



Rooster Crows NY Cursillo English

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Happy Summer!

When it comes to rating the four seasons, as far as I'm concerned, there's summer and then the other three. It's always been my favorite, and I think even more so as time goes by.

I ask myself why, and what usually comes to mind first is that the pace of life slows to a manageable speed. There aren't as many days that are so chock-full of appointments and obligations that you need the proverbial roller skates to get around to everything.

Summer is usually different. As the song goes, "Summertime, and the living is easy." But why does this suit me so well and make me so happy? Is it just that I like doing less? That would not be a particularly exalted reason. It would be like saying: "I love summertime because I'm lazy."

Of course this may be true! But I prefer to think of it in terms of using the free time for more reflective purposes. We refer to it as "taking the time to smell the flowers." What does that mean? To me, it means giving the God-dimension a chance to surface in our lives. A less frenetic pace allows us to gain the perspective we all need.

One final thing. Just as it is true that God is always present to us and never leaves us, it's our responsibility to make sure we never leave God. So in these weeks of vacation and reduced activity, we shall hopefully recognize the need to keep God at the center of our lives. We do this in many ways, of course, but certainly one of the most important is by making sure we get to Mass every weekend, even if we are traveling. Just go to www.masstimes.org to find the nearest Catholic Church to where you are. It's the least we can do: giving back to God 45 minutes or so of the 10,080 minutes that God gives us each week. Not to mention all the flowers we will be smelling! Happy summer!

Monsignor George Thompson
Spiritual Director

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A Message from the Lay Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In “The Joy of the Gospel”, Pope Francis writes: *“The joy of evangelizing always arises from grateful remembrance. It is a grace that we constantly need to implore”*.

In particular, the joy I’ve had these past three years is seeing our Movement grow and flourish in the Archdiocese of New York. Each of our efforts helps Christ bring to fruition his mission for us: “Bring the Good News to all that we meet!”

I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve these past three years as your lay director. Your prayers, palanca and support reflect the essence of our Cursillo community. In particular, I want to express much gratitude to my wife, Elizabeth, for all her help and support. Also to Martha Gutowski Thornley, whom Liz and I consulted before even saying “yes” to my position on the Secretariat. Martha was my first lay director when I got involved with Cursillo in 1974.

Much thanks to Monsignor George Thompson for saying “yes” to being our spiritual advisor and mentor; Sue Tornatore for taking the challenge of reigniting the School of Leaders; Father Bill Cosgrove for allowing us to use St. Augustine for our School; and the entire Secretariat team for all their efforts in making the School a success. Your encouragement and efforts during this transition time in the Archdiocese reflects the lessons we all gained from our Leadership Rollo.

So, as we continue to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and we welcome and support our new lay director, Joe Lysonski, and his Secretariat team, let us remember what Cursillo has done for each of us and use our gifts and talents to help our Movement continue to grow.

Trust in Pope Francis’ reflection: *“...Be people who wish to share their joy, and point to a horizon of beauty. It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but by attraction”*.

DeColores

*John DeJulio
Outgoing Lay Director
June 30, 2015*

Men's Weekend #209

March 12-15, 2015

Mt. Alvernia



Candidate	Location
Joseph Attanasio	Middletown
Fr Basil Akut	Staten Island
Matthew Brewer	Somers
Carl Bruno	Wappinger Falls
Theo Dunoyer	New York, NY
Frederic (Gene) Fenton	Cornwall
James Luciano	East Pound Ridge
Patrick Marren	Staten Island
Dominic Ruotolo	Staten Island
Anthony Russo	Wappinger Falls
Stephen Sabella	Staten Island

Women's Weekend #211

April 16-19, 2015



*For by Grace you have been saved by Faith,
and this is not from you; it is the gift of God.
Eph 2:8*

Candidate	Parish
Mary Brescia	New Hampton
Jacqueline Brownell	Staatsburg
Lori D'Avanzo	Pine Bush
Aimee D'Avanzo	Pine Bush
Hanna DeBlock	New Hampton
Lillian Hannah	Villa Rica, Ga
Geraldine LaGrua	Staten Island
Maria Pereira	Peekskill
Rose Riley	Staten Island
Mary Scheel	Staatsburg
Irene Snow	Lake Carmel
Luz Sosa	Bronx, NY
Diedre Spacone	Hopewell Junction
Barbara Staff	Pine Bush
Jean Swan	Pine Bush
Maria Zarrella	Middletown

A Note from Precursillo Committee...

