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Message from Diocesan Coordinator

Dear Cursillo Community, Greetings in Christ!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and filled with the joy and peace of our Lord. I am writing to share with you my deep love for the Cursillo movement and to reflect on how our Cursillo weekend has profoundly transformed our lives.

To share a little of myself, my parents were Cursillistas by the time I was born. Both of them were actively involved in the movement. Their faith has always been vibrant and alive. Although they both had strong Catholic upbringing, it was through their Cursillo weekends that they truly began to see the fullness of God's plan for them and how they could live out their faith in a more profound and communal way.

The Cursillo weekend is a life-changing encounter with God's love and grace. It is here that we begin to experience the depth of God's unconditional love for us and the power of Christian community. We leave the weekend with our hearts on fire, filled with a new zeal to live out our faith authentically and courageously. Since our Cursillo weekend, we have felt a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to our faith. We have found strength in the friendships we formed and the community that we became a part of. The support and encouragement from fellow Cursillistas have been invaluable in our spiritual journey. Our Cursillo experience has reminded us that we are not alone, but rather part of a vibrant and loving Christian community. Now, more than ever, we need to rekindle that flame and continue our journey together. I encourage each one of you to become involved in the Cursillo community once again. Whether it's participating in group reunions, attending Ultreyas and Fourth Day activities or serving in various capacities, your involvement is crucial.

Let us come together to support one another, to grow in our faith, and to share the joy of the Gospel with others. Our community needs the unique gifts and talents that each of us brings, and together we can make a difference.

To our wonderful sponsors, I have a special message for you. You played a significant role in bringing someone to their Cursillo weekend and in playing a significant role in helping to build our movement. We are grateful for your love and support. I ask that you take a moment to reach out to those you have sponsored in the past. Check in on them, see how they are doing, and encourage them to attend a Cursillo function and become active in the Cursillo community. Your continued support and encouragement can make a world of difference in their spiritual journey. Let us continue to walk together, united in our love for Christ and one another. May the Holy Spirit guide us and strengthen us as we strive to live out our Fourth Day with renewed passion and dedication.

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Spiritual Advisor

My Fellow Cursillistas

Spring is a special time of the year. The flowers and trees begin to show beauty after the winter. Hopefully this IS true in our spiritual life as we celebrate Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost. Jesus rose from the dead and before ascending promised to send an advocate to be with us. That advocate is the Holy Spirit we celebrate on Pentecost. The Holy Spirit continually flows graces on people, some describe the graces using analogies like gifts, sunlight and rain. Properly used they bring us closer to God. We may even experience something we believe was the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Perhaps that is why on a Cursillo weekend our continual prayer is the Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Oh God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This prayer should give us strength in our personal life and our mission as Cursillistas. We have the direction to make a friend and be a friend by bringing people closer to God through the Cursillo. The weekends have been joyful and meaningful to all involved. Through the Holy Spirit their relationship with Jesus and His love is rekindled. Go out, build His kingdom on earth and shine like the Son. Serving Jesus our Lord, bringing others to Him.

May God bless you and the Cursillo.

Deacon Peter M. Dalmer

Spiritual Advisor\Archdiocese of New York, Cursillo English



Men's Cursillo #221

March 14-17, 2024

Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY

RECTOR	Tom Castaldo
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR	Fr. Gil Gentile Dcn. Rodney Beckford

Ideal	Brian Wiczorek
Lay Person in the Church	John Carson
Piety	Mike Ugenti
Study	Jim Collins
Action	Carmine Cataldo
Leaders	John Carson
Study of the Environment	John De Julio
Christianity In Action	Tom Castaldo
Cursillista Beyond Cursillo	John De Julio
Total Security	Tom Castaldo

Rector's Table* denotes Team member

Tom Castaldo * <i>Rector</i>	Staten Island, NY
Fr Gil Gentile, S.J. *	MWK Jesuit Community Bronx, NY
Dcn. Rodney Beckford *	New Milford, NJ



St. Joseph's table

Carmine Cataldo *	Brooklyn, NY
John DeJulio *	Carmel, NY
Brian Wiczorek *	Bloomingburg, NY
Fr. John Lange M.M.	Maryknoll, NY
Ryan Romani	Hyde Park, NY

St. Patrick's table

John Carson *	Pound Ridge, NY
Jim Collins *	Valhalla, NY
Mike Ugenti *	Staten Island, NY
Fr. Joseph La Mar M.M. <i>Missionary Priest</i>	Maryknoll, NY



