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# Cursillo *forward*

Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego  
Our Mission is to Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership  
Please visit our Cursillo website for more information at [www.sdcursillo.org](http://www.sdcursillo.org)

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO SECRETARIAT PRESIDENT**

Greetings to everyone. I'm in Kansas City, MO for the ECM 2019 Convention this weekend. For the month of September I was in Iowa playing golf and visiting a friend I've known since 1997. This kind of put me out of sync of what has been happening with the San Diego Cursillo community. Well first off, with October, we have the Fall 3-Day Weekend coming up 24-27 October. Check our website [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) for the list of candidates and team. You may see someone you know and time to provide them Palanca. Pray for the candidates and team for a successful weekend. We also have an upcoming Grand Ultreya Saturday 23 November 2019. So before you go - **over the bridge and through the woods to grandmothers house you go** for Thanksgiving, celebrate with us in welcoming our new members to community.



Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Bless you all on the day our nation gives thanks to our maker, our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Craig Noble**

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

## *What difference does Jesus make in your life?*

A one-word answer to this question is “GRACE.” Remember from the prayer book that grace is God’s favor towards us, unearned and undeserved; by grace God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills. *BCP, p858*

If we’ve invited Jesus into our lives and yielded ourselves to him as our Lord and Savior, then we are living a life of grace. Jesus is God’s gift of grace to us. Grace flows through us like an electrical current, enlivening us and enlightening our thoughts. Jesus is full of grace and truth according to John 1:14. When we see Jesus, “we have seen his glory, the glory of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” The difference that Jesus makes is that he fills us with his grace and his grace makes all the difference in our lives, moment by moment, day by day, in this life, and in the next. Grace is God’s favor at work in us and for us. It’s wonderful. It is miraculous. It is greater than anything else, beyond anything this world has to offer us--to have God’s favor working with us and working in us is what we need. The difference Jesus makes is giving us a life of grace.

In our secular society many people don’t have any idea of what it’s like to live a life of grace. For them the church is just an institution full of boring rituals, hard to follow moral rules, hypocritical and judgmental people. They don’t see that in the church that Jesus Christ is at work pouring his life-giving grace into people. How can we show them a life of grace?

We need to be able to share with people that Jesus can be grace for them. We need to put into our own words why Jesus is grace for us. As we become clear about grace in our own lives, then we can share with others about Jesus’ grace.

For me I find it helpful to look at the four big areas that Jesus’s grace works in our lives: forgiveness of our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills.

- *Forgiveness of our sins* Jesus forgives us no matter what. It is the unconditional loving forgiveness of Jesus that lets us come before God and feel good about ourselves. What does Jesus’s forgiveness of your sins mean to you?
- *Enlightens our minds* It is Jesus inside of us helping us to think about life that makes such a big difference in the quality of life that we lead. Left to our own devices and sin, we would make one wrong choice after another and it doesn’t take many wrong choices to inflict bad consequences upon ourselves and others. Jesus helps us to think not only of the right idea, but a new idea that we would not have thought of on our own. It’s exciting to have our minds enlightened by Jesus.
- *Stirs our hearts* It’s Jesus’s grace inside our hearts that gives us the power to move forward in the right direction. It’s not our own desires that give us the motivation, it’s Jesus. Jesus in our hearts makes all the difference. Jesus brings the joy of God’s presence into our hearts and stirs us in wonderful ways.
- *Strengthens our wills* Ancient Greek philosophy talked about the weakness of the will. These philosophers felt if we could only truly understand the consequences of a weak will, we would be able to do the right thing. That’s why they tried to use philosophy to instruct people on how to overcome a weak will by examining consequences. It didn’t work then and it’s still not working several thousand years later. We need the grace of Jesus Christ inside of us to help us overcome our weak wills that can so

easily cave into temptation. Having the right idea is good, but it's not enough to overcome temptation. Nothing but the grace of Jesus will ultimately give us victory over our weak wills.

I hope that in looking at the question of "What difference does Jesus make in your life?" will make a difference in your life and help you share with others about what difference he makes for you.