Welcome to all new Cursillistas of Mens #209 and Womens # 211 !

We hope you are living your 4th day with joy. Many of you already been talking to your friends and family about the wonderful weekend you have experienced and may be thinking about who you would like to invite to the upcoming fall weekends. The first step of course is to pray for guidance on whom to ask. Consider bringing a potential candidate to your Ultreya to see what the 4th day is all about and to allow your Ultreya the opportunity to make friends with them as well. Talk to your Ultreya rep about your candidate, ask them for both an application and sponsor form as well as the Sponsor Guideline sheet or download the forms on our website. What a gift to give the opportunity for someone to experience the love of Christ as you did on your weekend.

Men's weekend Sep 24-27, 2015

Women's weekend Oct 22-25, 2015

Weekend Palanca

Please show the candidates our support of our community in one of the following ways:

1) **PRAYER PALANCA:** We are using Volunteerspot.com to organize Palanca prayer vigils throughout the weekends. An account is not necessary; all you need is an email address. Please visit <http://vols.pt/s6Y6jf> to sign up. A link may also be found on our NY Cursillo English website.

2) **WRITTEN PALANCA:** may be sent to:

Yolanda Leavy
310 South Centerville Road
Middletown, NY 10940
(NYPALANCA@HVC.RR.COM)

3) **KITCHEN PALANCA:** For information regarding Kitchen Palanca please phone Joann Vignini (845-561-7674).

Visit Us Online:

<http://www.natl-cursillo.org/newyork/>

Welcome Message

Welcome to the New York Cursillo (English) web site. The goals of our web site are to spread the word about the Cursillo Movement to the Catholic men and women of our area and to keep our members informed about Cursillo-related happenings. Our Cursillo area encompasses New York City (Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island), and Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester Counties. We encourage those who are not yet part of the Cursillo Movement to take a look, become familiar with our Cursillo message, and join us.

"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."

This may be the time to pause and think about the basics of our Cursillo movement. Our founder, Eduardo Bonin, helped develop Cursillo to 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 bring the Gospel to our environments, i.e., to have a positive influence on others whom ever 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.

Pope Benedict XVI declared in Apostolic Letter Porta Fidei: "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, this is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with Him. Cursillo is designed for Catholics who desire to strengthen their faith, who want to be closer to Christ, and who want to bring Christ to those around them."

Since Pope Francis' election on March 13, 2013, we have recognized a revitalized interest in our Catholic faith. The new Pope working with the letter begun by Pope Benedict XVI reflected that faith is not a light that scatters all our darkness, but a "lamp that guides us in the night and suffices for the journey."

In Pope Francis' first Apostolic exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, he encourages all of us to be spirit-filled evangelizers: "who are fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit and who have the courage to proclaim the newness of the Gospel with boldness in every time and place, even when it meets with opposition." Later he continues: "Christians, 'should appear as people who wish to share their joy...it is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but by attraction.'"

The Pope's words align so well with our Cursillo evangelical charism which is directed to the person through friendship, telling all in our "square meter" that God in Christ loves us!

If you are a first time visitor perusing our website and its links, and if the Spirit moves you to discover more about the Cursillo weekend, please contact us for further information. The link in the Rooster Crows has contact numbers for all our representatives in the Archdiocese of New York. Please do not hesitate to call.

