



# Forward

## Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

### From the Spiritual Director

## What does Advent mean?

We sing these words every Sunday during Advent, but what do they mean?

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."* Hymnal 56

**O Come, O Come** . . . The English word, "Advent" comes from the Latin word, "adventus" which means coming. Advent is the season when we prepare for the coming of Jesus, both his first coming and his second coming. Jesus is always ready to come into our lives, but are we willing to let him in? Advent is a time of preparation, repentance and prayer, designed to open our minds, our emotions and wills to the coming of Jesus.

**Emmanuel** . . . Jesus was named Emmanuel by the angel who appeared to Mary; this name means "God is with us." A most important part of the Christmas story is the fact that God is come to be with us in the person of Jesus.

**captive Israel** . . . does not refer to the fact that Israel was part of the Roman empire, but to the fact that Israel was being held hostage by its own sins. Israel is a symbol for all people, including us, who are held hostage by our sins.

**ransom** . . . God loves us so much that He sends his Son to die on the cross in order to pay off the debt (ransom) that our sins have accumulated. *mourns in lonely exile here* . . . Israel mourning in exile is a symbol for all people who are estranged from God by their sins. There is sadness and loneliness in being far from God.

*until the Son of God appear* . . . when Jesus, the Son of God, appears in our lives, we are set free; we are liberated from the prison of our sins.

**Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel** . . . when Jesus has come to us, we cannot help but rejoice for all that he is doing inside of us. We are overwhelmed with joy.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. George Calvert

### FROM THE CHAIR

2010 will be remembered as the year that the Episcopal Cursillo, Community of San Diego came back to once again serve our Diocese, our Parishes, and our community with joy and with strength. If you remember, the 2009 Fall weekend was canceled due to a host of reasons, and we were put on the National Cursillo's endangered list.

Your Secretariat took a series of actions to strengthen our community and our presence in the Diocese starting with our first "Cursillo Sunday" to be celebrated in all the Parishes on February 14, 2010. What a blessing we received from Bishop Mathes and the Diocesan Council for supporting Cursillo in this way; Kudos to all the Cursillistas and friends of Cursillo who worked so hard to make it all happen. Special thanks to Craig Noble, Spring Weekend Rector, and Susan Miller, Fall Weekend Rectora, for accepting the call to lead the weekends, and to the teams, sponsors, and all the others necessary to make it happen. Together with the efforts of the Parish Reps and countless dedicated Cursillistas, Cursillo #127 and #128 were blessed with a total of **55** new Cursillistas, representing **25** parishes either by candidates to the weekend and/or by team participation.

We're back, and off the endangered list. Let's all make sure we never find ourselves on that list again!

It is always appropriate to thank members of the Secretariat who have served their term. This year three very special people have served their full terms. Judy Anderson has been the driving force behind the 4th Day activities including Ultreyas and the Parish Reps. Linda Lyons was the Chair in 2009, and responsible for Communications. She will continue as the publisher of our Forward Newsletter.

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### From the Chair-Elect

I commend the 2010 Cursillo Secretariat for their faith-filled leadership and for an outstanding job in keeping the fire of the Cursillo Movement burning in the hearts and minds of all those who have come up the mountain seeking a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ and His church.

I sincerely pray that with God's help, 2011 will again see and increase of new Cursillistas; swift and eager commitments to team; and an ever growing awareness of the Cursillo Movement and the Community throughout the Diocese. I look forward to working with the members of the upcoming Secretariat and with all my Brothers and Sisters in Christ. De Colores and may God bless us all.

In His Service,

Barbara Peralta,  
2011 Cursillo Secretariat Chair



Bill Blakeslee was partnered with the 3-Day Weekend Activities and responsible for our facilities and Shed at Camp Stevens. One can truly say of these three folks: "Well done, our good and faithful servants".

Now, I want everyone, when they are finished with this issue, to turn on your computer, hit the internet, and go to [www.SDCursillo.org](http://www.SDCursillo.org). Scroll down to the Pastoral Plan and open it. Please read the 2010 Cursillo Pastoral Plan in detail. The plan outlines all the activities your Secretariat committed to do with the approval of the Bishop for the May 2010 –May 2011 period. I will submit a report to the Bishop, the Diocesan Convention, and to all of you on how well we did. As you read the commitments, be honest, and see if you have participated in some way to support our activities. If you haven't participated, you have 5-months to do so, with our blessings and love. How about working Cursillo Weekend #129?

Please note item B.1.g."On Cursillo Sunday (Jan. 16, 2011), encourage all Cursillistas to bring a friend to church". Please consider yourselves encouraged! What a wonderful gift to your Parish to bring a friend along to help you celebrate Cursillo Sunday.

This is my last "FROM THE CHAIR" article. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as the Secretariat Chair in 2010. Much has been accomplished in our recovery, but much remains to be done. Barbara Peralta will lead us as the 2011 Secretariat Chair, and I know that we will fully support her and the Secretariat activities with our time, our talents, our energy, and our financial resources.

In closing, I'm reminded that God only asks us to do three things for him and our neighbors: to love; to care; and to share.

HEY, WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER! WE'RE CURSILLISTAS! THIS IS WHAT WE DO! WE'RE BACK! ULTREYA! ULTREYA! ULTREYA!

