



# Forward

## Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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*Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership*

FR. GEORGE ASKED SUSAN MILLER TO SEND THIS LETTER TO THE ENTIRE CURSILLO TEAM. WE BELIEVE THAT THE FIRST PARAGRAPH ESPECIALLY HAS A MESSAGE FOR THE ENTIRE CURSILLO COMMUNITY.

### From the Spiritual Director

Dear Cursillo team,

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Episcopal Church is a deeply divided denomination. Many people in this Diocese have strong beliefs on both sides of the issues with which we are struggling. It is important that the Cursillo weekends not be drawn into this conflict, so that Cursillo can effectively deliver its message and do its ministry. Cursillo should not be used as a forum to deal with these issues; there are other and better forums where these dividing issues can be addressed.

In order to keep the Cursillo weekends focused on their mission, I ask that all the talks, Rollos, and meditations stick to the outlines, without any detours to the right or to the left. Speakers should explain the major points of the outlines so well that everyone, both liberal and conservative, will be impressed.

I also ask that all Eucharists be celebrated using liturgies from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Other liturgies may have theologies that some people will find questionable and thus the liturgy itself can become a dividing issue and a distraction.

I would hope that we will all work together to let the Cursillo weekend be a Cursillo weekend - a weekend where all people can encounter the working of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. George Calvert

### From the Chair

A great big HELLO to all of you out there. The Fall Cursillo Weekend #128 is ready to go and all is well. Rectora Susan Miller is all smiles and almost ready to turn it over to God. One more team meeting, shuffling a few jobs around, some final arrangements, and we're GO! All I can do at this time is to give thanks to:

- Susan for her leadership, strength, and courage.
- the core team for their endless planning and support
- the strong Clergy team
- the entire weekend team for their servanthood, love, and energy.
- the Sponsors who found the candidates God called to the weekend.
- the candidates who accepted God's call to attend the weekend.
- the Saturday and Sunday angels.
- all those who have been, and will continue to pray for the candidates, the team, and the entire weekend.

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I am excited and amazed at the team that God has brought together for the weekend...

- Well over half of the cocineras and cocineros on the team are working for the very first time. Thank you to the "Class of April 2010" for such great representation.
- Included in those mentioned above are several who are working their first weekend, after having made a Cursillo a number of years ago.
- For half of the table leaders, this weekend will be their first experience working in the Rollo Room. These folks were willing to step into a new role of gently guiding the candidates through the weekend.
- Four team members are giving their very first Rollo.

In just a few weeks, the team will be up on the mountain, participants in and witnesses of God's amazing work of transformation. Please continue to hold the team and candidates up in prayer from now through the weekend.

"God is our Refuge and Strength..." Psalm 46.1

Susan Miller, Rectora

Candidates	Team
Teresa Beck	Vangie Ban-eg
John Bendos	Dotty Baty
Sheridan Bengtson	Gary Baty
William Bengtson	Diane Blaisdell
Miguel Cosio	Patti Bolan
Lourdes Duarte	Judy Brown
Anthony Felix	Bryan Chan
Leigh Anne Felix	Ginelle Comba
Dora Gamboa	Jim Cooper
Jose Gamboa	Ed Embick
Humberto Garcia	Connie Gach
Fr. Randal Gardner	Fr. Carlos Garcia
Jetea Glosson-Johnson	Ann Gilbert
Gary Greiser	David Hopkins
Pamela Greiser	Romulo Ituarte
Cathy Jackson	Marcel Lavigne
Judith Johnson	Dora Lozano
Mae Kramer	Linda Lyons
Fr. Bill Krieger	Tim Lyons
Salvador Lopez	Susan Miller
Yesenia Madera	Lynn Nicholson
Devon McPherson	Craig Noble
Michael McPherson	Frank Orta
Georgia Mendez	Petra Orta
Erik Peterson	Glenn Parrish
Hector Plancarte	Pat Parsons
Maria Magdalena - Plancarte	Barbara Peralta
Alicia Ruiz	Darryl Peralta
Judie Selman	Judy Potter
Shirley Wilder	Karen Rice
Jesus Ypiña	Ken Rice
	Linda Rush
	Pastor John Sieber
	Tom Slipper
	Neila Stover
	Russ Stover
	Fr. Peter Tagdulang
	Rochelle Thompson
	Fr. Michael Todd
	Alexandra Tuttle
	Sharon Vanden Bosch
	Rock Wattson
	Bruce Wier
	Jamie Wood
	Kathy Wood

## DIOCESAN-WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Praise Band Fest**  
**For the benefit of**  
**ECS Safe Havens Adult Programs**  
**Saturday, Dec. 4, 6 pm**  
**ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**5050 Milton St., San Diego**

Come one, come all to the Diocesan-Wide Christmas Party sponsored by the Cursillo Community.

