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# Cursillo *forward*

Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego  
Our Mission is to Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership  
Please visit our Cursillo website for more information at [www.sdcursillo.org](http://www.sdcursillo.org)

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO SECRETARIAT PRESIDENT***

### **A Prayer in a Time of Distress**

Almighty and everlasting God, You are strength to those who suffer and comfort to those who grieve. Let the prayers of your children who are in trouble rise to you. Hear our prayer. We claim your promises of wholeness as we pray for those who are ill or are suffering loss and long for your healing touch.

*Hear our prayer.*

Make the weak strong, the sick healthy, the broken whole, and confirm those who serve them as agents of your love.

*Hear our prayer.*

To everyone in distress, grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment.

*Hear our prayer.*

As we begin to rebuild, we commend our neighborhoods to your care. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create a community where your will may be done.

*Hear our prayer.*

God of compassion, you watch our ways, and weave out of terrible happenings wonders of goodness and grace.

*Hear our prayer.*

Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your present love, and hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted; Through Jesus Christ who was dead, but lives and rules this world with you. Amen.

*Submitted by Maria Isabel Lynne - President*

## Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for  
our children when their schools close,  
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,  
Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our neighbors.

Amen.



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

### **A Short Meditation on COVID-19**

Dear Friends,

During this time of COVID-19 we are in a wilderness period. In Paula Gooder's Lenten Bible Study book, **Let Me Go There**, she says the word "wilderness" can be a metaphor for a time of austerity and learning how to depend upon God's grace. During this time, we are forced to step back from our daily activities as we are confined to our homes and deprived of our normal lives. It is a wilderness-type experience. In the church calendar there are two seasons that have wilderness experiences in them: One season is Advent where John the Baptist is in the wilderness. The other season is the season of Lent when Jesus is in the wilderness being tempted by Satan.

In the case of John the Baptist, his wilderness experience is one of waiting for the Messiah to deliver the people of Israel from the evil of this world. In Jesus' wilderness experience the focus is on temptation. I believe our current COVID-19 wilderness experience is more like the John the Baptist waiting paradigm. We are waiting to be saved from COVID-19 and its evil disruption of our lives. While we wait, we can become frustrated at why this is happening to us. We can become angry at the Chinese Communist Party for what they've done to us by their lack of reasonable sanitary controls. We can become fearful of our future because we're afraid we will die or have a lack of income. There are many troubling emotions stirring in our souls that can cause us to feel depressed. This feeling of depression can be debilitating. We can lose hope for the future. It's at times like these that we need to hear John the Baptist's words of hope, that God will come and save us.

In John the Baptist's time, all the people could think about was being saved from the Roman occupation and oppression. They needed instead to think about what God could do in their lives. John invited the people of his day to repent of their sins and explore what God could be doing in their midst. I propose that we use this time waiting to not just get mad at Chinese communists, but to wait in hopeful expectation that God is still working. In John's day their waiting was suddenly interrupted by the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, at the River Jordan. I believe that God can still work miracles today and interrupt our lives by suddenly coming to us during this time of waiting. Jesus, the son of God is here with us ready to act in our midst.

Please use this time of waiting to reconnect with Jesus and look for him to do something new in your life. There needs to be an expectant waiting upon Jesus during this COVID-19 quarantine. Please spend time in prayer. Pray for COVID-19 victims and pray with a sense of expectation—waiting upon Jesus to do His miraculous and saving work.

Your friend in Christ,

Father George

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR, CURSILLO WEEKEND #146***

As you know, Cursillo Weekend #146, scheduled for last weekend, did not occur. Cursillo #146 will occur October 29-November 1, 2020. The annoying and evil Covid-19 pre-empted our event—and most every other event everywhere.

Never fear! This gives us time to re-group and organize our papers! Ruben and I discovered boxes of forms, letters, agendas, etc. from Crusillos #131 to #145. (Cursillo #146 has its own, new boxes and folders.) We are thinning our historical stash. Team #146 members remain substantially the same group. One or two people have other plans during the Fall Weekend. Some cursillistas who were unavailable in the Spring plan to work in the Fall. There is space on the team for the Fall Weekend.

Our revised Team schedule is:

August 8, 2020 Core Meeting

August 29 Team Meeting #1

September 19 Team Meeting #2

October 10 Rollo Critiques

October 17 Team Meeting #3

October 29 – November 1 Cursillo Weekend #146

November 11 Day of Deeper Understanding

Yet to be scheduled are Newbee Training and an evening Team Meeting, if needed. Locations and times to be determined.

This extended preparation time encourages reflection on the ways God is working in the world; on the ways we can encourage one another and encourage our candidates; and, on the ways we organize our household stuff.

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of time. Help us to use it wisely in the service of others and to your glory. Amen.

Ginny Kelly Rodriguez ,Rectora #146

## **FOURTH DAY ACTIVITIES**

### **Grand Ultreya During The Covid-19 Pandemic**

**Join us at [Sdcursillo.org](http://Sdcursillo.org) starting on April 25, 2020.**

At the Open Clausura of our Cursillo Weekend we were sent out to bring the love of Christ to the world wherever we are and at whatever time. We grow in Christ by practicing the Cursillo method of Piety, Study, Action, Grouping, Ultreyas and Corporate Worship. This is true during peaceful times and troubled times like the one we are now experiencing. So, what to do about the Grand Ultreya set for April 25, 2020 at St. Andrew's La Mesa at a time we should be quarantined at home and kept apart from others by practicing social distancing?

