



FORWARD



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Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

Our Mission Is To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership



Good Day, People of God and Cursillo,

I hope to find all of you in good spirits, and in good health. For those in a time of trial, I pray for God to be with you during this time, to comfort you, to give you strength, and to give you hope for a swift and complete recovery.

As I write my final "From the Chair" article for 2015, my thoughts are swimming with so much that has happened with and through San Diego Cursillo during 2015:

- The full integration of our Cursillo Co-Ed Weekends with our Hispanic Partners with Candidates and weekend workers, Ultreyas, and DODUs. How we did this together, was a much discussed topic at the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Conference in Seattle in October.
- The completion of the financial appeal for Cursillo. Thank you all again for your financial support, love and commitment to Cursillo, and your response in time of need.
- The successful completion of our 2015 Pastoral Plan for San Diego Cursillo with the Bishop.
- My invitation to attend the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Conference in Seattle to present "The San Diego Cursillo Weekend Success Story". My appointment to Western District Servant Community Coordinator.
- Nominating Judy Brown for the Western District Laywoman Representative on National Committee, and seeing Judy's election to the National Committee. Kudos for Judy!!!!
- Learning that 19 of 21 new Cursillistas attending the Fall Weekend attended the Day of Deeper Understanding.
- Experiencing the love, commitment and joy in supporting Cursillo from our Diocesan Clergy including, but not limited to: Bishop James Mathes; George Calvert; Bob Nelson; Carlos Garcia; Ed Busch; Babs Meairs; Cristina Borges; Paul Gambling; Pam Rieger; and all other clergy encouraging their parish leaders and (to be) leaders to attend a Cursillo Weekend. God bless you all, for all that you do.
- And everything else.

It has been an honor to be your Secretariat Chair for 2015, and serving on the Secretariat for the last three years. Many of our founders and sustainers have passed onto the Lord in this last year. While we miss them and remember the endless contributions they made and gave to Cursillo, it is a reminder that we will always need to renew ourselves, and our beloved Cursillo Ministry. We need to continue to send those friends of ours that would benefit from attending a Cursillo Weekend to our Weekends. We need to recognize our opportunities to take apostolic action with others, and as Stew Dadmun once said it so clearly: "Apostolic action is the Christ in you, bringing out the Christ in others". I will never forget his words.

Written with love, humility, and appreciation for all of you that have made my days in office a little lighter and brighter,
Larry Salvadori, 2015 Chair, San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat

FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL ADVISER

Hope and the Coming of Christ

Hope is one of the greatest things in the world. Hope for the future is what makes life worth living. Without hope, we would be so depressed we would want to die. Hope is as essential to life as the air we breathe.

Unfortunately in life hope is not as plentiful as air, it is not something that we can take for granted. Life is full of events that can knock the hope right out of us. The loss of a job, divorce, sickness, problems with our children, addictions, and recurring problems can beat us down until discouragement replaces hope. And a state of discouragement can linger on long after the hope-killing events have ended keeping us from taking advantage of the real opportunities that God places before us. God wants to give us good things but we must have the faith to see them; but without hope in us we can't have the faith to see them. Faith depends upon hope and is in fact a form of hope. Faith is acting on the hope God places in us.

Advent is the season of hope; it is the season filled with the joyful expectation that Christ is coming. The Latin word *adventus* means "coming" and the season of advent looks forward to both the first and the second coming of Jesus Christ. In this season, we relive the hope of the Old Testament prophets and live into the hope that Jesus will come again. The question arises, "Is Jesus Christ's coming again a real or a false hope?" We are fed so much false hope by politicians and advertisers that it is easy to believe that the coming of Christ is just one more false hope. We already know that Jesus is going to win because of his risen presence inside of us, so don't give up on hope.

I believe that every person needs to know for sure the hope of Christ in them. This is the most awesome gift that God gives us to face even during the hardest times of life. It is the hope of Christ inside of me that gives me the confidence and peace to face the future. I know that Jesus is coming and He is going to win. That's real hope that I can believe in. What about you, have you been hit hard by the discouraging things of this world? Is hope hard to find? The early church prayed "Maranatha" which means "Come" and they prayed it to mean "Come, Lord Jesus! Come, Lord Jesus!" During Advent we should be excited about Jesus coming to us and this should fill us with hope. Pray and ask God to revive the hope of Christ in you; that's good news for you in the Advent season.

