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## Calling all Cursillistas!

Brief article adopted from Regnum Christi Daily Meditations:

Do you believe with a faith that never seeks to test you? Do you trust in our Lord, hoping to learn and accept to follow His will, even when it doesn't make sense? Do you love our Lord and want others to know and love Him?

The Church calls us to contemplate the Beatitudes which, in our modern times, really do not make sense. Talk about countercultural! If we look at the original Greek for the word we translate as "blessed," it is makarios, which means 'happy'. This really doesn't make sense. We are supposed to be 'happy' when we are poor, mourning, meek, lacking righteousness, merciful, clean-hearted, persecuted and insulted?!

We can accept these difficult things, as Jesus asks, knowing that we are striving to live in His image. Anything worth having is worth making sacrifices for. Which leads me to Cursillo's upcoming Fall weekends. We have not 'moved the needle' on the number of friends (aka candidates) that are invited to live their weekend. We are at 8 women and 6 men. Are we willing to make the sacrifice of our time and treasure to invite a friend to live their 3-day weekend? The question to be asked is, "Did this change my life?" If you answered YES, then share the lived experience and help grow and rejuvenate our Cursillo movement.

Let us all pray "Lord, show me where I can make a difference" and call on the Holy Spirit to guide us there.

**De Colores! Theresa Gorman**



**A Word From  
Deacon  
Joe Mueller**

## WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?

*Schools are out for the summer and the temperatures are starting to bring the heat of summer. With the Memorial Day Weekend, the first of vacations has already started. Some of us may have planned vacations and other summer activities for the next few months.*

*Can we outdo one another in our activities for the summer? Will our planning and multiple activities for a summer vacation bring on stress? What will happen if plans for the most "perfect" summer vacation do not come out as expected? So take a pause. Fill the*

*hustle and bustle of the summer activities with some quiet moments. Take a moment to creep away from the stress of summer activities and bask in the warm presence of our Lord. Take advantage of a quiet morning to praise God as the sun rises. Give thanks to God for the serenity of a slow sunset on the horizon.*

*A couple of weeks ago someone mentioned to me about how all of our faith formation activities are on break for the summer. Their last comment was, "God doesn't take a vacation nor does the devil." So make room for God in your summer plans! Be blessed!*

## Fall Weekends 2023

**Men's Weekend #146:  
9/28 – 10/01  
Visitation Monastery, Mobile  
Rector: TBA**

**Women's Weekend #147:  
10/19 – 10/22  
Visitation Monastery, Mobile  
Rectora: Nell O'Donnell**

**8 women and 6 men for the upcoming weekends. Summer is a perfect time to bring a friend to Christ**

**33d National Cursillo® Encounter.  
Creighton University – Omaha, Nebraska,  
July 20-23, 2023. The registration fee \$450.  
Registration has been extended until June  
25th and increased by \$50 per person after  
June 26, 2023. We are unable to guarantee  
attendance after July 8, 2023.**

## Bishop Robert Barron



Friends, in today's Gospel (Mark 12:28–34), the Lord says that the second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself.

Love is not primarily a feeling or an instinct; rather, it is the act of willing the good of the other as other. It is radical self-gift, living for the sake of the other. To be kind to someone so that he might be kind to you, or to treat a fellow human being justly so that he, in turn, might treat you with justice, is not to love, for such moves are tantamount to indirect self-interest.

Truly to love is to move outside of the black hole of one's egotism, to resist the centripetal force that compels one to assume the attitude of self-protection. But this means that love is rightly described as a "theological virtue," for it represents a participation in the love that God is.

Since God has no needs, only God can utterly exist for the sake of the other. All of the great masters of the Christian spiritual tradition saw that we are able to love only inasmuch as we have received, as a grace, a share in the very life, energy, and nature of God.



## ULTREYAS

### Auburn/ Opelika

- Leader: Heidi Strother. Phone 334-319-6511. auburnopelikaultreya@gmail.com

### Baldwin

- New leaders needed. Currently meeting via committee.

### Dothan

- New leaders needed.

### Mobile

- Leader: Cathy Burch (251)709-6968 burchce13@hotmail.com

### Montgomery

- New leaders needed

### North Baldwin

- New leaders needed.

### Phenix City/Columbus

- New leaders needed.

### South Baldwin

- New leaders needed.

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## SCHOOL OF LEADERS

### Why is Leadership Important?

It is important because it inspires, motivates, and sets an example for people to accomplish positive changes in the world.

Are you the next Cursillo leader?



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*The Spanish word “ultreya” means “onward.” It was a shout of enthusiasm by the first pilgrimage to the shrine of St. James of Compostela. And so we use that term to mean that which encourages all of us who attend the Ultreya to continue, to persevere in our Christian life as apostles for Jesus Christ.*

*The purpose of the Ultreya is to keep the spirit and friendship of a Cursillo ongoing in order that it may be a motivating force for all of us to live the ideal and to evangelize. Ultreya is the place where friendships are built within the larger community. The Ultreya in its totality is the sharing of our Christian life.*

- It is a community that makes itself visible in gatherings where they come together in an attitude of progressive conversion.
- It is a community united in one faith, one Lord and one baptism.
- It gathers to facilitate the living and sharing of what is fundamental to being a Christian.
- It also serves as an opportunity to come in contact with the larger Christian community and to help those who may not have formed a permanent friendship group.