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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***

The Theme this year is “Friends of Jesus love one another, just as He loves us (John 15: 12–13, 17).

Hard to believe two months passed since my previous article. We have had two Ultreya’s and announcement of the next Rector for the Fall weekend. For those who missed the Grand Ultreya at St. Andrew’s La Mesa, The Rector for the Fall weekend is Rachel Ambasing. She is forming her team. Applications are on the Cursillo website ([sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org)) for Team, Candidate and Sponsor for download. The second Ultreya was at St. David’s May 11, 2019. It was well attended with some Cursillo friends I had not seen in a while.

The next Ultreya is at St. Bartholomew’s on June 29<sup>th</sup> and I hope to see you there.

This past week we, The San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Community, lost a dear friend – Judith Anderson. For all of you who attended an Ultreya the past forever, Judy organized the location, musicians, speakers and usually was the MC when she wasn’t our mother hen arranging tables, chairs, food and beverage stations. After the Ultreya, she arranged that the meeting location (parish hall or meeting room) was put back into order as desired by the hosting parish. After all, we are His hands in the Kingdom on Earth and as I learned in Boy Scouts, leave it better than we found it.

I will miss her voice at Secretariat meetings reporting on the status of Parish Rep’s which I envisioned as like herding cats but with the love of a proud parent about her kittens. Her responsibilities as 4-Day Chair on the Secretariat will be filled, like nature always fills a void, but it will not be quite the same. Her impact on our lives will remain with us, like DNA - you





always leave some wherever you touch, even as our vision of her will fade in time. We will miss her friendship, her love of life but most of all her love and service to God and His Church on Earth.

Until the next newsletter, keep Living the Fourth Day (L4D).

Secretariat President

Craig Noble

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

### **The Apostle's Creed: A Minimal Outline of the Salvation Story**

1. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
2. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
3. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
4. Under Pontius Pilate, He was crucified, died, and was buried.
5. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
6. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
7. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
8. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
9. the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
10. the forgiveness of sins,
11. the resurrection of the body,
12. and the life everlasting. Amen.

We (not just the people in the Bible) are actors in the salvation story. It's important that we see ourselves as part of the salvation story. The salvation story must be our story as well. We can do this by inserting ourselves into the creed. Our life experiences and the salvation story intersect one another. I would like to tell you about my story and insert it into the creed, so that you can insert your own story into the creed.

I should mention that you have already committed yourself to be part of the salvation story in your Baptismal Covenant. In the Book of Common Prayer on page 304 you or your sponsors promised to continue in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. In other words, you have promised to uphold the apostles' teaching and continue the apostles' work through the church. The apostles' teaching and work are contained in the Apostle's Creed.

Here is my salvation story as it intersects with the Apostles Creed:

1. **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I was born on February 19, 1956 at Mercy Hospital here in San Diego. I entered this world and became part of God's creation. Of course, I was already part of God's creation some time in 1955 inside my mother's womb, but when I came out of the womb, I entered a world that God created full of wonder and possibility. As part of God's creation, I know that God has a plan for my life, that my life is not just an accident, but



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there is purpose and meaning behind my life because God is the creator of the universe, in fact, He made me of star dust. When I look back at my birth out of my personal relationship with God, and I look at the words of the creed, I am thankful that I am part of God's creation. Deep within me I am thankful for God for making me.

2. **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

I first learned about who Jesus was in Sunday School. I am thankful to my teachers who told me about Jesus, but Jesus is not just an idea. He is a risen, living, being. I am most thankful for when Jesus came into my life during my conversion experience at the age of fourteen and I knew him as my own savior. Jesus was not just an idea to me, but a living reality inside of me. When I say the words, "I believe in Jesus Christ," I say it out of a living relationship with Christ. Jesus is my Lord. I know him and I love him, and I serve him as my Lord.

3. **He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

This statement of the creed became important to me when I was attending All Saints in Hillcrest and, for the first time, celebrated Christmas by attending a solemn high mass. The rituals with incense and the splendor of the mass brought home to me how important the incarnation of Christ is for me. Father Satrang stressed at All Saints that the word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth. The virgin birth is a way of affirming Jesus as the incarnate son of God. This part of the creed really came alive for me at All Saints back in the mid 1970's.

