



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

We are all Cursillistas, and, as such, our purpose is to evangelize in our environments, changing the world one person at a time. It's an easy sentence to write, but maybe a little harder to put into action. In reading the Secretariat booklet in the Cursillo library, it mentions that the Secretariat is a Fourth Day group itself, and that really made me think about what the Secretariat does in a new way. We don't do everything the booklet says- if we grouped at every meeting, we would have three hour meetings- but we have begun to do some action outside the ordinary business items. Last Christmas, instead of the Secretariat Christmas party, we held a party for the diocese, at Good Sam. Instead of bringing each other presents, we brought bags and bags of useful presents for the **adults** who use the services at Episcopal Community Services, since ECS receives more children's items than they can handle. This fit nicely into part of our Pastoral Plan, as one of our goals is to "...reach out to the Diocesan community and the greater community".

To this end, we have decided to help our companion Diocese of El Salvador develop their own Cursillo, and have donated \$1,000.00 to their Secretariat for their first Cursillo, men's and women's weekends to be held in July, 2008. This money will be used for scholarships and other costs of the weekend. Apart from donations for scholarships, they have requested palanca: if you wish to provide palanca for 48 candidates or additional \$50.00 scholarships, contact me at giannas@aol.com, and put Cursillo El Salvador in the title line. A priest from New York will hand carry the palanca, so make it small. Both Fr. Juan Acosta and Fr. Carlos Garcia plan to work on this weekend.

Let's all reach out to the greater community through our actions. Peace of the Lord, Jane Schuler

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Day of Reconciliation

On May 3, the Spiritual Development Commission and Listening Hearts co-sponsored an all day workshop. Led by Suzanne Farnham, workshop presenter and Listening Hearts founding member, the participants spent a day with the Holy Spirit! Through prayer, music, small group activities, art projects, and personal meditation time, we shared intimate moments in our lives through individual and group activities. Tim and Linda Lyons catered an incredible lunch and snacks.

These who were not able to attend missed an inspirational and spirit-filled day. People's lives were changed. Did we solve the divisions in our lives, families, and churches? No, yet we learned more about how to listen, pray, and work together to heal wounds, forgive, and walk with Jesus in all our differences.

Ted Parsons
Spiritual Development Commission member
4th Day Co-chair



Day of Deeper Understanding

On April 26 at St. Timothy's a spirit-filled and praise-filled day involved many of our community. Many sponsors, table leaders, new cursillistas, and others joined to learn more about our Cursillo movement. We listened to and sang excellent music throughout the day.

Larry Salvadori, our coordinator, arranged a new format with recollections from the weekend, comments from Barbara Peralta, the rectora, and several short talks. The new cursillistas shared special moments in their lives after their Cursillo weekend. They also asked many excellent questions.

Lunch was delicious! Then we heard how the Lord is working in our lives and what we are doing for Jesus in the instructed ultreya. At the end of the day, a round table was held with questions and answers.

This revised Day of Deeper Understanding was filled with energy! It was a success.

From the Rector

*In order to be a leader for God, you first
must be a servant.*

Paraphrase of Matthew 20:26

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,
I can't tell you the feeling I had when Fr. George Calvert gave me the call to be the next Rector of Cursillo # 125. The first thing I thought of was that "I am not worthy", but I know that we don't always understand the plan that God has for us.

One of the goals of Cursillo is to build up leaders in the church and before we can produce leaders, we first must be servants. Christ is counting on you and me to be servants for Cursillo #125. Our churches are facing some tough times right now, and as servants it is our responsibility to plant seeds in the upcoming candidates, encouraging them to become leaders, so that our churches may continue to grow.

Please pray about working and if you can't work, maybe consider being a Sunday Angel, or even offering up prayers and palanca for the weekend. Prayerfully consider those people in your parish that would make good candidates. If you have any musical ability, please consider working the weekend so we can all make a joyful noise to the Lord. Check you calendars and get those work applications in as soon as possible. Thank you and God Bless.

Frank Orta
Rector, Cursillo #125

Look for the next Forward in early August.
Articles, calendar events and other materials are due
(preferably in Word format) *no later than July 25.*

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Ultreya!

There will be an Ultreya
Saturday, June 14
St. Andrews, Encinitas
Potluck at 6:00
Ultreya at 7:00

Master of Ceremonies, Linda Lyons

Grouping, Witness, Echo, and Gospel Response. Bring your fellow cursillistas and others!

Child Care will be provided if you let Ted Parsons know ahead of time.

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NECC

The National Episcopal Cursillo Committee, NECC, visited our Community for three days, from May 1 through 4. They had their quarterly meeting at Good Shepherd, Bonita, and Barbara Peralta served as coordinator for the event.

The NECC members stayed at the homes of various parish members, participated in a Eucharist with our Bishop, talked at length with him, and later with our Secretariat. At a dinner with parish members, Secretariat, and NECC, we shared a delicious meal before the Grand Ultreya.

The NEC members gave reports about their activities, including the status of our movement around the country, and improvements in literature and communications. We had over 80 people jammed into the church! The music was provided by many musicians and led by Pat Parsons. The place was rocking! The Holy Spirit moved through the music, the talks, gospel response, and the grouping. Something special happened.

The NEC Chair, Ted Ederer and other NEC members highly praised their stay in San Diego, experience with our community, the food, hospitality, ultreya, and the presence of the Holy Spirit!

Welcome to our newest Cursillistas!

Tisha Bullock
Eileen R. Cavil
Nancy Castaneda
Tonya Chavis
Chris Christopher
Ingrid Denton
Suzy Diez de Bonilla
Salvatore & Rebecca Dinovo
Denise Draper
Vanessa Finnigan
Duchi Galvez
Arturo Gandara
Bette Jo Garrett
Nancy Holland
Dora Lozano
Paul McCarthy
Bill & Roseann Myers
David Peterson
Vicki Van Horn

FOCUS ON THE THREE DAYS

(This headline is not a contradiction. In the Cursillo movement we know the focus of the three-days is the "Fourth Day." But, do you need help explaining the weekend? It is not a secret!)

We always say that the Cursillo weekend has fifteen talks, but there is really only one talk, divided into fifteen parts. This one talk, like the weekend, can be broken down into three main divisions. What is fundamental to being a Christian?

Friday is the day we learn what the Christian ideal is. The talks present the importance of having an ideal, accepting God's free gift of grace, belonging to the Christian community, and living the life of grace through piety.

On Saturday we learn how to be formed into Christian leaders. The talks stress the need for study, piety, and action, the need for meeting Christ in the sacraments, and how the person who works to grow as a Christian can and should become a Christian leader.

Sunday is the day we learn a strategy for the renewal of our society. The talks present the need to study our environments, work with one another to change these environments and bring them to Christ; and, with the help of a spiritual director, develop and practice a rule of life, share with one another in Group Reunion and Ultreya, work within the Christian community, and persevere with the help of God's grace.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE

- 14 Servant Community, Good Samaritan, 9:00 AM
- 14 Secretariat, Good Samaritan, 12:30 PM
- 14 Uthreya, St. Andrews Encinitas, Potluck 6:00 PM, Uthreya 7:00 PM

JULY

- 25 Deadline for Forward articles (see p. 2)

AUGUST

- 7 Secretariat, Good Samaritan, Brown Bag 6:00 PM, Meeting 6:30 PM