

# GOOD NEWS DISPATCH



## Diocese of Fargo Cursillo Newsletter

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### *From the Lay Director*

Happy New Year!

The New Year -- a time to reflect on the year past, take inventory, and set new goals for the year ahead. Often times those new goals or resolutions concern a new physical fitness goal or maybe a financial goal to save more money this year. Others may resolve to cut up their credit cards or spend more time with family and friends and less time with electronic entertainment.

While those are very noble endeavors to be sure, what type of goals are you setting for your spiritual life in 2017? More directly – what will you do in 2017 to grow closer in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you given it any thought?

The Cursillo Method provides all of us with the tools to make a real change in our lives and to grow in virtue. Those tools are piety, study and action and the best way to get a spark is to start grouping again. The back page of this month's newsletter contains a listing of all the small groups throughout the Fargo Diocese – take a look at it and get back into grouping.

Others may feel called to join the School of Leaders in order to learn more about the Cursillo Movement and become more involved in evangelization. In 2016 a SCOL was established in Jamestown and in January 2017 a SCOL will be established in Devils Lake. Those two new locations join Fargo, Valley City, Karlsruhe, and Grafton as SCOL hubs.

Make 2017 the year that you look back on as a time of great growth in your spiritual life!

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*"Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ!"*

## The Simple Prayer of Spiritual Adoption

Such a simple little prayer; it takes only seconds to say, but this prayer means a lifetime to one of God's most precious gifts, the beautiful and vulnerable unborn. "This short prayer was first written by Archbishop Fulton Sheen in 1973 after the US Supreme Court legalized abortion. Invoking the intercession of the Holy Family; he pleaded for divine protection over unborn babies in danger of abortion."

**"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the of the life unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."**

Archbishop Sheen encouraged Catholics to pray this simple prayer daily for nine months in the name of the baby they have spiritually adopted. He believed that by such "spiritual adoption of the unborn, one prayer at a time, the advance of the culture of death in America would be thwarted."

Spiritual adoption is an act of compassion which comes from a pure heart and generosity of spirit of one individual to another through prayers and blessings.

Today the act of spiritual adoption continues as Archbishop Sheen's prayer is circulated around the world; thanks to the efforts of a Colorado man Arthur Maes who has distributed more than ten million prayer cards through his organization Crusade for Life International.

"Only through prayer will we have peace in this world," Maes said "you can't kill a million and a half babies a year and not end up facing the wrath of God." Maes wanted all Christians to use the power of prayer to stop what Saint Teresa of Calcutta called "the most grievous sin in the world."

Here is how spiritual adoption works: people across the country participate in this apostolate by praying the short Bishop Sheen prayer for nine months. Anyone can participate in spiritual adoption, there are no strings attached. This apostolate is an act of unconditional love and compassion, and no act of compassion, no matter how large or small, is ever wasted. Saying this prayer for the unborn will promote a culture of life.

The back of the card reads: "during your earthly life, this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God, but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them."

Such a simple yet powerful prayer. Will you participate in this act of unconditional love and pray for the unborn?

If you would like more information on spiritual adoption or if you would like to obtain spiritual adoption prayer cards for your personal use as well as to share with family and friends, or information on programs that are available for whole parishes or schools contact either:

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**All materials are free of charge.**

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## School of Leaders

### Upcoming SCOL Sessions

- ◆ Sunday, January 8, @ 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart Church basement, Minto.
- ◆ Saturday, January 14, 9:00 am St. Josephs Church Devils Lake.
- ◆ Saturday, January 14, @ 9:30 am, Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo.
- ◆ Wednesday, January 18, @ 7:00 pm, St Catherine Parish Hall, Valley City.
- ◆ Friday, January 20, @ 7:00 pm, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Karlsruhe.
- ◆ Wednesday, January 25, @ 6:30 pm, St James Basilica, Jamestown.

In order to maintain an Active Status in the SCOL members are required to attend more than 50% of meetings.

Call Ben Seitz at (701) 540-8248 for more information.

## Cursillo Weekend Schedule 2017

[Click here for application](#)

Belcourt Men's  
Harvey Men's  
Harvey Women's  
Hankinson Men's  
Hankinson Women's

January 19-22, 2017  
February 9-12, 2017  
February 16-19, 2017  
March 9-12, 2017  
March 23-27, 2017

Vincent McCloud, Rector  
Christopher Brewer, Rector  
Sandi Horsager, Rectora  
Norm Olson, Rector  
Joy Olson, Rectora

## Ultreyas

If you are planning an Ultreya please email the particulars to [cursillond@gmail.com](mailto:cursillond@gmail.com) or post it on our Fargo Cursillo Facebook page.