4. **Under Pontius Pilate, He was crucified, died, and was buried.**

This statement in the creed is important to me in my life for two reasons:

- 1) It shows that our belief is based on an actual historical event. Jesus was crucified, died, and buried. Our belief is not just in an idea; it actually happened.
- 2) I do not want to become like Pontius Pilate--getting rid of Jesus because he's politically inconvenient. Each of us has a potential to treat Jesus the way Pontius Pilate did.

5. **He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

This phrase in the creed is an important part of my life because I continually hear people ask, "Isn't your religion so narrow, that you only believe a few Christians will be saved?" I counter this with: "Jesus is the gift of salvation for all people. Jesus is the salvation for the whole world: both the living and the dead." Everyone is given a chance to be saved. The third day is not just a statement of what happened in the past; Jesus's resurrection happens in me. As the old Bill Gaither song says, "Because he lives, I can face tomorrow."

6. **He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

The ascension has not been as important to me as many statements in the creed for many years, but in recent years it has become more important to me that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the father and intercedes on behalf of us to the Father.

7. **He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

In 2005 I attended Oxford Theology Summer School where I came to realize that I can look forward to being judged by God. When someday I stand before God's judgement, I will see the true value of my life. I will see how important my life on earth has been. After being chastised for my failings, I will be covered with Christ's righteousness, and through His righteousness I will be welcomed into Heaven.

8. **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**



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I heard about the Holy Spirit in church for years and I believed in the Holy Spirit as an idea, but it wasn't until I came to St. Patrick's in Thousand Oaks in the late 1980's and participated in a Charismatic Prayer Group that I really began to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in my own life. I also attended a workshop given by Peter Wagner at Fuller Theological Seminary on the gifts of the spirit. I brought the workshop back to St. Patrick's and taught on the gifts of the holy spirit. This part of the creed became meaningful to me at that time.

9. **the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,**

I have come to realize over time how important it is to be in fellowship with people in the local church as well as people in the larger community of Christ. Furthermore, the fellowship of the church includes people who have died and have lived holy lives and given us wise teaching from the past. These people are in heaven and by being in Christ's church on earth we are in some way in fellowship with them as well. The community of Christ of both the living and the dead is a community in which God's plan of salvation is unfolding. I am very thankful to be in Christ's church and in communion with all the saints.

10. **the forgiveness of sins,**

In my own life, when I received Jesus as my savior at the age of fourteen, I came to realize that my sins are forgiven. To talk about the forgiveness of sins as an abstract concept is one thing. To know inside of you that your sins are forgiven is another thing. It's important that we personally know of the forgiveness of our own sins.

11. **the resurrection of the body,**

When I was in a philosophy class at UC Berkeley studying Plato, I learned that Plato believed in the existence of the soul after death, but that the body ceased to exist at the point of death. Plato had no concept of the resurrection of the body. I realized that I didn't want to be a disembodied soul after I died. What a horrible existence! I think of ghosts in horror movies that are struggling because they don't have a body. Simply believing in life after death is not believing in the resurrection of the body. We believe that we're going to be given a glorious resurrected body that will be perfect in every way in a resurrected new world. I look forward to living in my new body in a new world.

12. **and the life everlasting. Amen.**

"The life everlasting" is not a continuation of earthly existence forever. I once saw a movie of how terrible it would be to live forever here on earth. Everything would be so boring and repetitive, you would want to die, but couldn't. That would be torture. But the life everlasting is a different type of life. It's living forever in the resurrection life that God gives us. This life will be filled with new and wonderful things and will be anything but boring and repetitive. God is the one who says in Revelation 21, "Behold, I make all things new."

I have given you some of my personal experiences of trying to insert myself into the creed. It's my hope that you will go through the twelve points and look for your experiences and insert yourself into the creed.

Your friend in Christ,

Father George Calvert  
Diocesan Cursillo Spiritual Advisor



***A MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE***

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!**

It's no secret; Cursillistas like to sing. Have you often wished one of your favorite praise songs was included in the songbook? Maybe a quiet song that goes through your mind during Eucharist?

