

Forward

Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

FROM THE CHAIR – JUNE 2003

I extend a warm welcome to all the new Cursillistas from Cursillos 107 and 108. You have joined a dynamic and thriving community of Christians in action for their Lord. It is my prayer that you will enter your Fourth Day with joy and continue to grow in faith through grouping, Ultreyas, and spiritual direction. On a different note, please accept my apology for the traffic situation at the May 10 Fourth Day program. We were unaware until two days before the event that it conflicted with the Pacific Beach street fair only three blocks away. I have heard accounts of many people who tried unsuccessfully to find parking and eventually gave up.

Sometimes when I attend various events throughout the Diocese, I hear comments about Cursillo that indicate some of our Cursillistas do not understand the basics of the movement. Cursillo is not a para-church organization, but a movement within the Church under the direction and authority of the Bishop. Cursillo means “short course”. Its purpose is to equip Christians with the tools and provide the motivation to become evangelists in their own environments with the goal of changing the world for Christ by teaching the fundamentals of Christian living.

Our first “Day of Deeper Understanding” on June 28, at Good Samaritan, University City, is an excellent way to gain a better knowledge of the fundamentals of the Cursillo movement. The format will be similar to that used in the rollo room during the 3-Day Weekend with talks followed by table discussions. Prior registration is required for this day; see the announcement in this issue.

You have probably heard that we are not conducting Cursillo weekends this fall in order to prepare and allow everyone to attend the 2003

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National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar (NECS) at the Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley on October 24-26. I highly encourage everyone to register for and attend the seminar. Cursillistas from the entire country gather to share, worship, and celebrate the Lord through the movement. I hope that many will plan on attending this rare event in our diocese.

If you are a regular reader of my columns, you have probably noticed that I mention the Servant Community in every issue. Not every person who attends Cursillo will choose to be active in the movement, just as not every student becomes a teacher. For those of us, however, who have chosen Cursillo as part of our ministry, the quarterly Servant Community meetings provide a valuable resource. If you regularly work Three-day Weekends, I implore you to make attending Servant Community a priority. Our next meeting is on Saturday, June 14, from 9:00 to 12:00 at Church of the Good Samaritan, University City. Hope to see you there.

Ultreya,

WHOLISTIC SPIRITUALITY

In many circles wholistic medicine is advocated. If I understand it correctly, medical problems and solutions should be viewed from the standpoint of the whole person, not just as an isolated and local occurrence.

I believe that many of the problems and challenges we face in life are not just isolated events or issues but are part of bigger events and issues. For example, I have noticed that when a couple is having problems with their marriage, the problem is not just about the marriage, there may be unresolved childhood conflicts, poor money management, ethical problems, or other issues that are being imported into the marriage and damaging it. The whole problem needs to be addressed if a solution is to be found.

Many problems and issues in our lives need a wholistic solution. I believe that we often tend to miss seeing the big picture and rather concentrate on what is causing us pain at the moment. It is important to be aware of our feelings, especially if they are trying to tell us that something is wrong. But we must also look beyond our feelings to seeing our lives from God's perspective, to see the whole of our life, the meaning of our life as God has spoken to us in Scripture. We need what I call wholistic spirituality to get the big picture of both our problems and the solutions to our problems. Often God wants to give us, in his infinite love, a solution to our whole problem and therefore the best solution, but we need a wholistic spirituality, not a narrow compartmentalized religion, to receive it.

I believe one of the great things about Cursillo is that it provides a method to move us toward wholistic spirituality. Piety, study and action when used together are powerful tools that lift us out of our limited and local view of our life into God's big plan.

The order is important. We start by encountering God through piety so we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to see and do things that we would not do on our own. Secondly, we study Scripture and Christian writers so that we can further understand what God's spirit is inspiring us to do. Third, we act by faith on doing the ministry that God is calling us to do through our piety and study. God reveals new things to us through each of these three stages. Each stage moves us towards wholistic spirituality.

Cursillo is not just a movement seeking an inner spiritual experience, nor is it just a movement dedicated to theological reflection, and it is not just training for ministry, it is a combination of piety, study and action that encourages us to have a balanced and wholistic spirituality.

I believe that Cursillo is a tool that God can use to help us see ourselves and the world around us in a new and bigger way. Cursillo can be used by God along with a number of other things to move us to wholistic spirituality.

Your friend in Christ,

THE DENNIS FOWLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Dennis Fowle Memorial Scholarship Fund was established following his death in 1998. His wife, Connie, and his four children, Christopher, Andrew, Timothy and Jessica, could think of no better way to use the gracious and generous gifts sent to the family at that time. Dennis strived to have his children comprehend the value of an education and hard work; this ethic is so instilled in them that they want it to be valued and remembered.

