

# Forward

## Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

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### FROM THE CHAIR

It's the fall and many are focusing their attention on the upcoming Cursillo Three-Day weekends. One of the key elements to the success of the Cursillo movement is good sponsorship. Candidates benefit most when they arrive "well prepared".

How does one prepare a candidate? Start with prayer, lots of prayer. Then explain the weekend, the whole weekend. Remember, the substance of the three-day weekend is contained in the fifteen rollos and the five meditations. Tell your candidates the topics of each rollo and that the purpose is to better equip Christians as a member of a Christian community working to reach others for Christ. Carefully explain that each talk is followed by a period of discussion. If your candidate is not comfortable in a table group setting, perhaps Cursillo is not right at this time. Please remember that Cursillo is not a secret society; there are no secrets. Answer all the candidates' questions openly and honestly.

You must explain to your candidates the requirement to attend the Fourth Day program following the women's weekend. Most importantly, you are responsible for helping your new cursillistas to become established in a group reunion. It is in grouping that Christians are strengthened on a continuing basis to do the apostolic work of the Lord. If you are not grouping, your actions will speak louder than all the rollos combined.

I am excited about the work that has been accomplished in the Servant Community over the summer and is continuing into the fall. Some of the notable accomplishments are:

- The Music committee will have a new songbook ready for the spring 2003 weekends. It

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### THE 2002 SECRETARIAT

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will be significantly changed (improved), so be prepared to purchase a new one when it is published. Early next year, music leader training will be conducted to improve the leadership skills of the musicians in our community. Musician, be on the lookout for the announcement.

- The Training Team is ready to provide specialized training for first-time workers in the kitchen and rollo room and instructions for first-time rollistas. Beginning with the spring 2003 weekends, a special team meeting will be held just for these workers.
- The first of several Parish Leaders Workshops will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on November 16. This workshop is designed to better equip the parish representatives and is open to all.

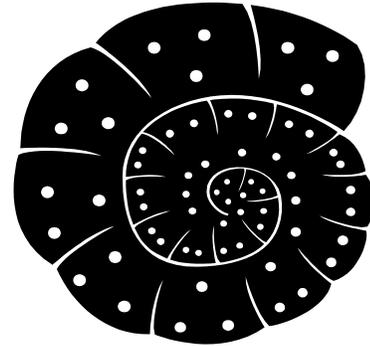
Lastly, our movement has been experiencing a shortfall of funds for quite some time. We are constantly working to reduce costs but have been consistently spending more than our income. Obviously, we can not continue to operate in this manner much longer. I ask you to prayerfully consider one-time or even regular donations to the Cursillo movement in order to maintain the many ministries enabled by Cursillo.

Ultreya, Mike Orcutt

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

September 23, 2002

|                             |          |
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| Total 2002 Contributions    | \$ 27579 |
| Total 2002 Expenditures     | \$ 30709 |
| NET 2002 SHORTFALL to date: | \$3130   |



## ARE WE GROWING?

On the warm sand of the seashore, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes found a curiously-shaped empty shell. In that shell had lived a little sea animal called the "nautilus". When the nautilus starts out in life as a baby, it has only a tiny shell, much like a one-room cabin. As the nautilus grows, it builds a larger section to its original shell and moves into those more spacious quarters. Then it erects a pearly wall behind itself, sealing off forever its previous stage. The nautilus adds a new chamber to its shell each time it outgrows its old one. Its shell forms a spiral of gradually enlarging compartments in which the creature lives as it grows larger and larger. As Dr. Holmes pondered that empty, spiral shell, he was inspired to write a poem called "The Chambered Nautilus". In that poem, he compared the human personality to that little nautilus, compelled to keep on growing and expanding. "Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, as the swift seasons roll! Leave thy low-vaulted past!" When we cease to grow, we begin to die!

That word *grow* comes from the Indo-European root *ghro*, which means "to grow, to turn green". Long before God put into Moses' mind and hand the Ten Commandments, God gave His original command to all His living creatures: "Be fruitful...multiply...grow!" As human beings we are called to grow in four directions suggested by the four letters of the word *grow*: in our understanding of God; in the quality of our Relationships; in the development of Ourselves; in the mastery of our World. Psychologist Rollo May has said: "The human being cannot live in a condition of

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emptiness for very long; if he is not growing toward something, he does not merely stagnate. The pent-up potentialities turn into morbidity and despair, and eventually into destructive activities and attitudes".

