

Diocese of Kalamazoo Cursillo Newsletter

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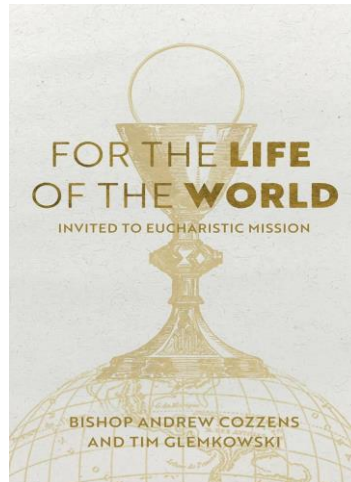


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CONNECTING WITH CHARISMS



FALL BOOK STUDY



For the Life of the World ...Invited to a Eucharistic Mission

By Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Tim Glemkowski. lead by Sharon Matkin
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This book is a part of the National Eucharistic Revival in the US Catholic Church. We are called to be Eucharistic Missionaries...come enjoy this study together and learn to invite others to a deeper encounter with the Eucharist! Only 10 short chapters, 4 online meetings!

First gathering...Oct 29 at 7 pm online (Microsoft Teams) Chapters 1-3!!!

Once we gather, we can discuss if there is a best evening to meet for the other 3 gatherings.

Reunion groups could also read and discuss this book together in person!

Everyone please consider reading and discussing this book in some way!

Upcoming Events

Ultreya

Sun.10/13/2024 – 4:00 pm
Meet the Women's Team!
Immaculate Conception in
Three Rivers.

Women's Cursillo #78

October 17 – 20, 2024
Amigo Center, Sturgis

Ultreya

Sun.11/10/2024 – 4:00 pm
Meet the new Cursillistas!
St. Joseph Church in
Battle Creek.

Ultreya

No December Ultreya

Advent by Candlelight

Dec. 2, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

- Holy Angels – Sturgis
- Our Lady of the Lake –
Edwardsburg

Ultreya

January 12, 2025 – 4:00 pm
Location to be determined

Men's Cursillo #79

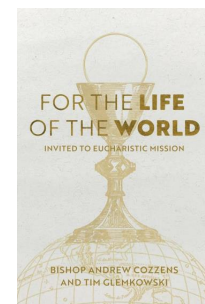
March 6 - 9, 2025
Amigo Center, Sturgis

Oct. 22, 7pm,
Online (Microsoft Teams)
Lead by Sharon Matkin
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This is a follow up from the Spring event on Discerning Charisms.

Now that you have had time to read and pray about your Charisms let us continue understanding our Charisms and how they can help us in our mission/ ministry work. Join the meeting and we can grow together!

All are welcome even if you did not attend the workshop!



You can find the book on Amazon and OSV!

Make a Friend, Be A Friend, Bring A Friend!

WALK WITH ONE!

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ...Cursillo Method of Evangelization!

Walk With One...Eucharistic Revival Initiative for the Year of Mission

(Evangelization everyone can do) Be sure to check it out...www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one, there are even some YouTubes to explain!

They have different titles but are so very similar in nature and focus... this is what we are called to do! What we have received as a gift...we must give as a gift. Christ is counting on us! We know we can count on Him. Can He count on **YOU**?



Where to start:

1. Identify someone in a spiritual humility
2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit
3. Connect in Eucharistic Friendship
4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her

Do you know one person who is currently away from the faith or just going through the motions? We All do! Pray for them, befriend them, and invite them to take one step closer to Jesus and His church!

CHOOSE ONE, one person to truly befriend, pray for, and walk with so they may encounter Jesus!!! Invite them to be a friend, invite them to Mass, invite them to adoration, invite them to the Cursillo, invite them to OCIA...invite them to a relationship with Christ!

Statistics say 70% of Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist...so there are many, many we can befriend and introduce to Christ!!!

REUNION GROUP APOSTOLIC ACTION

Something that often gets missed and is listed on our Group Reunion Card... is a Group Apostolic Action. Group Apostolic action can be very powerful!

What is your group doing? It would be fun to hear from all our groups so we can share ways groups are offering apostolic action! Let's plan to share at the Ultreya this week or email me at srmatkin@gmail.com!

Here are examples from my group at Holy Angels...we have cleaned out an elderly woman's house, baby sat weekly for kiddos so a young Mom's group could meet to pray and study, dinners for those who are sick or suffering, and our favorite...our annual Advent by Candlelight (Catholic style) for the women in our area. Our goal of Advent by Candlelight was to allow a pause for women to reflect and focus on the true beauty of slowing down and embracing the Advent and Christmas seasons.

We don't charge (but may encourage donations of canned goods for food pantry or items for Pregnancy Helpline this year), we invite all ages, and we serve with true Cursillo charity. What started with just a group of 8 Cursillistas has now grown to involve about 30 Cursillistas and welcomes 150-200 Women. And...even more exciting is... our Cursillista men's groups come and clear the tables and do the dishes while we are in the church! It is a beautiful evening.

Because it has gotten so big...it is time to branch out! So this year, Our Lady of the Lake will also be having Advent by Candlelight!!! If you are curious...come join us! If your group is interested in doing something like this, I am happy to share our outline and program with you!

Advent by Candlelight (Catholic Style) Dec. 2, 2024 Reservations required,

- **6pm Holy Angels**, Sturgis MI (rsvp. Sharon, srmatkin@gmail.com.)
- **6pm Our Lady of the Lake**, Edwardsburg, MI (rsvp Amy Traxler, amy.traxler@comcast.net)

Mike's Musings

What a great time to be a Cursillista! In the next 6 months we will have a Women's and a Men's weekend. Just as Jesus was sent to the "Lost sheep of Israel" we are sent to the "Lost sheep of Rome." And we need your help... don't wait for an invitation...*Get Involved!*

- We have a need for someone to fill (2) Secretariat vacancies: **Pre-Cursillo** and our **Prayer Line**.
- We need **Candidates and Sponsors** for the Women's and Men's weekends. Who in your "Environment" can and should attend a weekend?
- How about giving a **Witness Talk** at an Ultreya?

There are many ways to live your 4th Day with JOY! Contact me if you are interested.
Pray on it and Get Involved!
De Colores!

Mike Metzger – Lay Coordinator Kalamazoo Diocese Cursillo

Cursillo Mass and Reception



Ultreya



Cursillistas having fun at a Growlers Game



Remember the Power Prayer is strong. Please add the Women's #78 AND Men's #79 Cursillo Weekends; Team and Candidates to your prayers!

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