



DIOCESE OF JOLIET

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Letter from the Joliet Diocesan Cursillo Coordinator

Dear Friends in Christ,

De Colores! As always, this past year has just flown by! But I'm happy to let you all know that it's been a very good year for our movement. We held four very successful weekends, with 93 candidates, and have four more scheduled for 2025. We also have six Ultreyas taking place each month at parishes across the Diocese, including Joliet, Roselle, Winfield, Lombard, Darien and Naperville.

In addition, the National Cursillo Region 5, made up of movements from Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, has restarted the semi-annual Cursillo Encounters, held in Lemont, IL. We had some fantastic speakers, including two from Majorca, Spain, the birthplace of our founder, Eduardo Bonnín. They were excited to share that the cause for canonization of Eduardo has begun!

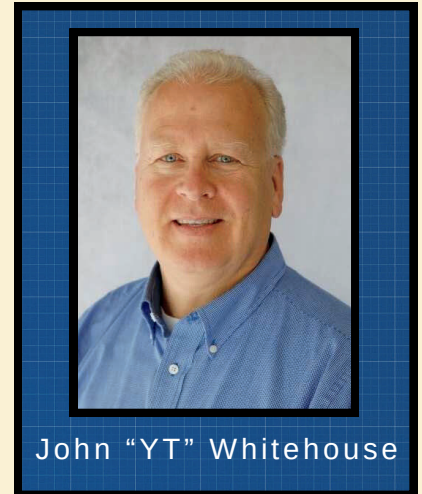
The School of Leaders also continues to meet every month at St. John the Baptist in Winfield, both in person and over Zoom. The School of Leaders is where we come together as a team to improve the Three Day and Fourth Day experience, Ultreyas, fundraisers and other fun activities. There's so much we 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!

I'm also glad 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 2025, making this fund even more important.



***"God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty."***

By Dan Schutte



John "YT" Whitehouse

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 on this and everything mentioned above can be found on our website, www.JolietCursillo.org.

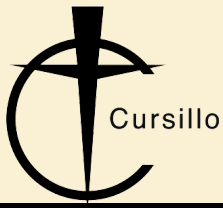
We also received the exciting news that Bishop Hicks has appointed Deacon Joe O'Donnell to be our Diocesan Cursillo Spiritual Advisor! We are so happy to have Deacon Joe providing spiritual leadership for our movement.

On a similar note, I'd like to close by expressing my deep appreciation for our outgoing Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Vic Puscas. Deacon Vic has been a tireless servant on our Secretariat team for the past eight years and he has played a vital role in leading us through the pandemic and back to a vibrant, Holy Spirit filled movement, that continues to introduce and guide people to a life of Piety, Study and Apostolic Action. Thank you, Deacon Vic!!

May God continue to bless you and keep you throughout the year!

Your brother in Christ,

John "YT" Whitehouse



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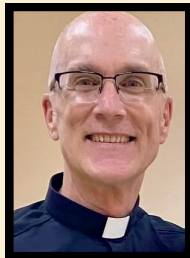
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SECRETARIAT

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
Spiritual Advisor - Deacon Joe O'Donnell
Our Lady of Peace, Darien
Asst. Spiritual Advisor - Deacon Michael Murphy
St. Isaac Jogues, Hinsdale

**A note from our new
Spiritual Advisor**



Hello 4th Day!!!!
I thought I would give you a little background on myself. My name is Deacon Joe O'Donnell. I was ordained on August 20, 2022. I have been married to my wife Kerry for 41 years. We have 5 children, 3 grandchildren and one more on the way.

I made my weekend in 1997 and I have been grouping since. Just like many of you, Cursillo has been a blessing to me, and my family. It has been very instrumental in my own faith journey.

And now, I am blessed to serve the Cursillo community as a Deacon. Only God can write this script!!!