Men's Cursillo # 220

Nov. 16-19, 2023
 Mariandale Retreat Center
 Ossining, NY 10562

RECTOR Joe Bisesto
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR Fr. Eric Tolentino
Assistant Nick Sarro

ROLLOS:

Ideal	John Meenagh
Layperson in the Church	Mathew Marvel
Piety	Salvatore Lavanco
Study	Joseph Lysonski
Action	John Buonviaggio
Leaders	Joseph Lysonski
Study of the Environment	John Meenagh
Christianity in Action	Matthew Marvel
Cursillista Beyond Cursillo	John Buonviaggio
Total Security	Joe Bisesto



Rector's Table Knights of St. Maximilian Kolbe	
Joe Bisesto *	Valhalla, NY
Fr. Eric Tolentino *	Catasauqua, PA
Nick Sarro *	Carmel Hamlet, NY

Table: St. Michael's Sword	
John Buonviaggio *	Island NY
Mathew Marvel *	Woodbourne NY
Christopher Earl	Johnson, NY
Robert Pertusi	Staten Island, NY

Table: St. Steven	
John Meenagh *	Hopewell Junction, NY
Salvatore Lavanco *	Staten Island, NY
Joseph Lysonski *	Harrison, NY 10528
Samuel Hornblower	Brooklyn, NY



Women's Cursillo # 223

Nov. 16-19, 2023
Mariandale Retreat Center

RECTOR Lisa Castaldo
SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS Fr. Gilbert Gentile, S.J.
 Dcn. Doug FitzMorris
ASSISTANT Ines Fuentes
MUSIC LEADERS Linda Dalmer
 Patricia Bisesto

*denotes Team member

ROLLOS:

Ideal	Patricia Bisesto
Layperson in the Church	Fran Restivo
Piety	Patricia Bisesto
Study	Fran Restivo
Action	Grace Ross
Leaders	Linda Dalmer
Study of the Environment	Marci Reyes
Christianity in Action	Regina Torello
Cursillista Beyond Cursillo	Mary Knolker
Total Security	Lisa Castaldo

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Lisa Castaldo * <i>Rector</i>	Staten Island, NY
Fr. Gilbert Gentile S.J. *	MWK Jesuit Community Bronx, NY
Dcn. Doug FitzMorris *	Yorktown Heights, NY
Ines Fuentes *	Bronx, NY

Candidates/New Cursillistas

Sonia DePole	White Plains, NY
Susan Guiney	Thornwood, NY
Jennifer Martinez-Alfaro	Carmel, NY
Donna O'Mara	Harriman, NY
Claudette Powell	Ossining, NY



Our Lady of Fatima

Fran Restivo *	Staten Island, NY
Marci Reyes *	Bronx, NY
Grace Ross *	Staten Island, NY

Our Lady of Lourdes

Patricia Bisesto *	Valhalla, NY
Mary Knolker *	Carmel, NY
Regina Torello *	Staten Island, NY



Women's # 222

July 6 - 9, 2023
 Mariandale Retreat Center
 Ossining, NY 10562

RECTOR Lourdes Blanco

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS Dcn. Peter Dalmer
 Sr. Michele Ruggiero

PRIEST Fr. Joseph LaMar, M.M.

Ideal Layperson in the Church
Piety Study Action Leaders
Study of the Environment
Christianity in Action
Cursillista Beyond Cursillo
Total Security

ROLLOS:

Teresa Ferri
 Anne Harrison
 Yvette Zevon
 Elisa Stelmack
 Gloria Golia
 Yvette Zevon
 Elisa Stelmack
 Gloria Golia
 Lourdes Blanco
 Lourdes Blanco

*denotes team member

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Lourdes Blanco * <i>Rectora</i>	Ardsley NY
Dcn. Peter Dalmer * <i>Spiritual Advisor</i>	Hyde Park, NY
Sr. Michele Ruggiero * <i>Spiritual Advisor</i>	Monroe, NY

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Teresa Ferri *	Mahopac, NY
Yvette Zevon *	Yonkers, NY
Patricia Caron	Hartsdale, NY
Sonia V. Robinson	Harriman, NY

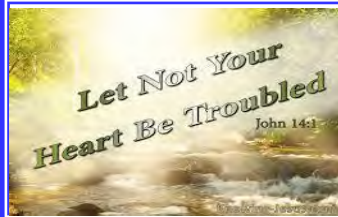
Our Lady of Grace

Anne M. Harrison *	Carmel, NY
Agnes (Cookie) Timberger *	Port Jervis, NY
Lorraine Easty	Dobbs Ferry, NY
Irene Nohavec	Milford, PA
Maria Sedlak	Carmel, NY

