



DIOCESE OF JOLIET

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Letter from the Joliet Diocesan Cursillo Coordinator

Dear Friends in Christ,

De Colores! And Happy 60th Anniversary! Back in 1963, the first Cursillo was held in the Joliet Diocese and over the past 60 years, thousands of candidates have lived the Three-Day experience and entered their Fourth Day with the inspiration and knowledge needed for a lifetime of Piety, Study and Apostolic Action. What a blessing this movement has been for our parishes, our diocese, and our Catholic faith!

But rest assured, we are not looking to rest on our laurels. We have many exciting things happening in our movement, including five vibrant Ultreyas taking place each month in Roselle, Winfield, Lombard, Darien and Naperville. We also have weekends scheduled through the end of 2026, including Men's weekends on December 7-10, 2023, May 2-5, 2024, and September 26-29, 2024, and Women's weekends April 4-7, 2024, and November 7-10, 2024.

Perhaps most importantly, our School of Leaders is back up and running, with in-person meetings the second Tuesday of the month from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton in Naperville. Leaders are key to the growth of our movement and there's no better way to build leadership than through School of Leaders, where we learn about our faith from doctrinal talks given by the clergy, and technique talks given by experienced Cursillistas discussing details of the movement.



John "YT" Whitehouse

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The School of Leaders is also where we work together as a Team to continually improve the Three Day and Fourth Day experience, helping plan weekends, Ultreyas, fundraisers and other fun activities. There's so much we can do, but to coin a phrase from St. Matthew, 'the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few!' So we ask our Fourth Day to prayerfully consider joining us at the School of Leaders to help us make our movement even more impactful throughout the Diocese!

And finally, I'm happy to report that our Fr. Joe Shimanek fund continues to provide much needed support to those candidates who are unable to pay for their weekends. But as with everything these days, the cost of putting on a weekend will be going up again in 2024, making this fund even more important. Please consider making the Joliet Cursillo Movement part of your charitable giving through a one-time or on-going donation to the Fr. Joe Fund. Details can be found on our website: www.JolietCursillo.org.

I'll close by saying what a privilege it is to serve all of you, and I pray that God continues to bless and keep you and your family throughout the year.

Your brother in Christ,

John "YT" Whitehouse



Above: "YT" Whitehouse, Tina King, and Amy Serritella represented the Joliet Diocese at the Fall Multicultural Encounter. They attended Rollos on Pre-Cursillo, Secretariat and School of Leaders and made many new friends from our region! Stay tuned for details on the Spring Cursillo Encounter.



JOLIET CURSILLO MOVEMENT

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CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Our Cursillo Community prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of each month at 8:00p.m. Friends and family are welcome.

Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.

HELP WANTED - PRAYER WARRIORS

Remember the beautiful world-wide Palanca on your weekend?
Would you like to add this impactful action to your ministry?

We are looking for individuals to dedicate a portion of their prayer time to Cursillo weekends that are ongoing throughout the world.
For more information email Prayer2@jolietcursillo.org

SECRETARIAT

The work of the Joliet Cursillo requires coordination by a small group of clergy and Lay leaders called the Secretariat. For a full listing of our Secretariat see our website. www.jolietcursillo.org
Assistant Spiritual Director:
Deacon Joe O'Donnell
Our Lady of Peace, Darien



SAVE THE DATE

2nd Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser
Saturday, April 27th
Doors open 5:45 | Trivia begins 7PM
St. Isaac Jogues | Hinsdale
All are invited
More details to follow

JOLIET CURSILLO ULTREYAS

St. Pius X

1st Saturday of the month

1025 East Madison Street, Lombard
Mass at 8:30am-Ultreya follows Mass

Coordinator: **Leanne Newman**
(newman.leanne@sbcglobal.net)

St. John the Baptist

2nd Saturday of the month

0S259 Church Street, Winfield
Rosary 9:00-Ultreya follows-Sebahar Hall

Coordinator: **Amy Serritella**
(amythe1@att.net)

St. Walter

3rd Saturday of the month

130 West Pine Street, Roselle
Mass at 8:30am-Ultreya follows-Wagner Hall

Coordinator: **Greg Everhart**
(g.everhart@myexcel.com)

St. Elizabeth Seaton

4th Monday of the month

2220 Lisson Road, Naperville
Prayer at 7pm in Worship Space
Grouping & Ultreya at 7:30 pm-lower level

Coordinators:
Phil McEntee
(pmcentee@msn.com)
Joan O'Halloran
(mmejoan@aol.com)

Our Lady of Peace

4th Saturday of the month

701 Plainfield Rd., Darien
Mass at 7:30 am-Ultreya follows-lower level

Coordinator: **Dn. Pat Kenny**
(patkennyolp@gmail.com)



MEMORIAL MASS

ON NOVEMBER 17, 2023, THERE WILL BE A MASS CELEBRATED IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR FIFTH DAY COMMUNITY, OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED INTO ETERNAL LIFE. FELLOWSHIP AND MEMORIES WILL BE SHARED IN A RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE MASS. THE MASS WILL BE AT OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH IN DARIEN AT 7PM. TO NOTIFY US OF OTHERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE FIFTH DAY COMMUNITY PLEASE EMAIL PALANCA@JOLIETCURSILLO.ORG.



