

# Rooster Crows Winter 2012

## NY Cursillo English



### A Reflection from our Spiritual Director

#### ME - THE POOR FOLLOWER

ME so blinded by the darkness of disbelief,  
help me, O Lord to see Your  
will in all that comes my way today.

ME so awed by the things of this world,  
help me to realize the beauty beneath  
the Blood of the Cross.

ME so discouraged by the disappointments  
of today, help me to see them as You  
saw them from your Throne on Cavalry.

ME so lost in this vale of tears, point  
out my way to salvation from Your Cross.

ME so foolish in the affairs of men,  
make me prudent in the affairs of God.

ME so eager to travel home, press Your  
guidepost on my shoulder.

ME so eager to criticize my fellow man,  
help me to see everyone in that light  
of love, which You made shine while  
amongst men.

ME so loved by my good friends, give me  
the desire to be the object of Your love.

ME the poor follower, the blind, worldly,  
discouraged, lost, foolish, uncharitable,  
weak one;

O lord, admit me to  
YOUR INN OF INFINITE HAPPINESS.

I pray You, Lord, not as an example of a  
faithful follower, but as one whom  
You have extended Your mercy and Love  
admit ME.

O Lord, just one more word --  
THANKS!

*Rev. Hugh Grace*

### 2012 - 20 Week Raffle

Our annual **Twenty Week Raffle** for the ENTIRE New York Archdiocese will begin very soon. This fund raising Raffle is critical for our Cursillo Weekends to continue. The Raffle proceeds allow us to maintain our low \$165 donation for the Weekend, provide support for candidates who cannot afford this amount and most important keeps New York Archdiocese Cursillo solvent.

The tickets will be \$20.00 and will be distributed at the upcoming Ultreyas. The first drawing is on May 17<sup>th</sup> with the final drawings at our ANNUAL HARVEST FEST on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please purchase as many tickets as you can and sell even more to your friends as well.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU for a successful Raffle.

Al Lett  
Treasurer

**Women's Weekend #200  
Central-South  
Mount Saint Francis  
November 10 -13, 2011  
Rectora: Jane Beck**



Photo by Ernest Valera

**The New Cursillistas**

Martha	Capek	Staten Island, NY
Mary	Cataldo	Brooklyn, NY
Millie	Contento	Stony Point, NY
Vincenza	Ferro	Beacon, NY
Janna	Gaudiuso	Staten Island, NY
Agnes	Glasgow	Staten Island, NY
Christine	Harrington	Carmel, NY
Kim Marie	Heis	Carmel, NY
Betty	Hirsch-Klein	Tarrytown, NY
Mona	Joyner	Staten Island, NY
Jessica	Love	Holmes, NY
Jayne	McGinley	Staten Island, NY
Carole	Morgan	Staten Island, NY
Marianne	Morgante	Mohegan Lake, NY
Gail	Scotto	Staten Island, NY

Women's Weekend #201  
North  
Mount Alvernia  
November 3 - 6, 2011  
Rectora: Jean Dayton



Photo by Ernest Valera

**The New Cursillistas**

Aneta	Berghane	North Salem, NY
Betty M.	DuBois	Hyde Park, NY
Mary Jo	Kanzler	Harriman, NY
Kathleen	Keeley	Pine Bush, NY
Toni	Kerins	Monroe, NY
Carol	Licata	Monroe, NY
Kathy	Longbard	Salt Point, NY
Danielle	Losi	Newburgh, NY
Cathy	O'Hare	Chester, NY
Joyce	Piparo	Middletown, NY
Kelly	Sutton	Poughkeepsie, NY



Men's Weekend #201  
Central-South  
Mount Saint Francis  
October 20 - 23, 2011  
Rector: Bob Goldbach



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**The New Cursillistas**

Carmine	Cataldo	Brooklyn, NY
James	Collins	Valhalla, NY
Vincent	D'Abusco	Staten Island, NY
Robert	DelZoppo	Staten Island, NY
Jim	Doddy	Sleepy Hollow, NY
Bob	Filitor	Staten Island, NY
Denis	McCarthy	Hawthorne, NY
Mike	Monfils	Peekskill, NY
Benny	Novoa	Peekskill, NY
Bill	Rolon	New Windsor, NY
J. David	Tolentio	Staten Island, NY
Patrick	Tyndall	Brewster, NY
Jim	Watters	Staten Island, NY