Merry Christmas,
Father George Calvert

CALENDER YEAR 2016



December 5, 2015. Servant Community, St. Dunstan's, 8:30AM - 11:00AM

December 5, 2015. Secretariat Meeting, St. Dunstan's, 11:00AM – 12:30PM

December 5, 2015. Cursillo Christmas Party, St. Dunstan's, 1:00PM – 4:30PM

December 19, 2015. Ann Packard's Memorial Service, St. David's, Clairmont, 4:00PM

January 8-10, 2016. Back to the Mountain, Camp Steven's, 7:00PM Friday – 12:00Noon, Sunday

January 16, 2016. Cursillo Sunday, All Churches

January 23, 2016. Secretariat Retreat, SM Home, 9:00AM – 3:00PM

January 30, 2016. Ultreya, Good Shepherd, Bonita, 5:00PM Pot Luck, 6:00PM Ultreya

ULTREYA !

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To the Secretariat, Jill and Miguel

Jill McGrew,

After my weekend(#131), I was busy with work and family and unable to "pay it forward". Retirement is wonderful because now I have opportunities to serve the Lord in new ways such as serving Cursillo. The blessing of serving on the Secretariat is the people. Each person brings special gifts from God to share, and it is such a joy to be in their company. I look forward to three more years.

Grace and Peace

Miguel Cosio

I'm looking forward with anticipation to serving starting 2016 for three years as a member of the Cursillo Secretariat, and work with my brothers and sisters in Christ. My Cursillo Weekend #128 was a crucial experience in my Christian life. It is in the spirit of thankfulness to God, my Sponsors, and every team member that worked, or contributed in some way to my Cursillo weekend, that I want to be involved with the Cursillo Secretariat. De Colores and may God bless us all.



CURSILLO NEWS/NOTES

GRAND ULTREYA and SECRETARIAT ELECTIONS

50 people attended the Grand Ultreya at St. David's on Nov. 21. The election of Secretariat members went speedily and the food was grand. The music, led by Susan Miller was outstanding and speakers Deacon Bob Miller and newly ordained Deacon Pam Rieger, shared their work on establishing and maintaining the Showers of Blessings. This ministry is in need of volunteers to continue moving the trailer around and providing showers to people who are homeless. If you feel you can help, please contact Deacon Bob or Deacon Pam and they'll fill you in on what is needed. Their contact information is: bobnelson1@hotmail.com and Pamela.rieger0503@gmail.com.

ATTENTION!

START THE NEW YEAR OUT RIGHT BY TAKING THE TIME FOR A RETREAT AWAY FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE AND AFTERMATH OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S, AND COME TO THE MOUNTAIN TO BE WITH GOD AND FELLOW CURSILLO FRIENDS. AT BTM, 2016, YOU WILL HAVE TIME TO PRAY, SING, LAUGH, LISTEN TO INTERESTING TALKS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND DEEPEN OLD FRIENDSHIPS, TAKE A WALK IN THE WOODS AND BREATHE IN THE FRESH MOUNTAIN AIR. YOU WILL BE REFRESHED IN BODY AND SOUL. COME, JOIN US ON THE MOUNTAIN!

ROCHELLE THOMPSON AND RUBEN RODRIGUEZ, YOUR HOSTS

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**Palanca Events Around the Globe:
NO PALANCA EVENTS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY**

