



Forward

Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

From the Chair

Greetings to you all and I pray that your summer, so far, is blessed and full of joy. This is also the time of year for you all to be prayerfully considering either sponsoring or serving in some way on this upcoming Fall Cursillo weekend. Remember that this is also a co-ed weekend, and what that means to me is the glory of working side by side with my brothers. What a blessing it is to see men and women working together for God's glory.

Last fall was this community's first co-ed weekend in a long time, and it was very well received. I gave a Rollo that fall weekend and I was blessed with being sung in by the men. What a joy that was, to have these glorious voices singing praise to God, and then pray for me before my Rollo; it is a moment I will always remember.

Now it's your turn; consider what your weekend was like. I challenge each of you to pray on this. Do you feel the need to give to God and the community? If so, serving in some way may be the answer. You don't have to work the weekend to serve, you could be a Sunday Angel or a prayer warrior. You could send palanca to the candidates and team, and not just something that you copied, but something written by you. Everyone on that mountain needs you in some way.

You could also sponsor someone. This is an awesome responsibility and something that should not be taken lightly. You need to pray about this person that you know and want to send. Really know who you want to sponsor. Talk to your clergy first, before anything. They may know something you don't. But once you get that go ahead from the clergy, talk to your prospective candidate. Tell them what Cursillo is, maybe share the video that is being produced. It should be in many parishes soon, if not already. Direct them to the website. Be their friend and share what you love about Cursillo. Most importantly, start grouping with them. You don't have to go to Cursillo to group, and if they are in a group, then they already understand a few fundamentals.

I know that the fall weekend seems a long way off, but really it's just around the corner. Teams are starting to form and prayers have begun. Pre-Cursillo is just waiting for your candidate applications, and Tami and Darryl are just waiting for you team applications. Don't let an opportunity pass you by - pray, pray and then pray some more. We have been challenged to go and make disciples of all men, but then what? Well, for some, Cursillo is the answer.

Ultreya, Victoria

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From the Spiritual Director

Some New Thinking about Cursillo Candidates

I want to stir things up. I think we need to re-think who we are inviting to Cursillo weekends. When we hear the word's "Christian leader," we often think of someone in our congregation who has been a Christian leader for decades, often an older person who is a mature Christian with a proven record of leadership. It is this type of person we invite on a Cursillo weekend. The weekend helps these veteran leaders to become better leaders, and that is a good thing to do, but there is another group of people we are overlooking. It is younger adults in our parishes, people in their thirties and forties who may not be in the core of the parishes' ministry, who are not proven leaders, but are potential leaders. The people I am thinking of are church attendees who believe in Jesus Christ, but to be quite candid are not mature Christians, and they may not have really thought about what it means to be a Christian. I believe it is in this group of younger adults that we should be looking for potential leaders. We need to take the risk of inviting younger and perhaps less mature Christians on the weekends with the hope that they will become leaders.

Now I am aware that some young adults in the church are more mature in their faith than older adults, I have nothing against inviting them. They too need to go on a Cursillo weekend. But what I am saying is there are in most congregations some younger and less spiritually mature adults that need to be invited. Cursillo could be the tool the Holy Spirit uses to realize a life time of spiritual growth and leadership. We must pray and listen for God's guidance and then step out in faith and invite these potential leaders. It will take lots of faith because they do not now look like leaders.

It is my hope that sponsors will make an extra effort to reach out to younger potential leaders; I believe that the Holy Spirit will turn many of them into proven leaders.

Your friend in Christ,

Father George

Roman Catholic-Episcopal- Methodist Ecumenical Grand Ultreya



Sunday, September 17, 2006
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.



Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
Maloney Center
2766 Navajo Road
El Cajon, CA 92020

This is a special opportunity - not to be missed!
Our Community has agreed to bring snacks (NOT potluck!), the Roman Catholic Community will provide everything else, including drinks. Contacts are Ted Parsons and Jane Schuler. Additional information is available at sdcursillo.org
You all come!



Is This Your Ministry?

There is an immediate opportunity for one (or two) Cursillistas to take over responsibility for the Cursillo supplies stored in the shed at Camp Stevens. The position is part of the Servant Community's responsibility and involves inventorying the items in the shed before and after each weekend; ordering and replacing those items expended; and controlling the keys to the shed. The Secretariat funds the cost of the items needed.