Men's Weekend #202  
Mount Alvernia  
October 27 - 30, 2011  
Rector: Mike Audette

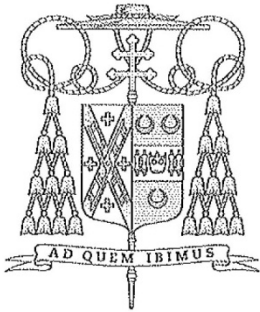


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**The New Cursillistas**

Tom	Coleman	Walden, NY
Greg	Gaetano	New Windsor, NY
Rich	Irons	Newburgh, NY
Brian J.	Liston	Saugerties, NY
Mike	O'Hare	Chester, NY
Bert	Salerno	Montgomery, NY
George	Sutton	Poughkeepsie, NY

**Congratulatory Letter from Archbishop Dolan  
On the Occasion of the 200<sup>th</sup> Women's Cursillo Weekend**



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP  
1011 FIRST AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

November 2, 2011  
Year for Mass

Dear Mr. Lucadamo,

Through the kindness of Father Thomas Devery, I learned of the wonderful milestone of the 200<sup>th</sup> Women's Cursillo, to be celebrated at Mount Saint Francis Convent in Peekskill. Countless men and women from all over the world have been enlightened and renewed in their faith thanks to the dedication of this wonderful ecclesial community. You have become the good leaven of the Church, raising up dedicated leaders in our Catholic faith. And, I am deeply grateful to all who have sacrificed to make this weekend such a special event in your lives.

Permit me to also honor the team and candidates of Women's Cursillo 200 who have completed their retreat and are now embarking on living the fourth day. Your reliance on Christ, and finding the balance of piety, study and action will bring a multitude of graces to your parish communities.

I understand that, for more than fifty years, "De Colores" has been sung at every Cursillo. May you radiate the bright colors of God's unique love for you.

Through the intercession of Mary, Our blessed Mother, may she watch over you and keep you always close to her Son and to our Church.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of New York



# New York Archdiocese Advent Ultreya & Agape Saturday December 10, 2011 Mount Alvernia Retreat Center Wappingers Fall, New York

The Theme for the 2011 Advent Ultreya was "Gather Us Together". Sue Tornatore with her enthusiastic team of helpers and volunteers organized this very successful Ultreya, which attracted well over 100 Cursillistas from the New York Diocese. There was representation from all three regions: South, Central, and Northern. In the Chapel, the Ultreya was started with prayers and hymns, with music performed by Don Swanerbury, Jim Quicksell and Christine Seward. There were two terrific witness presentations by Kim Porpora of the Northern Region and Bob Morris of Staten Island. Following the group sharing, an Agape was then held in the gym where much exchange of love and laughter abounded. Following the Agape was a wonderful potluck dinner, which allowed everyone to meet new friends and catch up with old friends. Raffle baskets and a fifty-fifty raffle ended the evening with fun and excitement.



Sue Tornatore welcoming Cursillistas to the Ultreya



Scene of the Agape which preceded potluck supper



Kim Porpora presenting her witness to the assembly



Bob Morris also presented his witness testimony

The journey  
 Short yet  
 Profound  
 Things known  
 (and those not known)  
 Brought to God's Light  
 Humility, love, Palanca  
 The love permeates  
 All throughout  
 Tears  
 Both happy  
 Joyous  
 Sad  
 Somber, all done though  
 Through God's Grace  
 Love  
 The group  
 Built on trust  
 Brings many  
 Cultures  
 Colors  
 The orange  
 Reds  
 Greens  
 Blues  
 Yellow  
 All the colors  
 Of the spectrum  
 Are blended  
 Enhanced  
 Immersed  
 Through God  
**By Brian J. Liston**  
 Men's #202  
 New Cursillista

## Reflections on Cursillo de Cursillos #9

*When asked to attend the CDC, I decided it was something I really wanted to do. The topics that were listed on the National Cursillo site seemed interesting and I thought that they would help me deepen my understanding of our Movement.*