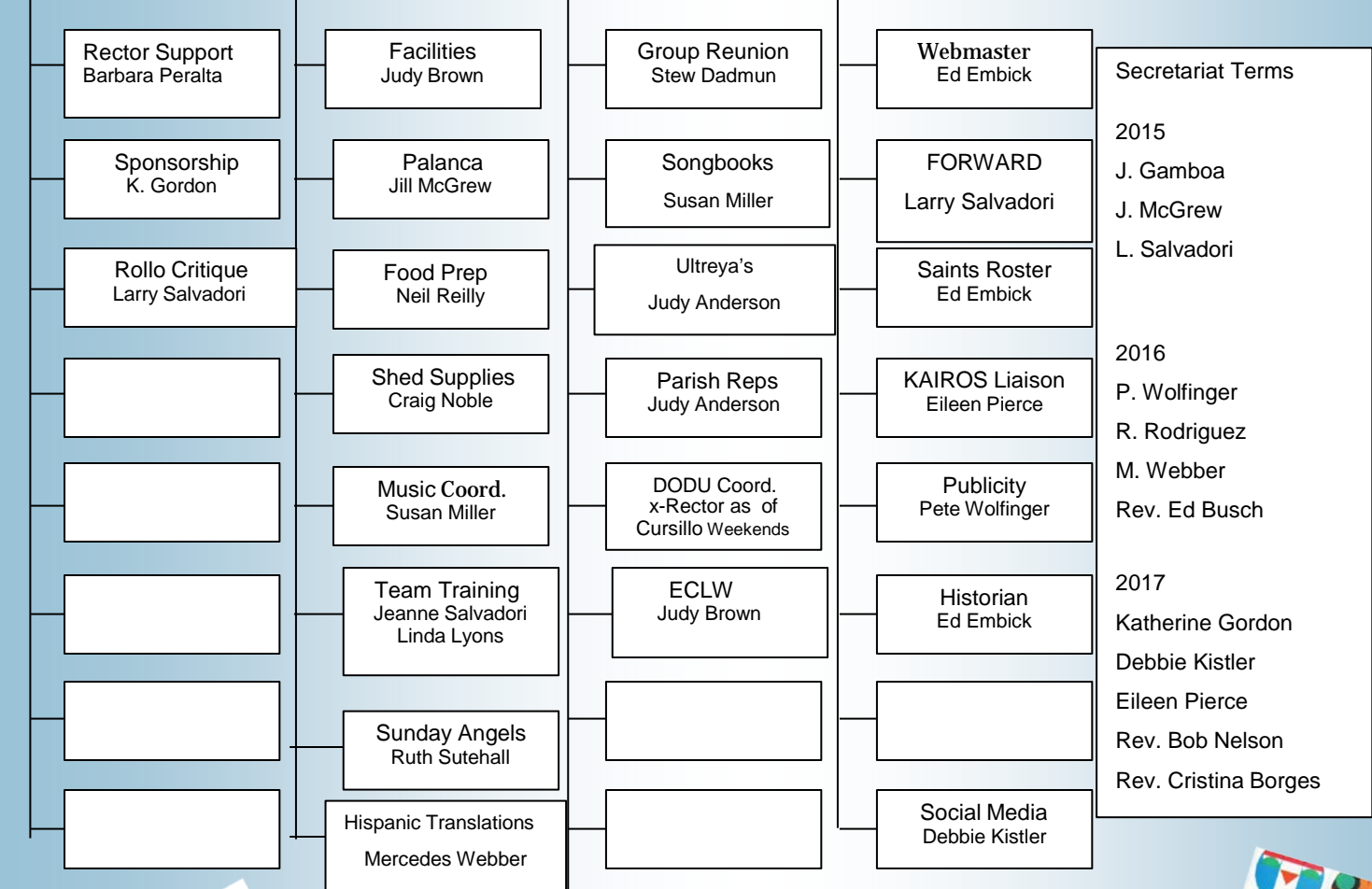
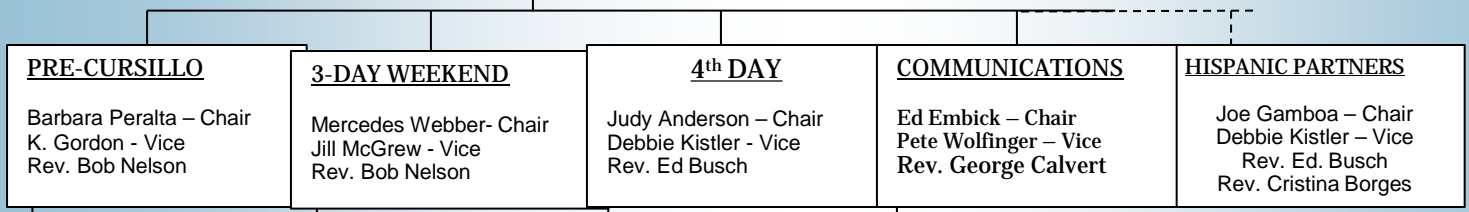
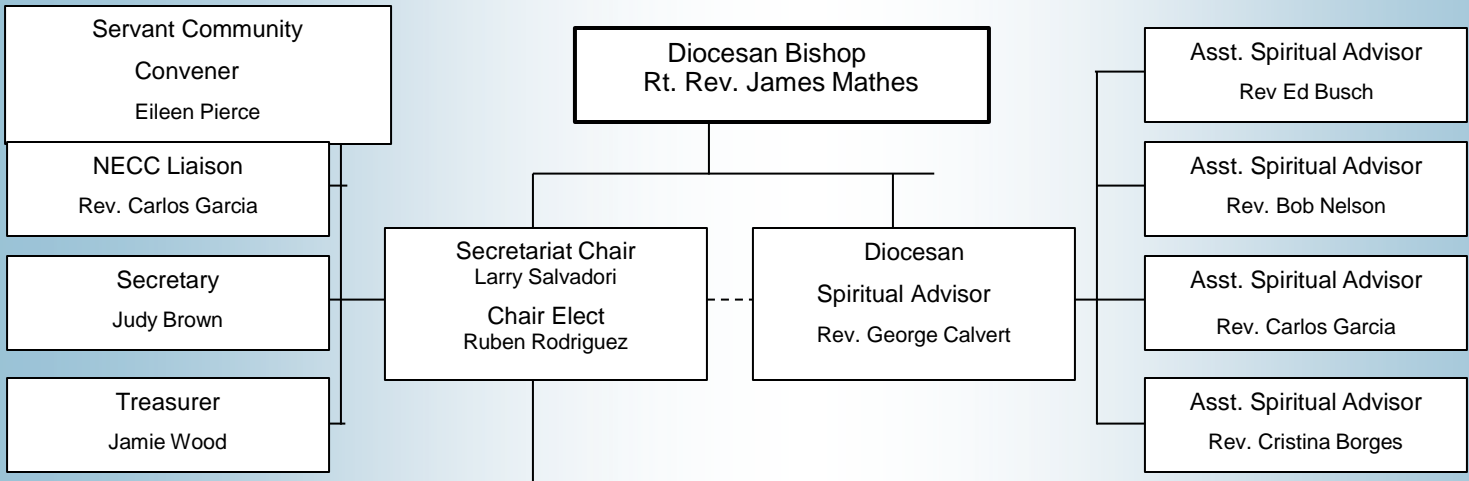
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(ALSO IN THIS ISSUE)