One five hundred dollar scholarship will be awarded at the end of September. An application for that scholarship is enclosed in this newsletter. To be eligible for the award a student must be:

1. The child or grandchild of a member of the San Diego Episcopal Diocese Cursillo Community.
2. Be currently enrolled in a vocational, community or 4-year college.
3. Have completed the first full year of their study program.
4. Meet the financial and scholastic requirements.

Applications need to be received by August 15, 2003. They should be mailed to The Dennis Fowle Memorial Scholarship Committee, 2728 Sixth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103.

The Year 2003 selection committee members are: Connie Fowle, Ted Parsons and Jessica Fowle.

If you have questions, please call Connie at 760-630-8173 or Canon Deacon Jenny Vervynck at the Office of the Bishop, 619-291-5947.



PARISH LEADERS

The Parish Representative Committee announces the dates for the remaining 2003 Parish Leaders Workshops. St. Anne's, Oceanside, will be the site of the AUGUST 16 Workshop, and the NOVEMBER 8 Workshop will be held at St. Andrew's, La Mesa. Both will be from 12:30-5:30. The August 16 workshop will be followed by a potluck and Ultreya. On Nov. 8 the workshop will be followed by potluck and Grand Ultreya. ALL PARISH REPS WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED A WORKSHOP ARE URGED TO COME ON ONE OF THESE DATES. OTHER PARISH LEADERS WILL BE WELCOME. For further information, please contact Judy Anderson, jmanderson@cnasuretv.com; 619-286-1208

Have you Palanca-ed today? It's easy to forget, in the rush of everyday life, that Palanca is NOT just for weekends; but an ongoing thing. A warm smile, a helping hand, a quick prayer, or maybe just a thought, a card or an email for someone you haven't seen or heard from in a long time -- that's Palanca, too. Try it -- it's easy!

Judy Potter



Look for the next Forward in mid-August. Articles, calendar events and other materials are due

no later than July 28th.

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BEYOND THE 3-DAY CURSILLO WEEKEND

There awaits for you "A Day of Deeper Understanding"

The 3-Day Weekend is one phase of the three phases of Cursillo. "A Day of Deeper Understanding" is a Cursillo workshop designed to give you a comprehensive understanding of the totality of the Cursillo Movement. This is a day for new Cursillistas as well as experienced Cursillistas. We have all had a common experience; we have attended a 3-Day Weekend. We have answered the call, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"; "Here am I. Send me!" Now we move on to live in the 4th Day.

"A Day of Deeper Understanding" will take place at Good Samaritan Church, June 28th, 9am-3pm. Come and enjoy the company of Cursillistas as you listen to talks that will expand your knowledge of Cursillo and in turn strengthen your 4th Day. Each talk is followed by table discussions, much like the Weekend. There will be a question and answer time, music, and lunch. You will leave the day refreshed and with a renewed sense of purpose in living out the teaching of Cursillo: "Make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ."

The Rev. Ned Kellogg and The Rev. Maryanne Lacey will be our Spiritual Advisors.

A DAY OF DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

WHEN IS IT? SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2003

WHERE IS IT? GOOD SAMARITAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH – 9AM – 3PM
4321 EASTGATE MALL, SAN DIEGO, 92121. (858-458-1501)

WHY is it?

A "Day of Deeper Understanding" is a workshop that gives you a comprehensive understanding of the Cursillo Movement. The intent of the "Day" is to strengthen your life in the Fourth Day.

WHAT does it cost?

Lunch and materials provided for \$10.00 per person. Some scholarships are available. Make checks payable to: Cursillos in Christianity with "A Day of Deeper Understanding" on the memo line. Bring your NEC Library if you have one. Childcare will be provided.

Please send the application and check to:
Ann Packard, 5336 Noah Way, San Diego, CA 92117
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Name/s _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Parish _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

SPACE IS LIMITED...DON'T DELAY!

FINANCIAL WORKSHEET—DENNIS FOWLE SCHOLARSHIP

| | Current Semester | Next Semester |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Income \$ | | |
| Employment | _____ | _____ |
| Scholarships | _____ | _____ |
| Financial Aid | _____ | _____ |
| Other | _____ | _____ |
| Total Income \$ | _____ | _____ |
| Expenses \$ | | |
| Rent | _____ | _____ |
| Utilities | _____ | _____ |
| Transportation | _____ | _____ |
| Fuel | _____ | _____ |
| Food | _____ | _____ |
| Books | _____ | _____ |
| Tuition | _____ | _____ |
| Clothes | _____ | _____ |
| Misc. | _____ | _____ |
| Total Expenses \$ | _____ | _____ |
| Total Income | _____ | _____ |
| Total Expenses | _____ | _____ |
| Difference (INCOME-EXPENSES) | _____ | _____ |



The National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar for 2003 is coming to San Diego October 24-26, at The Handlery Hotel, San Diego, CA. Mark your calendars now and plan on attending and supporting your local Cursillo community as we host the National Seminar. Registration

deadline is October 2, 2003.

