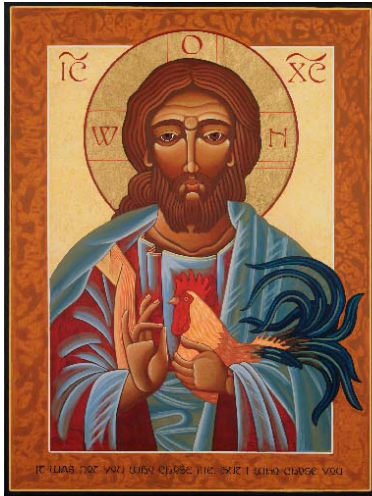


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## Aunt Mary

By Maria Vitale Gallagher

As I was growing up in my large extended Italian family, the primary means of communication was yelling.

The minute you walked through the door of Aunt Mary's house—my father, mother, sister and I never knocked—you would hear the yelling coming from the kitchen.

When Aunt Mary spotted my sister and me, she would momentarily end the yelling to ask, "Are you hungry?" The answer always had to be yes, because Aunt Mary was legendary for her spread. She was a masterful Italian chef who turned her love of cooking into a catering business and, later, a wedding cake enterprise.

The only thing that rivaled my Aunt Mary's love of cooking was her passion for dance. She relished holding dance parties at her home—which we considered to be quite luxurious for the times. Jitterbug, disco, country line dancing, belly dancing—she did it all.

When I married, Aunt Mary fulfilled the promise she had made to me when I was 13, and made (and donated) my wedding cake. It was exquisite—as was all the cooking and baking that Aunt Mary did.

When my marriage fell apart and I was living on my parents' couch, Aunt Mary started scoping garage sales, buying pieces to furnish the apartment she urged me to acquire. When her garage sale treasures filled my parents' basement, I knew I had to move.

There was a time when Aunt Mary did not go to Sunday Mass. I didn't know why. But by this time I had adopted the philosophy "make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ." When Aunt Mary, because of health problems, seemed especially depressed, I called her parish and asked if the secretary could send a priest to visit my aunt. Pretty soon, she had regular visits from a Eucharistic minister who, when she was well enough, started driving her to Sunday Mass. She became a regular Communicant once again.

Though I was living far from my aunt, she regularly kept in touch. About every two weeks, she would mail me coupons, along with articles about the history of my hometown. When my sister came to live with me after our mother died, Aunt Mary started sending her articles of encouragement.

Aunt Mary called these acts of kindness "gestures." She would say, at the end of the day, you should be thankful for all the "gestures" that people had done for you within the last 24 hours.

I think that, in her own gestures, Aunt Mary was living out the action leg of the Cursillo tripod. Aunt Mary never negotiated an international peace treaty, delivered a UN address, or made a million dollar donation. But those gestures—what Mother Teresa would call little acts of great love—were worth a million dollars.

My cousin Dave told me that, in her bout with cancer, Aunt Mary seemed to be on an even keel. But hospice had been brought in, and a priest was called to her bedside. Three minutes after the priest left and her anointing had concluded, Aunt Mary passed into the arms of God.

When I was a little girl, I was deathly afraid that my parents would die, thinking that that would mean that I would be raised by my Aunt Mary—all that yelling! But I came to realize that, in adulthood, Aunt Mary

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## Aunt Mary (Continued)

would become a second mother to me.

I know that love covers a multitude of sins of impatience. Aunt Mary had one of the most generous hearts I have ever known, and many a time the Holy Spirit spoke to me through her. Once, she gave me a VCR, and, as I was leaving her house, she told me to be sure to empty my car of my belongings before I went to bed. I didn't, and a thief broke into my automobile, taking my pocket change, but, miraculously leaving the VCR behind.

So, I encourage you, in honor of the Aunt Marys of the world, to do a gesture for someone today. That tiny action can spread the love of God in a way mere words cannot. But do try to keep the yelling down!

