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"Something Worth Crowing About"



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"INSTEAD OF BEING JUST A CHURCH THAT WELCOMES AND RECEIVES BY KEEPING THE DOORS OPEN, LET US TRY ALSO TO BE A CHURCH THAT FINDS NEW ROADS, THAT IS ABLE TO STEP OUTSIDE ITSELF AND GO TO THOSE WHO DO NOT ATTEND MASS, TO THOSE WHO HAVE QUIT OR ARE INDIFFERENT." — POPE FRANCIS

We celebrate 'Christmas in July' and we keep making resolutions (how many since your New Year's resolution?) to help us find happiness. Happiness to me is being close to God and to find a new road to get closer to God and our faith. One way to do this is living a Cursillo weekend and inviting others to do so. Even then we may not have gotten a clear picture of what it's all about.

A Deacon from California who has been Spiritual Director for years offers a succinct and telling explanation: "Any Catholic seeking to live a full, Catholic, Christian life is a good candidate for Cursillo," he says.

More than 5,000 people have gone through the Cursillo experience since it was established in the Mobile Archdiocese in 1981. Participants come from all walks of life and live together in Christian community for three days. Cursillo helps us to have a living, vibrant faith because of our encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Living a Cursillo weekend is a once-in-a-lifetime answer to the call of the Holy Spirit. However, a larger group of "Cursillistas" — those who have already made their weekend — plan and staff the 3-day Cursillo. Attendees/candidates are asked to leave their problems, worries and especially their cell phones at home to focus on the message of the weekend. Talks on various aspects of Catholic values, Mass, confession and private reflection fill the agenda.

I lived my weekend in 2004. I jumped in with both feet and those three days changed my faith and my life. I now have a closer relationship with God, peace in my life and I am more trusting of God's infinite wisdom. If Cursillo affected you and "changed your life," please, then share it! We have men's and women's weekends upcoming.

Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ. That can all start with an invitation to live their own weekend

--Theresa Gorman



A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller

JESUS NEEDS APOSTLES

A condition for the Kingdom to grow is that it has to have advocates. Christ wasn't to be a one-man show. In the Twelve Apostles, we find the model of every call from Christ to build his Kingdom, to spread the faith by word and deed. If there is no response to his call, there is no Kingdom. Have I considered my call to spread the Kingdom of God? Do I see my call as a part of Christ's mission to spread the Good News to all peoples?

We are called by name, meaning that Christ knows us well when he calls, including all our defects and weaknesses. He did not ask the Twelve for their preferences, consider their SAT scores, or scrutinize their résumés.

The voice of God neither deceives nor can be deceived. He has called each of us. Our vocation as an apostle is not a question of our wanting to be one. It is not a question of our talents or compelling feelings for this or that, but of our faith-driven awareness of God asking and our responding.

Why are we where we are now in our vocation in life? We can never know fully, for only God knows the depths of his own wisdom. This is the first mystery of the Kingdom that touches each one of us personally: God called, he willed it, and we said "yes." This is the only answer an apostle must seek.

(Adapted from REGNUM CHRISTI)

Fall Weekends

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

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



**This will be the last
Rooster until September.
Have a Great Summer!**



Bishop Robert Barron

Friends, in today's Gospel (Matthew 10:1–7), Jesus summons Apostles whom he shapes and sends on mission. Priests, through the centuries—from Augustine and Aquinas, to Francis Xavier and John Henry Newman, to John Paul II—are the descendants of those first friends and apprentices of the Lord. They have been needed in every age, and they are needed today, for the kingdom of heaven must be proclaimed, the poor must be served, God must be worshiped, and the sacraments must be administered.

Spiritual fathers are required especially in our time, when a rising tide of secularism threatens to overwhelm the religious impulse. We are wired for God; we will never satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts apart from God.

The secularist ideology teaches that sufficient amounts of wealth, pleasure, power, or honor will make us happy. Who will counter this? Who will speak to this culture of the beauty of God? Who will remind us that our lives are not about us? Who will break open the words of the Gospel and spread out the banquet table of Christ's Body and Blood? This is why we need priests.



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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Subject: School of Leaders
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The School of Leaders is a gathering of the leaders of the Cursillo to share in the discussion of the charism of the Cursillo and how to support the growth of our Christian community. Anyone wishing to participate on a Cursillo team should be in a group reunion, attend the monthly Ultreya, and participate in the School of Leaders.

The School Of Leaders meets monthly on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm eastern time.

Since we are many and scattered over such a large area, we are currently meeting online on zoom.us.

The updated Rector's Guide is now available in print and we will be looking at it over the next few months. This month we will examine Saturday and Sunday of the Cursillo.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Jul 11, 2023 07:30 PM Eastern Time. Register in advance for this meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYuc-qorjIsG9BPkM-tRLZeDJaHQdZYcUyD>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you.