



Central Indiana Cursillo Community January 2023

From the Lay Directors Desk...

I hope all of you and your families had a great Christmas season.

As we begin a New Year, many of us have plans to start something new that we may have never done before. Maybe you are looking at, 'The Catechism in a Year,' with Father Mike Schmitz. Maybe you are planning to participate in some parish ministry or considering signing up to help in your local community food pantry.

This is the time of year when we see Christ also start his ministry. The readings show how he started to form His faith filled team to help Him spread His teachings to

the world. As we approach the Spring Cursillo, we hope all of you are praying to the Holy Spirit to inspire you to sponsor a new candidate. It is through your continued devotion to Central Indiana Cursillo that we have been able to hold four weekends per year. However, for this momentum to continue, we need our community to submit applications as soon as possible. Lately, most of the applications have been received within only weeks of the start of a weekend and we have come very close to cancelling a weekend if we do not have enough candidates for an effective program. This is devastating to a team who has been in formation for 8-10 weeks. It also is a burden to hold off buying food if there is a chance that a weekend can be cancelled. To date, we do not have any applications for the men's weekend and we have only 3 applications for the women's weekend.

Also, former teams have been disappointed that the community has not been available to help, especially on Saturday night, to serve a meal. Please go to the website - right now - and sign up:



Tom Scimeca
CICC Lay Director

Men's weekend-----<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a4ae2da6ff2-meal7#/>
Women's weekend--<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a4ae2da6ff2-meal6#/>

Also, did you know that we have an online sign up form if you are interested in working on a future team OR if you are interested in helping our Secretariat chairpersons or subcommittee members on Cursillo activities?

Please go to: <https://www.cursillo-cicc.org/sign-up>

I am excited to announce some upcoming School of Leaders and Ultreyas besides the monthly Ultreyas hosted by the Lafayette Cursillo community.

SAVE THESE DATES!

February 11 - School of Leaders– Speaker- Cef Aguilion – National Cursillo English Coordinator

Feb. 18 – Ultreya St. Joseph, Lebanon, In.

March 24-25 - Regional Cursillo Encounter –National Shrine of Our Lady of Snows - Belleville, Il.

April 15 – Grand Reunion Ultreya - St. Joseph's Lebanon, In.

May 6 - City Ultreya - St. Maria Goretti - Westfield, In. – Co - Sponsored by Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Maria Goretti Parishes

Spring, 2023 - The Central Indiana Golf Outing is back!

Please check our web site regularly for updates as details become available.

Please pray for our spring teams that are beginning their formation meetings and for those discerning to attend a weekend.

Happy New Year!
DECOLORES!
Tom Scimeca



Upcoming Weekends

Men's Spring # 126
March 2 - 5, 2023



Mark Mader
Rector of # 126

Women's Spring # 115
March 16 - 19, 2023



Reba James
Rectora of # 115



Prayer is the Motor that fuels the engine of life...

Below are the links to the 72-hour prayer chains for the upcoming weekends:

Men's #126 Weekend: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A4AE2DA6FF2-72hour5>
Women's #115 Weekend: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48A4AE2DA6FF2-72hour6>

Sign up on the Cursillo Website designated for each weekend – www.cursillo-cicc.org

Cursillo Reunion Ultreya! – Save The Date

**Celebrating the Men's Cursillo # 126 and Women's Cursillo # 115
Saturday, April 15, 2023**



St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lebanon, IN
319 East South Street

More Information to follow!!

Men's Cursillo # 126



My name is Mark Mader. I attended Cursillo Number 91. I sat at the Table of St. Dismas, the Good Thief, and I worship our Lord and Savior at St. Louis de Montford in Fishers, Indiana. I am married to Deborah and we have three sons, Matthew, Joshua and Zachary and two grandchildren, John Sterling Mader and Colin Thomas Mader. Deborah and I celebrated our 40th anniversary last December 18, 2022. I am a Mass Coordinator, a Lector and an Extraordinary Minister at SLDM. I am a Senior Staff Attorney in the Indiana Inspector General's Office.

