



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

Here it is the middle of the summer. It is so easy to go to the beach on Sunday, or spend the morning gardening before it gets too hot. It is far too easy to lose the habit of going to church during this season, which was always so carefree when we were younger.

It is inevitably difficult to fit church into our vacation schedule, and I am going to be preaching partly to myself when I say that it can be a rewarding experience to try a local church wherever we find ourselves. I have to drive 40 minutes to get to the nearest church from my family cabin. Once, when I went to that beautiful, old wooden church with an out of town friend, the priest was introducing Alpha to the church, and somehow I ended up standing in front of the congregation telling them about my experience in Alpha. Maybe this will be the year I drive an hour to an Episcopal church right on Lake Tahoe that I've heard about! Consider it, wherever you find yourself this summer.

Looking ahead into the fall, we have the opportunity this year to meet some of the National Cursillo leaders from around the country, hear about their experiences and engage in conversation about the San Diego Cursillo movement at the Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop. It will be held at St. David's beginning Friday evening, Sept. 21st and go through the weekend. There is food included in the cost, and for those who live far away, there will be a few local overnight hosts if you sign up in time. I urge you to sign up soon. The ECLW is being held in place of a fall weekend, and will be a great place to catch up with friends from all over the Diocese. Thanks go to Jamie Wood and Stew Dadmun for organizing this event.

Blessings to all of you, Jane Schuler

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ULTREYA!

Ultreya is the cry of encouragement used by Spanish pilgrims on their journeys to a pilgrimage site. It means Onward! Forward! Persevere! In the U.S., it is the call to Cursillistas to come together to help each other on their journeys with the Lord.

An Ultreya Committee has been formed with the purpose of holding at least one Ultreya per month in various parts of the diocese. An Ultreya is designed to give personal examples of fellow Christians attempting to follow God's call to make a friend, be a friend, and help bring that friend to Christ. Typically, a potluck, music, grouping, two witnesses, and a clergy scriptural response are parts of an Ultreya.

No worship service is included. Since everyone is welcome, this is the perfect time to introduce prospective candidates to Cursillo.

The committee will contact Parish Representatives to schedule an Ultreya. Using the resources of the parish, with active support from the Ultreya Committee, we will hold an Ultreya, encouraging ALL in the parish community (not just Cursillistas) to participate. If you'd like to be a member of this diverse group of laity and clergy, please contact me. If you'd like to volunteer to hold an Ultreya in your parish or to co-sponsor one at another church, please also let me know. The burdens of life are always lighter when we have someone to help share the load. Join us in an Ultreya!

In August we will hold an Ultreya at St. Luke's on Saturday the 11th. There will be no Ultreya in September because of the ECLW. Watch the website for the October Ultreya (at press time it probably will be at Trinity but we haven't set a date yet). In November we will have a Grand Ultreya (with elections) at St. Paul's, San Diego.

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Look for the next Forward in early October.
Articles, calendar events and other materials are due
(preferably in electronic format)
no later than September 28. Send to:

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**New names, addresses and changes for
Saint's Roster to Barbara Taylor
Phone 619-421-5612 e-mail: just4taylor@cox.net**

DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY??

The ECLW is coming to San Diego the weekend of Sept. 21 at St. David's in the Clairemont area. Applications are included in this issue of the Forward—please fill them out and send them in ASAP. In order to allow maximum participation at the lowest cost, we would like to house people who come from a distance. Most of the team will be staying in homes, and we want to open our homes to north county and desert people, as well as to those from other dioceses, so they can avoid the extra cost of gas or hotel. At this time we anticipate the workshop ending at 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and after lunch on Sunday. Since meals will be provided Sat. and Sun, your only "cost" will be providing beds. Let's show Christ's love by volunteering to house Cursillistas in our homes. Please e-mail or phone me, indicating how many beds you have to accommodate our Cursillo brothers and sisters. I can take 2 or 3 (1 double bed, 1 single), how many can you house?

Judy Anderson, ECLW Hospitality
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10 Reasons to Attend an ECLW :

- 1. I want to be more involved and useful in our Cursillo Community**
- 2. I want to find out more about Cursillo by asking questions**
- 3. I want to learn how I can help solve our Cursillo community problems**
- 4. I want to meet and work together with other dedicated Cursillistas**
- 5. I want to help generate new ideas to develop new ways to increase our Cursillo community with more servant leaders**
- 6. I want to help improve our fourth day through grouping, ultreyas, and spiritual direction**
- 7. I want to help decide the future of our local Cursillo movement**
- 8. As a leader in my parish and Cursillo, I have to learn more about the Cursillo Movement in order to do a better job**
- 9. Someday I may want to be an elected leader in the Cursillo Movement, so I need to learn more about it**
- 10. As a clergy member, I need to learn more about Cursillo to better serve my parish**

DE COLORES!

You are invited to a special event:

EPISCOPAL CURSILLO LEADERS WORKSHOP

TO BE HELD: September 21-23, 2007
Starts 9/21 – Friday 7pm – ends after lunch Sunday 9/23
Overnight accommodations not included

AT: St. David's Episcopal Church
5050 Milton Street, San Diego, CA 92110

FOR: Those who have made a Cursillo Weekend, wish to know more about the Movement, and how to use it more effectively.

BECAUSE: It will deepen your commitment to Christ,
Clarify the purpose and method of Cursillo,
Nurture and grow new Cursillo leaders.

WE WILL: Learn...Talk...Worship...Eat...Sing...Celebrate!

QUESTIONS?

General questions: Jamie Wood (619) 225-1987 email jamiewood2@cox.net
Registration questions: Denny Walters (760) 432-8518 email denwa5@aol.com

Registration includes food, materials, and workshop fee.
Pre-registration until Sept 1 - \$110
Registration after Sept. 1 - \$125

Deadline for all registration and payment is Sept. 14
No refunds.

