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# Cursillo forward



Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego  
Our Mission is to Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership  
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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO SECRETARIAT PRESIDENT**

The spring weekend Theme this year was “Friends of Jesus love one another, just as He loves us (John 15: 12–13, 17). The last weekend of March, we celebrated the Cursillo Weekend # 144 at Pine Valley Bible Conference Center (PVBCC) with eighteen new Cursillistas. There was love all around and many tears at the Closed Clausura by both candidates and team. This was our third 3-day weekend at PVBCC, and things are coming together. It was wonderful and colorful at Mañanitas with more sponsors and friends joining the team members passing out flowers to the new Cursillistas walking from the Closed to the Open Clausura. At the Open Clausura, we had The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, assisting bishop for her last Clausura with us before The Rev. Canon Susan Brown Snook, bishop-elect of the Diocese of San Diego becomes our fifth Bishop of the Episcopal Dioceses of San Diego.



Next on our Cursillo Calendar is Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew’s National City for the Day of Deeper Understanding (DODU). This is followed on Saturday April 27 at St Andrew’s La Mesa for the Grand Ultreya at 6:00 PM for Pot Luck and 7:00 PM for Ultreya. This is our chance for the new Cursillistas to be welcomed into the larger community of the San Diego Episcopal Cursillo.

After we closeout the Spring Cursillo Weekend activities, we can now startup again to sponsor someone for the fall weekend. If you cannot work the fall weekend or have no

prospective candidates for October, maybe you will consider supporting your Church Cursillo fund or SD-Cursillo with a donation (tax deductible) to help sponsors and team members through a Scholarship/Cursillo fund. I have been working 3-day weekends since 2005 which then cost \$105.00 per team member or candidate. Fourteen years later it now costs each team/candidate \$195 for the weekend.

Until the next newsletter, keep Living the Fourth Day Path (L4D).

Secretariat President

Craig Noble

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN CURSILLO SPIRITUAL ADVISOR***

### **Making the Impossible Possible**

Miracles and faith are on the edges of reality. They make the things that are impossible possible. The natural world has many things that are impossible to change, for example, two plus two can never equal five; a square is never a circle. Yes, there are many impossible things that will never become possible.

But to have faith in God's miraculous activity is to believe that **God will change somethings** that are impossible into what is possible. For example, Jesus rising from the dead is a unique event of salvation that is impossible given the normal limitations of the natural world. We all know that dead people do not come alive again. God's act of raising Jesus from the dead takes place outside of the laws of the natural world. The resurrected body of Jesus does not exist in the natural world and is not a thing among other things pushed and pulled by physical forces. The resurrection of Jesus exists in a new creation. The resurrection is possible because God has created something new, a new world where it is possible for Jesus' resurrected body to live. God is in the business of creating things that are new, that seem impossible from the perspective of the natural world. God interferes with our lives and is not limited by natural processes.

When God speaks to us or God moves us to do something, His action is beyond the limits of the natural world. Even if he does something that does not contradict the natural world, it is still an action that comes from beyond the natural world. For example, a fire chief is told by God to get the fireman out of a burning building because it's going to collapse in a few minutes. He looks at the burning building and from his experience it does not look like it's going to collapse, but he listens to and obeys God's words because he believes. The building collapses just after the last fireman leaves. God's message to the fire chief came from God to his mind; it never arose from within the natural world and so it is impossible. God's work is impossible to explain through natural causes and therefore will never be explained by science. And a scientific explanation is the explanation we want, but it is one that we will never achieve. The miracle didn't contradict the laws of nature, like Jesus' walking on the water, but because it is beyond the laws of nature it is still impossible. But it is possible because God is the creator of the laws of nature and therefore can act outside of the laws of nature.

Faith is the way to believe in the seemingly impossible acts of God. Through faith we see and believe things that we cannot completely understand and cannot explain. Faith is always operating on the edges of reality. It's not unreal, but it's not what we would normally define as reality. Faith helps us see the reality that is beyond human perception, a divine reality. St. Paul says: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. He is talking about stepping out in faith to believe in the miraculous acts of God that do not fit into our natural world. Paul is not calling on us to see what is naturally possible, but what is possible for God. God is leading us always to believe that He has something greater than what we believe to be possible for our future. I have to tell you this story. *Barney* (not his real name) was a hardcore alcoholic at one of my parishes. People were shocked that he was sober and wanted to work with the youth group. They had a right to be shocked. It was not normal for *Barney* to want to work with the youth group. They said, "*Barney* could not possibly be a youth leader." But what they did not know was that *Barney* had accepted Jesus into his heart and Jesus miraculously gave him a new heart. The miraculous action of God made what was impossible possible. *Barney* went on to be a great youth leader and mentor. He is now a Bishop in the Episcopal Church. Because God is in the business of making possible what is impossible, we should always be aware that surprises can happen.

