



# 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

Grace and peace to all of you! This past weekend, I attended an event sponsored by the diocese for those churches that have been broken up. I went for a couple of reasons; one of those reasons was that Cursillo, too, has been broken up along with those churches. The moderator for the weekend was Fr. George Martin of Minnesota, and he referred to these churches as The Church of the Second Chance, a name he took from an Ann Tyler novel. Fr. George Martin talked about the stories we tell about what happened, and suggested that it is time to tell the stories of what is to come. We will have opportunities to do just that coming up in our Cursillo movement. Cursillo can be the Cursillo of the Second Chance.

The Men's and Women's Weekends this spring were very much a rebirth, I thought. We worked with very small teams, but I have never seen happier teams. Everyone got to bed early all three nights on the Women's Weekend, and I hear the Men's was much the same. There were no skits, thus fewer tables to move. The men experienced the miracle of snow, and the women experienced the miracle of summery days, and neither Father George Calvert nor I have heard one complaint about anything that happened on either weekend, which is unusual.

As we move into a new season in our beloved Cursillo movement, I see so much positive energy, even though there have been some very tough and unpopular decisions to make, especially that of excluding non-Episcopalians from working weekends.

And as we move forward into a brighter day, there will be many more good things to follow. In September, there will be an ECLW, where we hope to focus on our vision of who we want to be in the coming years. We are asking the National team to focus on visioning, rather than teaching us about how to run a weekend. The ECLW will be held at St. David's, San Diego, on Sept. 21-23. I hope many of you will want to come help form that vision of where we go from here. This is how we are building that Cursillo of the Second Chance.

Blessings on all of you, Jane Schuler

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## From the Spiritual Director

### **The Holy Spirit and You**

One of the most important passages in the Bible is Acts Chapter 2, which is about the coming of the Holy Spirit. I ask that you read the entire chapter. Every Christian needs to see how each part of this chapter relates to his or her life, because the Holy Spirit is in the business of transforming lives. Put yourself into the story and interact with the text. What is the Spirit saying to you in each part of Acts 2? There are five sections of Chapter 2. (1) The coming of the spirit. (2) Speaking in tongues. (3) Peter's sermon. (4) What should we do? (5) The life of the first community. Read and reflect on each section. After really engaging with each part of Chapter 2, please say the Cursillo prayer to the Holy Spirit.

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

I hope if you do the above exercise, you will experience the inner power and presence of the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit wants to get inside of you. May the Spirit breathe into you His life giving breath and give you new life.

Your friend in Christ,  
Father George Calvert

### **DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY?**

The ECLW is coming to San Diego the weekend of Sept. 21 at St. David's in the Clairemont area. In order to allow maximum participation at the lowest cost, we would like to house people who come from a distance. The team will stay in a hotel, but we'll open our homes to north county and desert people, as well as to those from other dioceses, so they can avoid the extra cost of gas or hotel. At this time we anticipate the workshop ending at 10 pm Friday and Saturday and after lunch on Sunday. Since meals will be provided Sat. and Sun, your only "cost" will be providing beds. Let's show Christ's love by volunteering to house Cursillistas in our homes.

Please e-mail or phone me, indicating how many beds you have to accommodate our Cursillo brothers and sisters. I can take 2 or 3 (1 double bed, 1 single), how many can you house?

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### **GROUPING**

On the Cursillo Weekend candidates learn about grouping and are usually eager to join one. If their sponsors are not grouping, they may not know where to go to find a group and their Fourth Day flounders before it even gets started. The Fourth Day Committee of the Secretariat is currently gathering data in an effort to help people who want to group find one which will accept him/her. Stew Dadmun has agreed to compile a database of Cursillistas in the diocese who are grouping so this information will be of help to those who are looking for one. We do not intend to publish such a list, but Stew will contact the group's contact person when an inquiry for a new group is made. It will be up to the contact person to call/e-mail the person making the inquiry.

Please help us by providing the following information:

Group Contact Person  
Telephone #; e-mail address  
Parish  
Meeting Time  
Meeting Place  
Names of grouping brothers/sisters  
Are you open to including new  
brothers/sisters in your group?

Please send the above information to:

Stew Dadmun  
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Look for the next Forward in early August.  
Articles, calendar events and other materials are due  
(preferably in electronic format)

*no later than July 27.* Send to:

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**New names, addresses and changes for  
Saint's Roster to Barbara Taylor  
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Please welcome our newest Cursillistas  
from Cursillos 121 & 122:

Nancy Colton  
Jim & Jeanie Crowell  
Sue Dolkas  
Nek'ka Eddy  
Peg Fine  
Tanya Galvan  
Ken Holcomb  
David Hopkins  
Barbara King  
Frank & Barbara Light  
Jay Powers  
Haddon Salt  
Mimi Santos  
Martha Shaw  
Dan & Leanne Shawler  
Guy & Ri Venuti  
Pete Wasley  
Dick Wheelock  
Ronnie Whitehorse

## ULTREYA!

Ultreya is the cry of encouragement used by Spanish pilgrims on their journeys to a pilgrimage site. It means Onward! Forward! Persevere! In the U.S., it is the call to Cursillistas to come together to help each other on their journeys with the Lord.

An Ultreya Committee has been formed with the purpose of holding at least one ultreya per month in various parts of the diocese. An ultreya is designed to give personal examples of fellow Christians attempting to follow God's call to make a friend, be a friend, and help bring that friend to Christ.

Typically, a potluck, music, grouping, two witnesses, and a clergy scriptural response are parts of an ultreya. No worship service is included.

Since everyone is welcome, this is the perfect time to introduce prospective candidates to Cursillo.

The committee will contact Parish Representatives to schedule an ultreya. Using the resources of the parish, with active support from the Ultreya Committee, we will hold an ultreya, encouraging ALL in the parish community (not just Cursillistas) to participate.

If you'd like to be a member of this diverse group of laity and clergy, please contact me. If you'd like to volunteer to hold an ultreya in your parish or to co-sponsor one at another church, please also let me know. The burdens of life are always lighter when we have someone to help share the load. Join us in an ultreya! June's ultreya will be on Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, at St. Dunstan's. July's Grand Ultreya will be at St. Andrew's LaMesa on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

August's will be at St. Luke's on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Please join us.

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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.**

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 9 Servant Community, Good Samaritan, 9:00 a.m.  
Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 12:30 p.m.
- 22 Ultreya, St. Dunstan's

### JULY

- 21 Potluck & Grand Ultreya , St. Andrew's La Mesa, 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Forward articles due (see p. 2)

### AUGUST

- 2 Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Ultreya, St. Luke's