The Secretariat is looking for new song suggestions for the songbook. Songs should be easy to learn and sing. New songs could be any length, fast or slow, quiet or joyful. Not all proposed songs will make it into the new songbook, but that doesn't mean they aren't good songs. We do want a variety and all suggestions will be considered. Songs available in both English and Spanish are especially welcome.

We are looking for a few people who would like to work on updating the songbook. There will be various parts of this project, and people will be needed for each part:

Selecting new songs/ Deleting Songs (possibly)

Formatting songs for the songbook

Formatting songs for the musician's book

Getting songbooks printed

If you have a song or songs to suggest, and/or want to be part of this team, please email Susan Miller at [miller.sv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:miller.sv@sbcglobal.net) Please submit any new songs no later than July 31, 2019. Full titles and artists are needed.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Blessings, The Music Committee



## ***FOURTH DAY TRIBUTE TO JUDY***

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***Larry Salvadori, Editor***

**Following is the last article Judy Anderson wrote to be published in this June Edition of the Forward celebrating the May Ultreya at St. David's.**

**We will miss her articles, her humor, and her dedication and support for making sure we held Ultreya's as often as expected in meeting our commitment to the Bishop.**

"Twenty-eight Cusillistas were touched to hear the witness and echo at the May 11 Ultreya at St. David's. The music, led by Mike Nichols and ably assisted by Nina Woods, Fr. Peter Sickels, Fr. Ed Busch and Jon Turley, was great. The speakers—Amber Garcia and Jan Martin—work with special needs children and they shared the challenges they face every day. They do it with lots of prayer and God's love. One little child told Amber he didn't want to sharpen the pencil she gave him because it would take off the word Jesus (The pencil has inscribed on it the words "Jesus Loves You") and he didn't want to lose the Jesus which reminded him of her. The Cursillo community of St. David's led by Jon Turley, hosted us ably and we look forward to returning next year".

Judith Anderson, Chair – Fourth Day



***De Colores to Judy in Heaven.*** I don't think anyone can conceive of Heaven being in black and white. So Judy is enjoying the colors in Heaven just as She enjoyed them on Earth.

We thank you, Judy, for all you've done for us and for God. When necessary, you always raised your hand to say: "Don't worry about it, I'll take care of it." That was, and will always remain, our beloved, Judy Anderson.



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## CURSILLO EVENTS CALENDER

DATE	Description	Location	POC	Time/Day
Jun-01-19	<u>Servant Community</u>	<u>St. Dunstan's</u>	<u>Larry Salvadori</u>	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Jun-01-19	<u>Secretariat</u>	<u>St. Dunstan's</u>	<u>Craig Noble</u>	12:30 PM
Jun-08-19	<b>Bill Redelings Funeral Service</b>	<u>St. Dunstan's</u>	Parish Administrator (619) 460-6442	11:00 AM
Jun-29-19	<u>Ultreya</u>	<u>St. Bartholomew's</u>	<u>Ultreya Committee</u>	6:00 PM PotLuck 7:00 PM Ultreya
<b>July 2019</b>	More Information Click <a href="#">Link</a>	Directions Click <a href="#">Link</a>	Click <a href="#">Link</a> to e-mail POC	<a href="#">Return to top</a>
DATE	Description	Location	POC	Time/Day
Cursillo Awareness Month	<i>Tell Your Story About Cursillo</i>	All Churches	Cursillistas	All Services
July -6-19	<b>Judith (Judy) Anderson Memorial Service</b>	St. Dunstan's	Parish Admin. 619-460-6442	11:00 AM
Jul-25-19	<u>Secretariat</u>	<u>St. Dunstan's</u>	<u>Craig Noble</u>	6:00 PM Brn Bag 6:30 PM Meeting
Jul-28-19	<b>Forward Deadline</b>		<u>News Letter Editor</u>	<b>COB</b>
<b>August 2019</b>	More Information Click <a href="#">Link</a>	Directions Click <a href="#">Link</a>	Click <a href="#">Link</a> to e-mail POC	<a href="#">Return to top</a>

## PALANCA

### JUNE

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or [jpoole@pooleandcompany.com](mailto:jpoole@pooleandcompany.com)