Larry Salvadori, Retiring Secretariat Chair

I personally would like to thank Judy Anderson for her relentless service to the Cursillo Community. For the past three years she has been the one to make sure that there would be an Ultreya each month, with a witness, echo and clergy response. She has also coordinated the Ecumenical Ultreyas and the yearly Christmas Parties. This has been no easy task. I for one am very grateful for her service to the Cursillo Community. She has also agreed to help the new secretariat member whose big shoes they have to fill.

Linda Lyons, Forward Editor

## BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN

January 7-9, 2011

### "Rejoice with Joy and Rest in GOD's Love"

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

Please join Lynn and Eileen for a fun, relaxing and spiritual retreat to prepare for the year 2011. There will be free time to enjoy the beautiful camp and surroundings or just sit and relax. During free time, visiting with friends by the fireplace may be your choice to enjoy the weekend.

Eileen Pierce and Lynn Nicholson have planned the weekend around the above theme which will be introduced on Friday followed by fellowship. Saturday begins with optional Morning Prayer then breakfast. We will then focus on the theme of the weekend with talks and discussion. In the afternoon we will have free time for reflection and relaxation then share the Eucharist before dinner. The evening is reserved for fellowship, wine, and goodies. Sunday morning will conclude with Eucharist. Our time together will be filled with prayer, singing, enjoying old and new found friends. This will be another spiritual experience to remember all year long.

**Who can attend?** Adults who have attended an Episcopal Cursillo Weekend, or equivalent

**When is it?** 7:00p.m. Friday, January 7th through Sunday January 9th, at noon

If you wish, for an additional \$7.50 you can join us at 6:00 p.m. for dinner at the camp

**What is the cost?** \$120. Per person to be paid by 12/15/2010  
\$130. Per person after 12/15/2010

Applications and payments should be sent to:

Lynn Nicholson  
2875 Cowley Way #1309  
San Diego, CA 92110

Applications available on the Cursillo website:

<http://www.sdcursillo.org>. If hot link doesn't work, copy link and paste into your browser.

On January 9th, at 10 am, Bishop Mathes will celebrate the first Episcopalian Mass at Holy Trinity, Ocean Beach in several years. When St. Anne's, Oceanside and St. John's, Fallbrook came back to the fold, the masses were incredibly moving. On those two occasions, there were "remnants," people who had been members of the church who were now coming back who coordinated things like the coffee hour for those masses. At this point, no remnant Holy Trinity community has identified itself to the Bishop. The first mass will draw people from all around the diocese and a Sumptuous Feast is in order. The Reverend Canon Suzi Holding asked for a volunteer to coordinate that and, in the spirit of "Here am I Lord," Drusilla answered. This is a GREAT opportunity for our Cursillo Community to be a visible presence. Volunteers are requested to help prepare, serve and cleanup after a Sumptuous Feast at Holy Trinity on January 9, 2011. The food will be provided by the Diocese. For more information, contact Drusilla at [Drusilla@drakegroup.com](mailto:Drusilla@drakegroup.com) or 619.917.7657.

Congratulations to Sally Nickels who was appointed Rectora for the Spring Weekend, #129. Please watch the next Forward for more information. If you are interest in working you can go to the website [www.SDCursillo.org](http://www.SDCursillo.org) to download an application or you can contact Sally at [sanfhs@aol.com](mailto:sanfhs@aol.com).

On Thursday, December 23 at 6PM, there will be a Blue Christmas service at St. David's. This is an ecumenical service that recognizes that despite the messages of the secular media, Christmas is not always a happy time for everyone. It may be the first Christmas without a family member who has died; it may be a time that has always been difficult. The enduring message of Christmas is that into the darkness, the love of Christ shines and brings hope.

#### De Colores All!

I am the Rectora for the Women's Cursillo #220 in March 2011. I am need of a music director ,and a couple of cooks. Please, please, please call or email if you would like to work the weekend. Weekends are held @ Cursillo House in Pomona, Ca.

#### Team Meeting 8:30-1:00 Schedule:

01/15/11. St. Clare of Assisi, Rancho Cucamonga Ca  
02/05/11 TBA  
02/12/11 Emmanuel Fullerton  
02/26/11 TBA

Blessings upon you!

Julie Dutra, [jadutra@msn.com](mailto:jadutra@msn.com)

## THE 2011 SECRETARIAT

**WELCOME to our new three year Secretariat members: Rev. Paul Gambling, Gary Baty, Arturo Gandara, Glen Parrish and Judy Brown. Dottie Baty will be filling in Bryan Chan's final year.**

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2010

- 11 8:30 am Servant Community Meeting – Good Sam's
- 12:30 pm Secretariat Meeting
- 20 Back to the Mountain Application Deadline
- 23 6:00 pm Blue Christmas Service, St David's

### JANUARY 2011

- 6 6:00 pm Secretariat Meeting location TBA – Open to All
- 7-9 BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN WEEKEND –  
Camp Stevens (Hosts Eileen Pierce/Lynn Nicholson)
- 9 10:00 am Episcopal Mass at Holy Trinity, Ocean Beach
- 16 Cursillo Sunday – Diocesan Wide
- 28 Foreword Deadline
- 29 9am-3pm Secretariat Retreat – St. Timothy's

### FEBRUARY 2011

- 11-12 San Diego Diocesan Convention – FUMC
- 20 6:00 pm Ecumenical Grand Ultheya –  
Mission San Diego De Alcala

### MARCH 2011

- 12 8:30 am Servant Community Meeting – Good Sam's
- 12:30 pm Secretariat Meeting

Please check the Cursillo website [www.sd cursillo.org](http://www.sd cursillo.org) for updates and Directions to churches.