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Gloria Golia *	Montgomery, NY
Elisa Stelmack *	Middletown, NY
Frances Gentile	Danbury, CT
Vivian Perez	Carmel, NY
Erlinda D. Thompson	Monroe, NY





Men's Cursillo # 219

Sept. 29-October 2, 2022. The Center at Mariandale

RECTOR	Terry Tornatore
CHIEF AUXILIARY	Joe Lysonski
SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS	Fr. Gil Gentile
	Dcn. Peter Dalmer
	Dcn. Doug Fitzmorris
AUXILIARIES	Rich Romani
	Jerry Stabile USIC
MUSIC	Bruce Zarzeski

ROLLOS

Ideal	Jim Doyle
Layperson in the Church	Bruce Zarzeski
Piety	Carmine Cataldo
Study	Juan Roman
Action	Kevin Dorney
Leaders	Greg Anderson
Study of the Environment	J. David Tolentino
Christianity in Action	Nick Sarro
Cursillista Beyond Cursillo	Joe Lysonski
Total Security	Terry Tornator

St. Michael the Archangel

Terry Tornatore*	Whappinger Falls, NY
Fr. Gil Gentile*	Mt. Vernon, NY
Dcn. Peter Dalmer*	Hyde Park, NY
Dcn. Doug Fitzmorris*	Yorktown Heights, NY
Joe Lysonski*	Harrison, NY
Rich Romani*	Hyde Park, NY
Jerry Stabile*	Walden, NY

St Jude

Carmine Cataldo*	Brooklyn, NY
Greg Anderson*	Yonkers, NY
Brian Wiczorek	Bloomington, NY

St. Paul

Jim Doyle*	Croton Falls, NY
J. David Tolentino*	Ocean Grove, NJ
Juan Roman*	Yonkers, NY
Chuck Beverly	Poughkeepsie, NY



St. Florian

Bruce Zarzeski*	Yorktown Heights
Kevin Dorney*	Staatsburg, NY
Nick Sarro*	Carmel Hamlet
Sal Dellolio	Carmel

Women's Cursillo #221

10/13-16/2022

Mariapolies Luminosa

RECTOR	Sue Tornatore
SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS:	Dcn. Thomas Tortorella
	Dcn. Jerry Lindley
	Dcn. Mark O'Sullivan
Music	Kate Gallaher Carson
Priests:	Fr. Ron Lemert
	Fr. Rob McKeon
	Fr. Tom Lutz

ROLLOS	
Ideal	Bridget Romani
Layperson in the Church	Martha Santos
Piety	Deb Lindley
Study	Bridget Romani
Action	Martha Santos
Leaders	Lou Lysonski
Study of the Environment	Lou Lysonski
Christianity in Action	Kate Gallaher Carson
Cursillista Beyond Cursillo	Martha Santos
Total Security	Sue Tornatore



* denotes team members

RECTOR'S TABLE	
Sue Tornatore *	Whappingers Falls, NY
Dcn. Thomas Tortorella*	Bronx, NY
Dcn. Jerry Lindley*	Hyde Park, NY
Dcn. Mark O'Sullivan*	Staatsburg, NY
Grace Ross*	Staten Island, NY
Fran Restivo*	Staten Island, NY

St. FAUSTINA	
Eileen Phillips	Stormville, NY
Kate G. Carson*	Montgomery, NY
Deb Lindley*	Hyde Park, NY
Lou Lysonski*	Harrison, NY
Bridget Romani*	Hyde Park, NY
Martha Santos*	Middletown, NY

THANK YOU FOR MINISTERING TO US	
Fr. Ron Lammert	Peekskill, NY
Fr. Rob McKeon	West Nyack, NY
Fr. Tom Lutz	Cold Springs, NY

WOMEN'S CURSILLO # 220

April 21-24, 2022
 Mariapolis Luminosa
 Hyde Park, NY



RECTOR Sue O'Sullivan
CHIEF AUXILIARY Judy Defino
SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS Deacon Jerry Lindley
 Deacon Mark O'Sullivan
AUXILIARIES Doris Harrington
 Carole Morgan
 Karen Tunney
MUSIC Louise DeCaro
PRIESTS Fr. Rob McKeon
 Fr. Richard Albertine
 Fr. Vernon Kohlmann

ROLLOS:
 Ideal
 Layperson in the Church
 Piety
 Study
 Action
 Leaders
 Study of the Environment
 Christianity in Action
 Cursillista Beyond Cursillo
 Total Security

