



2020 Vision - The Magi found themselves mesmerized, they felt called to follow that amazing star. They traveled far searching for the newborn king of the Jews. And behold, the star they had seen led them to the place where Jesus was. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. They presented him with gifts for a king, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Can you imagine traveling so far seeking the unknown yet certain you must seek him? The Magi had a vision and it was fulfilled! They were now more aware and so did not return home by the same route. They knew they had seen someone truly amazing! Their lives had been changed forever by seeing Christ!

We are like the Magi...pondering, studying, seeking, and longing for Jesus to be real. Over and over again I am humbled and filled with awe and joy to see so many come to know Him and experience His Real presence in the Eucharist during the Cursillo weekend. What a REAL blessing...our lives changed forever...metanoia!!! Those Magi journeyed home together and shared all they had experienced. And, so must we. Meeting with our reunion groups each week allows us to be empowered to continue the encounter, to grow closer to Christ, and to have the tools and strength to share Him with others.

We, every one of us, have been called! The time is right now! Bishop Barron in his Letter to a Suffering Church (pg. 97) says movements such as Cursillo are needed to heal our Church. As Cursillistas, we are called to reach out to the multitudes...the "far away" as Eduardo Bonnín, founder of Cursillo conveyed. The Cursillo mission is to make sure all know that God truly loves them, and to offer an environment for them to encounter Christ. We are all called to be saints! We must desire everyone to become a saint! Therefore, we must always be aware to make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ.

We need everyone to help in the mission, God's vision handed down by the Holy Spirit, for the Cursillo Movement! These are some of the ways you could help: give a Mass talk, share your witness at an Ultreya, serve on a team, serve on the secretariat, lead a discussion group, host an Ultreya, invite brothers and sisters to group, invite a friend to live a weekend!

We have our eyes tested to see how close our vision is to 20/20, a desired norm for visual clarity and sharpness. Kalamazoo Cursillo, more importantly, we are having our souls tested each and every day! Let us pray, study, and serve together so we are able to share with clarity and sharpness God's vision for Cursillo in 2020! During 2020, the year of the Eucharist, may the Cursillo Movement be blessed abundantly in order to bring Christ to many.

De Colores!!!

Sharon Matkin, Lay Director

Special Cursillo Event... Notre Dame Basilica Tour and MORE!

Feb. 9, 2020 – Come enjoy the Catholic riches of Notre Dame and a private tour of the Basilica of Sacred Heart!!!!

A private, guided tour of the Basilica and Sacristy will begin promptly at 3:00 pm., but there is so much more to see at Notre Dame. Come early and enjoy the Welcome Center with a wonderful short video of the founding history of Notre Dame. Only a few steps from the Welcome Center enjoy the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore (much more than books)! **WE will all gather together at 2:50 pm at the Basilica for the 3:00 pm guided tour!** Following the tour, enjoy praying at the beautiful Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes located near the Basilica, then join us for dinner on your own at one of the several restaurants adjacent to the campus. For more info, please contact Mike Metzger, mlm1976nd@gmail.com, 269-849-5453. Holy moments and lots of fun guaranteed!

Sign-up is REQUIRED...Please follow the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044FAFAF2CA3F58-notre>

Upcoming Regional Ultreyas

Thursday, January 16th
St. Joseph, St. Joe - 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 26th
Our Lady of the Lake
Edwardsburg – 4:00 pm

Non-cursillistas are also welcome!

Cursillo 73 quickly approaches! March 12-15, 2020!!!

Please keep OUR TEAM 73 covered in prayer! These are the men of Team 73: Rector Brett Cutshall, Spiritual Advisor Fr Dan Hyman, Mike Austerman, Andy Boyd, Jeff Chancey, Mike Collins, John Duyck, Robert Gallaway, Dave Garwood, Frank Hanchak, Bob Johnson, Keith Keyser, Chuck Kincaid, Bob Matkin, Mike Metzger, Joe Rambadt, Dennis Traxler, and Richard Yesh.

Please pray for candidates to live the weekend. It is the call of each Cursillista to make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ. We have an amazing life transforming gift to offer. Christ is counting on YOU! Forms for both candidates and sponsors are attached!

HELP!

2 positions are needed to be filled: Palanca Chairperson, and Prayer Chain Coordinator!

Palanca Chair: Mary Williams has served as the Palanca Chairperson for the past 2 years and due to family needs must lighten her load. This position sends our Palanca through National to other weekends as well as receives the Palanca sent to us. Access to a computer and printer are needed for this position. If want to know more please contact Mary or Sharon. See contact info under Secretariat.

Prayer Chain Coordinator: this person would help send out the needs for prayer, as well as prayers answered to other Cursillistas. This position would require email.



- January 16th – Ultreya, St. Joseph Rose Center, St. Joseph, MI @ 6:00 p.m.
- January 26th – Ultreya, St. Thomas More, Kalamazoo, MI @ 2:30 p.m.
- February 2nd – Ultreya, Our Lady of the Lake in Edwardsburg, MI 4:00 p.m.
- March 1st – Ultreya, Immaculate Conception in Three Rivers, MI @ 2:30 p.m.
- March 12-15 – Men's Cursillo Weekend in English @ The Amigo Centre in Sturgis, MI
- March 29th – Ultreya, St. Thomas More in Kalamazoo, MI @ 2:30 p.m.

Powerful Palanca! 2020 Kalamazoo Cursillo unites in Palanca!

All over the world Cursillo weekends begin on Thursday. We are asking all Cursillistas to say a Rosary for the Cursillo Movement every Thursday! We can truly be an instrument of change if we all pray together.

Palanca can be Masses, Holy Communions, Adoration or visits to the Blessed Sacrament, or any prayers you wish to offer, as well as any sacrifices or good works you perform.

WANTED...30 Good Men!

The next **Men's Cursillo Weekend in English** will be held on **Thursday, March 12th – March 15th** at the Amigo Centre in Sturgis. Have you invited someone to attend a weekend lately? Now is your chance! Remember...we are fulfilling our baptismal promise by encouraging others to develop a deeper relationship with Christ by attending a Cursillo weekend. You can go to our website at www.kalamazoocursillo.com to download an application and sponsor form.

Contact Jeff Chancey @ 269.921.2867 for more info.

MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND AND BRING THAT FRIEND TO CHRIST!

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!

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