



# 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

It's Lent. Well, as I write this letter it's Lent, but by the time you read it we should be getting into Easter, but I still want to say a few words about Lent.

As these 40 days progress I find myself thinking more and more on the love of God and what our brother, His son Jesus Christ, did for us, all of us. He was born to live and die for us. God so loved us that he gave his only begotten son. As I reflect I can only imagine how I'd feel if it were my only son, and with that comes a sadness and despair that I can not describe.

I want to see Mary's face as she looks into her son's face, knowing he is a very true and rare gift from God. What is she thinking? What are her prayers? I want to know Mary's heart, from the day she gave birth to the day she watched her son die.

Christ was sinless, and he took all of our sins upon Himself, to save us. I know how I feel when I have sinned; I can't even fathom what it would be like to take on all the sins of the entire world - then, now and forever. But He did, He said yes to His Father in Heaven. With that thought come joy and thankfulness. What a joy-filled time Lent can be if we remember not only what Christ did for us, but why He did it.

Don't think of Lent as a time to give something up; think of it as a time to take something on. At this time I will add 5 more minutes to my prayer time. I find that as Lent draws closer to an end, I really need that extra time. I don't give those extra minutes up for Easter either, I hang on to that extra time all year long. Time is the one thing I don't have a lot of, and that's what makes it a sacrifice for me.

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Lent is a time of giving things up, taking things on and minor cords in the music. But for me Lent is a time to celebrate, yes celebrate! Be joyful in the Lord because....

God so loved us that He gave His only son! Thanks be to God for His love and thank you Jesus for your sacrifice.

Have a joyous Lent and a very blessed Easter.

Peace,  
Victoria

## Do You Have a Cursillo Ministry?

The goal of the Cursillo movement is not to create people to work on future Cursillo weekends, but to develop leaders in the Christian community. Of course, we always need cursillistas to conduct the three-day weekends. Cursillistas involved in the movement tend to fall into three general categories:

- There are those who occasionally work a weekend and/or sponsor a candidate.
- There are some who regularly work weekends.
- There are those who have adopted the Cursillo movement as their primary means of apostolic action and work behind the scenes in various capacities.

All three groups serve a vital role in the movement. The third group, however, has an advantage over the other two because it receives regular training on the Cursillo method. The source of that training is the Servant Community, also known as the Leader's School.

What happens at a Servant Community meeting? Well, meetings always begins (after prayer) with a lay and a clergy talk on a fundamental aspect of the Cursillo movement. Regular attendance at Servant Community provides a solid foundational knowledge of Cursillo basics. It is usually followed by a floating group reunion, because wherever two or three cursillistas are gathered together, there will be a grouping. Then we break up into committees that address the various needs of the community. Those committees are as varied as the Cursillo itself. Topics include music, prayer, sponsorship, food, facilities, team training, palanca, parish representatives, computers, and communications just to name a few. The committees are made up of cursillistas who have a ministry in that area. (No one is ever assigned a ministry; everyone chooses their own.) After individual committees meet, we gather together again and report on any developments and recommendations so that we can work together towards common goals. Recommendations are forwarded to the Secretariat who is responsible for policy decisions.

Do you have a ministry in the Cursillo movement? Even if you are just an occasional sponsor or weekend worker, Servant Community can help you to be more effective and give you a voice in

how things work. We meet four times a year on the second Saturday of March, June, September, and December usually at Church of the Good Samaritan in University City from 9 AM to noon. Our next meeting is on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email

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## Where Is the Trust?

The Diocese of San Diego and its member churches are in a painful place right now. There is a lot of hurt on both sides and in the middle, and if you don't know what I'm talking about, you are a very fortunate person.

Cursillo is a ministry of the Episcopal Church, and it belongs to everyone. The Spiritual Director of Cursillo in San Diego, Father George Calvert, has gone out of his way to keep politics out of the movement, both in the Secretariat and on the Weekends. And yet, I know there are a lot of people who look at the Rector for a weekend, or the Rectora, or the Weekend Spiritual Director, and decide not to sponsor candidates, or decide not to work the weekend, based on the politics of that person. This is happening on both sides of the divide. It shows an alarming amount of distrust, a lack of faith.

I'm sorry to have to tell you this, but the Cursillo movement in this Diocese will wither up and die if we keep thinking and acting this way. We are a community. Many of us have known each other for years through working weekends, and have grown to love and respect each other, and now this element of distrust has entered this close knit community and is eating away at it. Without candidates, we will not have Weekends. Without Weekends, we will lose a valuable teaching ministry in this Diocese, and we will stop building Christian leaders for our churches.

One of the lessons that I have learned in the Episcopal Church is to trust in God. God will watch out for the Cursillo movement, and each and every weekend, and each and every person if we let Him. If we don't, evil can creep into those cracks and tear us apart. Please let's not hold Cursillo hostage to the politics of the Church. We are all on the same side, God's side. Let's keep it that way. Keep Cursillo in your prayers. Send your candidates. Work the Weekends. Keep the faith. He has called you by name.

