

# Rooster Crows Fall 2012

## NY Cursillo English



### A Message from the Lay Director

***“The Cursillo in Christianity is a movement of the Roman Catholic Church that is committed to spreading the Gospel message utilizing a specific method and strategy.”*** (Region 1 Pastoral Plan’s Mission Statement)

As the newly elected Lay Director of the Archdiocese of New York Secretariat, I would like to thank Jim Odell for his four years of leadership and service to our movement. His efforts to spread the Word as outlined in our pastoral plan have been invaluable. During Jim’s tenure his leadership helped put forward the Cursillo de Cursillo and our new website <http://www.cursillo.org/newyork> for our Archdiocese.

At the recent funeral Mass for a long time Cursillista, Buddy Horan, Monsignor George Thompson spoke of how death intrudes on us suddenly, and these sad times sometimes move us to reflect on the basic questions from our “old” Baltimore Catechism. Who made us? Why did God make us?

This may also be time to pause and think about the basics of our wonderful Cursillo movement. Our founder, Eduardo Bonin developed Cursillo to help create a foundation so that a person can experience what is fundamental for being a Christian, i.e., to love God and to love neighbor. Therefore, ultimately the purpose is to structure the Gospel in our environments, i.e., to have a positive influence on others whomever we are in contact, and to gradually create a hunger for God in them by our example. Basically, this is the same purpose as the Church. Everything that we say and do must reflect Christ. We are given quite a challenge. Group reunion and Ultreya help remind us how we do this.

Pope Benedict XVI declared in Apostolic Letter *Porta Fidei* that a “Year of Faith” will begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013.

*“The ‘door of faith’ (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. In other words, the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with Him. The “door of faith” is opened at one’s baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.”*

Perhaps, we can reflect during this “Year of Faith” on how we can continue to use the charisms of our movement to support Pope Benedict’s call to bring ourselves and others closer to Our Lord.

John DeJulio  
Lay Director



# Cursillo de Cursillos

October 18–21, 2012  
Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center

**Application**

Please copy and submit a separate form for each attendee.

**Note:** if you desire to room with a particular person, please submit the registration forms together indicating your wish.

**Name****Address****Email****Telephone****Cursillo weekend (year) and Diocese****Church Ministry**☐ Eucharist☐ Lector☐ Music**Cursillo Ministry:****Special Accommodations:****Emergency Contact and Number:**

Please return no later than October 1, 2012

Cost of weekend is \$200.

Make checks payable to **NY Cursillo—English** and mail to:

Terry Fisher

72 Brothers Road

Wappinger Falls, NY 12590

# New York Cursillo English Announces

## Cursillo de Cursillos English

Thursday October 18 - Sunday October 21, 2012

Open to ALL Cursillistas, Men and Women

Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center  
158 DeLavernne Ave.  
Wappinger Falls, NY 12590

Arrival time is 6:00PM Thursday  
Departure time about 6:00PM Sunday

Cost of the weekend is \$200.00  
(Includes meals and lodging)

For Information and Reservations  
Please contact:

Terry or Ginger Fisher  
845-297-4711  
[Fishermach@aol.com](mailto:Fishermach@aol.com)  
[ginger314@live.com](mailto:ginger314@live.com)

Cut-off date is October 1, 2012



## **The Cursillo® Movement**

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### **Announcements – Cursillo Movement in United States**

**August 15, 2012**

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**On behalf of the National Secretariat, the Executive committee would like to announce the following:**

**1. Victor Lugo, National Executive Director of the National Cursillo Movement of the United States has submitted his resignation letter (attached) effective this Friday August 17, 2012. Please join us in thanking Victor for over nine years of service at the National level as both National English Language Coordinator and National Executive Director. His contributions will be remembered; especially returning to our foundational Charism, memorable National Encounters and many friendships. Please pray that the Lord will bless him and guide him in the next chapter of his life.**

**The Executive/Personnel Committee is now in the process of drafting a new job description of a National Center Coordinator to replace Victor's position. Watch for the job posting in a couple weeks. The plan is to fill this position by November 2012.**

**2. Our National Language Coordinators, Cef Aguillon (English), Juan Ruiz (Spanish) and Joachim Le (Vietnamese) will continue to serve the needs of all regions and dioceses. They will discontinue their scheduled diocesan visits in order to have the time to focus on those dioceses that are in need of special assistance. Their time will also be devoted to leadership development.**

**3. The National Secretariat is pleased to announce that we are starting the development of many "on-line" audio/visual based training and support programs. They are being developed by our National Language Coordinators; Cef, Juan and Joachim in three languages, and are designed to:**

- Help Cursillistas who have just started their 4th day – immediately feel the sense of our global Cursillo community and offer video's and other resources to help them continue nurturing the three encounters begun on their weekend experience.**

- **Help Cursillistas, who aspire and are called to serve the Christ and His Church through the Cursillo Movement as a Cursillo leader. The training will be designed to help develop their knowledge and understanding of the Charism, essence, purpose, strategy and methodology of Cursillo.**
- **Help Secretariat members better understand the needs and responsibilities of each leader position.**
- **Help the School of Leaders by: providing multi-year curriculum, recorded formation development programs for the leaders of the schools, and video's from clergy to help with the doctrinal talks – to address the needs of schools in the absence of a Spiritual Advisor. NOTE: The use of audio visual is for fourth day education only; and is not meant for 3-Day weekends as personal contact is essential.**

**This is a multi-year development program, that's far reaching and is designed to energize, inform and touch our entire Cursillo community. There are approximately 250 Secretariats that commission over 45,000 new Cursillistas each year. As a Movement, we plan to offer this additional service to help ALL Cursillistas to live what is fundamental to being Christian and become effective evangelizers in their moveable square meter – their environments.**

**We pray that all will embrace this new program - with enthusiasm - to help all Cursillistas become better informed and more inspired Servants.**

**Please pass on this information to the Cursillistas in your region/diocese. Let us pray for our beloved Cursillo Movement. DeColores!**

**Sincerely in the peace of Christ.**

**Baltazar Dominguez  
Executive Committee - Chair**

**Steve Krause  
Executive Committee - Vice-Chair**



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

March 19, 2012  
Feast of Saint Joseph

Dear Friend in the Lord:

Thank you most sincerely for your warm wishes on my recent elevation to the College of Cardinals, as expressed in the advertisement that you placed in *Catholic New York*, the Archdiocesan newspaper. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Your kindness in congratulating me has the added benefit of helping to support *Catholic New York*, America's largest -- and in my opinion, finest -- Catholic newspaper.

Please know that you will have a special remembrance in my prayers during these final days of Lent.

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

# Ninth Annual Harvest Social!!!!



🍂 At St. Mary's of Marlboro 🍂  
Saturday, October 6, 2012 @ 7:30  
BYOB and a finger food/dessert to share

🍂 Grand Prize drawing for  
the 20-week raffle!!! 🍂

Baskets, 50-50, and Door Prizes!  
Radio Host Krista Jones will be our DJ  
\$12.50 per person

Coffee, tea, beverages, and snacks provided

🍂 Due to the large group expected  
Please contact Cathy Elwell at  
462-6619 for reservations 🍂



# *New York **Cursillo** English* *18<sup>th</sup> Annual Communion Breakfast*

*Mass and Breakfast At Holy Child Forum  
4545 Amboy Road  
Staten Island, N.Y. 10312*

**Date:** *Saturday, December 1st, 2012*

**Time:** *Mass at 10:00AM Breakfast to follow*

**Cost:** *\$20.00 per person paid in advance*

**Celebrant:** *Father Tom Devery*



*For more information please contact Lisa or Tom Castaldo  
(718) 967 - 3473*

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*Mail \$20.00 checks payable to NY Cursillo - English to  
Lisa Castaldo  
199 Rolling Hill Green  
Staten Island, NY 10312*

*No later than November 20, 2012*

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*In keeping with the Spirit of Christmas, please bring an unwrapped  
children's gift. Thank you in advance.*



### *Directions from Verrazano Bridge*

Take Staten Island Expressway, approximately 6 miles to the West Shore Expressway/Outerbridge Crossing South. Continue on West Shore Expressway and get off at EXIT 5, **Muldoon Avenue/Arden Avenue**.

At exit 5 go straight to the first stop sign and make left Arden Avenue. Stay on Arden Avenue and pass thru 11 lights. Just after train overpass turn right into parking lot of Church and make a right inside the lot. Go to the far end of lot to the Forum.

### *Directions from New Jersey (Outerbridge Crossing)*

Bear left after crossing over the Outerbridge Crossing and take Korean War Veteran's Highway (also known as Richmond Parkway) about 3 -4 miles to Arden Avenue exit. Bear right immediately after exiting highway and make a right at the light onto Arden Avenue. After the second light and after passing under train overpass, make a right into parking lot of Holy Child Church. Go to the far end of lot to the Forum.

### *Directions from Goethals Bridge*

Take New Jersey Turnpike to exit 13 (Goethals Bridge). As you come over the bridge go about ¼ mile and bear right onto West Shore Expressway/Outerbridge Crossing and get off at EXIT 5, **Muldoon Avenue/Arden Avenue**.

At exit 5 go straight to the first stop sign and make left Arden Avenue. Stay on Arden Avenue and pass thru 11 lights. Just after Train overpass turn right into parking lot of Church and make a right inside the lot. Go to far end of lot to the Forum.

**DECOLORES !!!!!**

## 20 Week Club Raffle

We have a 20 Week Club raffle in progress to help offset the Secretariat's expenses. There will be two winners weekly: one \$25.00 and one \$50.00.

The final drawing prizes are:

One \$1,000.00

One \$500.00

Two \$250.00

One \$100.00

You have multiple chances to win. If you win any given week, your ticket goes back into the basket for the next drawing. The first drawing was on May 17<sup>th</sup> with the final drawing taking place at our Harvest Social on October 6, 2012. There is a \$20.00 donation per ticket. If you would like to purchase a ticket or need further information, please contact Rosemary DeCaro at 845-744-3323 or by email: [jandr@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jandr@hvc.rr.com).

### Current Winners

Week 1	Ginger Fisher	Wappingers Falls, NY	\$25
	Dorald Patsos	Staten Island, NY	\$50
Week 2	Patricia Carbone	New Windsor, NY	\$25
	Don Jones	White Plains, NY	\$50
Week 3	Susan Montegione	Staten Island, NY	\$25
	Helen Wilson	New York, NY	\$50
Week 4	Pat Ditizio	Thompson Ridge, NY	\$25
	Kathy Livingston	Walden, NY	\$50
Week 5	Cathy Corti	Pine Bush, NY	\$25
	Sue Tornatore	Wappingers Falls, NY	\$50
Week 6	Roland Rossi	Pine Bush, NY	\$25
	Barbara Babich	New Rochelle, NY	\$50
Week 7	Nancy Durso	Ossining, NY	\$25
	Al Lett	Mahopac, NY	\$50
Week 8	Florence Thomas	Walden, NY	\$25
	Jim Santos	Middletown, NY	\$50
Week 9	Bushey	Hyde Park, NY	\$25
	Emma Laders	Goshen, NY	\$50
Week 10	TMI Contractors	Mount Vernon, NY	\$25
	Melissa Alley	Katonah, NY	\$50

# Mass, Picnic and Ultreya

July 8, 2012

Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls, NY

Jeanette Fitch organized a wonderful day to celebrate the beginning of summer for the New York Cursillistas. The highlight of the day included Mass, which was celebrated by Father Hugh Grace, who began his retirement on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Although Fr. Grace will retire to his home in New Jersey, he will also maintain contact with the New York Cursillo, being available to participate in our many future events. The photos below were kindly provided by Liz DeJulio.



Fr. Grace giving his homily during the Mass



Music for Mass was provided by Don and Deb Swanerbury and Jim Quicksell

## Report from Southern Lay Coordinator, Tom Castaldo

School of Leaders List:

Lay Director	Tom Castaldo
Cursillo Chairperson	Grace Ross
Pre Cursillo	Lisa Castaldo
Post Cursillo	Walter Pehowich
Ultreya Reps	John and Ginny Buonviaggio
Secretary	Bob Morris
Treasurer	Carol Vuoso
Education	Janna Guadiuso
Communication	Regina Torello

## Report from Central Lay Coordinator, Vito Porpora

School of Leaders List:

Lay Director	Vito Porpora
Cursillo Chairperson	Patricia Bisesto
Pre Cursillo	Karen Tunney
Post Cursillo	Bob Goldbach
Secretary	Liz Dieter
Education	Joseph Bisesto

## NEW YORK CURSILLO (ENGLISH) CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

October 6	Harvest Social at St. Mary's of Marlboro; 7:00 PM Reservations contact: Cathy Elwell, 845-462-6619
October 10-14	Regional Encounter; St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT Contact: Jim Santos, 845-692-2338
October 18-21	Cursillo de Cursillos; Mt. Alvernia, Wappingers Falls Contact: Terry or Ginger Fisher, 845-297-4711
October 25-28	Men's Cursillo #205, Gino Lucadamo, Rector Mt. St. Francis, Peekskill
November 1-4	Women's Cursillo #204, Lisa Castaldo, Rectora Mt. St. Francis, Peekskill
November 1-4	Women's Cursillo #205, Rosemary DeCaro, Rectora Mt. Alvernia, Wappingers Falls
December 1	Staten Island Communion Breakfast, Holy Child Forum Staten Island, NY, Contact: Lisa Castaldo ,718-967-3473
December 8	Advent Joint Ultreya, Mt. Alvernia, Wappingers Falls Contact: Sue Tornatore, 845-297-0347

## MANANITAS: GATHER 7AM; CLOSINGS 4 PM

Palanca:	North: Yolanda Leavy 310 S Centerville Road Middletown, NY 10940 e-mail: <a href="mailto:nypalancanorth@hvc.rr.com">nypalancanorth@hvc.rr.com</a>  Central: Manny Sequeira 58 Maple Hill Drive Mahopac, NY 10541 e-mail: <a href="mailto:Doubledomer1@verizon.net">Doubledomer1@verizon.net</a>
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>



## Carmel/Mahopac Ultreya Picnic

Sunday July 21, 2012

Hosted by Diane Trabulsy at her home in Carmel

Diane and her husband Bill hosted a picnic this summer which was attended by more than 30 Cursillistas, including their spouses and children from the Carmel/Mahopac Ultreya. The photos, taken by Karen Tunney, show that everybody had a very good time.



# Archdiocese of New York Cursillo (English) Secretariat

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	Term Start
Spiritual Director	Msgr. George Thompson	St. Patrick's Bedford, NY	
Spiritual Director Emeritus	Fr. Hugh Grace		
Lay Director	John DeJulio	St. James the Apostle Carmel, NY	2012-Aug
Secretary	Jeanette Fitch	St. Kateri Tekakwitha LaGrange, NY	2012-Aug
Treasurer	Al Lett	St. John the Evangelist Mahopac, NY	2011-Aug
Communications	Margaret Frisch	St. John the Evangelist Mahopac, NY	2010-Aug
Pre-Cursillo Chairperson	Nick Sarro	Holy Innocents Pleasantville, NY	2012-Aug
Post-Cursillo Chairperson	Gino Lucadamo	St. Mary of the Assumption Katonah, NY	2010-Aug
Cursillo Chairperson	Open		2012-Aug
Northern Lay Coordinator	Terry Fisher	St. Kateri Tekakwitha LaGrange, NY	2010-Aug
Central Lay Coordinator	Vito Porpora	St. John the Evangelist Mahopac, NY	2011-Aug
Southern Lay Coordinator	Tom Castaldo	Holy Child Staten Island, NY	2010-Aug
School of Leaders (Education)	Open		2012-Aug
Lay Ecclesial Movements	Don Jones	Church of St. Bernard White Plains, NY	2006-July



## 22<sup>nd</sup> National Cursillo Encounter

July 19 - 22, 2012  
Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH

Over 400 Cursillistas from across the United States, including English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, attended this Annual Encounter. The keynote speaker was John Cuddeback, Professor of Philosophy at Christendom College, and author of "*True Friendship*", which is available at the National Cursillo bookstore. The presentations at the Encounter included: *The Meaning of Life, Attitude, Creativity, Communication, Confidence, Transcendence, and Spiritual Exercises*. With morning and evening prayers, the day centered on daily Mass, which included inspirational sermons by the Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati and the Cursillo National Episcopal Advisor, Bishop of Seattle. An Ultreya, a closing Fiesta, and the companionship of many new Cursillista friends in an environment filled with the Holy Spirit were enjoyed by everyone. Cursillistas were housed in a comfortable new student dormitory. The student cafeteria, with Midwestern-friendly staff, offered many selections to fit anyone's taste, including homegrown vegetables. Three Cursillistas from our New York Area - Jim Santos, and Joe and Lourdes Lysonski - attended this most memorable Encounter.



Conference hall and discussion tables for the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Cursillo Encounter at Xavier University



Jim Santos, Professor John Cuddeback (keynote speaker), Joe and Lourdes Lysonski, New York Cursillistas



Cursillo National Episcopal Advisor, Bishop of Seattle heartily singing "*Take Me Home, Country Roads*"

## Ultreyas

### 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  
Rich & Julie Dzurilla (845)-457-4893

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

## Ultreyas

### 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 (845) 440-7485  
Susie Caras (914) 737-6889

### PUTNAM COUNTY

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

### RICHMOND COUNTY

Staten Island  
Holy Child School of Religion  
Third Thursday, 7:30  
Ginny Buonviaggio (718) 356-3966