When I attended my Cursillo, Deborah and I lived in Richmond, Indiana and worshiped our Lord and Savior at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Dave Rokosz asked me to go to Cursillo five times and each time I said no, I don't think so. Then, when attending a Bible study conducted by Tom and Cheryl Kitchen, Tom asked me to go and I said yes. The point being that you go when it's your time. After my Cursillo, I couldn't wait for Deborah to go so I could share my experiences with her. Luckily, Deborah was able to go to the next Women's Cursillo and we've been sharing our Cursillo experiences ever since.

My Cursillo was held at St. Bernadette in Indianapolis. What an experience that was. Candidates slept in two huge dormitory rooms. Yes, ear plugs were recommended (mandatory). Taking a shower was a fun experience until someone flushed the toilet. The Archbishop of Indianapolis was scheduled to give a rollo during one of the teams I was on. We had to postpone his talk because he got lost and had trouble finding St. Bernadette.

The last team I was on was in March of 2020 (Team 122). Immediately after the Men's Cursillo, the Country was locked down because of Covid. Even the women's Cursillo scheduled two weeks later had to be cancelled. I feel bad for the candidates of Cursillo 122. Because of lockdowns, they never had the opportunity to attend their Spring Grand Ultreya nor were they able to begin grouping. If you know any of the Cursillo 122 candidates, please reach out to them and help them get in a group. Remember Eduardo Bonnin's goal for Cursillo that each candidate have a personal encounter with Christ and so know how much God loves them.

I would be remis if I didn't talk a little about the process of selecting a team. In the beginning it's a frightening process. It's not until you begin to get a few yeses that you begin to relax and remember the Cursillo saying, "Let go, Let God". As Rector of Men's Cursillo 126, I have been blessed with a fantastic spirit-filled team of men. One of the last pieces to fall in place was the pastor of my church in Richmond, Father Todd Riebe, agreeing to be our Spiritual Advisor. I know how much Father Todd would enjoy seeing you at the Closing and/or assisting as meal servers. I feel like I have come full circle now and I'm looking forward to seeing what God has planned for the members of Cursillo 126. De Colores.

Mark Mader
Rector of # 126



Women's Cursillo # 115



Hi, I'm Reba James. I'm living Cursillo 92, I sat at the Table of Patience, and I worship at All Saints in Logansport.

My own Cursillo feels like it was yesterday, although it's been several years ago. I had been asked on a few occasions before I finally said yes. I watched my husband, Rodger, say yes and I still remember him walking into the house that Sunday night and how transformed he seemed to me. Rodger was not one to ever jump on a band wagon or do anything that was outside of his normal routine. So it was a shocker to me that he said yes, actually went, and came back with so much renewed faith and love for the Lord. His transformation motivated me to say yes the next time I was asked. My Cursillo experience was a moving time for me and I loved almost everything about it. What I remember the most, was going to Mass on that following Monday morning on my 4th day. I was exhausted but I couldn't wait to go, so I got up early and went to the 8:00 a.m. Mass. I was greeted by several people with welcoming arms and so much of the love of Christ in their eyes that I couldn't even imagine how I hadn't known all of these people were Cursillistas – and now I was one of them! I was part of a community that would change my life.

I want that feeling of community and God's love for all Catholics, for all of those who may be pew-sitters or lost the excitement they used to have for their faith. So I'm asking all of you to please be a sponsor and ask your fellow Catholics to attend this Cursillo. Remember many, like me, may have said no more than once before, but they're ready now. Many will be nudged by the Holy Spirit even against their will and they may be ready to say yes. And please pray for me, my team, and for all of those who are supposed to be in attendance but just don't know it yet. The Holy Spirit knows who they are, so we just need to follow His lead and ask! Come Holy Spirit!

I am so grateful and entirely humbled by being asked to be Rectora and I promise to prayerfully and faithfully build a team to serve God, each other, and especially our new fellow Cursillistas.

As I'm building my team now and preparing for the weekend, so many things are not going my way, but "Jesus, I trust in YOU!"

De Colores!