National Cursillo Library (book of all pertinent pamphlets)
available for additional \$25 fee. Order on registration form.

Housing is not provided with registration, but the Hospitality Committee can help.
Please indicate need on the registration form. If you can provide local housing, please
call Judy Anderson: (619) 286-1208 email jmanderson38@peoplepc.com

You will receive follow-up notification after registering

THE SAN DIEGO CURSILLO COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU!

ECLW REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Preferred first name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening/cell phone: _____

E-mail _____

Cursillo you attended (#, diocese and year if known) _____

Current diocese: _____

What position, if any, do you hold in Cursillo right now? Or what role do you play?

Special dietary needs? _____ Smoker? Yes__ No__

How will you be arriving? Car _____ Plane _____ Other _____

Please let us know the time and flight number of arrival/departure if known.

Would you like assistance with local housing? Yes_____ No_____

Cursillistas might be able to offer their home. Hospitality committee will respond.

Can you provide local housing? Yes_____ No_____

What issues would you like discussed at this ECLW? _____

_____ (can continue on back)

Do you want a copy of the National Episcopal Cursillo Library: Yes _____ No _____

Please list on the back any other information you think would be pertinent for us to know about you.

FEES AND PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Registration until Sept. 1 - \$110 per person _____

Registration after Sept. 1 - \$125 per person _____

Optional Library fee \$25 _____

Total _____

Registration deadline is Sept. 14. No refunds.

Please make check out to: Cursillos in Christianity, and send with registration to:

Denny Walters – 546 E 6th Ave – Escondido, CA 92025

"Who is my Neighbor?" A Commentary on the Parable of the Good Samaritan by Ted Parsons

Sometimes I have wondered if I should give money to a homeless person or beggar. What about the people in front of grocery stores? Do they represent worthy causes? Now, when I see homeless people, I give a dollar to each one. Well, not exactly. I have given envelopes with my church name, Good Shepherd, on it (and money inside)! Now I have no envelopes. So I give a dollar in cash and say God bless you! And I have a short conversation while waiting for the light to change. Unfortunately, I do not always have a dollar or even change in my car. So I feel guilty. Yet, I do not feel guilty long. My heart is in the right place. And then I put more change in the car and dollars in my wallet. Long ago I answered the argument about giving to drunks or homeless people who spend my money on liquor or cigarettes. My motivation has to be giving to someone in need. I am not going to judge them. They're human beings too; they are my neighbors.

Another neighbor is a barber. She is a new neighbor as of two weeks ago. I was referred to this person. She bought a salon and added the barber service a year ago. I asked if she had owned a place before. She asked why would you say that? "Well, you are good!" Her excellent service encouraged me to give a tip. Then I gave another dollar. I never do that! Then she showed me a jar where she puts change for a minister in the jar. So I gave another dollar! All this happened within 30 minutes with a stranger. By the way, her name is Lenora. And I am taking my wife when she needs a haircut!

Recently I had a new adult student join one of my classes. She is in her 40's, and she was living with her brother and sister-in-law. In each class, Hanan asked excellent questions and participated fully in the class. I found out that she had moved from Egypt to stay, get a job, and a place to live. Well, as the weeks went by, she shared with me that her sister-in-law did not want her living with her. Then I realized I knew people who rented homes or apartment. I asked and both people had places available! Wow! I copied the information and give it to Hanan. She was delighted.

Unfortunately, her brother would not advance her rent money and Hanan still did not have a job. She kept applying but no anyone would call her back or give her a job. By the way, she has a green card, graduated from university, and is a practicing attorney in Egypt. Then I asked three attorney friends of mine for advice and information. All of this I also gave to Hanan and urged her to call companies or search the Internet. Unfortunately, by this time, Hanan had given up. Her home life was nonexistent with her brother and sister-in-law. Her mom in Egypt is quite ill. So, she returned to Egypt this week, on Wednesday. Did I say she is Muslim? Her father was a Christian and her mom a Muslim.

My birthday was last Monday. My students gave a complete surprise party for me. They sang Happy Birthday in English, Spanish, and Arabic! Hanan sang a solo. Then she ended with saying the two best things in her short stay in the United States were being part of the class and meeting me. Wow! Well, she is my neighbor as well.

SAN DIEGO EPISCOPAL CURSILLO GROUPING SURVEY

Return to: Stew Dadmun, 4319 Avalon Drive, San Diego, CA 92103-1307

Name	Male	Female	# & Year of Cursillo made			
Currently grouping?	Yes	No	If "No" are you looking?		Yes	No
If "Yes", where do you meet?	Place /Where?				ZIP	
Meet how often?	Meeting day?		Time of meeting?			
Is your group looking for new member(s)?	Yes		No		Number in group	
(Optional) Who else is in your group?						

Cursillistas seeking a group and groups seeking member(s) will be contacted

Please provide email address/phone number _____



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

2 Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 6:30 p.m.

11 Ultreya, St. Luke's, 6:.00 p.m. – Potluck 6 PM, Ultreya 7 PM

SEPTEMBER

8 Servant Community, Good Samaritan, 8:30 a.m.
Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 12:30 p.m.

21-23 ECLW, St. David's – YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!

28 Forward articles due (see p. 2)

OCTOBER

4 Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 6:30 p.m.

20 Ultreya (tentative) - check for details online at sd cursillo.org

25-28 Spanish Cursillo, Camp Stevens

26-28 NECS, Colorado Springs, CO

Don't Forget!!

Servant Community Meeting

Saturday, September 8

8:30 am to Noon

Church of the Good Samaritan

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!