THANK YOU'S FROM THE CHAIR

- TO JOE GAMBOA AND JILL McGREW FOR SERVING ON THE SECRETARIAT
- TO MIGUEL COSIO, JILL McGREW, AND JON TURLEY FOR AGREEING TO SERVE ON THE SECRETARIAT
- TO RUBEN RODRIGUEZ FOR BEING A LOYAL BACK-UP TO ME AND COVERING THE BASES WHEN I WAS NOT AVAILABLE
- TO JUDY BROWN FOR BEING OUR SECRETARIAT
- TO JAMIE WOOD FOR BEING OUR TREASURER
- TO ALL OUR CLERGY FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF CURSILLO
- TO JUDY ANDERSON FOR HER TIRELESS WORK PUTTING TOGETHER ULTREY'S, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND KEEPING AN EYE ON OUR PARISH REPS
- TO SUSAN MILLER COVERING OUR NEEDS FOR MUSIC LEADERSHIP
- TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- TO ALL THE WEEKEND TEAMS AND LEADERS
- AND FINALLY, THANK YOU GOD FOR CURSILLO - AMEN

San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Organizational Chart—2015



Don't forget your PALANCA!!!!!!



JANUARY 8 - 10, 2016
BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN
"COME. TO ME., ALL WHO LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND
I WILL GIVE YOU REST." MATT 11:28 RSV

Begin the New Year with a weekend retreat. Come listen, talk, sing,
pray, learn, grow, love, have fun, and renew your commitment to our Lord.

There will be planned activities and lots of free time to enjoy
beautiful mountain scenery, plants, and animals such as deer and
wild turkeys that wander onto the grounds.

Camp Stevens, Julian California
Friday January 8, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to Noon January 10,
2016. Friday Dinner is available for an extra \$7.50, or you can
dine on your own before arriving
Cost: \$140 per person when paid by 12/21/ 15 and \$150 after
12/21/ 15. Last day to register is 12/31/ 15.

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Make checks payable to "Cursillos in Christianity" BTTM in memo line. No refunds after
12/31/15

Mail to: Rochelle Thompson 1113 S. Brangus Ave Yuma, AZ 85364

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone (Day) Phone (Eve) _____
Parish e-mail _____
No. of Reservations male (____) female (____) Amt. Enclosed _____

Friday Dinner? (add \$7.50 per person) yes () No ()

If "Yes" how many () will pay at camp?

Special Dietary Needs? _____



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SEND TO:



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? And *who will go for us?*"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ISA 6:8