Looking forward to serving God, with you!!!
Peace,
Deacon Joe

JOLIET CURSILLO ULTREYAS

St. Piux X

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

1st Saturday of the month

Coordinators: Lora Longo
(loralynn25@gmail.com)
Beth Thomas
(thomasrules@comcast.net)

St. John the Baptist

05259 Church Street, Winfield
Rosary 9am- Ultreya follows-Sebahar Hall

2nd Saturday of the month

Coordinator: Amy Serritella
(amythe1@att.net)

St. Francis Xavier

2500 S. Areiter Road, Joliet
Mass at 6:30pm
Ultreya follows - lower level

3rd Wednesday of the month

Coordinators:
Elizabeth Kingsbury-Puscas
(ekingsbury.puscas@gmail.com)
Pam Bredemeyer

St. Walter

130 W. Pine Avenue, Roselle
Mass 8:30am -Ultreya follows mass

3rd Saturday of the month

Coordinator:
Greg Everhart
(gregeverhart399@gmail.com)

Our Lady of Peace

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

4th Saturday of the month

Coordinator: Dn. Joe O'Donnell
(jodonnell42@hotmail.com)
Kerry O'Donnell (kerryodonnell133@aol.com)

St. Elizabeth Seton

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

4th Monday of the month

Coordinator: Phil McEntee
(pmcentee@msn.com)

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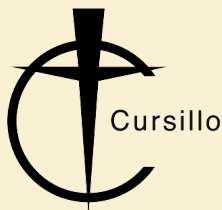
Dear Deacon O'Donnell,

By means of this letter, I am pleased to appoint you as Diocesan Spiritual Advisor to the Joliet Cursillo Movement. I am grateful for your generous response and willingness to serve in this capacity. I am sure your ministry with the Cursillo Movement will be mutually enriching.

Given at the Chancery this 24th day of September 2024.

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

David Salvato, JCD
Chancellor



SCHOOL OF LEADERS

The effectiveness, vibrancy and success of our movement depends on committed, enthusiastic and spiritually formed leaders. At the School of Leaders (SOL) we gather not in an academic sense but as a school of fish moving together towards a better understanding of the Cursillo movement.

While the SOL is not new to the diocese, we are now celebrating our second year of reopening since the pandemic. This year we announced a new date, location as well as the ability to join the meetings on zoom!

The SOL now meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. in Sodonna Hall which is located on the lower level of the Parish Office at St. John the Baptist in Winfield. If you wish to attend on Zoom, simply log in 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting and use Meeting ID: 949 4431 4870

Many people hold a false impression that SOL is meant for "leaders" only. Keep in mind a leader within our movement is defined as a dedicated apostle; a person who puts all of his/her abilities in the service of Christ. This means we are all leaders. Therefore, if you want to learn more about the movement as well as grow in your spiritual journey, won't you please join us this month?

Amy Serritella
School of Leaders Chair
amythe1@att.net

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 : 984 7599 4038

2025 Cursillo Weekends

Men's 145 February 27-March 1

Rector Bob Lyman

Women's 137th March 6-9

Rectora Elizabeth Kingsbury-Puscas

Men's 146th August 28-31

Women's October 23-26

MEMORIAL MASS

ON NOVEMBER 15, 2024, 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 CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH IN CAROL STREAM AT 7PM. TO NOTIFY US OF OTHERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE FIFTH DAY COMMUNITY PLEASE EMAIL PALANCA@JOLIETCURSILLO.ORG.

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.

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



SAVE THE DATE

3rd Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser
Saturday, March 29th
Doors open 5:45 | Trivia begins 7PM
St. Isaac Jogues | Hinsdale
All are invited
More details to follow



**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 70 1/2 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.

PARISH CURSILLO COORDINATORS

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Corpus Christi	Carol Stream	Rick Hoffman	cshoffman4@gmail.com
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Our Lady of Peace	Darien	Ed Burjek	EFBurjek@aol.com
Our Lady of Peace	Darien	Deacon Pat Kenny	pat@patkenny.net
Resurrection	Wayne	Lainie Stuchel and Janet Means	his523@gmail.com
St. Dominic	Bolingbrook	Sue Steffens	smsteffens@comcast.net
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St. Walter	Roselle	Greg Everhart	gregeverhart399@gmail.com
Visitation Parish	Elmhurst	Deacon Mike Iozzo	Mike.Iozzo@outlook.com

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.