There are three Pre-Seminar workshops scheduled for Thursday, October 23: Spirituality, Cursillo Speakers Workshop, and Cursillo Music.

There are nine Educational Sessions; Weekend Team Training, 4th Day A Priority, Sponsorship, Cursillo and the Bible, Restore and Revive Cursillo, Witness Talk, Cooking on the 3-Day Weekend, Bringing the NEC Publications into the Electronic Age, and Encendiendo la Llama – Lighting the Flame.

On Friday, at 10:30 a.m., The Rt. Rev. Gethin Hughes will celebrate the Opening Eucharist as well as deliver the sermon. Lunch will be served following the Eucharist. The first Educational Session will begin at 2:45 p.m. The day will end with dinner and the Keynote address by The Rt. Rev. Daniel Herzog of the Diocese of Albany, New York.

On Saturday, the day will begin with Morning Prayer followed with breakfast. The second Educational Session begins at 9:15 a.m. and the third Educational Session begins at 1:00 p.m. The day ends with a social time, dinner and entertainment by musicians from our local community.

On Sunday, there will be several Open Sharing Sessions. The seminar ends with the closing Eucharist, with Bishop Herzog as celebrant and preacher.

The registration fee of \$180.00 includes three of the nine Educational Sessions plus materials and six meals beginning with lunch on Friday and ending with breakfast on Sunday. The Pre-seminar sessions are offered for an additional \$35.00. There is a special NECS rate at the Handlery Hotel for \$95.00 for one to two people and \$105.00 for three to four.

This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Cursillistas from around the nation and to learn more about the Cursillo movement. Sign up now and let's have San Diego be the largest community represented at THE NATIONAL EPISCOPAL CURSILLO SEMINAR, SAN DIEGO.

ULTREYA!

For additional information, registration forms and updates please see the NEC website: <http://www.episcopalcursillo.org> or our local website: <http://www.sdcursillo.org>. If you do not have web access please contact your local Parish Cursillo Representative, or the NECS Registrar: Barbara Taylor, 1824 Loyola Court, Chula Vista, CA 91913-3021, just4taylor@cox.net, (619)421-5612.

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NECS 2003 Registration Form
October 24—26, 2003 — San Diego, California

Please Print

Name _____ Diocese _____
(as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

Please check all applicable boxes:

- Designated Voting Delegate (One per Diocese)
- NECO Member Clergy First Seminar NECCAR Presenter
- Medical Dietary Concerns (specify) _____
- Roommate Needed Driving — Map Needed

Arrival Date _____ Airline/Flight # _____ Arrival Time _____

Depart Date _____ Airline/Flight # _____ Depart Time _____

(Please provide this information to the Registrar no later than October 15, if not available to submit with the form)

Please make your selections:

Pre-Seminar Workshops: one (\$35.00 for an all day workshop including box lunch)

- 1. Spirituality
- 2. Cursillo Speakers Workshop
- 3. Cursillo Music — Offering Our Best

Educational Sessions by number: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____ Alternate Choice _____

Open Sharing / Interest Groups by alphabet letter: 1st Choice _____ Alternate Choice _____

NECS 2003 Logo Items

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|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| T-Shirts \$15.00 | S <input type="checkbox"/> | M <input type="checkbox"/> | L <input type="checkbox"/> | XL <input type="checkbox"/> | XXL <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Polo Shirts \$18.00 | S <input type="checkbox"/> | M <input type="checkbox"/> | L <input type="checkbox"/> | XL <input type="checkbox"/> | XXL <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Sweatshirts \$25.00 | S <input type="checkbox"/> | M <input type="checkbox"/> | L <input type="checkbox"/> | XL <input type="checkbox"/> | XXL <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Tote Bags
\$15.00

PAYMENT SUMMARY:

Seminar Registration (\$180.00) _____

Pre-Seminar Registration (\$35.00 including box lunch) _____

Logo Merchandise Items _____

Total Enclosed _____

Make check payable to NECS 2003 and send with this form to:
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 Registration Deadline is October 2, 2003 — Submit One Form for Each Attendee



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