John DeJulio, Lay Director (914-522-4773) May 29, 2014

Cursillo (English) Secretariat Archdiocese of New York

Position	Name	Parish	Term
Spiritual Director	Deacon Bill Castellane	St. Mary, Newburgh	2018 (June)
Lay Director	Joseph Lysonski	St. Pius X, Scarsdale	2018 (June)
Secretary	Mildred Blanco	St. Bartholomew, Yonkers	2018 (June)
Treasurer	Marianne Stabile	Church of the Holy Spirit, Cortlandt	2017 (Dec)
Pre-Cursillo Chairperson	Joseph Bisesto	St. Bernard's, White Plains	2018 (June)
Post-Cursillo Chairperson	Lourdes Blanco	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ardsley	2017 (Dec)
Cursillo Chairperson	Martha Santos	St. Paul's, Bullville	2017 (Dec)
School of Leaders Chair	Sue Tornatore	St. Mary's, Wappingers Falls	2016 (June)



A NOTE OF THANKS

We are so grateful to so many of you who offered prayers for us, wished us well, sent cards or gave us gifts for our wedding. We truly feel blessed to be a part of this Cursillo community so full of loving and generous people. Thank you all, so very much.

De Colores,
Jerry and Marianne Stabile



NY Archdiocesan Cursillo Picnic

Sunday August 2, 2015 (12:00 Noon)

Bowdoin Park, Pavilion 4

Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls, New York

This will be a family affair. There are covered picnic tables, a playground and swings for the kids and even a field for those who want to play baseball, etc. There will be a grill available but you can bring your own.

Please bring a dessert for the sharing table. Also, of course, bring your food and drink. Alcohol is allowed (we acquired a permit for this day). It might also be wise to bring lawn chairs, as picnic tables tend to get a little uncomfortable after a while. (There are bathrooms right in the pavilion for those who might be wondering)

Just an FYI, due to the costs of renting the pavilion, we will be having a 50/50 raffle.

If you have any questions, please call Lourdes Blanco: 914-693-2959

Also, if you do plan on attending, please let her know so we can get an idea of how many people we are planning for.

Directions: From North on Route 9: Go south until you get to Route 9D (south hills mall) take a right here. Go to Delevergene Avenue, make a right (as if you were going to Mt. Alvernia). Follow this to the end and make a left. The park will be about a mile or so on your right. When you pull in there will be balloons on your immediate right, pull in there, follow until you get to the parking lot which will be on your left.

From South on Route 9: Go North until you get to 9D (south hills mall) and follow directions as above.



From the Archives of the Cursillo (English) Movement in the Archdiocese of NY

The first Cursillo (English) weekends in the New York Archdiocese were held in 1963 and 1964 at St. Joseph's Center at 532 W. 142nd Street in New York City (pictured to the right).

There were 32 candidates on our first Men's weekend and 34 candidates on our first Women's weekend.

Nine priests assisted the first weekend. They were from New York City, Bronx, Mt. Vernon and Suffern. The spiritual director for the first NY (English) Cursillo weekend was Fr. Robert Keller from Saginaw, Michigan. The rector was Robert Witte from Alma, Michigan. There were five team members, all from Michigan.

The NY Men's weekend #1 was held six years after the first Cursillo weekend in 1957 in the US (Waco, Texas) and only two years after the first Cursillo (English) weekend in 1961 (San Angelo, Texas). The very first Cursillo weekend was in 1944 in Majorca, Spain with Eduardo Bonnin as Rector. The very first Women's weekend was in 1953 in Columbia, South America.

Team members were called Professors according to early tradition.

Candidates for the NY Men's weekend #1 were from such places as New York City, Staten Island, Long Island, Bronx, Jersey City (NJ), Ossining, Newark (NJ), Weekawken (NJ), E. Orange (NJ), Saginaw (MI), New Rochelle, and Mt. Vernon. Six of the 32 candidates were selected to be part of the team for the next weekend.

Candidates for the NY Women's weekend #1 were from such places as the Bronx, Newark (NJ), Mt. Vernon, New York City, Plainfield (NJ), Peekskill, Ossining, Union City (NJ), Jersey City (NJ), and West Point. The table names for the NY Women's weekend #1 were St. Theresa's Table, St. Mary's Table, St. Joan's Table, and St. Margaret's Table. Seven of the 34 candidates were selected to be part of the team for the next weekend.



- John DeJulio maintains the records of our NY Cursillo community and history.



SAVE THE DATE!

