



Forward

Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

From the Chair

As we approach Holy Week, and then Easter, I have been sitting in the All Saints', Vista, church office madly trying to get as far ahead as I can on all the bulletins so that I can have our interim priests proofread them, and the organist, too. As I was typing, I came across this reading from Colossians 3:2. "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." It set me to thinking about how often I get caught up in the minutia of life instead of setting my sights on knowing God and living out the life He has planned for me. I still have to type the bulletins, but I can concentrate on the Bible readings they present to me as I check page numbers and verses; I can hum the hymns as I type each one in. It makes the whole experience much more special to me, and I am still getting the same work done. Maybe you can find some way to focus on this special season of the year that you can carry with you into your everyday life. It is too easy to leave our spiritual lives at home when we go into the world.

We have several Cursillo events coming up, the first being the Spring Weekends. We have had two team trainings and have a couple weeks off before the third. Please get your candidates signed up as soon as you can; I think we may have quite a lot of candidates. There will not be a Fall Weekend this year because there is an ECLW (Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop) September 21-23. The Fourth Day Committee is planning four Grand Ultreys this year. It will be an exciting year, and a year for all of us to regroup as a community. Please keep Cursillo in your prayers.

I wish you all a wonderful and blessed Easter.

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Day of Deeper Understanding

Saturday, May 19, All Saint's San Diego.

After our weekends, we let our new cursillistas and team members reflect on their experiences. At the Day of Deeper Understanding, the new cursillistas get a chance to learn more and ask questions so they feel more comfortable. ALL new cursillistas, ALL sponsors, and ALL team members, as well as any other cursillistas are welcome.

We will cover aspects of Cursillo in depth, including the National Cursillo, personal contact technique, and sponsorship. We shall also learn more about spiritual direction.

Our team includes clergy and lay members. We have several talks plus table discussion. And, of course, we have music! And lunch. The new cursillistas have had this required meeting paid for already by their sponsors, so there will be no charge to them. For all others, the fee is \$10 to cover materials and expenses. We often have a book table as well if you want to buy anything.

Cursillo Libraries (explaining everything about Cursillo in depth), individual song books, update sheets, and a listing of spiritual directors all are provided.

This time we ask everyone to bring something to eat. A potluck is often the best way to enjoy lunch. See you there!

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Save the Date!

Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop will be held the weekend of September 21-23 at St. David's San Diego. Further details to follow.

For information, contact Jamie Wood, (619)225-1987 or jamiewood2@cox.net



GRAND ULTREYA!

Our next Grand Ultreya will be at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Poway on May 5. The potluck starts at 6:00 p.m.. Bring your favorite dish or snack. Then the Ultreya follows at 7:00 p.m.. This Ultreya follows our Spring Cursillo weekends. There will be lots of music, and child care will be provided as well.

You will learn more about events in our community. New Cursillistas and their sponsors will meet other community members. The entire community is encouraged to attend to meet our new Cursillistas. The key elements include the grouping, witness talk, and echo speaker. Then a clergy member will give a gospel or other scripture response. Remember that we may, and should, invite non-Cursillistas.

There will be individual songbooks available, update sheets (not full inserts), and Cursillo Libraries available for purchase. If any of you are not grouping at this time, this is an excellent opportunity to meet others who may join a group with you.

See you there!



Look for the next Forward in early June. Articles, calendar events and other materials are due (preferably in electronic format) *no later than May 25*. Send to:

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New names, addresses and changes for Saint's Roster to Barbara Taylor
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From the Rector

We have a men's team that is rich, well-balanced and awesome. It consists of thirty-eight truly dedicated men whose love for the LORD is so evident. Included among the team are eight ex-rectors including one who was on Cursillo team #1, some first-time Cursillista servants, inspired clergy and experienced Cursillistas who made their Cursillo weekends in the dioceses of Vermont, Maryland and Georgia. The energy level of the team is high and contagious. It is good to feel the Holy Spirit at work in our team.

We have had three of four team meetings and as we get closer to the weekend I am more and more aware of the special mission GOD has called us to, and to the fact that He will use us to minister to the candidates and to fellow team members in ways we cannot even imagine now. I am looking forward to sharing all of this with our candidates and fellow team members.

Please keep me and Cursillo Team #121 in your prayers.

Remember: Blessed are the peace keepers for they will be called sons of GOD.....Matthew 5:9

**Denny Walters
Rector #121**



Kairos Outside San Diego would like to invite the Cursillo Community to the first "Walk in the Light" candlelight service for our guests to be held as part of the Kairos #20 weekend at St. David's Episcopal Church, 5050 Milton, San Diego, on Saturday, April 28th, 2007. The time for this event is 8:30 to 9:30p.m.

If you have any questions please call Trish Wraith at (619)749-0121.

We would greatly appreciate your presence and support.

From the Rectora

Genesis 9:13 – I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Wow! Less than a month before we go up the mountain. And while almost all of the pre-planning has taken place to assure a wonderful weekend for our candidates, I don't think the candidates will be able to see the glorious light of Our Lord shining through our faces if we are utterly exhausted. And with the size of the team - that we will be. Each of the current team members were challenged to go out and find either one candidate to sponsor or one team member. I can only assume that there are going to be dozens of candidates because only two new team members were found. Please – Go back to your parishes and do some recruiting. Hundreds of phone calls have been made, hundreds of emails have been sent. Now we need the entire community to help us complete our task.

Those of you who cannot work on the weekend as a team member - remember there are other things you can do. We will need Palanca made, prayers prayed, and those ever needed Angels to come up on Sunday and help us clean up the camp. Please pray about the weekend and do your part for our new Cursillista sisters and brothers.

DeColores!

**Pat Sunda
Rectora, Cursillo #122**



San Diego Cursillo Loses Another Servant

The funeral for Joan Barclay, clergy wife, marvelous soprano, mother of 5 children, co-founder of Cursillo in San Diego will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 at St. Dunstan's.

Please pass on the word to anyone who would be interested.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

- 12 Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 6:30
- 13-15 Vocare #35, College Lutheran Church
- 14 Cursillo Team Meeting, St. Bartholomew's, 8:30 a.m.
- 19-22 Cursillo Men's Weekend #121, Camp Stevens, Denny Walters Rector
- 26-29 Cursillo Women's Weekend #122, Camp Stevens, Pat Sunda Rectora
- 28 Kairos "Walk in the Light" Candlelight Service,
St. David's Clairmont, 8:30 p.m.

MAY

- 3 Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 6:30
- 5 Grand Ultraya, St. Bartholomew's, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Day of Deeper Understanding, All Saint's San Diego, 8:30 a.m.
- 25 Deadline for Forward articles (see p. 2)

JUNE

- 9 Servant Community, Good Samaritan, 9:00 a.m.
Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 12:30 p.m.