



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

"Show me Your ways, O Lord, Teach me in Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For you are the God of my salvation: On you I will wait all day." Psalm 25:4-5

Advent is over and it is almost Lent, two of the times in the church calendar when we are especially asked to meditate on our relationships with God. When I was a child in school, it seemed everyone gave up something, usually candy! I don't remember whether my family did anything special but eat fish on Fridays at dinner and hotcross buns at breakfast, but I always knew it was Lent.

Oddly, I find it easier to concentrate on the discipline of Lent than on the expectations of Advent, perhaps because Christmas has become a day of great expectations in a more worldly sense, and no one expects anything of us on Easter. I can actually find more time to devote to prayer and meditation or study, and I hope to be able to listen in my heart to God's teachings and truths. I pray that you will all also find this time to follow God on God's time, not the world's time.

Please spend some time thinking of who you might like to sponsor to the Spring Cursillo weekend (April 17-20) at Camp Stevens. Give someone the gift of learning more about our church and what we believe in. We have some other opportunities coming up: there will be a special Grand Ultreya at Good Shepherd, Bonita in May, following the meeting of the National Episcopal Cursillo Board; the National leaders will be giving the talks, so it should be especially interesting. And there is an Interfaith Ultreya on Feb. 16th. There was one of these a couple of years ago and it was enjoyable and really well attended. There are directions on the website.

God bless you, Jane Schuler

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| Kathy Wood | Asst. Musician /Table Leader |

From the Rectora

*“The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want...” Psalm 23*

On my Cursillo weekend, I learned the meaning of servant-hood as team members tended to my needs. I listened to the sweet sound of music sung by a kitchen crew clad in multicolored aprons and I heard God speak to me through the spoken words. I received notes and prayers from people I did not see and I felt the love of God in the kindness and caring of others. My weekend ended all too soon, and although many of us met as strangers at the start, we became old friends by the end. We broke bread together and wept tears of both laughter and joy. Yes, “The Lord is my shepherd” and for three amazing days my cup surely overflowed.

Nine years have passed since my first weekend on the mountain but the experiences and lessons learned have remained within me throughout my Fourth Day. I know we all experienced our weekends differently but, for me, Cursillo was a gift. It came as a gift of time; time to reflect, time to refresh and time to restore my soul. The Cursillo Weekend is available for those who seek a closer relationship with the Lord, and it is where the meaning of God’s unconditional love for us comes alive in a single word, “Action”.

With the Lord’s help, the team for Cursillo # 123/124 now has all lay positions filled. The Core Team has been busy at work assigning prayer partners, planning team meetings, clarifying job descriptions and scheduling weekend activities. Our first team meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 23 at St. Timothy’s starting at 8:30 a.m. The following team meetings will be held on March 29 and April 5.

Please continue to pray for all those who serve God and believe that Cursillo can make a difference in our walk with Christ. We also give thanks to our Lord Jesus for the many blessings we receive and for the strength and guidance to complete the tasks that lie ahead.

Peace and Blessings from your sister in Christ,

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Look for the next Forward in early April
Articles, calendar events and other materials are due
(preferably in Word format)

no later than March 28. Send to:

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*I would like to extend a very special THANK YOU
to Susan Stiffler, who faithfully and willingly folds
and labels each and every issue of the Forward and
has been graciously doing this for the past two years.
Susan, the Cursillo Community appreciates you!!!*

BACK TO THE SERVANT COMMUNITY MEETING JANUARY 05, 2008

Our first Servant Community meeting of the year was well attended and started with three of our favorite Cursillo Songs with Diane Blaisdell on guitar. After opening prayer and introductions, Rev. Bill Zettinger led the clergy meditation “The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not Want – 2008”.

After the inspirational and insightful meditation, we split into groups to reflect on the question: What will I do in 2008 to refresh, renew, and nurture my spirituality? Some of the commitments were:

- *I need to increase my spiritual time with my family.
- *Discernment of what God wants me to do.
- *Turn more of my life over to God – Thy Will, Not My Will!
- *Give up control to God.
- *Discernment and confession of personal faults.
- *Share faith with others.
- *Start Pro-Life ministry.
- *Get serious on grouping – too routine and ritualistic.
- *Let people know I’m ready and available to serve.
- *Get established in the community as a servant.
- *Put my life on God’s time.
- *Remember God, and spend time with Him when things are going Good.

The next activity was group discussions on “The Day of Deeper Understanding. What can we recommend to make the day more meaningful and compelling to the new Cursillistas to engage in grouping, ultreyas, spiritual direction, and servant community meetings and activities”? We will make our recommendations at the next secretariat meeting in February, and live it out at St. Tim’s on April 26.

Wow! We got a lot done, had a great time, shared our faith, and changed our future, all with a smile on our lips, a twinkle in our eyes, and a song in our hearts. Hey – That’s your Servant Community in action.

Why not join us next time?

Larry Salvadori
Servant Community Servant

San Diego Three-Day Communities **Catholic - Episcopal – Anglican- Methodist – Kairos** **Interdenominational Grand Ultreya**

Saturday February 16, 2008 - 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church - Maloney Center
2766 Navajo Road, El Cajon
right off the 125 exit to Navajo Road.

A catered lasagna, salad, and bread dinner will be provided at 4:00, at the end of the Ultreya. Free will donation
Child care will be provided.

Did you miss the one in 2006? Powerful! Spirit-filled!
Important! The participants pledged to repeat this landmark community gathering.

Come and see! Be filled with the Holy Spirit ---and food.
Our brothers and sisters in Christ will gather at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church in El Cajon to worship with friends through music and words.



NECC coming to Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd in Bonita will be hosting the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee May 1-3. Members of the Committee will be arriving from different parts of the United States to hold their annual meeting in the San Diego area. The Committee’s itinerary will consist of business meetings, prayer and fellowship with other Christians.

During the NECC’s brief visit to our Diocese, members of the San Diego Cursillo community will have the opportunity to be a host-home for one or more Committee members. Please consider opening your heart and your home to help defray the cost of their coming together to do God’s work. To sign-up to be a host-home, contact the NECC coordinator, Barbara Peralta at (619) 426-1387.

The NECC Coordinator will be contacting the various churches in the Cursillo community to assist with the Committee’s need for meals and transportation.

Mark your calendar today:

Grand Ultreya

Saturday, May 3

Good Shepherd, Bonita

Potluck at 6 p.m. - Ultreya at 7:30 p.m.

“The goal of Cursillo is the goal of the Church:
to bring all to Christ”



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 2 Secretariat Retreat, TBA, 9:00 AM
- 8-9 San Diego Episcopal Diocesan Convention, St. Margaret's Palm Desert
- 16 Interdenominational Grand Ultreya, Our Lady of Grace, 1:30 PM
- 23 Cursillo Team Meeting, St. Timothy's, 8:30 AM

MARCH

- 1 Ultreya, St. Alban's El Cajon, 6:00 PM Potluck, 7:00 PM Ultreya
- 8 Servant Community Meeting - First Time Team Worker Orientation, Good Sam, 9:00 AM
Secretariat Meeting, Good Sam, 12:30 PM
- 28 Deadline for April Forward articles
- 29 Cursillo Team Meeting, St. Timothy's, 8:30 AM

APRIL

- 3 Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 6:00 PM
- 5 Cursillo Team Meeting, St. Timothy's, 8:30 AM
- 17-20 Cursillo 123/134, Camp Stevens, Barbara Peralta - Rectora
- 26 Day of Deeper Understanding, TBA, 8:30 AM