Date	Event	Location	Comment
July 23-26	25th National Cursillo Encounter 2015	Villanova University Philadelphia, PA	Contact: John DeJulio** 914-522-4733
August 2	Summer Picnic & Ultreya	Bowdoin Park Wappingers Falls, NY	Bowdoin Park, Pavilion 4 (See details on page 7)
September 24-27	Men's Weekend #210	Mt. Alvernia Wappinger's Falls, NY	Rector: Joe Lysonski
October 17	Fall Regional Encounter	St. Thomas Seminary	Bloomfield, CT Check our website for updates!
October 22-25	Women's Weekend #212	Mt. Alvernia Wappinger's Falls, NY	Rectora: Yolanda Leavy
November 14	Harvest Festival	Holy Cross Church South Centerville	Save The Date! Check our website for updates!
December 5	Annual Communion Breakfast & Mass	Holy Child Church Staten Island	Contact: Tom Castaldo 718-967-3473
December 12	Advent Ultreya	Location Pending	Save The Date! Check our website for updates!

****Note:** The Secretariat is offering stipends to help with the cost of registration. If you would like to attend and need help with registration costs, please call John DeJulio at 914-522-4733. The amount of the stipend will depend on the number of applicants. You can get the registration form and read more about this on the Cursillo National website (<http://www.cursillo.org/>)

Ultreya Locations

County	City/Town	Meeting Place	Time	Contact
Bronx	The Bronx	St. Francis Xavier	Fourth Tuesday 7:30pm	Ed Shimansky (718) 931-8373
Dutchess	Hopewell Junction	Saint Kateri	Second Thursday 7:00pm	Ginger Fisher (845) 297-4711
Dutchess	Poughkeepsie	Mt.Alvernia, Wappingers Falls	Fourth Monday 7:30pm	Mary Lou Koziol (845)-297-1319
Dutchess (North)	Hyde Park	Regina Coeli Parish Center	Third Saturday, 7:00pm	Linda Dalmer (845) 266-3176
New York	Upper Manhattan	St. Charles Borromeo 211 W 141st St	Second Thursday, 7:00pm	Norma Marshburn (212) 410-1974
Orange	Bulville/Goshen/ Middletown	St. Paul's Church	Third Saturday 7:30pm	Rich & Julie Dzurilla (845) 457-4893
Orange	Pine Bush	Infant Savior	Second Thursday 7:30pm	Jessica Nicosia (845) 361-9483
Orange	Walden	Most Precious Blood	First Thursday 7:00pm	Kathy Livingston (845) 778-0320
Orange	Minisink	Holy Cross, South Centerville	First Saturday 7:00pm	Yolanda Leavy (845) 355-2903
Orange	Newburgh	St. Joseph's Rt 9W & Union Ave. New Windsor	Second Thursday 7:00pm	To Be Announced
Putnam	Mahopac/ Carmel	Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Carmel	Third Friday 7:30pm	Don MacDonnell (845) 225-8680
Richmond	Staten Island	Holy Child School of Religion	Third Thursday 7:30pm	Ginny Buonviaggio (718) 356-3966
Sullivan	Liberty	St. Peter's Church	Fourth Saturday 6:30pm	Nick Pastorino (914) 799-4494
Ulster	Saugerties	St. John the Evangelist	Second Thursday 7:30pm	Judy DeFino (845) 217-1229
Westchester	Bedford	St. Patrick's Church (Basement)	Fourth Friday 7:30pm	Gino Lucadamo (914) 763-0480
Westchester	White Plains	St. Bernard's	Third Saturday 7:30pm	Don Jones (914) 948-1090
Westchester	Valhalla	St. Bernard's in White Plains	Third Saturday 7:30pm	Joe Bisesto (914) 948-4489
Westchester	Peekskill/ Putnam Valley	Susie Caras and John Keck Home	Third Wednesday, 7:30pm	Marianne Stabile (914) 528 0618
Westchester	Yonkers	St. Bartholomew's McManus Center (2nd floor) 15 Palmer Rd., Yonkers, NY	Last Saturday, 6:30 pm	Mildred Blanco (646) 529-3249