Lisa Castaldo
 Karen Tunney
 Linda Coluccio
 Maureen Mohammed
 Irene Snow
 Janna Gaudio
 Linda Coluccio
 Regina Torello
 Judy Defino
 Sue O'Sullivan

* denotes Team Member



St. Anne

Sue O'Sullivan *	Staatsburg, NY
Judy Defino *	Saugerties, NY
Dcn. Jerry Lindley *	Hyde Park, NY
Dcn. Mark O'Sullivan *	Staatsburg, NY
Karen Tunney*	Patterson, NY
Carole Morgan *	Ocean Grove, NJ
Doris Harrington *	Hyde Park, NY
Louise DeCaro *	Hyde Park, NY

St. Clare of Assisi

Linda Coluccio *	Staatsburg, NY
Janna Gaudio *	Staten Island, NY
Irene Snow *	Lake Carmel, NY
Fiore, Antonietta	Carmel, NY
Ragonetti, Kathy	Hyde Park, NY

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Lisa Castaldo *	Staten Island, NY
Maureen Mohammed *	Yorktown Heights, NY
Regina Torello *	Staten Island, NY
Harrington, Kateri	Poughkeepsie, NY
Harrison, Anne	Mahopac, NY
Maurer, Eileen	Mastic, NY

Thank you for Ministering to Us

Fr. Rob McKeon	West Nyack, NY
Fr. Vernon Kohlmann	Hyde Park, NY
Fr. Richard Albertine	Ossining, NY

Men's Cursillo #218

March 5-8, 2020 Mt Alvernia Retreat Center

RECTOR	Ed. Shimansky
CHIEF AUX.	Jerry Stabile
SPIRITUAL ADVIRORS:	Fr. Rich Albertini
	Dcn. Thomas Tortorella
	Dcn. Ken Brieskey
AUXILIARIES	Craig Russo
	Joe Polizzi
	John Perry
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Mike Bilello

Ideal	Jim Collins
Lay Person in the Church	Tom Streppone
Piety	Matt Marvel
Study	Ken Leigh
Action	John Regan
Leaders	Phil Orta
Study of the Environment	Terry Tornatore
Christianity in Action	John Bonviaggio
Cursillista Beyond Cursillo	Jerry Stabile
Total Security	Ed Shimanski

9 Lost Sheep Looking for Jesus

Ed Shimansky*	Bronx, NY
Fr. Rich Albertini*	Maryknoll, NY
Dcn. Thomas Tortorella*	Bronx, NY
Dcn. Ken Briskey*	Hyde Park, NY
Jerry Stabile*	Walden, NY
Craig Russo*	Wappinger Falls, NY
Joe Polizzi*	Staten Island, NY
John Perry*	Staten Island, NY
Mile Bilello*	Wappinger Falls, NY



Never Left Behind

Matt Marvel*	Liberty, NY
Phil Orta*	Bronx, NY
Dangelo, Antonio	Staten Island, NY
Reilly, Brian	Staten Island

Hope and Glory

Johs Bonviaggio*	Staten Island
Tom Streppone*	Bronx, NY
Endrit Agolli	Staten Island
Charles Beagan	Port Washington, NY
Robert Nix	Staten Island

Men's Cursillo #218

March 5-8, 2020 Mt Alvernia Retreat Center

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Mountain Of God's Light

Jim Collins*	Valhalla, NY
Ken Leigh*	Toms River, NY
Dcn. James Gallagher	Staten Island, NY
Cyrille Buisson	Weston, CT
George Martin	Poughkeepsie, NY

Fantastic Four

Terry Tornatore*	Wappinger Falls, NY
John Regan*	Greenwich, CT
Richard Lee	Carmel, NY
Frank Morale	Staten Island, NY

DeColores!

The Good Samaritans of Nutrition

Mike Ugenti*	Staten Island, NY
J. David Tolentino*	Ocean Grove, NJ
Marianne Stabile	Walden, NY
Marci Reyes	Bronx, NY

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The volume for 2024 contains a sample of the many activities that transpired between 2022 and 2024, and therefore is divided into two volumes. Volume 1, contains all the Cursillo Weekends from these years, but also includes Ed Shemansky's Weekend (March 2020) when he was a Rector right before Covid hit and activities in person were cancelled. Vol 2. is a selection of activities from 2022 to 2024 and is organized month by month with a sample of activities each month. Since Cursillo activities were suspended or were carried out by Zoom during Covid, it would have been boring for the reader to get a 2020-2021 Rooster Crows filled with pictures of screen grabs that showcased activities on that year.

I want to thank all of you for your patience in having me as your editor. This is my last publication, and I welcome the new editor.

De Colores and God Bless