Your friend in Christ,

Father George  
Diocesan Cursillo Spiritual Advisor

## ***FOURTH DAY EVENTS***

"They continued steadfastly in the Apostles' teaching and in fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers." Acts 2:42.

**PLEASE FOCUS ON SENDING PALANCA TO CURSILLO WEEKEND #145, AND ATTENDING OPEN CLAUSURA (2:15 PM) WITH FLOWERS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.**

**ALSO, DON'T MISS THE GRAND ULTREYA ON NOVEMBER 23 AT ST. ANDREW'S, La Mesa. YOU ARE PART OF THE LARGER CURSILLO COMMUNITY.**

## ***CURSILLO EVENTS CALENDER***

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Oct-04-19 thru Oct-05-19	<b>Episcopal Cursillo</b> <b>Ministries Conference 2019</b> <i>Love From the Heartland</i> <i>Evnagelism &amp; Action</i>	Kansas City, MO	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Information</a>	Friday and Saturday
Oct-05-19	Cursillo #145 Rollo Critiques	<a href="#">St.</a> <a href="#">Bartholomew's</a>	<a href="#">Larry</a> <a href="#">Salvadori</a>	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Oct-10-19	<a href="#">Secretariat</a>	<a href="#">St. Dunstan's</a>	<a href="#">Craig Noble</a>	6:00 PM Brn Bag 6:30 PM Meeting

Oct-12-19	Cursillo #145 Final Team Meeting	<u>Good Shepherd Bonita</u>	<u>Rachel Ambasing</u>	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Oct-24-19 thru Oct-27-19	Cursillo #145 (Coed) <i>Mananitas 2:15 PM (Flowers only)</i> <i>Open Clausura 2:30 PM Sunday</i>	<u>Pine Valley Bible Conference Center</u>	<u>Rachel Ambasing</u>	7:00 PM Thursday through 5:00 PM Sunday
November 2019	More Information Click <a href="#">Link</a>	Directions Click <a href="#">Link</a>	Click <a href="#">Link</a> to e-mail POC	<a href="#">Return to top</a>
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Nov-07-19	<u>Secretariat</u>	<u>St. Dunstan's</u>	<u>Craig Noble</u>	6:00 PM Brn Bag 6:30 PM Meeting
Nov-08-19 to Nov-09-19	<u>45<sup>th</sup> San Diego Episcopal Diocesan Convention</u>	<u>St. Margaret's</u>	<u>Keren Mondaca</u>	Friday & Saturday
Nov-16-19	<u>Day of Deeper Understanding</u>	<u>St. Andrew's, La Mesa</u>	<u>Lynn Sarnecki Miguel Cosio</u>	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Nov-23-19	Grand <u>Ultreya &amp; Secretariat Election</u> [Flyer-eng]	<u>St. Andrew's, La Mesa</u>	<u>Ultreya Committee</u>	6:00 PM Pot Luck 7:00 PM Ultreya
Nov-30-19	Forward Deadline		<u>News Letter Editor</u>	COB

## ***PALANCA***

**Cursillo 145 is in a few weeks, October 24-27, 2019.**

Please include the candidates in your prayers, as well as our Rectora, Rachel Ambasing and the incredible team of servidores, rollistas, table leaders, etc etc. working on this weekend.

It is also time to start working on your palanca, probably some of you already had palanca parties, and if you haven't please don't leave it to the last minute. We all know what an important role palanca plays during each cursillo.

*ISABEL LYNNE*

### **OCTOBER PALANCA**

10/3-5 Heartland Kansas City Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Conference

10/3-6, Women's Cursillo #142, Florida, Camp Weed & Cerveney Conference Center, 1105 Camp Weed Place, Live Oak, Florida 32060. [fla\\_espiscopal@yahoo.com](mailto:fla_espiscopal@yahoo.com)

10/4-6, Coed Cursillo, Central Florida, [grammiefor4@gmail.com](mailto:grammiefor4@gmail.com)

10/11 - 10/14 women's #24, New Providence-Bahamas [molivet@coralwave.com](mailto:molivet@coralwave.com)

10/17-20, Cursillo weekend, Georgia, [messiah@gvtc.com](mailto:messiah@gvtc.com), [rosewilson50@gmail.com](mailto:rosewilson50@gmail.com) or [ereierson82@gmail.com](mailto:ereierson82@gmail.com)