## “Lead teens to Christ,” Getting Involved in Youth Ministry



By Steve Cordier

De Colores everyone! Some of you may have been wondering “where’s Steve Cordier been”? I still group each week and my piety, study and action revolves around something called Life Teen.

About 5 years ago, my parish (St. Patrick’s in Carlisle) embarked on a journey. This journey’s goal is to “Lead teens to Christ”. And the vehicle we’ve chosen to take us on this journey is called Life Teen. Life Teen is a Eucharist-centered, relationship-driven movement that began in Mesa, AZ over 25 years ago and has been spreading throughout the country and more recently, throughout the world.

Our journey began when Father Bill Forrey (M-50) became our pastor 6 years ago. One of the first things he did was to form a committee to see how the parish could better serve our teens and the committee’s recommendation to the parish was to implement Life Teen. I’d been introduced to Life Teen because my brother’s parish in Houston began Life Teen in 1997 and I saw the effect it had on my nieces and many of their friends. After Father Forrey announced we were going to begin Life Teen, I told him I’d be happy to help in whatever way I could. And Father Forrey has a great memory.

Shortly after our new youth minister arrived (about 5 months after Father Forrey’s announcement), I received a call from him telling me “Father Forrey said I should give you a call about Life Teen and I’d like to meet with you.” I met with Joe Goodman the following week and agreed to join in discernment of how to best help. After the discernment process, I became part of the CORE team (volunteers) that helps our youth ministers bring Life Teen to our teens and parish (and trust me when I say it is having an impact on our parish).

In short, our youth ministers and CORE try to build a personal relationship with our teens so we can bring them to Christ. We go to high school plays and concerts, athletic events and anywhere our teens can be found to help build those relationships. Life Teen can’t be constrained to a 1 to 2 hour “session” after our weekly Life Teen Mass. We’ve got to be present and available to our teens. Remember “Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Christ”? That’s exactly what we try to do with our teens.

As we build our relationship, we have 3 types of “Life Nights” built around catechesis, issues that our teens face each and every day and we have social night. A Life Night is the time we get together with our teens each week (after the 5:00 Sunday Mass). We have 2 weekend retreats and an occasional “Milkshake Monday” where we treat the teens to a milkshake and build our relationship with them. Some of you may have seen me at our “Life Teen Tailgates” prior to Trinity, Boiling Springs or Carlisle football games. We also attend a Steubenville Youth Conference each summer. We took 11 teens to the first conference we attended 4 years ago – this year we’re taking 44 teens. We’re anticipating we’ll be up to 55-60 teens for next year’s conference.

Originally, my plan was to use all my Cursillo experience to help lead teens to Christ – and we all know what happens when we give OUR plan to God. I’m sure He gets a big kick out of our plans. What I can tell you is this - after 5 years, our teens have helped lead me closer to Christ. Have you ever gone to your Adoration Chapel and found 10 teens kneeling before Jesus? Have you gone to daily Mass and found a couple of pews filled with teens? Does your parish have a half-dozen teens (or more) considering vocations? You can find this happening in Carlisle. Are things perfect and our teens are never having any problems? Absolutely not! But the Holy Spirit is definitely moving throughout our teens to lead them to Jesus.

One thing that I believe the Holy Spirit would like me to do is encourage everyone in the Diocese of Harrisburg to look at Life Teen for your parish. I'm willing to talk and talk and talk (to use a phrase) to promote Life Teen and I'd love to talk with anyone about Life Teen. Please don't think I'm proposing that this something to be taken on by the Harrisburg Cursillo Movement. Rather, this is one Cursillista speaking to his brother and sister Cursillistas about a great gift of the Holy Spirit to our Church that needs to be shared. Blessed John Paul the Great introduced us to "the New Evangelization" and his successor, Benedict XVI is expanding "the New Evangelization". Life Teen is a great way to foster "the New Evangelization" in our parishes.