Jane Schuler

## **From the Rector**

### **Cursillo #117 Update**

By the time you read this article, the last team meeting will have taken place and the planning and preparation completed for the weekend. It is now in the hands of our Lord to provide His chosen candidates to attend.

Preparation was made more difficult by the withdrawal of St. Anne's team members, but thanks to the prayers from our San Diego Cursillo Community, a team has been chosen. Please refer to the team list enclosed in this issue of the Forward.

The candidate list is still a 'work-in-progress' as the cut-off date is on 6 April. As we all know both the team and candidate lists can still change up to the weekend, so please refer to the latest lists that will be posted on the San Diego Cursillo website:  
<http://www.sdcursillo.org/>

My 'better-half' who also happens to be Rectora for the Women's spring weekend has already mentioned (better than I could) the importance of the COMMUNITY support at this time. Please do not forget the men, they also need prayer, palanca and any other support that can be provided.

Our Head Sunday Angel is Sue Gerhardt and she would love to hear from anyone that could help up at Camp Stevens on Sunday 23 April. Her contact details are:  
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To those of you unable to work the weekend, I hope to see you at Mananitas and especially at Open Clausura as you welcome the new Cursillistas into our San Diego Cursillo community.

My spiritual journey has and still is being enriched by this experience and I continue to thank our Father for what He has placed in my hands. I have had to learn to let it go and let God!

I pray that your spiritual preparation during Lent has also allowed you to have a closer relationship with our risen Lord.

Ultreya!

Your brother in Christ,

Laurent Perkins  
Rector Cursillo #117



## **From the Rectora**

*Peace I leave with you:  
my peace I give to you....*

*John 14:28*

I pray that, especially during this time of Lent, you are experiencing the special peace that Christ promised us through the Holy Spirit, the great comforter to be with us always.

The weekend is nearly upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued prayers. There is no better Palanca than prayer!! You are all such a blessing and support to us and we appreciate your dedication. Talking of Palanca, please remember, Palanca parties are a wonderful time of fellowship and at the same time you will be sending God's Love to each and every Candidate. You will have to keep referring back to the website for updates on the names of the Candidates the deadline has been extended to 6<sup>th</sup> April so they will not all be in this Forward.

God sent the perfect team to serve this upcoming weekend. Team meetings have been constructive and informative and we are blessed with a wonderful group of Cursillistas ready, willing and able to serve God both physically and in prayer. At this time there are still a couple of Cocinera positions waiting to be filled, but I am confident that God will provide.

Desi Foster is my Head Sunday Angel, so if you are not able to serve on the weekend maybe you would like to give her a hand on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April instead.

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Please continue the good work, we cherish your prayers. Mananitas and Clausura are such wonderful opportunities for you, the Servant Community, to physically share the weekend with the candidates. Please try your very best to come and join us on the mountain, we would love to see as many of you as possible.

I wish you all a blessed Lent and a very Happy Easter!

In His Service,

Joan  
Rectora Cursillo #118

Please note: Candidate List not available at time of publication...check website for updates:

[www.sdcursillo.org](http://www.sdcursillo.org)

The application deadline has been extended,  
so keep those applications coming!

## Men's Team Cursillo #117

Russ Bogue	AHC Camp
James Bond	Cocinero
Scott Brown	Head Cook
Brent Calhoun	Kitchen Musician
Pete Casalegno	Sacristan
Stew Dadmun	Cocinero
Kent Davis	Table Leader
Frank Durham	Table Leader
Dick Eckert	Cocinero
Larry Eddingfield	Spiritual Director
Ed Embick	Asst. Kitchen Musician
Gary Filer	Asst. Rector
Jim Foster	Table Leader
Carlos Garcia	Asst. Spiritual Director
Emery Gerhardt	AHC Kitchen
Elerly Gross	Table Leader
Ken Han	Cocinero
Scott Hauser	Team Leader
Wayne Hiebert	Asst. Rector
John King	Table Leader
Bill Libby	Team Leader
Hector Lozano	Cocinero
Fr. Frank Maguire	Asst. Spiritual Director
Randy Mah	Cocinero
Mike McBride	Medic / Asst. Palanca
Carl McDaniel	Table Leader
Fr. Eric Menees	Asst. Spiritual Director
Steve Munzinger	Cocinero
Craig Noble	Palanca
Paul Noble	Cocinero
Tim Norcott	Cocinero
Frank Orta	Cocinero
Laurent Perkins	Rector
Dave Porter	Table Leader
Phil Powers	Table Leader
Dc. Dee Renner	Asst. Spiritual Director
Ken Rice	Cocinero
Mike Rohland	Table Leader
Larry Salvadori	Team Leader
Clint Taylor	Head Musician
Winston Tseng	Cocinero
Denny Walters	Experienced Rector
Bob Wells	Team Leader