10/17-20, Cursillo #140, Upper South Carolina, [jjendron@usit.net](mailto:jjendron@usit.net)

10/18-20—Return to the Mountain, a gathering of Cursillistas rather than candidates, to breathe life into the Colorado Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. Cathedral Ridge, [suerich9@comcast.net](mailto:suerich9@comcast.net) or 303-522-8029

10/24-27, Cursillo #143, Southwest Florida, [spoonwomanpc@hotmail.com](mailto:spoonwomanpc@hotmail.com)

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10/24-27, Cursillo #220, Alabama, [lipmonm@gmail.com](mailto:lipmonm@gmail.com) or [poole@pooleandcompany.com](mailto:poole@pooleandcompany.com)

10/25-27, Come and See... Go and Tell, Olympia, [caroleloudenback@hotmail.com](mailto:caroleloudenback@hotmail.com)

10/26, Staff Training, Alabama, [stafftraining@cursilloalabama.org](mailto:stafftraining@cursilloalabama.org)

### NOVEMBER PALANCA

11/7-10 Cursillo #284, West Texas, [maxwell\\_trevillian@yahoo.com](mailto:maxwell_trevillian@yahoo.com)

11/8-10 Cursillo #115, Maryland Episcopal Cursillo, [MarylandEpiscopalCursil@gmail.com](mailto:MarylandEpiscopalCursil@gmail.com)

11/16-18, Happening, West Texas, [michaelk@stlukes-sa.n](mailto:michaelk@stlukes-sa.n)

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## **CURSILLO CORNER – LOVE DONATIONS**

***I love Cursillo and how it chaqnged my life for the better. I'm gonna give!  
I don't care if I miss a steak dinner, or two trips to Starbucks. I'm gonna give!  
I don't care if we eat in, not out, or delay that new suit or dress, or pair of socks,  
I'm gonna give!***

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, maintain our Database, and the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. If you'd like to make a small, medium, or large gift to Cursillo in love, please sent it to:

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

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**IF YOU WERE PLAYING POKER FOR CURSILLO, WOULD YOU BE “ALL IN” FOR EVERY HAND?**

***OUR CURSILLO SAINTS (SPONSORS#145)***

**Sponsors of Candidates--Cursillo #145 -- Oct 24-27, 2019**

**Roberto Araujo** -- St. Philip-the-Apostle, Lemon Grove  
**Andrew Waters** -- St. Timothy, SD - Rancho Peñasquitos  
**Maria L Nunez** -- St. Philip-the-Apostle, Lemon Grove  
**Miguel Cosio** -- St. Philip-the-Apostle, Lemon Grove  
**Rom Ituarte** -- St. Philip-the-Apostle, Lemon Grove  
**Rosaura Medina** -- St. Philip-the-Apostle, Lemon Grove  
**Sandia Tuttle** -- St. Dunstons  
**Pastor Rick Schowalter** -- Christ Lutheran, PB  
**Andrew Waters / Fr. Crespo** -- St. Timothy, SD - Rancho Peñasquitos  
**Fr. Carlos Garcia** -- St. Philip-the-Apostle, Lemon Grove  
**Ron Hernandez** -- St. Philip-the-Apostle, Lemon Grove  
**Patricia Yuengling** -- St. James by the Sea, La Jolla  
**Estefania Hernandez** -- St. Philip-the-Apostle, Lemon Grove  
**Larry Salvadori / Mike Jewett** -- St. Bartholemew, Poway

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***Cursillo #145 Candidates for Palanca—Oct 24-27, 2019***  
**Pine Valley, California**

**Jesse Aparicio**  
**Radiance Bentley**  
**Stephanie Chavez**  
**America Cosio**  
**Ruben Hernandez S**  
**Maria Jurado S**  
**Katie Pianka**  
**Bruce Potocki**  
**Dede Puaoi**  
**Chance Reese**  
**Ana Rodriguez**  
**David Schlereth**  
**Doro Villegas S**  
**Micheal Weuste**

*4 men, 10 women*

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