

Cursillo Newsletter – November 2022

The logo for 'ULTREYA!' features the word in a bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is a different color: U (orange), L (yellow), T (green), R (blue), E (purple), Y (red), and A (red). An exclamation point follows the 'A'. The text is set against a solid black rectangular background.

Erie Cursillo Ultreya

**Friday evening, 11/4 @ 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Peace
2401 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16506**

All are invited to spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00 PM until Benediction at 7:00 PM.

Our Ultreya Liturgy will follow with the usual program and announcements.

Come join us and meet our newest Cursillo members from Men's #252.

- 1.) **Has your GR faded away?** Do you want to tell others about God/Holy Spirit/Jesus present in your life? Do you want to meet with other men and women who want to live a God centered life? If you answered "Yes", then join us for a new monthly GR. Details and location will be forwarded by email and posted on the web site by mid-November.
- 2.) 2023 is dedicated to celebrating **60 years of the Cursillo Movement in the Erie** Diocese. Watch your inbox and the website for details as they become available.
- 3.) **We want your story in 100 words.** How has Cursillo impacted your life, improved your prayer life, awakened your desire to serve others in the community, ignited your desire to be involved in your church ministry, encouraged you to pursue priesthood or missionary service, increased evangelization to family and neighbors, or helped you witness the living presence of Jesus/God/Holy Spirit in your life? Send us your story with your name and phone # by December 27, 2022, by US Postal mail or email office@eriecursillo.org. Your story will be edited in length to include as many witnessing moments as possible in print, video or electronic format that we will share during our anniversary year. Thank you for bringing people to Christ!
- 4.) **Thank you to our online monthly donors: Your recurring support is a blessing to the movement.**
- 5.) **Donations** from Men's Cursillo # 252 totaled \$4389. Expenses were \$2938.99. Thank you to all the volunteers who set up, cleaned up, served in the kitchen, and attended the sing. Thank you to all the members who attended the Holy Hour and break in/closing program.
- 6.) Fundraising with **I Give Catholic** begins on November 29 from 12 am-11:59 pm. Please give what you can, to support the Erie Cursillo Movement. Thank you!
- 7.) The Executive and Finance Committees have agreed to dedicate 2023, the 60th Anniversary year of Cursillo, to the theme of "**Revive to Survive**". A special weekend experience for all Cursillistas, who would like to re-ignite their 4th day will be offered in February and September during 2023. The Executive Committee is working to design the experience and details will be announced in 2023.
- 8.) **Good for the Movement:** Online donation by credit card or electronic check is now available on the website. If you have any difficulty setting up a recurring donation, call the office. You may donate by personal check. You may donate by cash if you write your name and address

in the return upper left corner of the envelope. Thank you for supporting the Erie Cursillo Movement. FYI: 450 members donating \$10 /month online will cover almost all of our yearly operating budget.

Please pray for our recently deceased: William Spring, Stephen Friel, Ruth Young, Vincent Buckel, Theresa Fatica Johnson, Jan Bond's mother-in-law, Josh Lemmon's father, Herb Palmer's brother-in-law, Fr. Mike Polinek's uncle, Kevin DiBacco's father

Prayer requests: Rick Pederson, Deacon Joe Cicero, David W., Fr. Denny Veltri.
Gay Marie Catania

***Just Saying:** The readings of these last Sundays of the liturgical year prompt us to look at different aspects of the end time. Last week we were exhorted to await that time of fulfillment in constant readiness. We are told that we cannot simply sit back and wait for that time to dawn. We have responsibilities; we must be industrious while we wait.*

It is important to note that we are accountable to God, not so much for obedience to rules and regulations, but for the responsibilities of our life situation. Parents must devote themselves wholeheartedly to parenting, teachers to teaching, politicians to lawmaking and so on. The way we fulfill these responsibilities may be influenced by the cultural circumstances of our day but fulfill them we must. There is no life-calling that is devoid of obligations, and usually they somehow include service to others. It is in faithful accomplishment of the tasks of life that we make present the reign of God among us, that we bring to birth the age of fulfillment. *Dianne Bergant*

Activities scheduled for 2023 at OLM

February	17-19	Revival weekend
March	17-19	Women's Cursillo
September	15-17	Revival weekend
October	20-22	Men's Cursillo
December	3	60th Anniversary Celebration

MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING THAT FRIEND TO CHRIST!

The **Community Outreach Group** will host their annual **Clothing Distribution Party** on the first Saturday in December (12.3.2022) from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Center @ 453 West 16th Street 16502 (next door to St. Paul Catholic Church @ West 16th & Walnut Streets in Erie's "Little Italy" neighborhood). In addition to receiving free clothing, patrons can enjoy a free hot lunch. Santa and some of his special helpers will be on site to distribute toys to the children. The Clothing Distribution Party was started in 1999 by a group of men after they had participated in Cursillo #161 (April 1998) who wanted to more thoroughly live out **Matthew 25:40**. For more information, please search Facebook and YouTube for "Community Outreach Group of Erie, PA," or text/call Tim Nowakowski @ 814.566-6435.