*By attending the Cursillo de Cursillos, I received much more than I expected. Just like my original Cursillo weekend, it is difficult to explain. I think one must really experience the CDC to appreciate fully that our Cursillo Movement is a very special gift from God.*

*I plan to use the information gained to help me grow in my Group Reunions and Ultreyas. The weekend has encouraged me to study further the available materials from the National Cursillo Center.*

Liz DeJulio  
Carmel-Mahopac Ultreya

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*I just wanted to give you my reflections on the recent Cursillo de Cursillos. It created a new hunger in me to go out and Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring that Friend to Christ. It gave me new insights into the Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, and Post-Cursillo. I learned that I must take a more active role in the School of Leaders. As a Movement, we must do more to educate our Cursillistas on the Cursillo method.*

Ginger Fisher  
Hopewell Junction Ultreya

## Leadership in the Cursillo Movement

If we decide our particular calling is to the Cursillo Movement, as a Cursillo Leader, we must understand that this calling, like any calling from God is a vocation. It is not something we choose.

The Lord chooses us. By accepting that call, we are making a commitment to God and His work.

It involves directing our will to all that God wants us to do.

It means that we must be responsible stewards, sharing our time, talent, and treasure with the world.

If we accept the task of being a Cursillo leader, it implies that this should be our primary apostolate.

We are not called to do everything, but whatever challenge we do accept should be given our undivided attention.

Jesus does not ask everyone to embrace the same call. However, He calls each of us to accept the Gospel.

Terry Fisher - Lay Coordinator Northern Center



## Cursillo de Cursillos #9 January 5 - 8, 2012 St. Thomas Seminary Bloomfield, CT

The Cursillo de Cursillos three-day weekend is to develop a deeper understanding in the Cursillistas attending of the foundational charism: mentality, essence, purpose, strategy and methodology of the Cursillo Movement. There are five Meditations and 15 Rollos presented by the team from National and Regionals, which address the why and what of we do in Cursillo. The ultimate goal is to provide Cursillistas the means to form and maintain Friendship Groups, conduct an efficient School of Leaders, conduct authentic 3-Day Weekends and implement an authentic PreCursillo, Cursillo and PostCursillo, based on the love of God and neighbor.



Group photo of the CDC attendees in the sanctuary of St. Thomas Chapel

### Team members:

Cef Aguillon, Victor Lugo, James Wells, James Santos, Michael Ciccocioppo, and Deacon Joseph Deleon

### New York Secretariat Members:

Joe Lysonski, John DeJulio, Margaret Frisch. Don Jones. Jim Odell, Patty Odell

### New York Diocese Cursillistas:

Ginger Fisher, Yolanda Leavy, Kathleen Harris, Liz DeJulio

### Other Dioceses Cursillistas:

Mary Hale (ME), Diane Geoffroy (VT), Joan Reynolds (CT), John Wentworth (NH)

## **FROM THE CENTRAL SCHOOL OF LEADERS**

- Results of the Fall weekends:
  - ❖ Men's #201 - October 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011
    - 13 men made the weekend
  - ❖ Women's #200 - November 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2011
    - 16 women made the weekend
    - The Rectoras of first 50 Women Cursillo weekends were honored at the Women's closing.
- The spring weekends are close at hand
  - Men's weekend #204 will be held March 8<sup>th</sup> thru March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012
    - Rector for the Men's Weekend is John Gallagher
  - Women's weekend #203 will be held March 22<sup>nd</sup> thru March 25<sup>th</sup> 2012
    - Rectora for the Women's Weekend is Patricia Bisesto.
  - Weekends will take place at Mt. St. Francis Peekskill, NY.
  - The teams are picked and team meetings under way.
- Please speak to your friends about the upcoming weekends.
  - Remember sponsorship is the way to successful weekends.
    - MAKE A FRIEND
    - BE A FRIEND
    - BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST
  - We are looking forward to upcoming spring weekends.
- Central School of Leaders is planning to sponsor a Spring Ultreya on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Additional information will be forthcoming.