Reba James
Rectora of # 115





Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

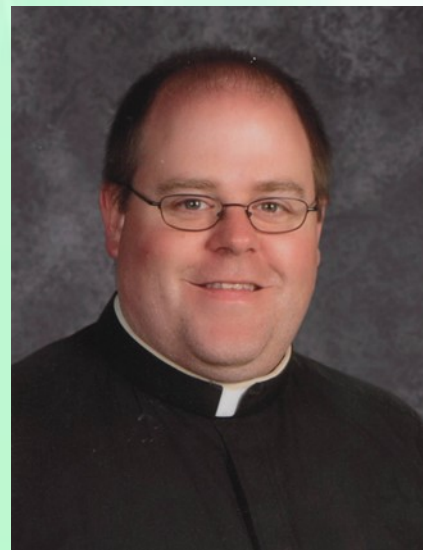
I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas Season, celebrating Jesus' birth. We are now in Ordinary Time, but Lent is approaching. These weeks of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent are not just some throw away time that can or should be forgotten about. These weeks are an opportunity to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Life of Jesus.

The term 'ordinary' often refers to something being plain, unimpressive, or unexciting. For that reason, many people hear 'Ordinary Time' and they immediately think of the season as such. But that understanding doesn't reflect the true meaning of the season. Ordinary comes from the Latin term ordinalis, meaning 'numbered' or 'ruled'. This title refers to the ongoing and rhythmical nature of the season. Just like everyday life which is sprinkled with various special occasions. There is a rhythm to the days and the weeks of Ordinary Time which are sprinkled with Holy Days and Feasts that change the pace, but those special occasions aren't the whole picture.

One way to think about Ordinary Time is that we are participating in the everyday life of Jesus. And there is certainly nothing ordinary about the everyday life of Jesus.

De Colores

Fr. Dan Duff
Spiritual Director
Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana





“The love of Christ impels us...” (2 Corinthians 5:14)

Each January the Cursillo Secretariat meets for a planning session. After praying together at Mass, time is set aside to discuss many different aspects of the movement and to plan for the future.

This year’s meeting was especially important as we emerge from the pandemic and the limitations that the pandemic placed on all aspects of our lives.

Among the several ‘opportunities’ we discussed, consensus emerged that finding candidates for our weekends is one of the most important.

At the very heart of Cursillo is the call to discipleship. We all know the impact that Cursillo has made on our own discipleship, and, in love, we want to share this opportunity with others. “Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.” It is not a question of numbers, but one of discipleship. Just like Andrew, the first called in Saint John’s Gospel, we, too, turn to our brothers and sisters and say, “We have found the Christ.”

The love of Christ impels us to share the encounter that we have had with Jesus with as many others as possible. It’s what gives meaning to the many, many details that go in to preparing for a weekend and all that Cursillo does to sustain us on the journey of our Fourth Day.

As we prepare for Men’s Cursillo 126 and Women’s Cursillo 115, may the love of Christ impel each of us to extend an invitation to a person we love, to grow in discipleship by inviting that person to an upcoming Cursillo weekend. Talk about an opportunity – a **golden** opportunity!

De Colores!

Fr. Todd Riebe
Spiritual Director
Archdiocese of Indianapolis



City Wide Ultreya - February 18, 2023 - St. Joseph's, Lebanon

The Indianapolis & Lafayette Cursillo Community is sponsoring an Ultreya, on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at St. Joseph Church & Parish Hall in Lebanon, IN.

The address is 319 E South St. Lebanon, IN. Mass Begins at 4:30 PM, a pitch-in dinner begins at 6:00 PM with meat and tableware provided. The Ultreya will start at 7:00 PM.

The main speaker for the evening will be Clarence Gilles, author of the book **'On My Way'**.



Here is a short excerpt from the Introduction of his book.

"My faith life changed when I met my future wife, who was a devout Catholic. After we married, we still did not read the Bible at home. We did, however, read the children's Bible and other books about the saints to our children, and they attended parochial schools.

For 17 years, we fulfilled Catholic expectations of going to Mass and supporting the church. That all changed for us after our three-day Cursillo weekends. I was 41 years of age. On the weekend we discovered how much God loves us. It created a desire within us to study God's word. We started not only reading the Bible but attending Bible study groups with a desire to learn more about our Lord and develop a closer relationship with Him. We came to realize that if we were seriously interested in getting to know Christ, we needed to study His word. It is always amazing to me how succinct scripture is and yet it provides endless insights."

