

GRAND TRAVERSE ULTREYA NEWS

AUGUST 2020

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Michigan Primary Election, Aug 4
- Secretariat meeting, Aug 6
- The Transfiguration of our Lord, Aug 6
- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aug 15

**Please bring and
wear your
Cursillo nametag!**

OTHER MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

Aug 2	American Family Day
Aug 7	Lighthouse Day
Aug 9	International Day of The World's Indigenous People
Aug 14	World Calligraphy Day
Aug 17	National Nonprofit Day
Aug 19	World Humanitarian Day
Aug 21	Senior Citizen's Day
Aug 25	National Park Service Day
Aug 30	National Grief Awareness Day

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ALMOST MADE IT!

Wow! We almost made it to resuming Ultreya on August 4th!

Working with Susan at Christ the King, we were going to gather at 7pm in the hall using two classrooms to allow plenty of distancing. After a couple songs we would have announcements, our witness, and then final prayers (in place). It would have been a good thing.

But Thursday we received revised instructions from Gaylord eliminating singing and restricting group size to 10 or fewer.

Sooooo..... We'll keep our eyes on September!

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX (SO TO SPEAK)

Perhaps with a little more notice we could have devised a plan to gather safely.

For example, what if we met at Christ the King outside on the lawn? Weather permitting and with permission from the parish, we could ask everyone to bring a folding chair or two, plunk them down on the lawn and carry on! Or maybe there's a gazebo or similar covered structure somewhere open enough for safety that we could reserve.

Or, what if we met inside like normal but had a signup sheet

restricted to 10 people. Could we meet in two separate groups (of 10) and live stream between them?

If we're restricted when cold weather returns, maybe we could consider doing something remotely or via YouTube.

There has to be something we can do to share our communal experiences, and doing it safely.

Please share your ideas! Maybe we can have a plan in place for September—just in case.

CURSILLO WEEKEND UPDATE

In light of recent developments and guidance from the diocese and the Augustine Retreat Center, the Gaylord Cursillo Secretariat will be meeting this

Thursday, August 6, to discuss the effect on the Weekends and team formation as it is now planned. Please keep them in your prayers.



**GRAND TRAVERSE
ULTREYA TUESDAY
AUGUST 4TH
Christ the King in Acme
CANCELLED
(AGAIN)**

Word of the Day

Ombudsman:

1) government official who hears and investigates complaints by private citizens against other officials or government agencies.
2) person who investigates and attempts to resolve complaints and problems, as between employees and an employer or between students and a university.

HOW'S YOUR 4TH DAY GROUP DOING?

For many of us, it wasn't in our wildest dream that a virus would keep us from grouping this long. So instead of being creative and getting together "some other way," we've been sitting around waiting for the magical green light, a light that may not appear for some time.

A lot of groups are using Skype, Zoom, or some other online experience. Maybe it's time to move on...

"You are so young! To me you are like a ship setting out on its voyage. If that slight deviation of today is left uncorrected, you will never reach port in the end."

- St. Josemaria Escriva

WORDS OF THE HOLY FATHER

"This is a good test to see how we follow Jesus: 'Am I self-interested or not?'... 'What has Jesus done for me in my life out of love?' And seeing this, 'what should I do for Jesus?' 'How do I respond to his love?' That's how we can purify our faith from all self-interest. May the Lord help us along this path." (Santa Marta, 16 April 2018)



VOTE AUGUST 4TH

DIOCESAN ULTREYA SCHEDULE

Cadillac: 4th Tue 6:30pm, St Anne's
Cheboygan: 4th Wed 7pm, St Mary's
Gaylord: 3rd Wed 6pm, St Mary Cathedral Hall room A
Grand Traverse: 1st Tue 6:20pm, Christ the King
Harbor Springs: 2nd Tue 6:30pm, Holy Childhood
Manistee: 3rd Thurs 6:30pm, St Joseph hall in Onekema
Roscommon: 4th Mon 6pm, St Michael's
Harrisville: *3rd or 4th Sun 12:30pm, St Anne's
Alpena: *3rd or 4th Sun 2pm, St. Anne's
*NOTE: Harrisville and Alpena rotate months

Consider sharing your witness with another Ultreya community. Be assured that they would love to have

**MAKE A FRIEND
BE A FRIEND
BRING A FRIEND
TO CHRIST**

GAYLORD SECRETARIAT

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Editorial by John Gomolak

I read the following article on CNS News ;

"Update: Is 2020 the year that gets young people to polls in bigger numbers?"

By Betty Araya Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Steven Millies, a scholar who explores the Catholic Church's relationship to politics, feels more optimistic today than he has in a long time about young people in this country voting in a national election.

The reason for his optimism? The young people who continue to protest the May 25 death of George Floyd, an African American, at the hands of white police officers, and demand racial justice. Millies predicts this activism will motivate young people to go to the polls Nov. 3..."

Just this morning I was wondering if my grand daughter—who just turned 18, would be voting in this year's elections. I wondered where she would get her information to make informed choices. After reading this article (<https://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2020/will-2020-be-the-year-that-gets-young-people-to-polls-in-bigger-numbers.cfm>), I feared for our nation if Mr. Millies is correct.

I pray that our Father in Heaven motivates young people to seek out the truth, studying all sides of the issues and those involved at the core, so that their decisions are not skewed by peer pressure, political correctness or agendas contrary to His Will. Amen.

John Gomolak