The School of Leaders Returns

What is the School of Leaders? The School of Leaders (SOL) is not a school in the academic sense. Instead, it is a school in the sense of a gathering, such as a school of fish. It is a gathering of Cursillo leaders. It helps these leaders to "discover, accept, and grow in their vocations, bringing them together so that together they can take on the responsibility of being leaders in the Church, in the Movement, and in their respective secular environments." (Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement, pg. 200)

If we remember the last talk on the Saturday of our Cursillo weekend, we were told that we are already leaders. Leaders who have been identified and invited by our sponsors to live a Cursillo weekend and then use the Cursillo method to live out our Fourth Day.

We are all leaders and at the School of Leaders, we get together in a group to learn more about the Cursillo movement, how it works, its place in the Church, and especially its role in our diocese. The SOL, is designed to be spiritual and technical nourishment for those called to be leaders within the Cursillo movement and for those who wish to learn more about the movement (Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, Post-Cursillo) and to grow on their spiritual journey.

SOL is an excellent opportunity to grow as Church leaders, to refine our skills as apostles, and to learn how to effectively live out the purpose, strategy, and method of the Cursillo Movement within the Church. The effectiveness, vibrancy, and success of our movement depend on committed, enthusiastic, spiritually formed and knowledgeable leaders. You are strongly encouraged to come!

The SOL meets the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton in Naperville. Use the East parking lot. The specific room number will be posted on the marquee when you enter from the lower-level east door.

The only way you will know if it is for you is to experience what is being offered...so come share your gifts. Be challenged to "come and see" for yourself. Remember the statement from the Laity Talk: "I am the Church... You are the Church...We are the Church."

Amy Serritella
School of Leaders Chair
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Need more information

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2023 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Women's 133rd June 8-11

Rectora Marta Spiezio

Men's 141st August 24-27

Rector Hank Stuchel

Women's 134th October 5-8

Rectora Kerry O'Donnell

Men's 142nd December 7-10

Rector John Baumgart

2024 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Women's 135th April 4-7

Men's 143rd May 2-5

Men's 144th September 26-29

Women's 136th November 7-10

**HAVE YOU GOT SOMEONE IN
MIND FOR AN UPCOMING
CURSILLO WEEKEND?**

**Start praying and talking
with them now. Do not wait
until the last minute. Get the
weekend on their calendar
before something else comes
up. For details go to the Pre-
Cursillo tab on our website.**



**ATTENTION
PARISH COORDINATOR OR
ULTREYA LEADERS**

Are you looking for a Parish Coordinator or Ultreya leader, but there is not one in your area? Are you being called to step in and fill one of these important roles for your geographical area?

We ask you to pray and see if the Holy Spirit is calling your name.

For more information email:
Rick Hoffman
cshoffman4@gmail.com

QUALIFIED CONTRIBUTIONS

ARE YOU 72 OR OLDER AND TAKING REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS (RMD) FROM YOUR IRA?

IF YOU ARE TAKING RMDs FROM YOUR IRA ACCOUNT, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD) DIRECTLY TO JOLIET CURSILLO.

BY MAKING A QCD THE DISTRIBUTION WILL COUNT TOWARDS YOUR RMD AND NOT BE A TAXABLE DISTRIBUTION AND THEREFORE REDUCE YOUR TAX LIABILITY. MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS WAY OF GIVING. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TAX PREPARER OR FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO MAKE THE QCD. JOLIET CURSILLO IS A 501C3 ORGANIZATION AND LISTED IN THE KENNEDY BOOK.

*Please consider
Joliet Cursillo in your
planned giving and
estate planning.*

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Note: Ultreya Coordinators are in Bold

TRIBUTE CARDS AVAILABLE

A GIFT OF PRAYER IS A GIFT FROM GOD. WE HAVE TWO KINDS OF TRIBUTE CARDS, MEMORIAL AND ENROLLMENT. MEMORIAL CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TO BE USED AT MEMORIAL SERVICES WHERE DONATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO BE MADE TO JOLIET CURSILLO IN A LOVED ONE'S NAME. MEMORIAL CARDS ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING GLORIA BURJEK AT 630-835-9134.

ENROLLMENT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION. WHEN YOU ENROLL A LOVED ONE, THEY WILL BE PRAYED FOR, BY NAME, DURING THE CURSILLO DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF YOUR ENROLLMENT. SEE ABOVE FOR ADDITIONAL CHAPLET INFORMATION. FOR ENROLLMENT CARDS EMAIL AMY SERRITELLA, AMYTHE1@ATT.NET.