If you'd like to learn more or talk about Life Teen for your parish, please feel free to drop me an email or give me a call or text message.

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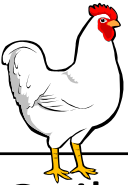
## *Register now for our Grand Ultreya!*

Join your fellow Cursillistas in a Grand Ultreya, on October 6th at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg from 9:00 until 3:30. There will be time for grouping, celebration of Mass, witness speakers, and lunch. Our special guest speaker will be Gail Terrana. Gail is president of the North American Caribbean Group of the World Organization of Cursillo. Our Spanish brothers and sisters from the Harrisburg Diocese will be joining us as well. Doors will open at 8:30, but have your coffee on the way, since Mass will be celebrated first thing that morning. Register soon - we need to plan ahead for lunch!

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ... and our *Grand Ultreya!*

Cost is only \$10 per person, including lunch.

Make your check payable to the "Harrisburg Cursillo Movement." Mail name, contact information and payment to:



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## **Guilt and the Devil**

By John Neiderer

Most people that I know prefer football over watching Baseball. Not me, I am an odd fellow. People say baseball is too slow, too much down time. They don't realize how every pitch or at bat comes down to a chess type decision in each moment. If a hitter, gets a hit 3 out of 10 at bats we call him outstanding as a player...that's a .300 batting average. He failed 7 times out of 10, but we overlook that. In fact the negative side of this aspect of the game is never mentioned.

Let me switch now to "guilt and the devil". All of us commit sins against our Lord, some of us more frequently than others. However, unlike baseball scoring, we tend to look at the negative side only. That's where the devil works most feverishly because he begins to help us run ourselves down. We begin to feel a sense of alienation and self-loathing.

In actuality we need to look at our lives through the eyes of baseball. The average number of minutes in any given month is 43,200. If we spend 500 minutes a month in sins against God and Man, our batting average is .988. That is much higher than the acceptable, batting average for a player in baseball.

As with most things in life, if we keep focused on the positive we become most useful instruments of our Lord. Before loving others as Christ loves, we must love ourselves first. So to keep the devil out of our lives in this area remember the positive, receive confession frequently and never lose sight of God's divine mercy.

John Neiderer, Men's 66th

## Women's 89th Weekend, August 2-5, 2012



Good Shepherd – Rita Geraci, Kim Sellers, Lois Wonsiewicz, Nativa Wood  
 Holy Name of Jesus – Yolanda Bermundo, Robbie Davis, Mary Ridder, Alyssa Shields  
 Holy Spirit Chapel – Sr. Catherine Marie McCaffrey  
 Our Lady of Lourdes – Karen Rhoad  
 Sacred Heart – Luanne Kerlin, Tian Stryker, Wendy Vogt, Fr. William Weary  
 San Juan Bautista – Megan Conti, Alexia Torres, Linda Torres  
 St. Aloysius – Michele Kritchen  
 St. Bernadette – Anne Knight  
 St. Bernard – Katrina Molnar-Dietz  
 St. Catherine Laboure – Nancy Keener, Robin Schriener  
 St. Columba – Nancy Ramhap  
 St. Joseph – Jan Cincotta  
 St. Jude Thaddeus – Marian Kerchusky  
 St. Leo the Great – Ginny Pryor, Sherry Troelsch  
 St. Margaret Mary – Anita Chesek  
 St. Patrick – Mary Sneed  
 St. Peter – Edna Alejos  
 St. Pius X – Barb Gregor, Sherry Evans, Kathy Piaskowski, Fr. Dan Powell  
 St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus – Jody Clement, Karen Smith