## Women's Team Cursillo #118

Mary Allred	Cocinera
Maureen Barkley	Kitchen Team Leader
Mariana Barnard	Palanca
Diane Blaisdell	Head Musician
Nancy Bogue	AHC Camp
Mary Brown	Asst. Rectora
Carolyn Burns	Cocinera
Pat Camm	Sacristan
Jill Casalegno	Cocinera
Ann Conrath	Asst. Palanca
Victoria Crofoot	Head Cook
Diana Davis	Asst. Sacristan
Amy Drivas	Cocinera
Gail Duffey	Table Leader
Motty Durham	Table Leader
Barbara Eddingfield	Table Leader
Desi Foster	Cocinera
Rev. Carlos Garcia	Asst. Spiritual Director
Sue Gerhardt	Table Leader
Ruthie Grell	Cocinera
Susan Gross	Cocinera
Lynnea Hiebert	Kitchen Team Leader
Lauree Jordan	AHC Kitchen
Haidee Joy	Cocinera
Cindy Kaemmerer	Cocinera
Rev. Don Kroeger	Asst. Spiritual Director
Rev. Maryanne Lacey	Asst. Spiritual Director
Dolly Libby	Table Leader
Rev. Russell Martin	Head Spiritual Director
Molly Martin	Cocinera
Barbara Mc Bride	Kitchen Musician
Mary McDaniel	Asst Rectora
Susan Miller	Cocinera
Lynda Mills	Table Leader
Rev. Michael Nee	Asst. Spiritual Director
Tami Norcott	Nurse
Petra Orta	Cocinera
Joan Perkins	Rectora
Eileen Pierce	AAHC Kitchen
Kathy Porter	Table Leader
Judy Potter	Kitchen Team Leader
Sheila Risser	Table Leader
Linda Rush	Cocinera
Jeanne Salvadori	Advising Rectora
Jane Schuler	Table Leader
Jeanette Shelly	Table Leader
Pat Sunda	Kitchen Team Leader

## Palanca

When we think of palanca, we naturally think of the bags filled with letters and little gifts of encouragement we received when we made our Cursillo weekends, or when we work on weekends. These are the tangible evidence that others are thinking of us and praying for us. However, the spiritual palanca in the form of prayer is just as important and cannot be too strongly emphasized. You can pray for the team and candidates at almost any time. If you wish to pray for them by name, check the web site. The teams and candidate list are posted, and updated on a regular basis.

If you are doing "thing" palanca for the weekends, don't forget to get it to Camp Stevens on Thursday night. Please separate your palanca into team and candidate bundles, and if they are named, please alphabetize them by LAST name. The palanca people will thank you.

Palanca parties are a wonderful way for your parish to send a message of love and prayer to the candidates and team to let them know that you are with them in spirit over the weekend.

Look for the next Forward in early June. Articles, calendar events and other materials are due (preferably in electronic format) *no later than* May 24th. Send to:

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## A Day of Deeper Understanding Saturday, May 20, 2006 St. Timothy's Church 8:30 - 3:00

Because Sunday's message of the Cursillo weekend focuses on providing us with the knowledge and tools to live out our Fourth Day, it is essential that we really understand those Sunday teachings. A lack of understanding of Sunday's message can result in failure to join reunion groups, failure to develop a Rule of Life or to establish a relationship with a Spiritual Director, and poor attendance at Ultreyas.

It is easy to be distracted by the time Sunday rolls around - the intense mental and emotional activity of the weekend, the busy schedule, the anticipation of going home to loved ones. According to the NEC Library, "the purpose of A Day of Deeper Understanding is to take us away from the attitude that Cursillo is only a wonderful weekend experience and toward the understanding of how the gift of the Cursillo Method provides a structure for a lifetime experience of Christian love and service."

The cost of A Day of Deeper Understanding is included in the sponsorship fees paid by the candidates' sponsor for Cursillo attendees. For all others, the cost is \$10.00 per person for materials and lunch. If you have recently attended a Cursillo weekend or are not as active as in your Fourth Day life as you would like to be, please fill out the application form and send it, along with \$10.00 to Barbara Peralta, A Day of Deeper Understanding Coordinator, 522 Beacon Place, San Diego CA 91910.

Please make checks payable to: Cursillos in Christianity

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Church/City \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

When and where did you attend Cursillo? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need childcare? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Child/ren Age/s \_\_\_\_\_



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 6 Secretariat meeting, 6:30 p.m., Good Sam's
- 16 Alleluia, He is risen!
- 20-23 Cursillo # 117 Men's Weekend—Laurent Perkins, Rector
- 27-30 Cursillo # 118 Women's Weekend—Joan Perkins, Rectora

### MAY

- 4 Secretariat meeting, 6:30 p.m., Good Sam's
- 5-7 Happening, Green Oak Ranch
- 6 Grand Ultreya, Potluck & Ultreya, 6:00—location TBD
- 20 Day of Deeper Understanding, 8:30-3:00, St. Timothy's
- 24 Deadline for June Forward (p. 5)

### JUNE

- 10 Servant Community, Good Sam's, 8:30 a.m.
- 10 Secretariat, Good Sam's, 12:30 p.m.

**Don't Forget!!**

Servant Community Meeting  
Saturday, June 10  
8:30 am to ??