



# DIOCESE OF JOLIET

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## Letter from the Lay Director

Dear Friends in Christ,

De Colores! So much has happened since our last newsletter, including the difficult task of navigating through a pandemic. I'm so grateful to our previous Lay Director, Debi Kenny, and the Secretariat, for their steadfast leadership during this time of uncertainty.

I'm also glad to say that through it all, we've been able to restart our Ultreyas throughout the Diocese and hold four incredible weekends, with more weekends scheduled for 2023 and 2024.

I'm excited to share with you some of the additional happenings taking place in our movement. Currently we have vibrant monthly Ultreyas at six locations. Please come and hear a wonderful witness talk and participate in a group reunion. For more information, you can visit our website, [www.JolietCursillo.org](http://www.JolietCursillo.org). And while you're on the site, be sure to sign up for our regular updates, as well as the daily prayer request emails.

We have a facebook group. Please sign up at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/43238931619>

As with everything these days, we've seen the cost of weekends continue to rise but we are doing all we can to reduce the fees, including subsidizing part of the cost using funds from the Fr. Joe Shimanek Fund. Of course, for us to continue to offer this subsidy, we are asking you, our fourth day community, to pray for this effort. We are also asking you to prayerfully consider a donation to



John "YT" Whitehouse



make this a permanent reality. You can return a donation in the enclosed envelope or through the website.

Thank you so much for all your support and may God continue to bless you and your family in the palm of His hand.

Your brother in Christ,

John "YT" Whitehouse  
Lay Director - Joliet Cursillo Movement





### 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 [Palanca@JolietCusillo.org](mailto:Palanca@JolietCusillo.org).

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Our Cursillo Community prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 pm. Friends and family are welcome. Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.

### MEMORIAL MASS

ON November 18, 2022, a Mass was celebrated in remembrance of our Fifth Day Community, our members who have passed into eternal life. Fellowship and memories were shared in a reception following Mass.

To notify us of others who have joined the Fifth Day Community please email [Palanca@JolietCusillo.org](mailto:Palanca@JolietCusillo.org)

## JOLIET CURSILLO ULTREYAS

<b>St. Piux X</b> 1025 East Madison Street, Lombard Mass at 8:30am-Ultreya follows Mass Coordinator: Leanne Newman (newman.leanne@sbcglobal.net)	1st. Sat. of the Month
<b>St. John the Baptist</b> OS259 Church Street, Winfield Mass at 8:30am-Ultreya follows-Sebahar Hall Coordinator: Amy Serritella (amythe1@att.net)	2nd Sat. of the Month
<b>St. Walter</b> 130 West Pine Street, Roselle Mass at 8:30am-Ultreya follows-Wagner Hall Coordinator: Greg Everhart (g.everhart@myexcel.com)	3rd Sat. of the Month
<b>St. Elizabeth Seaton</b> 2220 Lisson Road, Naperville Prayer at 7PM in Worship Space Grouping & Ultreya at 7:30pm-lower level Coordinators: Phil McEntee (pmcentee@msn.com) Joan O'Halloran (mmejoan@aol.com)	4th Mon. of the Month
<b>Our Lady of Peace</b> 701 Plainfield Road, Darien Mass at 7:30am-Ultreya follows-lower level Coordinator: Dn. Pat Kenny (patkennyolp@gmail.com)	4th Sat. of the Month
<b>St. Joseph Parish</b> 4801 Main Street, Downers Grove Mass at 6:30pm-Ultreya follows Mass Coordinator: Marta Spiezio (spiezio.marta@gmail.com)	Returning soon

### 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.

#### assistant Spiritual Director

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**OUR ADDRESS IS  
JOLIET CURSILLO,  
P.O. BOX 4247, LISLE, IL 60532**

**2022 CURSILLO WEEKENDS**

**We welcomed back weekends after a long wait in 2022. In total we are happy to welcome 107 new Cursillistas to their Fourth Day.**

**Men's 139th March 3-6  
Rector Jim Hahn**

**Women's 131st April 21-24  
Rectora Annmarie Murphy**

**Men's 140th September 15-18  
Rector Rick Hoffman**

**Women's 132nd October 6-9  
Rectora Marybeth Filipowski**

**SUPPORT CURSILLO WITH AMAZON SMILE**

The National Cursillo Movement is registered with the Amazon Smile Program as a non-profit organization eligible to receive donations through the Foundation.

To register the National Cursillo Movement as your charitable organization;

**Log on to: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)**

**Click on: Accounts and**

**Lists>Your Account>Your Amazon Smile**

**Select: National Cursillo Movement Inc.**

**CURSILLO WEEKEND  
SCHEDULE FOR 2023 & 2024**

**JUNE 8-11, 2023 (WOMEN)**

**AUG. 24-27, 2023 (MEN)**

**OCT. 5-8, 2023 (WOMEN)**

**DEC. 7-10, 2023 (MEN)**

**APR. 4-7, 2024 (WOMEN)**

**MAY 2-5, 2024 (MEN)**

**SEP. 26-29, 2024 (MEN)**

**NOV. 7-10, 2024 (WOMEN)**

**CURSILLO CROSSES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

We have curated TWO crosses that are being made only for Joliet Cursillo. They are now available for purchase plus shipping. Please mail a check written to Joliet Cursillo at our PO Box. Indicate what item you would like in the memo section of the check.

**PALM CROSS**

These crosses were lovingly handcrafted by Christians living in Bethlehem from authentic Holy Land Olive Wood and engraved with the Cursillo Logo.

**Small 2.5"x1.5" \$12.00+ \$5.00 shipping**

**Large 3.5"x1.75" \$15.00+ \$5.00 Shipping**

**IRON AND WOOD CROSS**

This handmade Cursillo Cross comes from an iron work artist in Oregon and is made exclusively for the Diocese of Joliet cursillo

**One Size 8" x 6" \$45 + \$6.00 shipping**



**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 Amy Serritella, amythe1@att.net

**QUALIFIED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Are you 72 or older & 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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**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.