Answer: We should do whatever we can to offer an ultreya experience to anyone and everyone who has access to the internet. The good news is that that is what is in the works and will be on full display starting on April 25 at [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org). **LOOK FOR THE UPCOMING LINK at [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) (YOU CAN'T MISS IT) AND JOIN US.**

**GIVING THE WITNESS TALK is ROSIE TSENG of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Bonita.** Rosie is a long-time member of Good Shepherd and a long-time Cursillista. Because of health issues and limited resources, she was challenged to fulfill her mission to share Christ with others. Her talk reveals how she shared Christ with her neighbors in the trailer park she lives in and the blessings that have come as a result.

**GIVING THE ECHO TALK is BRYAN CHAN of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, North Park, San Diego.**

**GIVING THE SCRIPTURAL RESPONSE is THE REVEREND BABS MEAIRS of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Rancho Penasquitos, San Diego.**

**MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED by ALEX TUTTLE.** Feel free to sing along with Alex.

**YOUR HOST: Ruben Rodriguez**

Next Ultreya: May 15, 2020 Witness: Sunny Landry Echo: Ted Parsons

Scriptural Response: Fr. George Calvert

Ultreya!

## And now... a message from Susan Miller

### Cursillo 146 Update

As you're all well-aware, our Spring weekend could not take place as planned. The Secretariat and Team decided to postpone (not cancel) the entire Weekend, to our next scheduled date in the fall. It will still be **Cursillo 146**. The Rectora will still be **Ginny Rodriguez**. The venue will still be **Pine Valley**. We can still expect the **Holy Spirit** to be there.

#### About our Candidates

- They are already considered enrolled in the next weekend and at the front of the line.
- We will hold their applications to the next weekend — their paperwork is done! We'll confirm their intentions closer to October.

#### To our Sponsors

- We will transfer your sponsorship applications to the October Weekend.
- We will apply tuition paid to the Fall Weekend, unless this is a hardship for you.
- We will contact you and your candidates in September and gear up again for the weekend.

#### To all Cursillistas

- We will continue to take new applications as well until we hit our upper limit of candidates.
- The deadline for new applications is September 29, 2020, 30 days before the weekend begins.
- The **Fall Weekend, Cursillo 146**, is **October 29-November 1, 2020**. *Save those dates!*

Be well, stay healthy, enjoy your family, and talk to God. (I hear He still gets to go everywhere.)

Susan Miller, Pre-Cursillo Chair

## ***Cursillo events calender(Subject to postponement)***

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| Apr-02-20                                      | <a href="#">Secretariat</a>                       | <a href="#">St. Dunstan's</a>                     | <a href="#">Isabel Lynne</a>                        | 6:00 PM Brn Bag<br>6:30 PM Meeting |
| <b>Postponed to<br/>November<br/>Apr-18-20</b> | <a href="#">Day of Deeper Understanding</a>       | <a href="#">St. Phillip's<br/>Lemon<br/>Grove</a> | <a href="#">Barbara Peralta<br/>Ruben Rodriguez</a> | <del>8:30 AM-</del><br>3:00 PM     |
| Apr-25-20                                      | <a href="#">Grand Ultreya<br/>[Flyer english]</a> | Web site  | <a href="#">Ultreya Committee</a>                   | Ultreya                            |

| May 2019  | More Information<br>Click <a href="#">Link</a> | Directions<br>Click <a href="#">Link</a> | Click <a href="#">Link</a><br>to e-mail POC | <a href="#">Return to top</a>      |
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| DATE      | Description                                    | Location                                 | POC   | Time/Day                           |
| May-07-20 | <a href="#">Secretariat</a>                    | <a href="#">St. Dunstan's</a>            | <a href="#">Isabel Lynne</a>                | 6:00 PM Brn Bag<br>6:30 PM Meeting |
| May-16-20 | <a href="#">Ultreya</a><br>[click for Flyer]   | <a href="#">Good Shepherd Bonita</a>     | <a href="#">Ultreya Committee</a>           | 6:00 PM PotLuck<br>7:00 PM Ultreya |
| May-29-20 | Forward Deadline                               |  | <a href="#">News Letter Editor</a>          | COB                                |

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## ***CURSILLO CORNER – LOVE DONATIONS – THE GREEN ROLLO***

The Cursillo community accepts donations year-round, and especially now with ongoing cancellations, uncertainty, and upheavals. These donations allow us to set up “scholarships” to help defray the cost of sponsoring new Cursillistas and workers, paying our bills, supporting our ministries, and donating to the the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. If you’d like to make a small, medium, or large gift to Cursillo, please sent it now to:

Judy Brown – Treasurer  
51 Viejas Grade Road  
Alpine, Ca. 91901-1605

Checks made out to: Cursillos in Christianity

In addition: My family has found, to our surprise, a ton of budget savings including gasoline ( we don’t go anywhere any more). And when we do need to gas up, it’s out there at a dollar a gallon savings from last year. With just this one monthly savings, we are going to send a much needed donation to Cursillo. How about you?

Larry Salvadori, Forward Editor