If you feel the Lord is leading you to this ministry, please contact Mike Orcutt (e-mail msorcutt@cox.net or phone (619) 482-0294) or Victoria Crofoot (e-mail victoriacrft@aol.com or phone (760) 776.4508)

Look for the next Forward in early October
Articles, calendar events and other materials are due
(preferably in electronic format)
no later than September 29. Send to:

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From the Rector – Cursillo #119

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33 (KJV)

The planning for the fall Cursillo Coed Weekend continues. The men's core team is almost complete, but we need applicants to fill out the kitchen and Rollo Room teams. If God is leading you to serve on the fall Cursillo weekend, please email your application to Darryl Peralta at darrylperalta@msn.com or mail it to 522 Beacon Place, Chula Vista, California 91910.

For those who are unable to work the weekend, please consider serving as a Sunday Angel. Sunday Angels are very special folks whose participation have always been key to sustaining team spirit as the Cursillo weekend comes to an end.

Training for the fall Cursillo team will include a training session for first-time cocineros, rollistas, and table leaders as well as three full-team meetings. The current schedule is as follows:

Sep 9 - 1/2 day training for new people
(Servant Community Meeting @ Good Samaritan)

Sep 30 – Team Meeting @ Trinity, Escondido

Oct 7 – Team Meeting @ Good Shepherd, Bonita

Oct 14 – Team Meeting @ Good Shepherd, Hemet

Oct 26 through 29 – Fall Cursillo Coed Weekend @ Camp Stevens

Lastly, a Cursillo team needs attendees if it is to accomplish God's plan for the weekend. Now is a great time to start working with your parish representative and rector to identify and recruit the brothers and sisters He is calling to attend a Cursillo Weekend. We will be about the business of seeking His kingdom this fall, please pray that our endeavors will help each of us to walk just a little closer with Him.

In His service,
Darryl Peralta

PS. Candidate, Sponsorship, and Team applications can be found on our website sdcursillo.org.

From the Rectora - Cursillo #120

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt 6:33

The Lord sure works in mysterious ways. It was so neat to find out that Darryl and I had the same theme picked out for the weekend before we ever even spoke to each other. God must have been calling us both to serve together. I was so excited when I received the call from Fr. George asking me to be Rectora for this upcoming Coed Weekend. I thank God for the opportunity to serve.

Darryl and I have been busy planning the weekend and have chosen our Core Teams, and things are finally coming together. I am so blessed to have Madre Patricia as the women's Spiritual Adviser. My Core Team consists of Eileen Pierce, as my Experienced Rectora; Pat Sunda and Nancy Bogue are my Assistants; Lauree Jordan and Desi Foster will be leading the music; Mary Allred will be Asst. Head Cook Kitchen; and Barbara Peralta will be Asst. Head Cook Camp. Ken Rice will be serving as Head Cook for both teams. I am so blessed that they answered the call to serve.

We have been praying that those who are called to serve on the weekend will send us your applications; we are in need of both Rollo Room and Kitchen team members. I continue to pray daily for each team member and ask that you join with me in prayer for Sponsors and Candidates. We have such an awesome Cursillo Community, and I know that because of that support we will have a blessed weekend.

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God Bless,
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 9 1/2 day training for new team members, 8:30 a.m., Good Sam's
- 9 Servant Community, 8:30 a.m., Good Sam's
- 9 Secretariat, 12:30 p.m., Good Sam's
- 29 Deadline for October Forward articles (p. 2)
- 30 Team Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Trinity Escondido

OCTOBER

- 5 Secretariat meeting, 6:30 p.m., Good Sam's
- 6 New Beginnings, Green Oak Ranch
- 7 Team Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Good Shepherd Bonita
- 13 NEC Seminar, Kansas City, Kansas
- 14 Team Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Good Shepherd Hemet
- 20 Vocare, St. Peter's Del Mar
- 26-29 Coed Cursillo Weekend, Camp Stevens
Darryl Peralta, Rector & Tami Norcott, Rectora

Don't Forget!!

Servant Community Meeting
Saturday, September 9
8:30 am to Noon