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**OCTOBER 2018**

*Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego*

*Our Mission is to Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership*

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PALANCA**

## *A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO SECRETARIAT PRESIDENT*

*The only thing that counts is Faith expressing itself through Love* Galatians  
5:6b

De Colores!

August and September were very busy in the Cursillo community. There was a lively Ultreya at St Phillip's in August, and another at St Peter's in September. As always, the food was good, the music enjoyable, and the fellowship superb. We are blessed to have these opportunities to come together to praise God.

Cursillo weekend #143 is almost here. Miguel Cosio has prepared his team, and Susan Miller and her committee have gone through the applications for candidates. Please continue to keep all involved in the weekend in your prayers and thanksgivings.

**\*\*\*Remember\*\*\***

**Mananitas starts at 2:15 pm. Bring yourself with flowers for 13.**

**Open Clausura starts at 2:30PM, Sunday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at Pine Valley Bible Conference Center.**

**Distribution of flowers will precede the festive Eucharist.**

**All members of the Cursillo community are encouraged to attend and welcome our new Cursilistas.**

Our Grand Ultreya will be held Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at St Andrew's, La Mesa. This Ultreya is special as this is where we will elect new members to the Cursillo Secretariat. We will be voting in 3 new lay members for 3-year terms, and 2 new clergy. If you are interested in serving the community in this part of the ministry, or have any questions, please contact me at [kmsopsinger@yahoo.com](mailto:kmsopsinger@yahoo.com).

Next up... **Back to the Mountain**. The weekend has been moved to January 11-13, so not to conflict with Epiphany celebrations at everyone's churches. It will start Friday at 4 and end before lunch on Sunday. The retreat is being led by **The Three Amigos: Larry Salvadori, Ruben Rodriguez, and Jon Turley**. More information to come. You don't want to miss this one.

Blessings, Kit

## *MORE FROM THE PRESIDENT*

### What Would Jesus Do?

This question was first found in a book written in 1891 by Charles Sheldon but made popular in the 90's, mostly among young people. The wearing of WWJD bracelets became, for the wearer, a reminder to act in a manner that would demonstrate the love of Jesus, a question to be applied to everyday choices.

Critics claimed that since we are not Jesus, we cannot use this as a guide to actions. We cannot change water into wine, or reach out and touch someone to heal instantly. We may not have the ability to raise people from the dead, but we are commanded by Jesus to love others as He has loved us. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

I think a better question to ask ourselves in everyday living is "What would Jesus have us do?" What actions in our everyday lives would show the love Jesus showed others? How can we live out the second great commandment, not to mention our baptismal covenant? "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?"

Not every situation we encounter in our everyday lives requires great action. St Thérèse of Lisieux said “One word or pleasing smile is often enough to raise up a sadden and wounded soul”. These actions alone can make a world of difference to someone who just wants to be acknowledged, seen.

Of course, in our lives there will be many opportunities to do more. If we open our eyes to all people, or do as Jesus did, intentionally spend time with those who live in the margins, we will see a multitude of opportunity to serve our neighbor. Serving can be done individually, or as a group effort. God gave each of us gifts to be part of a larger body of Christ and work together. In our lives, let us show the love **Christ** shows us in His example, **To Everyone - No Exceptions!**

## *A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN CURSILLO SPIRITUAL ADVISOR*

**“Hey, what difference does it make in your *own* life that you are a Christian?”**

Martha Grace Reese asks this question of groups of people in churches when she comes to talk to them about evangelism. She often receives what she calls loud silence that just stretches on and on. Finally, someone volunteers hesitantly and says, “because it makes me a better person.”

Many of us have grown up in the church and being a Christian is just like the air we breathe. We do it without even thinking about it. There are benefits to being a Christian that we take for granted but don’t think about. It’s important that we realize that being a Christian is a choice and it is a way of life that is different than what our surrounding culture tells us. Those who have had a sudden conversion experience can clearly see the difference before and after their conversion, but a person who has grown up in the church has been converted so gradually they may not easily identify a difference.

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Many people live lives separated from God. They do not know of all the above things that God can do for them. We should be aware of their deep need for God. We should not take what we have been given for granted but appreciate the tremendous gifts that God has given us. And as we appreciate these gifts we can see the difference that God makes in our lives and how we can be a witness to those that so desperately need what we have been given. We need to be witnesses to the difference it makes being a Christian. I ask you again to look into your own life and contemplate what difference it makes that you are a Christian.