Is Cursillo as a movement growing in our diocese? Is it growing in our parish? Are we as individuals growing within the movement and helping others to grow?

We need to grow because it is God's plan for every Christian. Here are five "rules" from the Cursillo Farmer's Almanac for growth:

1. Get in right relationship with God...by personal devotions, examination of conscience, penance.
2. Feed on the Word of God...by Bible reading and study.
3. Pray....by keeping in continual communion with Christ who is the breath of life.
4. Rest...by not being anxious, since all is in God's hands. Be watered and restored by group reunions and ultreyas.
5. Work and witness....by apostolic action.

A witness is one who tells what he knows to someone who needs to hear it. Witnessing keeps the prayer life alive and up-to-date. It also challenges us to dig into the Scriptures in search of answers for those to whom we are witnessing.

Have we been growing since we went on our first Cursillo week end? Are we glorifying God more this week than last week in our homes and various environments? By God's grace let us all be like trees planted by the river bearing much fruit for Christ. Let the world see what the Lord can make of us, with the Bible and faith and prayer and the Holy Spirit, if we do His will and trust in His love and care.

Fr. Tom Bond

## A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

As San Diego's representative on the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee (NECC), I would like to bring you up to date on what's going on nationally in this what I consider a pivotal year for Cursillo. First, we are seeking to become more involved in the Church's 2020 Initiative. For those who may not be familiar with this, it is an initiative of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America to double in size by the year 2020. Obviously we don't have to do it all, but we do need to make a significant contribution. Our three-legged stool of *Piety, Study, and Action* - which, by the way, the Catholic Cursillo Community has changed to *Holiness, Formation, and Evangelization* - focuses us on the *Action* portion. And that *Action* portion is meant to be *Evangelization*. As Presiding Bishop Griswold has said, *If our Piety doesn't lead us to Action, if our Study doesn't lead us to Action, then they are both useless*. We say we are called to make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ. That we must continue to do. But some of the friends we bring to Christ should also spillover into the Episcopal Church. If that isn't happening, perhaps we shouldn't be Episcopalians ourselves.

Next, we are proposing a change to our By-Laws to allow for a fourth year President with no Diocesan responsibilities. This will allow the President to focus on fund raising and policy matters without being overloaded. This is an important change and, I think, a much needed one. But this should be discussed at our local level, and whomever we send to the National Seminar this year as our representative should vote the mind of the San Diego Cursillo Community at the General Council Meeting, which is part of every Seminar. Next, in 2003 we will become even more involved with National Cursillo. In January we will host the NECC for their regular quarterly meeting. We expect to have an *Ultreya* at St Dunstan's on Friday evening 17 January, and very possibly some of the NECC will attend *Back to the Mountain* the weekend before. Then in October 2003 we will again host the National

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Seminar at the Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley. This will be a great time for all of us to get acquainted with the entire National Cursillo Program. Bob and Janet Shaw will be our Local Coordinators for the Seminar. If you would like to volunteer to help them in any way, please let Janet or Bob know.

Finally, the Rev. Maryanne Lacey has volunteered, and our Secretariat has endorsed her, to relieve me as the next Western District Clergy Representative to the NECC after October 2002. I am delighted with this. I've loved the job, but my three years will be up this October, and it's really time for a turnover. May God continue to bless you all. Ultreya!

In Christ,      *Ned+*

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## SAVE \$\$\$ - EMAIL BARBARA

The Forward is available for download from our website, [www.sd cursillo.org](http://www.sd cursillo.org), either as an Adobe Reader pdf file (includes pictures) or as a MS Word text file (sorry). Or, you can simply read it on screen!

If you can or wish to do this, you will be notified as soon as it is posted to the site. We need your email address to do this. If 100 more people do this, we reach the next price break in printing costs, and therefore save \$\$\$\$\$. Please email Barbara Taylor your email address, to [just4taylor@cox.net](mailto:just4taylor@cox.net).