De Colores,  
Vito Porpora  
Central Lay Coordinator

## Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

March 8-11, 2012	Men's Weekend #203 Mount Alvernia, Wappingers Closing 4PM, Rector: Paul Rouis
March 8-11, 2012	Men's Weekend #204 Mount Saint Francis, Peekskill Closing 4PM, Rector: John Gallagher
March 22-25, 2012	Women's Weekend #202 Mount Alvernia, Wappingers Closing 4PM, Rectora: Joan Paddock
March 22-25, 2012	Women's Weekend #203 Mount Saint Francis, Peekskill Closing 4PM, Rectora: Patricia Bisesto

## 2011-20 Week Raffle Final Results

The final winners of the **2011-20 Week Raffle** are tabulated below. This 20 Week Raffle is essential to help offset the additional expenses incurred with the Spring and Fall Weekends. This Raffle provides the ticket holders with multiple chances to win. If you win in any given week, your ticket goes back into the basket for the next drawing. The first drawing was on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and the final drawing took place at our Harvest Social on October 15, 2011. There was a \$20.00 donation per ticket.

We are now starting the **2012-20 Week Raffle** with the first drawing starting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available at all the Ultreyas. If you need further information, please contact Rosemary DeCaro at 845-744-3323 or by email: [jandr@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jandr@hvc.rr.com).

The final top prizewinners for the 2011 Raffle are:

One Grand Prize	Karen Finley	Staten Island, NY
One \$500.00	Ed Shimansky	Bronx, NY
Two \$250.00	Mike Ashcroft	Otisville, NY
	Pat Carbone	New Windsor, NY
One \$100.00	Tom Castaldo	Staten Island, NY

There were also two winners chosen weekly: one \$25.00 and one \$50.00.

The last five weeks winners are:

16	Yolanda Leavy	Middleton, NY	\$25
	Joy Low		\$50
17	Rudy Veltre	Poughkeepsie, NY	\$25
	Gladys Ann Adams	Lords Valley, PA	\$50
18	Ed Nelson	Bloomington, NY	\$25
	Bill Sullivan	Bronx, NY	\$50
19	W. V. Spelman	Yorktown Heights, NY	\$25
	Ralph Santalis	Mahopac, NY	\$50
20	Joan Brenner	Wurtsboro, NY	\$25
	Fr. Jack Hunter	Albany, NY	\$50



## Ultréyas

### ULSTER COUNTY

Saugerties  
St. John the Evangelist  
Second Thursday, 7:30  
Judy DeFino (845) 246-4113  
Brian Kimlin (845) 245-6688

### SULLIVAN COUNTY

Liberty  
St. Peter's Rectory  
Fourth Saturday, 6:30  
Maria Torres (845) 701-9598  
Joan Paddock (845) 292-5548

Bloomington  
Our Lady of the Assumption  
Third Thursday, 7:00  
Kathy Harris (845) 367-1964

### ORANGE COUNTY

Bullville/Goshen/Middletown  
St. Paul's Church  
Third Saturday, 7:30  
Martha Santos (845) 692-2338  
Deb Swanerbury (845) 856-8320

Pine Bush  
Infant Saviour  
Second Thursday, 7:30  
Rosemary De Caro (845) 744-3323

Walden  
Most Precious Blood  
First Thursday, 7:00  
Kathy Livingston (845) 778-0320

Minisink  
Holy Cross, South Centerville  
First Saturday, 7:00  
Peg & Ed Lazarri (845) 355-2203  
Gladys Ann Adams (845) 699-7100

Newburgh  
Sacred Heart Bingo Hall  
Fourth Thursday, 7:00  
Virginia Florio (914) 805-5649  
John Hanley (845) 562-6503

### BRONX COUNTY

The Bronx  
St. Francis Xavier  
Fourth Tuesday, 7:30  
Ed Shimanski (718) 931-8373

### NEW YORK COUNTY

Upper Manhattan  
St. Charles Borromeo, 211 W. 141st Street  
Second Thursday, 7:00  
Norma Marshburn (212) 410-1974

## Ultréyas

### DUTCHESS COUNTY

Poughkeepsie  
Mt. Alvernia, Wappingers  
Fourth Monday, 7:30  
Terry Tornatore (845) 297-0347

Hopewell Junction  
Saint Kateri  
Second Thursday, 7:00  
Ginger Fisher (845) 297-4711