Your friend in Christ,

Father George

## *CURSILLO EVENTS CALENDAR*

*10-13-18: #143 TEAM MEETING, ST. DUNSTAN'S, 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON*

*10-19,20 - 18: EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE, HOUSTON, JUDY BROWN*

*10-25 THRU 28 - 18: CURSILLO #143 WEEKEND, PINE VALLEY. MIGUEL COSIO*

*10-28-18: MANANITAS 2:15 PM, CLAUSURA 2:30 PM*

*11-01-18: SECRETARIAT MEETING, ST. DUNSTAN'S, 6:00 PM BAG IT, 6:30 PM MEETING*

*11 – 9,10 - 18 : DIOCESAN CONVENTION, ST. DUNSTAN'S, KEREN MONDACA*

*11-10-18: NIGHT OF DEEPER UNDERSTANDING, ST. PHILIPS, RUBEN RODRIGUEZ, 6:00-9:00 PM*

*11-17-18: GRAND ULTREYA AND ELECTIONS, ST. ANDREW'S, LA MESA, ULTREYA COM.,6:00 PM POT,  
7:00 PM ULTREYA*

*11-29-18: FORWARD DEADLINE, FORWARD EDITOR*

*12-1-18: SERVANT COMMUNITY, ST. DUNSTAN'S, LARRY SALVADORI, 8:30 – 11:00 AM*

*12-1-18: SECRETARIAT MEETING, ST. DUNSTAN'S, KIT CHEVALIER, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM*

*12-1-18: CURSILLO CHRISTMAS UNTREYA, ST. DUNSTAN'S, ULTREYA COM. 1:00 PM - ON*

# PALANCA

Hello Dear Friends!!!

Let me invite you to send Palanca, and keep praying throughout the weekend when our brothers and sisters gather on their Cursillo Weekends on the following dates:

## OCTOBER

10/24-27, Cursillo #220, Alabama, [lipmonm@gmail.com](mailto:lipmonm@gmail.com)

10/26, Staff Training, Alabama, [stafftraining@cursilloalabama.org](mailto:stafftraining@cursilloalabama.org)

## NOVEMBER

11/16-18, Happening, West Texas, [michaelk@stlukes-sa.net](mailto:michaelk@stlukes-sa.net)

De Colores!  
Isabel Lynne

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The Cursillo community accepts donations year-round. These donations allow us to set up “scholarships” to help defray the cost of sponsoring new Cursillistas and workers, pay our bills, support ministries, and the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. If you’d like to make a Donation/Gift to Cursillo, please sent it to:

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**FROM THE NATIONAL CURSILLO  
NEWS**

**NEWS NOTES**

**October 2018**

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Voice in the Wilderness

Love God, love your neighbors, and while you're at it,  
love yourself.

—Bishop Michael Curry



*The Rev. Canon Joann Saylor*

## **Canon Joann Saylor to Give Keynote at Houston Conference**

The Rev. Canon Joann Saylor, who leads Mission Amplification for the Diocese of Texas, will deliver the keynote address at the annual Episcopal Cursillo Ministry conference in Houston on Friday-Saturday, October 19-20.

Prior to her current position, Saylor was Canon for Deployment and Congregational Development in the Diocese of West Texas. Bishop Andrew Doyle praised her for her background as a CPA working in project management and team leadership, combined with her ministry in a parish and experience in congregational development.



Saylor leads the Mission Amplification Team's five missionaries to assist leaders and congregations to plant new communities of faith, both church plants and missional communities, and to nurture congregations and their leaders. The team provides coaching and consulting, as well as assessments and programs like cultural competency training and formation events. Additionally the diocesan team helps congregations strategize and engage in effective action in response to opportunities and challenges.

Saylor received her M.Div. from Seminary of the Southwest in Austin in 2010. Prior to ordination, Saylor was a financial systems and project management consultant. Born in Pennsylvania and raised in Dallas, she graduated from the University of Texas as a Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Plan II Honors Program and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Honors finance and accounting. She remains a licensed CPA. She has served ex officio on a number of diocesan committees and as a member of the Board of Good Samaritan Community Services in San Antonio.

Click on this link to go right to Registration page. <http://www.cvent.com/d/5gq300>

Building on its theme — **THE CHURCH OUTSIDE THE BOX** — the Conference will look at ways to strengthen the Cursillo Ministry .

**HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE:**

- The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle of Texas will provide opening remarks.
- The Rev. Canon Joann Saylor will deliver the keynote address.
- There will be four workshop sessions with interesting topics to choose from.

Come, join us! Don't miss this unique opportunity for renewal, education and empowerment as we celebrate the joys of being in Christian community.

# Back to the Mountain

JANUARY 11 –13, 2019, PINE VALLEY

HOSTED BY THE THREE AMIGOS:

*JON TURLEY RUBEN RODRIGUEZ LARRY SALVADORI*



**COMING SOON – DON'T MISS IT**

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