### National Cursillo Newsletter

Go to <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/news/>

### World Wide Cursillo Schedule

Offer Palanca for Them!

Go to <http://www.cursillo.org/palanca/> for a list of Cursillos.

### Next Secretariat Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2017, 10:00 am.  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carrington, ND.  
All Cursillo members are welcome to attend.



## Cursillo Prayer Chain

There are two ways to participate in the prayer chain — Go to [www.cursillond.org](http://www.cursillond.org)

- Sign up to be a member of the prayer chain by simply typing in your name and email address. Then whenever anyone enters a prayer request you will receive an email with the prayer intention.
- Enter a prayer request—simply click on the prayer request link which will open an email. Fill in your prayer request and it will be forwarded to all members of the prayer chain.

# Small Group Reunion Locator

If you wish to start a new small group & are looking for others in your area—send an email to [cursillond@gmail.com](mailto:cursillond@gmail.com)

## Belcourt

### **Men's & Women's**

3rd Thursday 6:00 PM  
Queen of Peace Retreat Center  
POC: Denise Keplin

## Cooperstown Area

### **Men & Women's Group**

4th Wednesday at 7:00 PM  
St. George Church, Cooperstown, ND

## Devil's Lake

### **St. Joseph's Mixed Group**

Thursday 6:00 AM church basement  
1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 PM church basement  
POC: Hayley Kaffar (218) 791-4587

## Edgeley

### **Women's Group**

Thursday 5:00 PM Transfiguration Adoration Chapel  
POC: Sandi Horsager (701) 320-5251

## Fargo

### **Sts Anne & Joachim Men's & Women's Group**

Every Saturday at 7:00 AM  
Sts Anne & Joachim Parish  
POC: Ben Seitz (701) 540-8248

### **Sts Anne & Joachim Women's Group**

2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM  
Sts Anne & Joachim Parish POC:  
Barb Jones (701) 200-3646

### **Holy Spirit Men's & Women's Group**

1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM  
Ave Maria Room (Enter thru main doors and turn left)  
POC: Randy and Cindy Ternes-Harms (701) 212-8796

## Grafton

### **Women's Group**

1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:15 PM  
St. John's Catholic Church  
POC: Cynthia Janousek (701) 520-1149

## Grand Forks

### **Grand Forks Women's Group**

Fridays 8:00 AM Perkins 13th & Columbia Road  
POC: Annette Noehre  
[lanoe@midco.net](mailto:lanoe@midco.net)

### **Men & Women's Group**

Thursdays at 8:00 PM  
St. Michael's Church Basement

## Jamestown

St James Basilica POC: Jodi Grugel  
(701) 320-8498

## Men's Groups

Sundays 9:40-10:20 AM Holy Spirit room  
Tuesdays at 5:10 PM Holy Spirit Room

## Women's Groups

Sundays 9:40-10:20 AM St Thomas room  
1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM St Thomas or Community Room  
Monday's 6:30 - 7:30 AM in St Thomas room

## LaMoure

### **Women's and Men's Group**

Tuesday's 6:00 AM Norm & Sue Goehring's residence  
POC: Sue Goehring (701) 883-5724

## Women's Group

Wednesday 7:30 PM Holy Rosary Church  
POC: Sheila Hanson (701) 883-4460

## Minto Area

### **Men's Group**

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month at Sacred Heart Church in Minto 7 :30 PM.  
POC: Keith Zikmund (701) 520-9751

## Women's Group

Meets 1st Thursdays 7:00 PM  
Sacred Heart Church, Minto, ND  
POC: Joan Schanilec (701)-360-2499

## Mixed Group

Meets 3rd Sunday of the month at 7 PM (alternating Sacred Heart Church in Minto and St. John's in Grafton) POC: Joan Schanilec at 701-360-2499

## Valley City

### **Tuesday evening Men's Group**

Tuesdays 7:00 PM St. Catherine Church basement  
POC: Deacon Carl Orthman  
(701) 845-6271

### **Friday morning Men's Group**

Fridays 6:00 AM St, Catherine Church basement  
POC: Deacon Joe Leitner (701) 845-0817

### **Wednesday Morning Women's Group**

Wednesday 8:45 AM St. Catherine Parish Hall Committee Room  
POC: Lela Grim (701) 845-4067

### **Tuesday Women's Groups**

6:00 AM St. Catherine Parish Office  
POC Lauri Kupitz (701) 490-1475

3:45 PM St. Catherine Parish Office

POC: Deb Didier (701) 845-5317

## Wahpeton

### **Men's Group**

Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 AM St John's Parish (KC Room)  
POC: Rod Koch (701) 274-8282