It's important that when we think of evangelism and other ministries, we think of what God might do rather than what we think is possible. It may seem impossible that someone will be interested in Jesus and attend church. But God can act in the life of anyone and surprise us. **Part of being a Christian is being open to and believing in divine surprises.** It can happen unexpectedly. Do you believe that God can make things that are impossible possible?

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The impossible is possible! Look for divine surprises!

Your friend in Christ,

Father George  
Diocesan Cursillo Spiritual Advisor

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR OF CURSILLO WEEKEND #144***

De Colores!

Cursillo 144 has come, but it is certainly NOT gone! 18 amazing candidates joined our wonderful team at Pine Valley, for 3+days of listening, sharing, singing, praying and fellowship. The Holy Spirit was ever-present throughout the entire time. The 4<sup>th</sup> day, or Day of Deeper Understanding is on April 13<sup>th</sup> at St Matthews in National City. I am looking forward to reunite with the new Cursillistas, sponsors and team.

No weekend happens without a core team to plan, and a full team to execute the plan. Deep gratitude goes out to the clergy and laity, who combined prayer with time and action to carry out all that God had in store for us throughout the weekend.

I want to thank all the sponsors for encouraging these new Cursillistas to experience a Cursillo weekend. Your continued prayers and presence at Clausura make a difference. May all who read this continue to be blessed and have a joyful Easter.

Kit Chevalier  
Rector 144

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE PRE-CURSILLO CHAIR***

### **Sponsorship 101 – The View from Pre-Cursillo Candidate and Sponsor Applications**

1. **Know your candidates and answer the questions as thoroughly as you can.** Help us help them have the best possible experience on the weekend. What makes them a good candidate for Cursillo? Will they need translation to understand what is being said? Every participant receives a Bible. If bilingual, what language do they prefer to read? Any other issues we should be aware of?
2. **Please check your candidate's application before you send it.** Make sure that they have answered all the questions and filled in all the boxes and that your priest has signed the sponsor application. Contact information is often incomplete on both applications.
3. **Don't underestimate the time needed to complete the sponsorship form.** I have done that myself; left it to the last minute, thinking I could whip it out in no time and then realized that it was going to take more than a couple of minutes to complete. Realize that you need to allow yourself ample time to thoughtfully communicate to Pre-Cursillo things that are helpful.
4. **Communicate frequently and effectively with your candidate before the weekend.** Make sure they know who is taking them to Cursillo and that they do not have to get to camp and back on their own! It may seem like a no-brainer to us, but remember, they have never done this before. Several candidates contacted me for the address of Pine Valley Bible Camp and to find out what time they should be there Thursday night. Tell them the Who—When—Where of their weekend. Repeat as necessary!
5. **Get your paperwork in early...at least don't be late!** Why? In the 30 days between the deadline and the weekend, many things must happen. Several people, lay and clergy, prayerfully review each application and continue to pray for each of these candidates until the weekend. Most things need to be done days after the deadline. It takes hours to get the application information organized and into usable format. It was particularly difficult this time when over three quarters of the applications arrived on and mostly after Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.
6. **One more thing...Keep Page 2 of the Sponsor Application.** That is between you and God and nobody else's business!

Thank you, faithful sponsors. We appreciate all that you do and your willingness to serve. Please email me if you have suggestions or comments about either application. We welcome your ideas and thoughts on how to do this better.