To learn more about Clarence go to his website at: www.onmywaytoheaven.net

THE CURSILLO GOLF OUTING IS BACK!



Bill Demaree has offered to be our spring 2023 Golf Outing Chairperson. We have not yet secured a place, date or time but we want you to think about helping Bill on his planning committee and also think about being a sponsor or if your parish or Friendship Group Reunion wishes to be a sponsor, please let Bill know.

Please contact Bill Demaree at wdemaree67@gmail.com or text or call him at **317-997-4281**

Donations will be used to offset future Cursillo weekend expenses.

More information to follow!

**Thanks to all for your continued support of our
Central Indiana Cursillo Movement!**

We Need Sponsorship

- Parish Title Sponsorship * \$500.00 Level - Need (20)
- Parish Platinum Sponsorship * \$300.00 Level - Need (10)
- Gold Level Sponsorship * \$1500.00
- Silver Level Sponsorship * \$1000.00
- Tee Sponsorship * \$500.00
- Cart Sponsorship * \$500.00
- Cursillista Donations Any amount

Secretariat Planning Meeting 2023

Happy New Year!!! With 2023 fresh and potential opportunities presenting themselves, the Secretariat for the Central Indiana Cursillo met on the morning of January 14th at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Lebanon, Indiana for Mass at 9 am followed by Secretariat Annual Planning Meeting. The meeting led by the Lay Director, Tom Scimeca, addressing three 2023 CICC priorities. These three priorities are: Secretariat succession planning as we are now looking for our next Lay Director and a few other secretariat positions as their terms will be up in July 2023 and July 2024, challenges facing Central Indiana Cursillo in the now and in the future and Cursillo Chairperson assistance.

Secretariat succession was addressed and several names were mentioned for the opened positions. If you would be interested in becoming involved on the Secretariat, please contact Tom or any member of the Secretariat. We are always looking for new leadership.

Challenges or what we view as Opportunities for Cursillo were many but also easy to address with your help. The Cursillo Community can help us address these areas by helping create effective weekends by making a friend, being a friend and bringing a friend to Christ. Who do you know that is a Leader at your parish and has not participated in a Cursillo weekend? Please invite them. If you aspire to be a future Rector or a Rectora let us know. We are always looking for leaders for our weekends or even Cursillistas who would like to work a weekend.

The last area we addressed was getting assistance for the Chairs of the Secretariat: Precursillo, 3-Day, Post-Cursillo, and School of Leaders. If any of these areas interest you, let us know. You don't have to attend Secretariat meetings. You are there to help the chairs do their job. It is fun and you work with some great people.

Please consider several things: Consider joining the Secretariat, join a team for an upcoming weekend, sponsor a candidate for the weekend, and consider inviting your pastor if he has not attended a weekend or if the Holy Spirit has inspired you in any way to get involved, just "Say Yes"! Covid-19 has affected grouping, weekend attendance, and volunteering negatively. Satan loves this. Show Satan that the Holy Spirit is in charge! Start grouping if you are not, sponsor a friend for a weekend and volunteer to help on a weekend and/or become involved with the Secretariat. Christ WINS! Let's be His hands, feet, and voices here on earth.

DeColores,

Pat Maher
Assistant Lay Director
Archdiocese of Indianapolis





You Are Invited to Attend the School of Leaders



The year 2022 was a busy one for the CICC School of Leaders as we touched on topics such as Friendship Group Reunion, Living a Sacramental Life, Forms of Prayer and Sacrifice, and the Real Meaning of Palanca. We had Doctrinal Talks from Fr. Todd, Sr. Kathleen, Sr. Cathy Anne and Deacon Paul and we had Technique Talks from folks such as Pat Maher, Joe Rice, Kathy Bochenek and Region IV Cursillo© Service Team Director, Bernadette Charlton.

On February 11, 2023, Ceferino (Cef) Aguillón, the National Coordinator for the English Language Cursillo© Movement in the United States, will kick off the 2023 School of Leaders Program and will touch on a combination of mentality and foundational charism.

