



Forward

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Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

From the Chair

This is my last article as your Chair and I thought I'd use this opportunity to express some final thoughts.

It is recognized that not all Cursillistas will choose Cursillo as their primary apostolate after they complete their Weekend and follow-on Fourth Day programs. One only has to review various diocesan and parish websites and newsletters to see the wide variety of ministries and missions that have Cursillistas in important leadership and support roles. Diocesan staff, Vestry, Order of St. Luke, Daughters of the King, KAIROS, Happenings, Alpha, and Faith Alive are just a few examples. The thought that I'd like to leave you with is that the spiritual tools and aids that you learned in Cursillo are proven concepts that will enable you to persevere in the Fourth Day. I believe that persevering and growing in Christian faith is key to your effectiveness in any ministry. For that reason, I think that the Cursillo Method should be a part of your Rule of Life regardless of what your primary apostolate is.

A common expression heard amongst Cursillistas is that the weekend experience instilled in them a deep and continuing desire to give back to the community. Now some people think that "giving back" primarily means being a member of a weekend team. While we will always have a need for weekend team members, that is only one of many ways to give back. One alternative that I would like to highlight here is service in the Servant Community. Servant Community is the working arm of the Secretariat and the place where tomorrow's leaders are groomed. If you want to be involved in helping to shape the future of Cursillo in this diocese and, in the process, work with and mentor the people who will have a hand in making that future a reality, then Servant Community is for you. Servant Community meets once a quarter (Dec, Mar, Jun, Sep) on the 2nd Saturday of the month, so the time commitment is very manageable for those who have busy schedules. I urge everyone, especially those who can no longer work weekends, to come to the next Servant Community meeting and explore the many opportunities that are available there to "give back."

The ranks of our most experienced Cursillistas are graying and, because of this, I think that one of our more pressing needs is the development of new leaders in our community. This is an issue that all organizations face and Cursillo is no exception. This is easy to say but not easy to do. It means being willing to take a chance on the less experienced rather than relying on the tried and true. It means devoting the time needed to lovingly teach and guide someone so they can mature as servants of Christ. Lastly, it

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BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN 2006

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you" (**John 15:16**)

Come join us at Camp Stevens in Julian, CA, the weekend of January 6, 7, and 8. Use this weekend to think anew what God is calling you to do in 2006.

The gospel tells us Jesus appointed us, and we should go and bear fruit, and that our fruit should remain. In many places in the Bible the Lord calls people to serve Him. Hearing His call and discerning how to respond will be the focus of the talks and our table discussions this weekend.

Our Saturday talks will be given by J R. Fox, Marilyn Akers, and Mary Brown. The three speakers are involved in a variety of ministries. J R. is currently active in New Beginnings and Happening, Marilyn in the Kairos Ministries, and Mary in St. Timothy's Outreach Ministries. Each of them will share how they discerned God's calling to these and other ministries in their lives.

Father Joe Rees, Rector of All Saint's Church in Vista, has agreed to be our Head Spiritual Advisor for this weekend. There will be Holy Eucharist on Saturday and Sunday, and lay led morning and evening devotions.

The weekend activities will include: the talks, discussion, sharing, singing, reflection, stories, and relaxation. Kathryn Bunch-Hoyecki will have books for sale. There will again be an opportunity to share books. Bring Christian books you have read and don't mind giving away. Take home something new to read.

Take advantage of this opportunity for relaxation and renewal as you begin the New Year. Applications are available at <http://www.sdcursillo.org> or call Ed Embick at 858.521.0553.

Your Servants,
Amy Drivas, Rectora and Ed Embick, Rector



Dennis Fowle Memorial Scholarship Recipient

I was pleased to receive 6 applications, which was a first. The five hundred dollars is being awarded to Matthew Curson, son of Jill and Philip Curson. He is a sophomore at the University of Puget Sound, majoring in Business and Leadership. Matthew and his family attend St. Peter's in Del Mar. He is active on the UPS campus and at St. Peter's when he is home.

Thanks to all the applicants.....Connie



**Congratulations to Laurent Perkins and Nancy Arroyoavila
for being selected as Rector and Rectora for the next
set of Cursillo weekends in April of 2006!**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

10 Servant Community Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Good Samaritan

25 *They shall call his name Emmanuel*

JANUARY 2006

1 Blessed New Year!

6-8 Back To The Mountain, Camp Stevens (article p. 3)

28 Deadline for February Forward articles
(e-mail to petra_orta@yahoo.com)

FEBRUARY 2006

10-11 Diocesan Convention, St. Dunstan's



Don't Forget!!

Servant Community Meeting

Saturday, December 10

8:30 a.m.

Church of the Good Samaritan