## ACTION ITEM FOR PARISH LEADERS

### ( THAT'S YOU! )

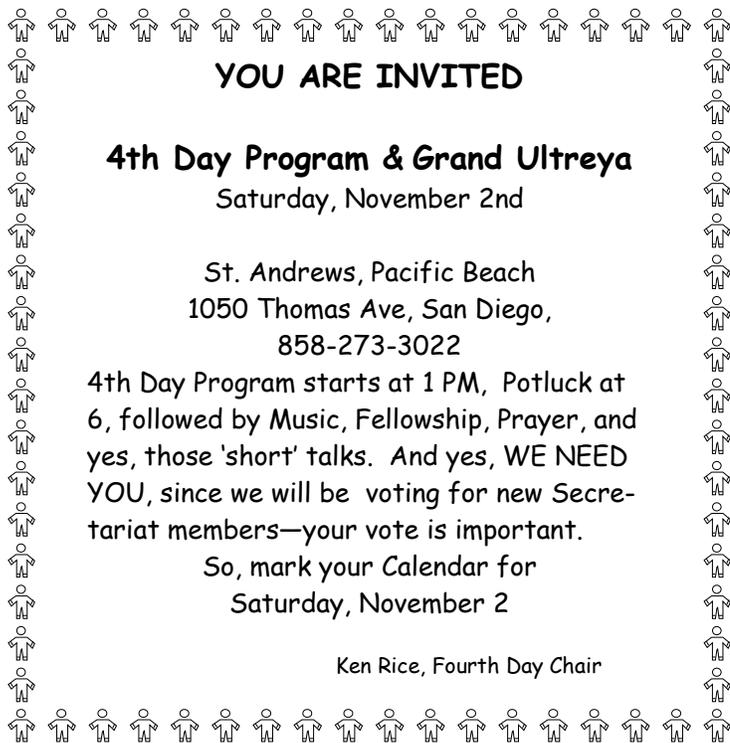
The Parish Representative Committee of the Servant Community announces the first in a new series of Parish Leaders' Workshops which will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral Guild Room on Saturday Nov. 16. Registration will be at 1 :30 pm and the workshop will begin promptly at 2 pm. The purpose of this Workshop is to provide tools for Cursillo Leaders to help grow the movement in their individual parishes and the world. Topics will include Parish Rep Responsibilities, Grouping and Spiritual Direction. Speakers will include Mike Orcutt on the Secretariat and Stew Dadmun on the Servant Community, with plenty of time for questions and answers. Parish Reps will be asked to bring at least one Cursillista from his/her parish who might be interested in becoming a parish rep. Parish Priests will be extremely welcome. This is a must attend workshop for all Parish Leaders who want to learn how to be more effective in their ministries. The Workshop will be followed by a potluck at 6 pm and Ultreya at 7 pm open to all the entire Diocesan Cursillo Community. Additional Workshops will be held next year in the eastern and northern areas of the diocese. For further information, please contact Judy Anderson, [jmanderson@cnsurety.com](mailto:jmanderson@cnsurety.com) or at 619-286- 1208.

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Look for the next Forward in mid-December with applications for the Spring Weekends. Articles, calendar events and other materials are due *no later than November 25th.*

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## YOU ARE INVITED

### 4th Day Program & Grand Ultreya

Saturday, November 2nd

St. Andrews, Pacific Beach  
1050 Thomas Ave, San Diego,  
858-273-3022

4th Day Program starts at 1 PM, Potluck at 6, followed by Music, Fellowship, Prayer, and yes, those 'short' talks. And yes, WE NEED YOU, since we will be voting for new Secretariat members—your vote is important.

So, mark your Calendar for  
Saturday, November 2

Ken Rice, Fourth Day Chair

## LAY NOMINEES FOR SECRETARIAT 2003

The regular terms of Secretariat members Mike Orcutt, Eileen Pierce, and Doug Woods expire in December 2002. Secretariat elections will be held at the Grand Ultreya on November 2, 2002 at St. Andrews Pacific Beach. The following lay persons, listed alphabetically, have been nominated and have consented to run for three year terms.

### Scott Brown – St. Timothy's San Diego

I attended Cursillo #93 in the fall of 1999. Before attending Cursillo, I was active with the Men's Group at St Timothy's. Since making my Cursillo, I have become more involved with my church community, serving the needs of the church in any possible way. I have been involved with outreach programs, served as treasurer for the St. Timothy's Seasons of Transformation campaign, and an alternate for last year's Diocesan Convention. I will be a full delegate for the Diocesan Convention for 2003.