## Men's 93rd Weekend, July 26-29, 2012



Good Shepherd – Todd Sellers, Tom Wonsiewicz  
 Holy Name of Jesus – Chester Hickey  
 Our Lady of the Visitation – Benjamin Sweger  
 Queen of the Most Holy Rosary – Bob Bierowski  
 Sacred Heart – Frederick L. Gers, Jr.  
 St. Bernadette – Paul Dadowski  
 St. Catherine Laboure – Joe Marrazzo  
 St. Columba – Steve Turzanski, Mike Weinhofer  
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Joe Nebistinsky  
 St. Ignatius Loyola – John Neiderer  
 St. Joan of Arc – William Parker  
 St. Joseph – Phil Talarico  
 St. Katherine Drexel – Stan Bielawa, John Zalesky  
 St. Leo the Great – Howard Pryor, Al Shaub, Steve Troelsch  
 St. Margaret Mary – Rev. Chukwubikem Okpechi  
 St. Matthew – Ron Fertal, Jack O'Connor  
 St. Patrick – Richard Harlfinger IV, Marcus Key, Rev. Andre Meluske, George Pollin, Kent Smithmeyer, Fred Zuech  
 St. Pius – Craig DeFazio  
 St. Teresa – Mark Cicak, Kevin Cicak  
 St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus – Deacon Tom Boucek, Clem Ciccarelli, Joe Gargiulo, Robbie Kalematis, John Rossi

## Cursillo Connections (School of Leaders)

| Session | Date/<br>Place                                                                                                                                   | Doctrinal Topic<br>(Personal Spirituality) based on<br>the 2-Volume book by Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P | Presenter              | Cursillo Method Topic<br>(Based on “Study of the<br>Charism”) | Rollista               |
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| 44      | 9/8/12<br>CKC                                                                                                                                    | “Post Cursillo Workshop”                                                                                        | Michael<br>Ciccocioppo | “Post Cursillo Workshop”                                      | Michael<br>Ciccocioppo |
| Note:   | Sessions will be held in Cardinal Keeler Center. All sessions will be on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Sessions start at 10:00 and end at Noon. |                                                                                                                 |                        |                                                               |                        |

The **“Post-Cursillo Workshop”** will be held on September 8, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Bishop Daly Hall. Conducted by Michael Ciccocioppo, Region II Coordinator for the Cursillo Movement. All Cursillistas are encouraged to attend this workshop. You can register for this FREE Workshop at [registration@schoolofleadersharrisburg.org](mailto:registration@schoolofleadersharrisburg.org)

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

**Men's 94th Weekend**

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St. Pius X, Selinsgrove  
(4 p.m. Clausura)

**Women's 90th Weekend**

TBA  
St. Pius X, Selinsgrove  
(4 p.m. Clausura)

**Grand Ultreya**

Oct 6, 2012

**Fall Regional II Encounter**

Oct. 19-21, 2012  
Vineland, NJ

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As you know, your part in supporting the Cursillo weekends is your palanca. Making sure they arrive by the Wednesday before the weekend, please send any letters to:

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City/St/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Place/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Men's 94th, Date: TBA , St. Pius X, Selinsgrove

\_\_\_\_\_ Women's 90th, Date: TBA, 2012, St. Pius X, Selinsgrove

Team applications are and will continue to be accepted for any Men's or Women's weekend. Please mail/e-mail the information above to:

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9:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**ULTREYAS—Call your**

**contact in case of inclem-**

**ent weather. Contacts are**

**listed inside.**

**Berwick:** 3rd Saturday of

November, January and March

after the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St.

Joseph Parish, Berwick

**Carlisle:** Monthly (4th Tues-

day), 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's

School Library, Marsh Drive.

(occasionally not held-see p7

for contact information.)

**East Shore** Monthly (2nd

Tuesday), 7p.m., Cardinal

Keeler Center, Room 105

**Lewisburg/Selinsgrove/**

**Sunbury:** Monthly (4th

Wednesday), 7:00 p.m. at

St. Pius X Parish,

Selinsgrove.

**Northern Deanery:**

Monthly (3rd Saturday),

after 5:00 p.m. Mass at St.

Columbia, location and time

may rotate. For questions see

page 7 for contact info.

**West Shore:** Monthly (4th

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