### AUGUST

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8/9-11, Coed English Cursillo, East Bay Anglican (Oakland, CA),  
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## ***CURSILLO CORNER – DONATIONS***

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, maintain our Database, and the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. If you’d like to make a small, medium, or large gift to Cursillo, please sent it to:

Judy Brown – Treasurer

51 Viejas Grade Road

Alpine, Ca. 91901-1605

Checks made out to: Cursillos in Christianity

## ***Cursillo Job Openings***

- **Cursillo Event Photographer**

Rob Constantine has accepted our job as Cursillo Event Photographer and will be assigned events by Fr. George. **Congratulations Rob!**

- **Cursillo Storage Saint**

- Looking for one or more Cursillo Saints to provide any of the following:
  - Indoor, safe storage for Cursillo weekend equipment and stuff, mobile or stationary
  - A trailer for the above
  - Transportation of stuff to and from Pine Valley twice a year

For more information, please contact the Editor:

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**CURSILLO** **ULTREYA** **CURSILLO**

**SATURDAY, June 29, 2019**

**Potluck: 6 pm**

**Ultreya: 7 pm**

**St. Bartholomew's**  
**16275 Pomerado Road, Poway**

**Please join us at the St. Barts 5:00 PM Eucharist service**  
**Prior to the potluck dinner**

**Witness: Fr. Carlos Garcia**

**Echo: Kit Chevalier**

**Clergy Response: Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas**

**Music: Duane Chevalier**

*Bring a dish to share, your songbooks and musical instruments and join us in praising the Lord.*

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## 2019 Pastoral Plan of San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Ministry

### Preamble

The purpose of Episcopal Cursillo in the United States of America is to bring Christ into our environments and thereby change the world for Christ, using the proven strategies and methods of Cursillo.

### Strategy

To achieve this purpose, we will use Pre-Cursillo to identify active Christians having the potential to influence their environments, sending them to Three-Day weekends to renew their Christian commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptismal Covenant and to teach the Cursillo Method; and we will use Fourth Day programs to encourage Cursillistas who have completed Three-Day weekends to carry out apostolic witness in their environments.

### Method

Cursillo empowers Cursillistas to bring Christ to the world and, through a continued commitment of a Rule of Life including Piety, Study, action, Group Reunion, and Ultreya enables them to persevere in the Fourth Day as Ambassadors for Christ in their environments.

### Pastoral Plan

To discern God's will for the place and vision of the Cursillo Ministry in The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, the Secretariat members of the ministry will work under the direction of the Bishop Susan Brown Snook to undertake the following for a period of one year from this date:

#### Study our own environment:

- How are we implementing the Cursillo Method?
- How are we encouraging our members to live out their Fourth Day and bring Christ to their environments?
- How can we attract younger participants?
- How can we attract cross-cultural participants?

#### Plan and carry out our ministry in these ways:

- Promote visible Cursillo support and servanthood in the Diocese and the greater community.
- Support the annual Diocesan convention.
- Continue to lead and support Ecumenical Ultreyas.
- Pledge \$1,440 to the National Cursillo committee.
- Support at least one outreach project each year.
- Submit articles to be included in the Diocesan Newspaper.



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Submit articles to be included in the Diocesan Newspaper.  
Continue the goal of eight Ultreyas per year.

Encourage all Cursillistas to promote Cursillo by wearing nametags and being prepared to talk about the ministry on Cursillo Sunday.

The Bishop will encourage Clergy to attend our Weekends.

Encourage participation in Cursillo activities of Group Reunion and Ultreyas. Encourage participation in the servant community as our Leaders School, operation under the direction of the Secretariat.

Encourage people to attend Cursillo Weekends, especially people in the following categories:

People in the age group of 18-49

Post-newcomers (1-3 years in a church).

Cross-cultural candidates beginning with Hispanics.

Brothers and Sister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Utilize social media as a method to promote the Cursillo ministry.

The next Cursillo Sunday will be January 19, 2020 (third Sunday).

Signed this date: May 28, 2019

The Rev. Susan Brown Snook

The Reverend Susan Brown Snook  
Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

Craig Noble

Craig Noble, President of the Secretariat

George M. Calvert

The Rev. George M. Calvert, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor