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A Message From The Spiritual Advisor

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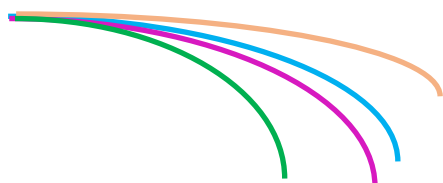
I hope this New Year finds you echoing the Churches call “Maranatha” or “Come Lord Jesus”. We celebrate Jesus who came at Christmas and the reality of His second coming.

Our challenge is to spread the “Good News” of His love. A love exhibited by loving Jesus and our neighbor. A love needed now more than ever. As Cursillistas we show that love by making a friend, being a friend and bringing that friend to Jesus.

I also ask that you keep your church and clergy in prayer. These are difficult times. I echo what His Eminence Cardinal Dolan asked, that we say the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel.

May you be blest both now and in the future. De Colores!

Deacon Peter Dalmer
Spiritual Advisor



I humbly accept the position of Spiritual Advisor for the Cursillo in the Archdiocese of New York (English), and promise to serve to the best of my ability. I was ordained a deacon in 2008 and am currently assigned to Regina Coeli Church in Hyde Park. My wife (41 years) is a music minister, and our daughter teaches music.

My wife and I made our Cursillo in 2003. The weekend changed my life and began my active diaconal discernment process. Since then, my wife and I have been actively involved in Cursillo.

My predecessor Deacon Bill Castellane has given and continues to provide great assistance to me. Please be patient while I learn the best way to serve.

De Colores,

Deacon Peter Michael Dalmer
Spiritual Advisor

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MESSAGE FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

We were all children in our faith no matter what age we encountered Christ in a personal way.

As a family of Christ we need to encourage and support one another. We need to stand up for our faith and be proud to be Catholic (the universal Church that Jesus started). Jesus did not promise us an easy life here on earth. If we follow Him, Jesus promises us eternal life of peace and love with Him in heaven.

Most of the apostles and early members of the Church were tortured and put to death for following Jesus. I have had great trials to bear. My Cursillo community helped me to see God's hand molding and purifying me throughout these trials. I am still making mistakes, but I am dedicated to following Christ.

I intended to say no to becoming Lay Director, but after praying about this decision God proved to me that He was the one calling me to be His servant. God has called me to serve the Archdiocese of New York Cursillo English community and I trust in God to give me the tools that I need to accomplish this mission.

I am calling out to you as the community of believers to unite and focus on the one thing that is important in this world; Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, in God we trust. Christ has commanded us to go out to all nations and proclaim the good news.

Have you ever thought that you were too exhausted to go to Ultreya? But you went anyway and by the end of the meeting you thought to yourself wow I really needed to hear that. Some may say I do not get anything out of Ultreya, I ask them what have you put into your Ultreya? Share your closest and furthest moments with Christ. It is through this process that we take the time to look back at our lives to see where we were way back when and compare it to where we are now that we have encountered Christ in a deeper way on our weekend.

Jesus is standing behind the door He will not force us to follow Him, but if we open the door and invite Him to join us, a whole new world of possibilities will open up.



Jerry Stabile
Lay Director

Secretariat Members

Lay Director: Jerry Stabile

Secretary: Theresa Ferri

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Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Peter Dalmer

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Cursillo Chairperson: Karren Tunney

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Lou and Joe Lysonski



Why Am I Still A Cursillista

By Ernie Valera

Asked to comment on why I am still active in Cursillo [2019 will be 49 years since my weekend], it offered an opportunity to reflect on the effect Cursillo has had on my life. When bringing my Rolleiflex camera on my weekend, there was little indication that it would be the start of a fairly long tradition, but tradition it became and remains. When it came time for the group picture, I thought, "I could do that." What a great gift that turned out to be...to me.

First, there were the friendships established: my sponsor; the Rector; my table leader. Then, largely through them, the fellowship within the Cursillo community followed: a second great gift to me. Like many youngish Catholics of my time, I wanted to show appreciation for the blessings God was giving my family and me. Ah, but how could I this? How about my table leader's friend who was bringing the Cursillo dynamic to the state prisons? That should work, and it did. There I was, in prison, doing Residents Encounter Christ weekends, including the group picture: a third great gift to me. Of course I had to continue taking the Cursillo group picture. How could I not do so?

Even before this, I helped on bible discussion Tuesdays at Fishkill prison with Jesuit Chaplain Fr. Fred Rothlauf, a Cursillista. This was yet another gift from Cursillo. Payback was getting more difficult to keep up with, so I had to be Director [a.k.a Rector] on Rec's. When the first coordinator for our region's REC's retired, I took over from him and owned the job for somewhere around a dozen years...all this starting with Cursillo, and I continued taking the pictures. After 43 years of REC's, I now only do perhaps one a year; we can't take group pictures in prison now, but I can still take the Cursillo group picture. So that has been the effect of Cursillo on my life, and why I'm still active in the movement.



1st Conversations of Cala Figuera, Foundation Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló (FEBA). The revised translation of this book describes Days of Reflection on the Founding Charism of the Cursillo. These Days of Reflection were held in “The Porciúncula” (Palma de Mallorca), on the 50th Anniversary of the First Cursillo Weekend held in Cala Figuera in Santanyi, on the Island of Mallorca, Spain in August 1944. The following outline is on the 4th topic, Friendship. There are 10 topics in the 1st Conversations of Cala Figuera revised translation. · The most profound form of living together is friendship.

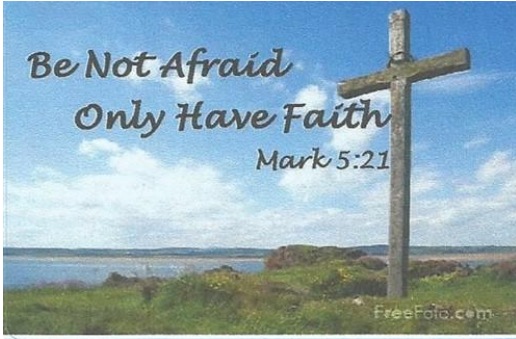
- To be a friend is to feel free and safe to think out loud.
- The relationship of friendship is the genuinely human and evangelical form of communication between men/women; it is communicating with the other as a person, not because of their specific qualities or social position, but simply because he/she was born and exists and because he/she is a person.
- Friendship can be summarized in this double affirmation: “I am glad that you exist”, “the world is more beautiful because you exist”. Friendship takes shape through a process.
- Friendship is what can produce the powerful energy that can move men and women to change reality. The Christian way is the simple and definitive joy of being friends with people close to you.
- If man has no one to support him, he has no stamina and becomes unbearable.
- To make friends is to see, to help people see, and manage to get them to become aware of what they are seeing. Cursillo is the vehicle for an experience of identity, a celebration of life and a tribute to friendship. · The key lies in a friendly knowledge and acceptance of oneself as one is.
- Friendship is creative but is not an objective in itself, excluding its natural dynamism to generate more friendship.

Cursillistas are encouraged to read this topic in its entirety at the Cursillo Resource Center. This is a great resource for study in the School of Leaders. You can purchase a copy of the revised translation at www.natl-cursillo.org.

Source: FEBA, <http://www.feba.info>

Men's Cursillo #215

September 20-23, 2018, Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center



Rector: Creig Dieter

Chief Auxiliary: Joe Bisesto

Spiritual Advisors: Fr. Richard Albertini M.M.
Dcn. Peter Dalmer
Dcn. Ken Briskey

Team Members: Tom Castaldo, Mark Vesery, Jim Collins, Jim Luciano, Nick Sarro, Bob Finelli, Rob Ryser, Kevin Dorney, Matt Marvel, Mike Ugenti.

Chief Cook: Bob Leavy

Kitchen Team: Yolanda Leavy, Jerry Stabile, Marianne Stabile, Sal Lavanco, Ginger Fisher, Paul DiGenaro, Liz Dieter



NEW

CURSILLISTAS

| | |
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| Robert Johnson | Staten Island, NY |
| David Manheim | Pine Bush, NY |
| Guy Carlsen | Mt. Kisco, NY |
| Robert Kenavan | Staten Island, NY |

TABLE NAMES

Nine Men of Craig's List

Believe the Redeemer

Band of Brothers

Courageous Cooks for Christ

Women's Cursillo # 217

November 15-18, 2018



Come Lord Jesus

Rectora: Kelly Fairweather

Chief Auxiliary: Liz Dieter

Spiritual advisors: Fr. Bob Porpora

Fr. Rob McKeon

Dcn. Bill Castellane

Dcn. Peter Dalmer

Auxiliaries: Janna Gaudioso, Mary Young, Lisa Castaldo.

Music Coordinator: Linda Dalmer.

Team Members: Patricia Bisesto, Mary Knolker, Judy Defino, Carol Vuoso, Jamice Crawford, Liz Dieter, Shelly Tolg, Kate Briskey, Yolanda Leavy, Kelly Fairweather.



*Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center
Wappinger Falls, NY*

Chief Cook: Bob Leavy

Kitchen Team: Jerry and Marianne Stabile,
Mike Ugenti, Richie and Cookie Timberger,
Paul DiGennaro



NEW CURSILLISTAS

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Karen Enamorado | Marlboro, NY |
| Anne Perno | Yorktown Hgts, NY |
| Maria Doimi | Pine Bush, NY |
| Bernadette Pacionne Buni | Staten Island, NY |
| Linda Strucker | Pine Bush, NY |
| Camille Gallagher | Staten Island, NY |
| Ines Fuentes | Bronx, NY |
| Teresa Costa | Cortland Manor, NY |
| Rachel Chow | Ossining, NY |
| Nora Rivera-Mendez | Bronx, NY |

NEW CURSILLISTAS

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Daphne Roman | Cortland Manor, NY |
| Naida Amatulle | Carmel, NY |
| Phyllis Magliocco | Staten Island, NY |
| Heather Flood | Pleasantville, NY |
| Mary Ann Rhoda | Newburgh, NY |
| Veronica Scafidi | Pine Bush, NY |

TABLE NAMES

- 1) *Kelly's Stars and Bucks*
- 2) *Snow Bunnies Thawing in the Kitchen,*
- 3) *Six Soul Sisters Seeking the Holy Spirit,*
- 4) *The Six Sister Saints*
- 5) *Bloomers of Grace and Mercy Thru the Holy Spirit,*
- 6) *7 Wise Women with Faith*



On March 3, 2018, The New York Cursillo English celebrated its Archdiocesan-Wide Lenten Ultreya, at the Mount St. Francis Convent in Peekskill, NY. This was an Open Ultreya where Cursillistas and non-Cursillistas shared God's love in friendship and prayer as a preparation for Lent. The Ultreya program started at 4:00pm, and included a Lenten meditation to remind us of God's constant invitation for a deeper relationship with him. In addition, there were inspirational Witness Talks, a moment to honor and remember those Cursillistas who entered their 5th Day, followed by Christian Fellowship.

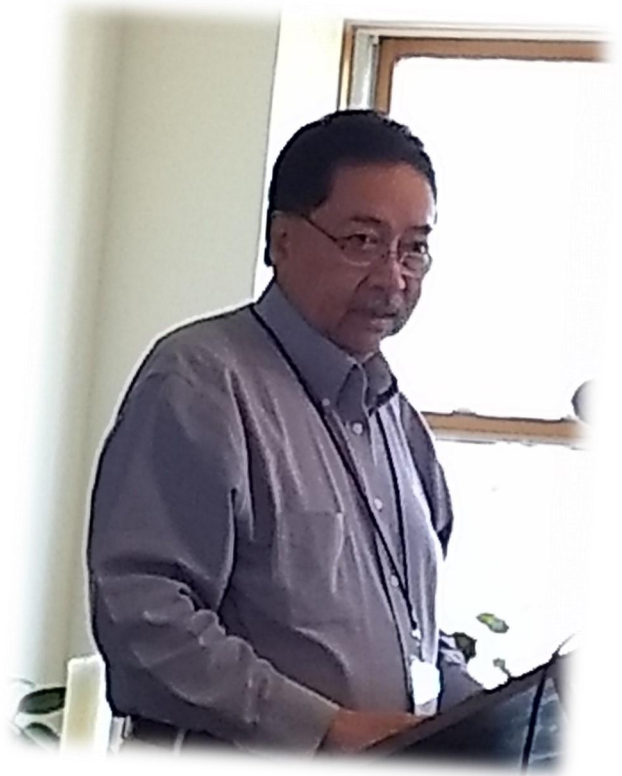


REDISCOVERING CURSILLO

To Reignite the Fire of the Cursillo Movement and Develop a Pathway for Growth, a full-day workshop took place on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Mount St. Francis, in Peekskill, NY. This full-day of activities was graced by the presence of National and Regional leaders who contributed with various presentations and discussions throughout the day. The day opened at 8:30 am, with registration and a light refreshment, and later with a lunch. Cef Aguillon, National English Coordinator, gave two talks: “Christ the Person” and “Method of Friendship.” Cindy Bruno, Region I Coordinator, presented “Sponsoring in the Reality of the Digital Age,” and John Wentworth, Region I Service Team, offered his thoughts on the topic of “Bringing the Ultreya to Life.” After each of the presentations there was time to discuss in small groups. Around 30 Cursillistas attended the workshop. Many Cursillistas volunteered hosting the guests from the National and Region I Cursillo, by helping organized the event, and by setting-up, cleaning, and helping at the registration desk. The sisters of Mount St. Francis graciously opened their convent for this event.



Cindy Bruno, Region I Coordinator



Cef Aguillon, National English Coordinator



John Wentworth, Region I Service Team



28th National Cursillo[®] Encounter Seattle University – Seattle, WA

The 2018 National Encounter was held during August 16-19, 2018 with the presence of three Bishops: Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo , Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle; Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle, and Most Rev. Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., National Cursillo Episcopal Advisor. There were also 45 Clergy, Vowed Religious, and many special guests around the world including OMCC (World Organization of Cursillo) President, NACG (North American Caribbean Group) Executive Committee & members, APG (Asian Pacific Group) members, and 670 Cursillistas from 7 language groups in the USA. The encounter was an enlightening and exuberant gathering in Love and Friendship! All volunteers and committees involved in planning the encounter are to be commended for their warm hospitality, selfless services, and living witnesses.

Among the presentations and workshops were: “Unity in Diversity” by Hugo Valverde, NACG President, “The Theology, Psychology and Pedagogy of Cursillo” by Fr. David Smith, OMCC Spiritual Advisor 2006-2010, and “Cursillo in Action” by Hoang Tran, National Cursillo Service Administrator.

Information from the National Cursillo web: <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/resource-center/2018-national-cursillo-encounter-sessions/>



Summer Picnic

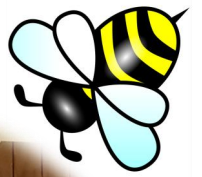
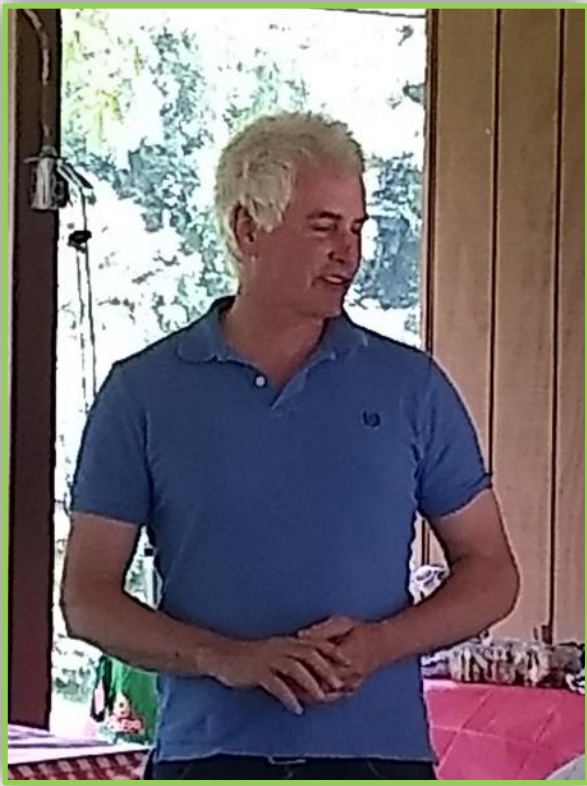
Bowdoin Park

Wappingers Falls

July 15, 2018

Mass presided by
Rev. Richard Albertini M.M.





Harvest Social

On November 3, 2018, the Annual Harvest Social was celebrated at the Parish Center at Holy Cross Church in Middletown NY. Some Cursillistas attended the 4:00pm, Sunday Mass at the Church, before heading to the Harvest Social gathering. The event was attended by some 50 Cursillistas and their guests. The music was played by Yolanda Levy's son-in-law who is a DJ, and by her daughter. No one suffered from a lack of food since, in good Cursillista fashion, the table was set with many fabulous dishes. Fall decorations embellished the tables, wine, refreshments, and plenty of deserts complemented the wonderful dinner. In addition to good friendship and good conversation, the winners of the 20/20 raffle, and the 20-week-affle were announced. In addition to our traditional raffle, many Cursillistas went home with additional prizes of wine, lamps, candles, and other beautiful things that were donated by a number of our Ul-treyas. Many thanks to the organizers, especially to Yolanda Levy and Jackie Mazariegos, as well as to many others who labored to make this event a very successful one.



20-Week Raffle Winners

\$100 Raymond Harrington

\$250 Joan Paddock

\$250 John Beck

\$500 John DeJulio

\$1000 Catherine McManus

Every week there was a \$25 winner and a \$50 winner.

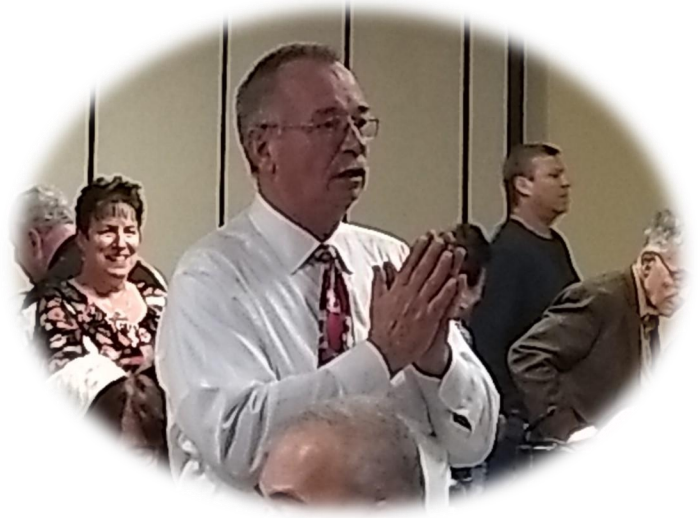


COMMUNION BREAKFAST, STATEN ISLAND

The Pearl of the Atlantic



Over 120 Cursillistas attended the 24th Annual Archdiocesan-wide Communion Breakfast on December 1st, 2018, hosted by the Cursillistas of Staten Island. After the Mass, breakfast was served. Many thanks to Tom and Lisa Castaldo, and all those who worked so hard in setting up the night before and cleaning up afterwards. Your efforts always make this event very special year after year.





ADVENT



ULTREYA



The Advent Ultreya took place on December 15, 2018, at St. Augustine Church, New City, NY. The program included a series of Advent meditations, singing, group reunion and sharing, and witness talks by Regina Torello, Sue and Terry Tornatore, and an in-promptu witness by Paul DiGennaro. Following the program, an abundant and delicious dinner was served. An unexpected raffle with many door prizes delighted the attendees and put “HOLLY” smiles on their faces. Thanks to Ken Leigh, Post Cursillo Chair, to his wife, Deb, and to all their merry helpers who lent a hand organizing the Ultreya.

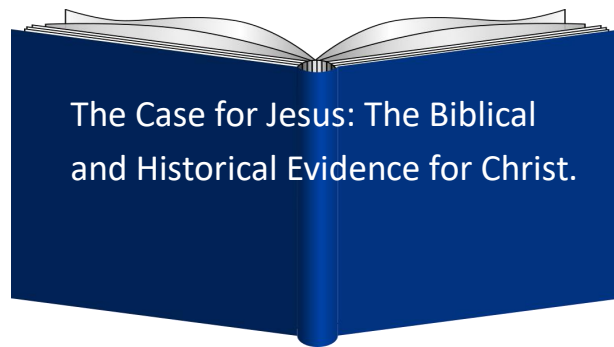




ULTREYA LOCATIONS

| County | City/Town | Meeting Place | Time | Contact |
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| Bronx | The Bronx | Call Ed for location | Call Ed for time | Ed Shimansky, (718) 931-8373 edsky1028@gmail.com |
| Dutchess | Hopewell Junction | Saint Kateri | Second Thursday 10:00AM Second Thursday 7:00pm | Ginger Fisher, 845-297-4711 ginger314@live.com Bonnie Meenagh, (845) 227-4347 bmeenagh@fontiernet.net |
| Dutchess | Wappingers Falls | Mary Lou Koziol's house 3 Hamlin Rd. Wappingers Falls | Fourth Monday 7:30pm | Mary Lou Koziol , (845)-297-1319 MaryLouKoziol@gmail.com |
| Dutchess (North) | Hyde Park | Residence behind the Regina Coeli school | Third Saturday, 7:00pm | Sue O'Sullivan, (845) 889-3175 hoppingfox@gmail.com |
| New York | Upper Manhattan | St. Charles Borromeo 211 W 141st St | Second Thursday, 7:00pm | Norma Marshburn , 212) 410-1974 nmar829@msn.com |
| Orange | Bulville/Goshen/ Middletown | To be determined | To be determined | Jim Santos, (845) 692-2338 jsantos@hvc.rr.com |
| Orange | Pine Bush | Infant Savior | Second Thursday 7:00pm | Jerry Stabile , (845) 454-3268 JrryStabile@yahoo.com |
| Orange | Minisink | Holy Cross, South Centerville Holy Name, Otisville | First Saturday 7:00pm | Contact Yolanda Leavy for location, (845) 355-2903 yleavy@hvc.rr.com |
| Putnam | Mahopac/ Carmel | Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Carmel | Third Friday 7:30pm | Don McDonnell, (845) 225-8680 leedonmc@yahoo.com |
| Richmond | Staten Island | Holy Child School of Religion | Third Thursday 7:30pm | Howard and Martha Capek (718) 984-2270 grandma0408@verizon.net |
| Sullivan | Liberty | St. Peter's Church | Fourth Saturday 6:30pm | Nick Pastorino, (914) 799-4494 cadilac20000@hotmail.com |
| Ulster | Saugerties | St. John the Evangelist | Second Thursday 7:30pm | Judy DeFino, (845) 217-1229 judydefino5@gmail.com |
| Westchester | Bedford | St. Patrick's Church (Basement) | Fourth Friday 7:30pm | Rob Ryser, (914) 763-3642 rryser@aol.com |
| Westchester | White Plains | St. Bernard's | Third Saturday 7:30pm | Don Jones , 914) 948-1090 Don.k.jones7@mai.com |
| Westchester | Valhalla | St. Bernard's in White Plains | Third Saturday 7:30pm | Joe Bisesto, (914) 948-4489 jsphbsst@yahoo.com |
| Westchester | Peekskill/ Putnam Valley | Susie Caras' House | Third Wednesday, 7:30pm | Call Kelly Fairweather for directions, (914) 260-9446, megapax@msn.com |
| Westchester | Yonkers | St. Bartholomew's McManus Center (2nd floor) 15 Palmer Rd., Yonkers, NY | Last Saturday, 6:30 pm | Mildred Blanco, (646) 529-3249 Email.millz@gmail.com |

Deacon Dalmer's Top Picks



A program I would like to recommend is www.formed.org. Each parish has a code number to provide free access. The choices have been expanded in videos, books, religious programs and other topics. My wife has recently connected the program to our cell phones, computer and television. Your parish probably has an assigned coordinator to assist you in the process.

I would also like to recommend New York Catholic Radio. The station broadcasts on 94.7 FM and the website is www.newyorkcatholicradio.org. The broadcast coverage and website covers mostly Dutchess and Ulster County which has parish information and homilies by local clergy. The station also broadcasts Relevant Radio, a nationwide radio station which also has an app. One person I enjoy is Patrick Madrid, who is on in the morning.

CURSILLO LEGACY

Consider leaving a legacy to the New York Cursillo (English) organization by including a bequest in your will and/or consider having Cursillo mentioned as a memoriam in your obituary.

Please recognize that there are many of us who will never live 30 years or so to see this come to fruition, but what a wonderful legacy to leave as we know that whatever we donate will be going toward the growth of the Cursillo Movement, and ultimately to the Spiritual growth of future generations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cursillo Weekend Cost Increase

The NY Cursillo English has tried to maintain the cost of the weekend, of \$165, for a very long time. To help defray the cost of the weekend, the Secretariat has made the decision to increase the cost to \$200. This is still a good deal because it includes accommodations, all the food, refreshments, and materials for the weekend.

As in the past, scholarships are available for candidates who need it.

The National Cursillo \$3/year Campaign

Please contribute to the National \$3/year Campaign. The National Cursillo office depends on the support from Cursillistas throughout the US.

You can donate by credit card or check.

Did you know that if you make any purchases through Amazon, Amazon will make a donation to National Cursillo? Just purchase through AmazonSmile and select National Cursillo as the charitable recipient.

For more information on how to donate go to: [National Cursillo link: https://www.natl-cursillo.org/donate-to-cursillo/](https://www.natl-cursillo.org/donate-to-cursillo/)

School of Leaders. Takes place every second Saturday at 10am, at St. Augustine Church in New City, N.Y.

All are welcome!