

The 4th Day Journey

Erie Diocesan Cursillo Newsletter

Special Edition Summer 2020

2020 Cursillo Dates



Due to Covid-19 all Cursillos for 2020 have been canceled. It is very unfortunate, but we are looking forward to a very promising 2021. Please pray for Cursillo and for the whole world as we navigate these uncertain times.

Currently the office is closed. Due to the fact that we will not be having Cursillos. I have been laid off. Which probably makes you wonder why I am writing this then. No worries! I can still do a few hours a week for Cursillo. Until there is more to do in the office there will not be any exact office hours and I will only be doing essential things like paying the bills and checking the emails. Though I can promise you I am not happy about this situation as I would love to be busy making plans for picnics, fall events and Cursillos. We know that it is not possible at this time. We have a responsibility to keep people safe, so that is what we are doing. Please know that we are gearing up for an awesome 2021 and we will need your help to do it. We first and foremost need your prayers!!!! Please pray hard for teams and candidates that were ready to go. Pray for all of those that are struggling at this time. Pray, Pray and if you can Pray some more for the future and that God will guide us through all of this! Did I mention Praying??? We will also in this edition be asking for your financial support. Then of course we need you to still be asking people to make Cursillo and last, but definitely not least, we will need you to show up physically to help get things going again. This is, of course, not how we wanted to do it but technically we have a waiting list for Cursillo again! I am trying to look on the bright side. I love and miss all of you so much and can not wait till we can all be back together again. Till then my friends I will be praying for you too!!! De Colores!

Janet Chandley

Office Manager (very, very part time)

A Few words from our President on why we will still need your support this year financially (especially for Erie Gives Day)



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Though Cursillo has been put on hold we have not given up our dreams. Fr. Dan had begun to dream very big for Cursillo! We have all seen his enthusiasm and love for Cursillo at town hall meetings, Ultreyas and Closings.

Fr. Dan realized in order to bring people to Christ, we had to bring Christ to the people. Where are the young people of today? On social media. It is important to reach out to them.

We have been consulting with two media companies on designing a new Cursillo web page and how to better interact and engage on Social media. When the Covid 19 virus hit, all that was put on hold.

Fr. John Jacquell, myself, Nick and Jeff are fully committed to follow through with Fr. Arnold's vision of expanding Cursillo through use of our webpage and social media.

Thank you for your love and support of Cursillo.

Rick Skladanowski

Erie Cursillo President

Ultreyas and Prayer requests

Please watch our website and our social media pages for updates on these items until we can resume a normal format. Thank You for your understanding!

Spiritual Director Comments:



Dear Friends and Fellow Cursillistas,

Tuesday, August 11th is **Erie Gives Day** – where nonprofits (like our Erie Cursillo Movement) can all benefit from folks going on-line, using a credit card, and contributing to their favorite groups all “at one fell swoop.” At the same time, matching funds increase the total contributions – prorated so each non-profit organization has its pot “sweetened.” There is also a way to make these contributions with a check (instead of a credit card), but you will need to get it in before August 11, 2020 See the directions listed.)

So, why are we asking for money? Yes, we’ve essentially closed the office and laid off Janet Chandley (but she can still help us 2-3 hours). But, in order to stay ready to spring into action (hopefully the beginning of next year), we need to pay St Mark Catholic Center rent, a monthly charge for our software census / contribution program, as well as the Microsoft Office fee. All total, it’s about \$500 / month. And since we haven’t had any weekends in 2020 and didn’t have a picnic – and because we just purchased new beds for Cursillo weekends (but haven’t used them yet) – we find our funds getting depleted.


We are also fully committed to making sure Cursillo can restart and that it definitely has a bright future in the Erie Diocese!

We hope you will find it in your heart to help us make it over this challenging COVID-19 time. And, in advance, let me just say, “Thank YOU!”

~ Fr John Jacquiel

Erie Gives Day

Tuesday August 11, 2020



You can check out all the information at: www.eriegives.org

What you need to know:

Day and Time: August 11. You have 12 hours to make your donation between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST.

Gift Amount: The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

Credit Cards: Only Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. Sorry, credit card gift cards will not be accepted.

Checks: Erie Gives 2020, donors can write a check for their Erie Gives donation. Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation.

All check donations must be accompanied by a Check Donation Form. (this can be found on the Erie Gives website) Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 10, 2020.

Prorated Match: The Erie Community Foundation and our sponsors will enhance donors' gifts by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

Your Receipt: You will receive an email receipt of your gift, which you should retain for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

When will the Nonprofits receive your donation? The nonprofits will receive your donation, plus The Erie Community Foundation's prorated match, on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at our Erie Gives Check Distribution Day.

You do not have to be from Erie County to give on this day. Donations may come from anywhere. You may also send in a check to the office with Erie Gives in the memo and we will donate that amount on August 11, 2020 for you!!! Please make these checks out to Erie Cursillo. Checks must be received prior to August 10, 2020 to go to Erie Gives anything after that will still be a donation to Erie Cursillo. We are truly appreciative of every donation!!

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