I attend weekly Group Reunions to support my fellow Cursillistas and to keep myself focused. I have worked at Cursillos 95, 99, 101, and 105. I would like the opportunity to serve the Cursillo community, as I have received many blessings from my Cursillo experience. Cursillo was instrumental in my spiritual walk and I feel blessed every time I meet with fellow Christians. Praise God.

### Victoria Crofoot – St. Margaret's Palm Desert

My dear friends in Christ, I want to let you in on who I am. I am a cradle Episcopalian who is married to a wonderful cradle Catholic man. He is quick to support me in anything that is important to me, like serving the Lord. The love I have for the Lord has always been a "work in progress" and it still is. Seven years ago when I was searching for a home parish I found St. Margaret's and I knew I was home. I quickly became involved with the youth program and the choir. In October of 1997 I was sponsored to go to Cursillo. What an eye opening experience that was. I am forever grateful to God and all who served on that weekend; they forever changed my life. To find the love of Christ so intense in so many people was beyond my understanding. Cursillo was a great big step in my walk with Christ and has given me the confidence to keep walking with him. I can do nothing without God, but with Him, I can do all things. What I enjoy most is just giving back to whoever is in need. I'm a crossing guard at an elementary school for the City of Palm Desert. I still help with the youth program and sing in the choir. But by the grace of God, I serve on the altar guild, co-wedding coordinator, deliver food to the home-bound, serve in the church office and have just become a member of Daughters of the King. I do this all for the glory of God, and I am daily grateful for His help and guidance.

### Ed Embick – St. Timothy's San Diego

I am a member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and an active member of a group reunion. My involvement at St. Tim's includes singing in our choir; leading music for Sunday school; and participating in a variety of learning and fellowship opportunities in the parish.

I attended San Diego Roman Catholic Cursillo No. 68 in May 1975. I've had the privilege of being a team member of the first San Diego Episcopal Cursillo, serving on our Secretariat, and serving as Rector of SD Cursillo No. 17. I've attended and been a team member of Cursillo Leader's Workshops, and have attended National Cursillo Leader's Conferences. Beyond San Diego Episcopal Cursillo, I have been an active participant in several Cursillo and Walk to Emmaus communities over the past 27 years.

I have taught Sunday school and Bible studies, been Acolyte Master, member of choir, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and lead and support musician for folk masses and retreats. I have served on Vestries and Rector Search committees in three different parishes

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and been a delegate to Diocesan Conventions. I am a Lifetime Member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. I welcome the possibility of serving our Lord as a member of the Secretariat if elected.

**Darryl Peralta** - Good Shepherd Bonita

My journey with Christ has been varied and filled with many starts and stops. I was baptized in the Catholic Church in 1946, received my early religious training in the Presbyterian Church during the mid-1950's, and attended an Episcopal Church in Virginia during the late 70's. I spent over 50 years mostly doing it my way until I started to let the Lord take the lead in 1998. I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in June 2000.

Since that time I have served Him in a variety of positions at my Church, Good Shepherd Bonita, including Vestry, Alpha Program Coordinator, Master Planning Committee member, Usher, Intercessor, and Capital Campaign Communications Director. The love and support I have received from my brothers and sisters at Good Shepherd is the reason I am a Christian today.

My involvement with Cursillo began as a candidate for Cursillo #93. My faith was genuinely strengthened during that weekend and I have been an avid supporter of the movement's objectives since. I have served as a team member for Cursillo #95 and #101 (Head Cook Cursillo #105), Sunday Angel, Sponsor, Servant Community member, witness talk presenter for multiple Ultreyas, and as a Rollista for Weekend and Fourth Day programs. Most importantly, I have been an active member of a Group Reunion since completing Cursillo #93. I know the "Cursillo Method" works because I'm living it in my Fourth Day!

I am very honored to be asked to serve on the Secretariat and, if elected, will work closely with others to strengthen the movement, especially in the areas of Servant Community and Fourth Day programs.

**Tammy Norcott** - Good Shepherd Hemet

I have attended Good Shepherd Church in Hemet for 14 years. During this time I have been active with Vestry twice, Calling Committee, feeding the homeless ministry, Sunday School, Youth, Altar Guild, Daughters of the King, Lay Ministry, Cursillo, Reader and Acolyte training. I made Cursillo #64. My Christian walk began at that time and continues to grow each year.