Northern Dutchess  
Joan Greene (845) 229-2539  
Second Saturday 7:00  
(Jan, Mar, May, Aug, Oct.) Regina Coeli, Hyde Park  
Pot Luck following 5:00 Mass  
(Feb, Apr, June, Sep, Nov.) St. Stanislaus  
Pleasant Valley  
Pot Luck following 5:30 Mass

### WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Northeast Westchester  
St. Patrick's Cenacle, Bedford  
Fourth Wednesday, 7:30  
Diane and Bob Goldbach (914) 720-5221  
Gino and Cyndi Lucadamo (914) 763-0480

White Plains  
St. Bernard's, White Plains  
Third Saturday, 7:30  
Call for location Don Jones (914) 948-1090

Valhalla  
Holy Name, Valhalla  
(location rotates with White Plains)  
Third Saturday, 7:30  
Joe Bisesto (914) 948-4489

Peekskill/Putnam Valley  
Susie Caras and John Keck Home  
Third Wednesday, 7:30  
Alice Parisi (914) 293-0040  
Susie Caras (914) 737-6889

### PUTNAM COUNTY

Mahopac/Carmel  
Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Carmel  
Third Friday, 7:30  
Diane Trubulsky (845) 661-1276

### RICHMOND COUNTY

Staten Island  
Holy Child School of Religion  
Third Thursday, 8:00  
Janette Nocerino (718) 667-6925

## NY CURSILLO ENGLISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

January 5-8	Cursillo de Cursillos #9, St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT Thursday through Sunday, Contact: Jim Odell 845-942-1303
January 21	Joint Ultreya/Secuela at St. Paul's Church, Bullville; 7PM
March 8-11	Men's Weekend #203 at Mt. Alvernia, Wappingers Closing 4PM, Rector: Paul Rouis
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April 8	Easter Sunday
April 26-28	Regional Encounter; St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT Contact: Jim Santos 845-692-2338
May 5	Spring Joint Ultreya at Mt. St. Francis, Peekskill, 5:30PM
July 8	Picnic Ultreya at Bowdoin Park, Wappinger Falls, 12:30PM Contact: Jeanette Fitch 845-463-4336
July 19-22	National Cursillo Encounter, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH Contact: Jim Odell 845-942-1303
October 6	Annual Harvest Fest Dance and final Raffle drawings St. Mary's, Marlboro, NY

### MANANITAS: GATHER 7AM; CLOSINGS 4 PM

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Kitchen Palanca:	North: JoAnn Vignini 845-561-7674  Central: Joan Lett 845-628-8259 e-mail: <a href="mailto:ajlett@verizon.net">ajlett@verizon.net</a>

# Archdiocese of New York Cursillo English Secretariat

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	Term Start
Spiritual Director	Fr. Hugh Grace	St. Boniface Church Wesley Hills, NY 10952	
Lay Coordinator	Jim Odell	Stony Point, NY 10980	2009-Aug
Secretary	Jim Rangitsch	Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	2009-Aug
Treasurer	Al Lett	Mahopac, NY 10541	2011-Aug
Communications	Margaret Frisch	Mahopac, NY 10541	2010-Aug
Pre-Cursillo Chairperson	Joe Lysonski	Harrison, NY 10528	2009-Aug
Post-Cursillo Chairperson	Gino Lucadamo	Waccabuc, NY 10597	2010-Aug
Cursillo Chairperson	John DeJulio	Carmel, NY 10512	2011-Aug
Education	Patty Odell	Stony Point, NY 10980	2011-Aug
Member-at-Large	Mary Fakler	Walden, NY 12586	2009-Aug
Northern Lay Coordinator	Terry Fisher	Wappingers Falls, NY 12590	2010-Aug
North Member-at-Large	Open		
Central Lay Coordinator	Vito Porpora	Lincolndale, NY 10540	2011-Aug
Central Member-at-Large	Open		
Southern Lay Coordinator	Tom Castaldo	Staten Island, NY 10312	2010-Aug
South Member-at-Large	Sal Lavanco	Staten Island, NY 10312	2010-Aug
Lay Ecclesial Movement	Don Jones	White Plains, NY 10606	2006-July