



Forward

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Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

Message from the Chair



We just completed the Spring weekend and are well on our way to planning for the rest of the year. We are already planning for the Fall weekend, Back to The Mountain (BTTM) and next year. God is guiding us to the direction He wants us to go. Prayerfully we are listening & trying to not get in the way.

The Secretariat was asked to give feedback to our NEC Clergy Rep on a study the NEC is working on. We will be forwarding that & meeting with Rev. Peter Snow at the end of May.

Bryan Chan, Rector of the weekend chose the theme for the Spring Weekend of Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." The Spring 3-day weekend was April 26-29, 2012. The weekend was another God filled event. It started off cold and rainy on Thursday. Each day got progressively clearer and warmer in more ways than one. Welcome, new Cursillistas to the community.

Do you want to get involved in Cursillo & don't know where to start? How about attending one of the Quarterly Servant Community meetings. You can meet the group & get a feel of what they are working on to make Cursillo a viable ministry in the Diocese. The group usually meets on a Saturday morning from about 8:30 – 10 or 11 am. The meeting dates & times are always on the website calendar, www.sdcursillo.org. The next meeting is June 23 at St. James by the Sea in La Jolla & the information will be on the calendar.

Your in Christ,

Judy Brown

From the Spiritual Advisor

Overcoming Threats to my Existence



I am a firm believer in the importance of ideas. A society and individuals need true and good ideas if they are going to have happiness and prosperity. Ideas do matter, but there is something else that matters more than ideas, it is my actual existence. I am more than an idea, I exist as a real person in a real world. Unfortunately I live in a world that is full of evil people and even evil desires in my own soul that are a real threat to my existence, that may hurt me or even kill me.

When I read various newspapers on the Internet, I am seeing not just news about ideas but about existence threatening activities.

I read about Mexican drug cartels moving north of the border, doing business and violence in the United States. I read about Iran developing nuclear weapons, and unstable Pakistan having nuclear weapons. I read about people losing their homes, and know people who have lost their homes. I read about sky rocketing government debt that may hurt all of us in the future. All of the above are not just ideas under discussion but things that may threaten me as an actual person living in the world.

In a world with such big problems why would a person want to go through life without asking for God to help them overcome these problems that threaten their very existence? Yet many people who say they believe that God exists live as practical atheists, as if God didn't exist. This way of living does not make any sense.

I believe that in the world we find ourselves in today, we need God being present and active inside of us each and every day.

Fortunately God did not place us on this earth to face these problems by ourselves. He came to help us in the person of Jesus Christ. God comes to us in Jesus to fill us with His risen presence and power. If God can raise Jesus from the dead He can conquer even the biggest problems that threaten us today.

I believe that I need the risen presence of Christ inside me as I see the life threatening problems all around me. I need the power of the risen Christ inside of me to conquer all the things that are threatening my existence in this troubled world.

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Secretariat / Servant Community News:

Back to the Mountain-Judy Brown: After some discussion concerning possible candidates, Bryan Chan and Susan Miller volunteered to lead Back to the Mountain 2013.

Articles for Church Newsletters-Judy Brown: Glenn Parrish has completed the generate of twelve (12) boilerplate articles that can be placed in church newsletters by parish representatives. **Please contact Glen if you are interested.**
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“Let God Transform You”

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

It is not too early to think about those people who you feel would benefit from the Cursillo experience. Look around your church and your friends. Also, I would love to see some new faces or some experienced cursillistas (who haven’t worked in a while) working the weekend. I will have a schedule in the next Forward.

In his grace,

Laurie Mumford, Rectora, Cursillo #132

CHILDCARE NEEDED

Do you have teenagers who would like to earn money during an Ultreya? The work will not be hard, just taking care of child(ren) for about 1-1/2 hr while their parents participate. Ultreyas are usually held on Saturdays preceded by a potluck. If your teen can help, please contact Judy Anderson, at jmanderson38@sbcglobal.net, or call 619-286-1208.

Have you been on the Cursillo Website lately. Ed Embick our Webmaster is doing a bang up job of keeping the website up to date. There is a font of information of upcoming events, forms, secretariat contacts, parish representatives, and the list goes on There is also links to other websites such as the NEC, Happenings, Walk to Emmaus. Do you need some prayer coverage that link is there also.

Kudos to You, ED for your commitment not only to Cursillo weekend movement but for your unending support of the website and keeping us informed of ongoing activities through the email blasts. If you are not on our email list please contact Ed at sueanded@san.rr.com to get on the list.

(Cont’d From the Spiritual Advisor)

I have a non-Christian friend who is very depressed by the world we are living in, a world with an economy that is making his daily life difficult. If you simply look at what the world is doing to people I could see a feeling of depression as a response that makes sense.

But since I know the presence of the risen Christ inside of me I know that in the end I will overcome the things that hurt and threaten me today. This gives me an attitude of peace, confidence, and hope so I can go forward with my life. I can also seek constructive solutions to the problems that threaten me.

Your friend in Christ,

Rector #131 Report

“For the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Cursillo Weekend #131 was truly prosperous. The Holy Spirit was very present during the weekend. We all experienced the Fruits of the Spirit: fruits of joy, fruits of laughter, fruits of love and fruits of grace.

We were all transformed into stronger and more loving Christians on the mountaintop.

Thanks to the entire team and New Cursillistas for making the weekend a very memorable experience.

Holy Spirit, Thank you for your love, joy and amazing grace for the weekend of Cursillo #131. May we always spread your love with everyone we encounter. Lord, Please wrap your loving arms around us with your comfort, strength, joy and grace. May we see You at all times and may others see You in us at all times. In Your Holy Presence, Amen.

“We love you, Lord and We lift our voice, to worship You all our soul, rejoice. Take joy, My King in what You hear, make us a sweet, sweet sound in Your Ear.” And all God’s children say...Amen!

Blessings,
Bryan Chan
Rector, Cursillo #131

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 contacts 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!

On June 16 an Ultreya will be held at All Saints, San Diego. The rest of the summer has not been scheduled yet. If you'd like to have an Ultreya at your church, either in the evening or in the afternoon, please contact me either by phone or e-mail.

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Please let us Ed Embick, sueanded@san.rr.com know if you have a change to your email or address.

Please let me know, lindalyns@aol.com if you would like to have an article or news item inserted into the Forward.

If you would like to know more about the Servant Community work contact Larry, lalvadori@yahoo.com or come to the next meeting on June 23rd at Good Sam's.



The fall weekend dates are October 18 – 21, 2012. Application cut-off is September 24. The follow-up Day of Deeper Understanding is November 3, and the Fall Grand Ultreya is November 17 at All Souls' Pt. Loma.

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JUNE

16 6:00 pm Potluck
7:00 pm Ulitreyra, All Saint's, San Diego

23 8:30 am Servant Community Meeting, Good Sam
12:30 pm Secretariat Meeting, Good Sam

JULY

19 6:30 pm Secretariat Meeting, Good Sam

25 Forward Articles Due

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

8 8:30 am Servant Community Meeting, St James, La Jolla
1st time Rollo Room / Cocinera Training
12:30 pm Secretariat Meeting, Good Sam

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THE NEXT CURSILLO WEEKEND WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 18-21, 2012. Watch the Forward for dates and times of upcoming team meetings.

Please check the Cursillo website www.sdcursillo.org for updates and Directions to churches.

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