, Palanca, Palanca...

Please remember to offer Palanca for our fellow Cursillistas, our Kalamazoo Diocese Cursillo weekends (Men in Spanish – Oct. 3-6, 2019, Women in Spanish – Oct. 10-13, 2019, Women in English – Oct. 17-20, 2019, and Men in English – March 12-15, 2020), as well as ALL worldwide Cursillo weekends, team formations, Ultreyas, Reunion Groups, Secretariat responsibilities, and the continuing zeal of ALL Cursillistas. Palanca should be ongoing throughout the year. Palanca is the "lever" that allows Cursillistas to move things which are beyond human strength.

Remember that Palanca can include Masses, Holy Communion, Adoration or visits to the Blessed Sacrament, Rosaries, or any prayers you wish to offer. Other Palanca can be any sacrifices or good works you perform.

Upcoming Diocesan Ultreyas

**Sunday October 5th
Sunday, November 3rd
2:30pm St. Thomas-More,
Kalamazoo**

Non-cursillistas are also welcome!

Summer Regional Ultreyas are a SUCCESS!

St Joseph Parish in St Joseph held our first regional Ultreya on June 20. Seventeen people from 4 different parishes were in attendance. Theresa Willson gave a heartfelt and impactful witness talk and our Pastor (for 10 more days) Father Robert Creagan, served as Spiritual Director.

On Tuesday July 23 a regional Ultreya was also held at St. Joseph Parish in Battle Creek. Twenty-four people from 7 parishes attended. Chuck Kincaid delivered a powerful witness and Deacon David Krajewski served as the spiritual advisor.

Our last summer regional Ultreya will be held on **Monday, August 26th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Assumption Parish in Bronson.** Our very own **Father Dan Hyman** will be joining us as our Spiritual Advisor. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**



- **August 24 – Step-by-Step Workshop, noon-3pm, St. Joseph Parish, 61 N 23rd St., Battle Creek, MI**
- **August 26 – Regional Ultreya, 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish, 602 W Chicago St., Bronson, MI**