## CANDIDATES—FALL WEEKENDS

### Men's #105

Louis Albuerne  
Bill Booth  
Clint Crockett

Vern Decker  
Cal Hoskins  
Eric Lynn  
Scott Powers  
John Sieber  
Frank Smith  
Bill Snyder  
Steve Turnbull  
Darin Young

### Women's #106

Kim Albuerne  
Teresa Alexander  
Elena Barr  
Germaine Bergeron-  
Lynn  
Leslie Cohan  
Anne Cortez  
Gwen Hunter  
Susan Johnson  
Jayne Lanham  
Kimberly Powers  
Gerry Rideout  
Trinka Sieber  
Marilyn Slater  
Dianne Smalligan  
Lil Smith  
Elaine Turnbull  
Ann West  
Joy Wolf

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for updates.

## ACTION ITEM II

"Work closely with the Vocare community ..."

(from the Pastoral Plan)

And here is your opportunity to get acquainted...the next Vocare Weekend is being held November 8-10 at St. Andrew's Encinitas. They would again appreciate help from the Cursillo community in putting on the weekend, in particular:

Saturday, November 9 :

4-7 pm Set up and serve dinner, or  
6-9 pm Serve and clean-up

Sunday, November 10

2 pm Closures, open to ALL  
3:30-6 pm Clean-up

Don't hesitate, contact Patrick McBride to reserve your opportunity to get up-close and personal with this awesome community. (No reservations necessary for Closures on Sunday!) Patrick is at [pwmcbride@aol.com](mailto:pwmcbride@aol.com), or 858-693-1302.

## MEN'S TEAM – #105

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Josh Acton         | Asst. Spiritual Director |
| Alex Alcazar       | Cocinero                 |
| Jim Bechtold       | Laity                    |
| Russ Bogue         | Team Ldr 1               |
| Leo Brendis        | Old Rector               |
| Scott Brown        | Table Leader             |
| Fr. George Calvert | Spiritual Director       |
| Pete Casalegno     | Cocinero                 |
| Pete Castillo      | Team Ldr 3               |
| Roger Christiansen | Cocinero                 |
| Alan Cornell       | Sunday Angel Chair       |
| Miguel De Valle    | Action                   |
| Frank Durham       | Cocinero                 |
| Ed Embrick         | Table Leader             |
| Ellery Gross       | Cocinero                 |
| Glen Guyer         |                          |
| Jay Haron          | Cocinero                 |
| Scott Hauser       | Table Leader             |
| Wayne Hiebert      | Grouping                 |
| Ed Hooppell        | Cocinero                 |
| John King          | Ideal                    |
| Bob Lawrence       | Team Ldr 2               |
| Tim Lyon           | Medic                    |
| Jim Macemon        | Asst. Rector/Environment |
| Austin Mansfield   | Table Leader             |
| Fr. Frank Maguire  | Asst. Spiritual Director |
| Thomas Marks       | AHC-Kitchen              |
| Fernie Martinez    | Piety                    |
| Patrick McBride    | Sacristan                |
| Perry Murphy       | Cocinero                 |
| Fr. Alex Nagy      | Kitchen Clergy           |
| Craig Noble        | Cocinero                 |
| Paul Noble         |                          |
| Tim Norcott        | Table Leader             |
| Darryl Peralta     | Head Cook                |
| Laurent Perkins    | Table Leader             |
| Dave Porter        | AHC-Camp                 |
| Rich Rechif        | Asst. Rector             |
| Ken Rice           | Palanca                  |
| Tommy Simmons      | Cocinero                 |
| Tom Slipper        | Cocinero                 |
| Clint Taylor       | Head Musician            |
| Winston Tsieng     | Cocinero                 |
| Denny Walters      | Team Ldr                 |
| Mike Watten        | Asst. Palanca            |
| John Wavrick       | Study                    |
| Jerry Webb         | Rector                   |
| Tom Webb           | Table Leader             |
| Richard Wilkerson  | Table Leader             |
| Doug Woods         | Kitchen Musician         |