This event will benefit clients of Episcopal Service's Safe Havens programs. 48 men-formerly homeless women currently re-program locations in and our gifts will brighten their holiday. invited to attend this Potluck, Party and Fest at St. David's, 5050 Milton St., San Diego, beginning at 6 pm on Saturday, Dec. 4. Bring a dish to share and one or more unwrapped gifts from the list below:



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- Adult socks, men's and women's underwear
- Shampoo, conditioner, hair spray and/or hair gel
- Hair brushes and combs
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Bath towels
- Wash cloths
- Soap and/or shower gel
- Deodorant
- Shower shoes (flip-flops)
- Gift cards in any denomination to Wal-Mart, Target, etc.

Invite your friends to join us in celebrating Our Savior's birth. Attendance at a Cursillo weekend is not a requirement to participate. We'll eat, drink, sing Christmas carols and know that our gifts will make a difference in the lives of many less fortunate men and women.

**IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE PARTY AND WANT TO DONATE GIFTS, JUST GIVE THEM TO ANY SECRETARIAT MEMBER.**

If you are bringing children, please call Judy Anderson, 619-286-1208, [jmanmderson38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmanmderson38@sbcglobal.net) for childcare before Dec. 1.

- the Cursillo Secretariat members and Committees who worked so diligently to support the weekend.
- our Bishop, and his office, for their unwavering support. all those not mentioned above.

One year ago, we canceled the fall weekend. It was a huge wakeup call for our community. With God's help, we vowed never to let it happen again. We have 33 candidates for Cursillo #128. Thank you God! You're awesome! Once again, you have answered our prayers.

Please don't forget Palanca, Mananitas, and continued Prayer. Please come to, and remember, that at open Clausura on Sunday, starting around 4:00 PM, we will be dedicating the Mel Pierce Memorial Altar during the service. It's not too late to contribute to the Altar Fund. Thanks again to those who knew Mel, and were moved to support this replacement Altar in his name. The Altar will be a lasting memory of his love, commitment, and endless contributions to his and our beloved Cursillo Community.

I'll close now with two of the lost Beatitudes (especially for the team members on Sunday):

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not get bent out of shape.

Blessed are the "cool", for they shall not melt down under duress.

In God's Mercy, Grace, and Love,  
Larry Salvadori, Cursillo Secretariat Chair

**This is a new column that will be included in subsequent issues. If you have some news such as concerts at your parish, seminars, or events that you think that other Cursillistas would be interested in knowing, please email me your**

I often refer to Cursillo as Cursillo in Christianity. In rereading "The Fourth Day First" of the Cursillo Library, I saw that it is Cursillo in Cristiandad (a course in how to live as Christian witnesses) not Christiandad (Christianity or Christian ideas). From now on I'll refer to Cursillo in Cristiandad and wait for the question "What's Christiandad." My reply will be Cursillo teaches us how to live as Christian witnesses through piety, study, and action.

Have you done your PSA this month? One way to accomplish all three is to pray, study your Bible, and to make palanca for the candidates of Cursillo 128. Then, of course, you'll act further by attending the Grand Ultreya at St. Dunstan's on Nov. 20.

Ultreya, Judy Anderson, 4<sup>th</sup> Day Co-Chair

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 21-24 Cursillo #128 – Please do not bring candidates up to Camp Stevens before 6:00 pm on Thursday. Closures 3:00 p.m. Sunday

### NOVEMBER

- 4 6:30 pm Secretariat Meeting Good Sam's – Open to All  
6 8:30 am Day of Deeper Understanding – St. Timothy's  
20 6:00 pm Grand Ultheya – St. Dunstan's (Elections for Secretariat)

### DECEMBER

- 4 6:00 pm Christmas Party – St David's – Open to All  
11 8:30 am Servant Community Meeting – Good Sam's  
12:30 pm Secretariat Meeting

### JANUARY

- 6 6:00 pm Secretariat Meeting Good Sam's – Open to All  
7- 9 BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN WEEKEND –  
Camp Stevens  
16 Cursillo Sunday – Diocesan Wide  
29 Secretariat Retreat – TBD

Please check the Cursillo website [www.sdcursillo.org](http://www.sdcursillo.org) for updates and Directions to churches.