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From the Spiritual Director

Dear Friends,

An interesting fact about human beings is that we exist in both a material and non-material realms. The human body exists in the material realm and the human soul exists in a non-material realm.

Philosophers are always perplexed as to how a human can be both a material and non-material being at the same time and how the material part can connect with the non-material part. For example, how can a non-material idea in the mind cause the body to move? It is not my purpose here to answer this question, but simply to show that we are more than biological organisms.

Ancient Greek philosophers like Socrates and Plato believed that, once the body dies, the soul continues to live for eternity. They believed that the non-material part of human beings could not be destroyed and so, is immortal.

I have a question for Greek philosophy: Would a person want to live forever without a body? I sure wouldn't want to live that way. My body is a big part of who I am; existence without a body would be less of an existence that I now have on earth.

Christianity sharply differs from Greek philosophy; it believes that the soul can be destroyed because God has the power to bring things - all things - into existence and take them out of their existence. Christianity does not believe in the immortality of the soul. Instead, we believe that God can give us the gift of eternal life.

Christianity also differs in that we believe that God will save both the body and the soul of those who have true faith in Jesus Christ. In other words, we believe that God will save the whole person. Today, when I look at the various philosophies and religions of the world, it seems to me that the resurrection is an act of re-creation and is the most satisfying final state of existence. The resurrection means that God will bring all of me, body and soul, to perfection in His heavenly kingdom. As Karl Barth

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says, the resurrection is salvation. Jesus rose from the dead 2,000 years ago to show us our final existence. He also sent his Holy Spirit to pour His risen presence into his faithful people, to guide us, to comfort us and to help us here on earth. You should come to church this Easter season, knowing that Jesus rose from the dead that first Easter morning to save both your body and your soul. He wants to bring all of you to perfection in His heavenly kingdom. Don't settle for anything less than resurrection.

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

The Lord is Risen, indeed. Alleluia

Your friend in Christ,
Father George

From the Chair

Spring has sprung. Easter has passed. The Cursillo Weekend #127 is rapidly approaching. Are we ready? Are we renewed? Are we engaged? Are we together? Are we able to focus ahead to honor and support our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and our Candidates, and our Team on the weekend? Just how can we do this:

- Prayer. Lots of it! By name, inclusive, personal, and specific.
- Personal Palanca by name for the Candidates and team members (hand written).
- Group Palanca from our Parishes and Groups (derived from good old Palanca parties).
- Financial support to help those not able to do so.
- Attending Mananitas on Sunday and blowing the new Cursillistas away. Bring the kids.
- Staying for Eucharist and becoming at least a part-time Sunday Angel.
- Coming to Open Closures and raising a joyful noise to the Lord. Then treating yourself to a good steak, baked potato, and veggies at the Sizzler.
- Welcoming the new Cursillistas back into our Parishes.
- Make sure they attend the Day of Deeper Understanding.
- Welcome them to Grouping.
- Encourage them to attend Ultreyas with you.
- Encourage them to work the next weekend with you.
- Encourage them to sponsor a candidate.

I challenge all who read this to do at least two of the above: Prayer, plus one more! Choose wisely, and in harmony, with the gifts from God that give joy to your lives each and every day.

Larry Salvadori
Secretariat Chair

ARE YOU LIVING OUT YOUR FOURTH DAY????

As you learned on your weekend, the Fourth Day is the rest of your life. Important parts of that Fourth Day are Grouping and Ultreyas. Often sponsors invite you into their groups, sometimes groups are started among the candidates on your weekend. Your sponsor, parish rep or our grouping coordinator, Stew Dadmun (sedadmun@att.net) can assist you in finding a group. Sometimes it takes one or more tries to find the perfect group for each person, so don't give up if the first one doesn't work out. The support a group can give is invaluable in living out your Fourth Day.

In the San Diego diocese we try to schedule monthly Ultreyas at various churches throughout the diocese.

The next two Ultreyas will be held on:

- May 22 at St. David's; and
- June 26 at Good Samaritan.

Potlucks precede the Ultreyas at 6 pm and the Ultreyas begin at 7:00 pm.

Please join us in welcoming the new Cursillistas on May 22 at the Grand Ultreya. If you would like to have an Ultreya scheduled in your church, please talk with your parish rep or Judy Anderson, jmanderson38@sbcglobal.net or Gini Anderson, virginia.anderson@med.navy.mil.

Ultreya! Judy Anderson, 4th Day Co-chair



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PALANCA

Have you begun your Palanca for the Spring Weekend? Have you begun praying for the candidates, whoever they may be, or the team? It's never too early to get started. If you wrote a few notes each day, or made this one of your Lenten projects, you would be done well before Thursday, April 22. If you are going to do computer-generated Palanca, please write a short message on each one - especially for the candidates. I don't think anyone ever forgets their first Palanca bag. I know I won't. So get going. Plan a Palanca party at your church, maybe with a potluck supper. Palanca is important, and prayer is the most important Palanca. Let the candidates and the team know that YOU care.

Judy Potter, Palanca Chair

Coed Cursillo #127 -Candidate List

Men

Jim Cooper

Larry Burns

Philip Headley

Ronald Hernandez

Romulo Ituarte

Marcel Lavigne

Tom McDonald

Bob Moran

Ryan Pierson

Russell Stover

Women

Lydia Allan

Teresa Beck

Becky Benjamin

Ursula Bruno

Lisa Burns

Gen Clapp

Janie DeLeeuw

Karen Donohue

Cynthia Farwell

Amber Garcia

June Harris

Deanna Hickman

Yesenia Hernandez

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Doty Baty

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Dora Lozano

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

- 17 Cursillo Team Meeting, St. Alban's, 8:30
- 22-25 Cursillo #127 Co-Ed Weekend, Craig Noble Rector, Camp Stevens

MAY

- 6 Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 6:30 PM
- 8 DODU, St. Timothy's, 8:30am—3:00pm - Candidates & Team
- 22 Grand Ultreya, St. David's, 6:00pm Potluck, 7:00pm Ultreya Announcement of Fall Rectora
- 24 Deadline for June Forward Articles, e-mail to Linda Lyons

JUNE

- 12 Servant Community Meeting, Good Samaritan, 8:30 am
Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 12:30 pm
- 26 Ultreya, Good Samaritan, 6:00pm Potluck, 7:00pm Ultreya