## WOMEN'S TEAM – #106

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Bobbi Baron         | Sacristan          |
| Fr. Tony Baron      | Spiritual Advisor  |
| Nancy Bogue         | Cocinera           |
| Barbara Britain     | Cocinera           |
| Mary Brown          | Table Leader       |
| Pat Camm            | Musician Asst      |
| Debbie Castillo     | Cocinera           |
| Sharon Craig        | Cocinera           |
| Victoria Crofoot    | Palanca            |
| Sherri Crow         | Cocinera           |
| Ange Dee            | Head Musician      |
| Gail Duffey         | Kitchen Leader     |
| Catherine Eckmann   | Nurse/Rollo        |
| Connie Fowle        | Table Leader       |
| Allyson Goodwin     | Cocinera           |
| Joann Green         | Table Ldr/Rollo    |
| Emily Harmon        | Kitchen Leader     |
| Lynnea Hiebert      | Table Leader       |
| Betty Johnsen       | Cocinera           |
| Lauree Jordan       | Asst Rectora       |
| Marji King          | Palanca Asst       |
| Jennifer Koenigs    | Cocinera           |
| Rev Maryanne Lacey  | Spiritual Director |
| Gayle Lawrence      | Kitchen Leader     |
| Diana Linnabary     | Exp Rectora        |
| Florence Longsworth | Cocinera           |
| Linda Lyons         | Table Leader       |
| Flo McFall          | Cocinera           |
| Pat Mease-Hooppell  | Cocinera           |
| Chris Miller        | Cocinera           |
| Lynda Mills         | Cocinera           |
| Tami Norcott        | Table Ldr/Rollo    |
| Petra Orta          | Rectora            |
| Joan Perkins        | AHC - Camp         |
| Fr. Tom Phillips    | Spiritual Advisor  |
| Eileen Pierce       | Table Leader       |
| Kathy Porter        | Table Ldr/Rollo    |
| Judy Potter         | Table Ldr/Rollo    |
| Carol Powers        | Table Leader       |
| Evelyn Putnam       | Cocinera           |
| Stacie Rechif       | Cocinera           |
| Karen Rice          | Table Leader       |
| Jann Scheibel       | Asst Rectora       |
| Barbara Schipke     | Asst Sacristan     |
| Jane Schuler        | Table Leader       |
| Jeanette Shelly     | AHC - Kitchen      |
| Edith Smith         | Cocinera           |
| Pat Sunda           | Head Cook          |
| Joyce Swiech        | Shed               |
| Rev. Allisyn Thomas | Spiritual Advisor  |
| Rochelle Thompson   | Table Leader       |
| Marilyn Vickrey     | AHC - Kitchen Asst |
| Mary Wavrik         | Table Leader       |
| Kathleen Wingate    | Kitchen Leader     |
| Jamie Wood          | Table Leader       |
| Lani Woods          | Table Leader       |



Advent

means –

*Our Lord is coming!*

From ages past humankind has ached with longing for some power to set things right, to calm the beast, curb the tyrant, and bring peace to the soul. We have longed for YOU, Lord, and we listened for YOUR promises - to give us hope - until promises gave birth to God-with-us - Immanuel - YOU come, Lord Jesus!

Our Lord is coming here and now - in the proclamation of the Good News, in the sharing of the Bread and Wine, in the Word of forgiveness, in the fellowship of the Church, in the needs of neighbors, and from YOUR Spirit burning within us. Now, today, here, God is with us... YOU come, Lord Jesus!

Our Lord is coming for Tomorrow. Hope! (Our hands empty and open): God will fill the hungry; God will raise those laid low. God will make creation right. Imagine! (Our eyes closed, hearts open): Our Lord returning in glory; Our Lord judging the peoples; Our Lord sharing His glory. Go! (Boldly and unafraid): step into tomorrow without calendar or map or watch. Walk toward eternity from this place and time. YOU **will** come, Lord Jesus, God-with-us!

A refresher course on Advent words and signs:

**Advent** is a Latin word that means a "coming" or "arrival". It refers to our Lord's coming at Christmas - at the end of our four-week preparation - as well as His coming today in the Christian community, and His coming at the end of time.

**The Angel** Gabriel announced to Mary and Joseph that they would experience the miraculous birth of a child. He would be God-with-us and he would save his people from their sin.

**A Crown** symbolizes the King of Glory, Jesus Christ, who left His position in glory to enter our world as God-with-us and who will come again in glory to judge the world.

**Candles**, often in an Advent wreath, celebrate the *Light of the Word*, God's Son, who overcomes the darkness and the long winter of our souls.