Susan Miller  
Pre-Cursillo Chair

***FOURTH DAY ACTIVITIES***

**GRAND ULTREYA  
SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

**POTLUCK 6 PM**

**ULTREYA 7 PM**

**ST. ANDREW'S, LA MESA**

**4816 Glen St.**



**WITNESS: SANDIA TUTTLE**  
**ECHO: VICTOR MILLER**  
**MUSIC: ALEX TUTTLE**

**Bring a dish to share, your favorite musical instruments, your songbooks and join us in praising the Lord.**

**BRING A FRIEND**

## ***CURSILLO EVENTS CALENDER***

<b>Apr 13-19</b>	<b><u>Day of Deeper Understanding</u></b>	<b><u>St. Matthew's</u></b>	<b><u>Ruben Rodriguez</u> <u>Debbie Kistler</u></b>	<b>8:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Apr-13-19</b>	<b><u>Secretariat</u></b>	<b><u>St. Matthew's</u></b>	<b><u>Craig Noble</u></b>	<b>3:00 PM Meeting</b>
<b>Apr-27-19</b>	<b><u>Grand Ultreya</u></b>	<b><u>St. Andrew's, La Mesa</u></b>	<b><u>Ultreya Committee</u></b>	<b>6:00 PM PotLuck 7:00 PM Ultreya</b>
<b>May 2019</b>	More Information <a href="#">Click Link</a>	<a href="#">Directions</a> <a href="#">Click Link</a>	<a href="#">Click Link</a> to e-mail POC	<a href="#">Return to top</a>
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<b>May-02-19</b>	<b><u>Secretariat</u></b>	<b><u>St. Dunstan's</u></b>	<b><u>Craig Noble</u></b>	<b>6:00 PM Brn Bag 6:30 PM Meeting</b>
<b>May-30-19</b>	<b>Forward Deadline</b>		<b><u>News Letter Editor</u></b>	<b>COB</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	More Information <a href="#">Click Link</a>	<a href="#">Directions</a> <a href="#">Click Link</a>	<a href="#">Click Link</a> to e-mail POC	<a href="#">Return to top</a>
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<b>Jun-01-19</b>	<b><u>Servant Community</u></b>	<b><u>St. Dunstan's</u></b>	<b><u>Larry Salvadori</u></b>	<b>8:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Jun-01-19</b>	<b><u>Secretariat</u></b>	<b><u>St. Dunstan's</u></b>	<b><u>Craig Noble</u></b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>July 2019</b>	More Information <a href="#">Click Link</a>	<a href="#">Directions</a> <a href="#">Click Link</a>	<a href="#">Click Link</a> to e-mail POC	<a href="#">Return to to</a>

**PALANCA**

De Colores!!!

What a great Cursillo weekend we had this past March 28 thru March 31<sup>st</sup>. at Pine Valley, lead by our wonderful Rector Kit Chavalier. Her hard work payed off with such wonderful results, our candidates were super excited and receptive to the purpose of the weekend!! The Holy Spirit was with us at all times and the blessings of your Palanca made the love of God so tangible to our Candidates – new Cursillistas thanks to your hard work.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful prayers and the neatest and creativity you show in every single item that was put in the bags.

I encourage you to keep praying for our upcoming DODU (Day of deeper understanding) at St. Mathew’s, National City to make sure our new cursillistas have a clearer understanding of the love and blessings of God present through the Cursillo movement.

I also ask you for your prayers for our brothers and sisters that are holding the following Cursillos.

**APRIL**

4/24-4/28 East Carolina #98, [corgiblue@aol.com](mailto:corgiblue@aol.com)

4/24-28, Cursillo #217, Alabama, [lipmonm@gmail.com](mailto:lipmonm@gmail.com) or [jpoole@pooleandcompany.com](mailto:jpoole@pooleandcompany.com)

4/27, Staff Training, Alabama, [stafftraining@cursilloalabama.org](mailto:stafftraining@cursilloalabama.org)

**MAY**

5/2-5 Southern Virginia #166 [cursillopalanca.so.va@gmail.com](mailto:cursillopalanca.so.va@gmail.com)

5/30-6/22, Cursillo #95, Southeast Florida, [pam.laws.clark@gmail.com](mailto:pam.laws.clark@gmail.com)

**JUNE**

6/6-9, Cursillo #225, Texas, [SRyder@JsrSys.com](mailto:SRyder@JsrSys.com)

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***CURSILLO CORNER – DONATIONS***

The Cursillo community accepts donations year-round. These donations allow us to set up “scholarships” to help defray the cost of sponsoring new Cursillistas and workers, pay our bills, support ministries, and the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. If you’d like to make a small, medium, or large gift to Cursillo, please sent it to:

Judy Brown – Treasurer  
 51 Viejas Grade Road  
 Alpine, Ca. 91901-1605

Checks made out to: Cursillos in Christianity



## ***Cursillo Job Openings***

- **Cursillo Event Photographer**

- Provide photographs of Cursillo events including: Secretariat Meetings and Retreats; Ultreyas; Weekends; DODUS; Christmas Party; and other special events.

- **Cursillo Storage Saint**

- Looking for one or more Cursillo Saints to provide any of the following:
  - Indoor, safe storage for Cursillo weekend equipment and stuff, mobile or stationary
  - A trailer for the above
  - Transportation of stuff to and from Pine Valley twice a year

- The fringe benefits for these two jobs are “out of this world”

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