All Cursillistas are invited to attend School of Leaders Programs which take place on the second Saturday of nearly every month in 2023. Each program is just 90 minutes duration and you can join us from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. It is so convenient that you can literally roll right out of bed and start your day with us.

Taken directly from the Cursillo© Manual, the agenda for each program consists of the following six essential parts or elements which need to be constant in the School of Leaders:

1. Prayer

- o We open with the Leaders' Prayer and close with prayer.

2. Leaders' Group Reunion

- o Slightly different than the Friendship Group Reunion. This style challenges Cursillistas to evaluate their everyday activities and how those activities apply to advancement of the Cursillo© Movement.

3. Doctrinal Presentation & Discussion

- o Led by priests, deacons or vowed religious, the purpose of the Doctrinal Presentation is to keep the leaders of the Movement current, concerning matters of the Church.

4. Technique Presentation & Discussion

- o Led by members of the laity, the purpose of the Technique Presentation is to keep the leaders of the Movement current on all matters concerning the Cursillo© method, its technique and its purpose.

5. Work of the Sections

- o This is an opportunity to carry out the work of the three sections of the Movement - Precursillo, 3-Day, and Postcursillo. This includes identifying needs of each section and working to address those needs.

6. Section Reports

- o This is an opportunity to report to the School of Leaders what is being done and what needs each section may have.

You are invited to attend and we hope you will join us. Please mark your calendar now for the upcoming program on Saturday, February 11th at 9 AM EST. Remember, **Christ is counting on you!**

Michael Anderson
Post Cursillo Chairperson





**Indiana Catholic Women's Conference 2023 -
500 Ballroom**

The Indiana Catholic Women's Conference is a special day for women across Indiana to hear wonderful nationally known Catholic speakers.

Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 8:30 AM
Indiana Convention Center

The Indiana Catholic Women's Conference is a special day for women across Indiana and the Midwest. Hear wonderful nationally known Catholic speakers who will provide ideas:

- To bring women closer to Christ.
- To strengthen families by strengthening wives and mothers.
- To inform women of all ages, including high school students;
 - ~ The wonders and truth about our Catholic faith.
 - ~The obstacles that serve to pull women away from a strong relationship with God and with their families
 - ~The way to deal with the obstacles that a secular society sets in front of all of us
 - ~The theological hope that brings individuals the strength to be real women of faith in our beliefs
 - ~How to better prioritize the true meaning of our Faith in every part of our lives

There are special religious, group and student rates.

EARLY REGISTRATION, STUDENT AND GROUP DISCOUNTS

LUNCH INCLUDED WITH ALL REGISTRATIONS MADE TWO DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT. AFTER THAT DATE, IT IS NOT GUARANTEED LUNCH CAN BE PROVIDED BY THE CATERER.

If there is another postponement of the event, due to COVID-19, the amount of any refund will deduct any ticket service charges that Eventbrite charges the conference.

To sign up - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/indiana-catholic-womens-conference-2023-500-ballroom-tickets-505504697157>

Looking For A Group???

<https://www.cursillo-cicc.org/group-reunion-survey>

*Or check out the Cursillo Web Page
Under
Group Reunion Survey*

*Please do the Survey and you will be given options,
someone will contact you.*



ULTREYA!

The Reunion of Group Reunions.

The Ultreya in its totality is the sharing of our Christian life. It is the gathering of the Groups or the Reunion of the Group Reunions. It is sharing and communicating our common faith. Ultreya is the life of the Christian in harmony with the life of grace, which enlivens all of our daily life. The purpose is to be true friends, grow in friendship together, grow in our Christian life, and at the same time "ferment" our environments with the Good News.

Watch the Calendar on the Cursillo website - www.cursillo-cicc.org for upcoming Ultreya's. This year, there are several planned at various locations in both Diocese.

Ultreya's can be found on the front page as you scroll down the page OR under Communications - hover and find the drop down to the Calendar.

Goals for the New Year



**Go to Adoration
Say the “Angelus” every day
Carry a Rosary in your pocket and you’ll keep Christ in your
heart**



Jesus, I Trust in You