**Emmanuel** or Immanuel is a Hebrew word meaning "God is with us." Isaiah the prophet promised again and again that the Lord would come to be with His people. As a sign of this promise, the son in Isaiah 7:10 was called "God is with us."

**Maranatha!** Is an Aramaic word meaning "Come, Lord!" The earliest Christians shouted this word in their worship. They meant that they were ready to welcome Jesus on His return as Lord of the Universe. Listen to our Advent prayers - collects- each Sunday where we cry, "Stir up your power, O Lord, and come!"

**Purple** or blue is the color of Advent, signifying royalty and, in part, repentance. This palette is interrupted with a pink candle in the Advent wreath on the third Sunday - "Rejoice Sunday" - from a key word in the liturgy.

Take time this year to observe Advent. Listen to the message of the Scriptures - the prophetic words of Isaiah and hear Jesus' own words as he predicts His return to gather the chosen few at the last day, This year - **CELEBRATE ADVENT!** And don't forget that forgotten Season - **CHRISTMAS!** In the Church Year this is that short season that slips by unnoticed. This is the 12 days between December 25 and Epiphany on January 6. Too often these days are filled with holiday travel, parties and recuperation. In quiet moments, take time to truly reflect on the miracle of Christ's birth. This year celebrate Christmas for the season - not just the day.

Anne Wiser

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## Back to the Mountain 2003

January 10-12

### "I Come to Refresh"

The theme is "*I Come to Refresh*", taken from the theme song "*Back to the Mountain*" written at last year's weekend. Every new year brings change. How do we as Cursillistas respond to changes affecting our faith, spirituality and commitment to Christ? Come and refresh your commitment to the Lord, start your year with friends, fun, fellowship, praise and thanksgiving. This year we will have multiple short witness talks about ministries in which Cursillistas are involved and a time for discussion about each ministry. Come and learn about new opportunities to refresh your spiritual life. If you have a ministry that you want to share, please call the McBrides. The broad general areas are: youth, Cursillo, and ministries both within and outside the church.

#### **What is "Back to the Mountain"?**

Back to the Mountain is a spiritual retreat at Camp Stevens which includes talks with table discussions, music, daily devotions, a Sunday Eucharist and ample free time to re-charge, relax, and reflect. Food is provided by the Camp Stevens staff. Just bring a sleeping bag, flashlight, towel, bible, song book and warm clothing.

#### **When is it?**

The weekend begins at 7:00 PM on Friday, January 10, 2002 and ends at noon on Sunday, January 12. Please note that the weekend is the second weekend of the year.

#### **What does it cost?**

\$90.00 if paid by 12-15-02. \$95.00 through 12-31-02. (\$40.00 non-refundable deposit due by 12-10-02). Friday evening meal costs \$7.00. Some scholarships are available on a confidential basis. Space is limited so please get your applications in soonest.

Please send applications and payment/deposit to:

**Mike and Barbara McBride**

**5344 Via Alcazar**

**San Diego, CA 92111**

**858-292-5246**

Make checks payable to: Cursillos in Christianity with "Back to the Mountain" on memo line.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of reservations (M) \_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Do you NEED a bottom bunk? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you offer a ride? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need a ride? \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Dinner \$7.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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## OCTOBER

- 17-20 Men's Weekend
- 24-27 Women's Weekend
- 25-27 National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar, Seattle WA
- [www.geocities.com/seattlenecs/NECS2002.html](http://www.geocities.com/seattlenecs/NECS2002.html)

## NOVEMBER

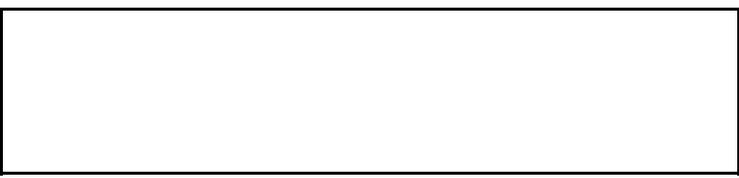
- 2 4th Day Program and Grand Ultreya (p. 5)
- 8-10 Vocare Weekend (p. 6)
- 16 Parish Leaders' Workshop (p. 4)
- 16 ULTREYA (following Workshop and Potluck)

## DECEMBER

- 1 First Sunday in Advent (p. 8)
- 14 Servant Community, 8:50 AM—Noon
- Church of the Good Samaritan

## JANUARY

- 10-12 Back to the Mountain



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