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Cursillo forward

Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

Our Mission is to Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO PRESIDENT

From the President...

I find myself refreshed and grateful after each Secretariat meeting, for the people God has called to help make our Cursillo Ministry the success that it is. First off, these are just great people with whom I like to spend time. My term ends this year, and I will miss meeting with them. They consistently give of themselves, their time, (some of the busiest people I know) and their various gifts to make Cursillo successful.

Did your Cursillo Weekend impact your walk with Jesus and your understanding of what it means to be a Christian in your environment? Have you discerned God's call on your life in a new way as a result? Please consider carving out a small portion of your time **to give back to Cursillo and future Cursillistas**. There are many ways to do this, and to illustrate, I'm giving you a preview of a feature that will be on our updated website when it launches. The tool allows you to choose your interests and bring up suggestions of ways to serve. It is called, "**Find Your Niche.**" Don't wait till then, but please look through a snippet of it here for some of the ways to be involved in maintaining and improving the Cursillo ministry in our diocese. There is no requirement to be on the Secretariat to be on a committee, but if you're interested in doing so, we are electing several new lay and clergy members at the Grand Ultreya in November.

Opportunities come in all shapes and sizes: special projects-large and small; seasonal responsibilities; small on-going tasks; a 3-year term on the Secretariat, to name a few. As you browse through the paragraphs below, I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider what you might be able to offer, in whatever size or shape suits you and your situation. Please feel free to contact me or any Secretariat member for more details.

Susan Miller

Finding Your Cursillo Niche

Servant Community Committees

3-Day Weekend--Ever wonder what goes into a putting on a Weekend? Be one of those who make it happen! Various 3-Day Weekend Committees are responsible for facilities, supplies, training new team members, making sure each new candidate gets a songbook, Bible and name tag, gathering Palanca from around the world, critiquing and translating the rollos before each weekend, and facilitating the Day of Deeper Understanding.

4th Day--After the Weekend help schedule and acquire venues, speakers, and musicians for local, Grand and virtual Ultreyas. Or coordinate music and musicians, Parish Representatives, promote and facilitate small groups, aka Grouping, or visit parishes in the diocese as part of the Outreach Team.

Communications--If Publicity, Data, or Technology interests you, consider being part of the Communications team. These committees and individuals represent, on one hand the public face of Cursillo, and on the other, the necessary behind-the-scenes work. Some of the positions are: Email Editor; Forward Editor; Social Media; Saints' Roster; Contact Database Maintenance; Webmaster; Historian; Photographer; Prayer Team Coordinator; Hospitality Committee.

Community Partners--Community Partners serves our Spanish-speaking parishes, facilitating and encouraging full participation on Weekends and in the Cursillo Community. Bilingual team members are available during the weekend, and the translation of written materials is an on-going task. Episcopal Cursillo Ministry partners with the ELCA (Lutheran,) whose members attend Cursillo weekends and with KAIROS, a ministry much like Cursillo for those in prison.

Pre-Cursillo--We call it Pre-Cursillo because...This committee collects the candidate applications, organizes the information on a spreadsheet, sends welcome letters to candidates and their sponsors, confirms their attendance and makes table assignments. In addition, those on the committee begin to pray for each candidate long before the official list for Palanca is published.

(Excerpted from sdcursillo.org, currently under development)



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN CURSILLO SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

What Does the Risen Jesus Think of His Church?

Almost all of the New Testament references to Jesus talk about him prior to the existence of His church. It is after Jesus's ascension into heaven that the Holy Spirit comes to found the Church (Acts 2), so it seems that there is a historical disconnection between Jesus and His church. But, in the very important chapters of Revelation 2 and 3 we learn about what Jesus, risen and alive, thinks about His Church. Since we're in the Church, we should know what Jesus thinks about the Church and what He expects us to be doing.

We often think about Jesus as being an absentee landlord, that he has ascended into heaven and left all the work in the church up to us until He returns in his second coming. Revelation Chapters 2 and 3 show us that Jesus is very involved in His Church and He is the one doing most of the work. Furthermore, He is evaluating the work that we're doing in the Church.

In Jesus's parables, such as the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus pictures himself as an absentee landlord to stress His teaching that we will someday stand before Him at the end of our time on earth and he will render His final judgement. But in Revelation Jesus is among us rendering His judgement on His Church-Jesus is constantly rendering judgement. His judgement is both positive and negative. He points out to us the good things we are doing as well as the bad. Jesus is also among us, and He knows of each of our problems, and He is at work helping us with our problems. In Revelation Jesus is the all-powerful, ever present, always working landlord. He owns His church, and He is very involved in making sure it is fulfilling its mission.

The churches that John is writing to in 96 A.D. are in the Roman province of Asia, which is modern day Turkey. He is writing to seven churches. There are more churches than seven in that area, but the word "seven" is used as a symbol so that he is writing to the whole church. That means he is also writing to us, since we're part of the whole church. The seven historical churches are (reference: Wikipedia):

- 1) Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7): known for having labored hard and not fainted, and separating themselves from the wicked; admonished for having forsaken its first love (2:4)
- 2) Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11): admired for its tribulation and poverty; forecast to suffer persecution (2:10)
- 3) Pergamum (Revelation 2:12-17): located where 'Satan's seat' is; needs to repent of allowing false teachers (2:16)
- 4) Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29): known for its charity, whose "latter works are greater than the former"; tolerates the teachings of a false prophetess (2:20)
- 5) Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6): admonished for - in contrast to its good reputation - being dead; cautioned to fortify itself and return to God through repentance (3:2-3)
- 6) Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13): known as steadfast in faith, keeping God's word and enduring patiently (3:10)
- 7) Laodicea, near Denizli (see Laodicean Church) (Revelation 3:14-22): called lukewarm and insipid (3:16)

In Jesus's comments on the seven churches, there are several characteristics that serve as marks of the true church. The true church loves Jesus with the fervor of a newborn convert. The true church is filled the living presence of the Holy Spirit. The true church has people that are becoming more and more holy. In other words, the true church is filled with holiness. The true church rejects false teaching and has the gumption to stand up to false teachers. In other words, the true church continues the teaching of the apostles and is therefore orthodox in its theology. Finally, the church is functioning as a lampstand holding up the light of Christ to the world. Jesus is the light of the world, and the church is a lampstand that enables Jesus's light to shine in the world.

We can sum up by saying that the risen life and light of Christ is alive and working in His church. It is our job to not block, but to cooperate with Jesus, the all-powerful, all-present, doing most of the work, landlord of His Church.

Your friend in Christ,
Father George

CURSILLO HAS A SHED TO CONSOLIDATE OUR ASSETS

Praise God ! The Cursillo Shed is now a reality. On October 4, according to plan, the Cursillo Shed was assembled and completed on the backyard of Judy Brown's residence in Alpine. Craig Noble will install custom shelving this week, and the security outdoor and indoor lighting will also be installed. All of our materials used for Cursillo Weekend #146, will be stored in the Shed after the weekend.

Financially, the project was a success as 22 donations were received totalling \$3,090, ranging from \$10 – \$1000. Any additional donations received will be designated for scholarships. No other Cursillo funds were needed to complete the project. We cannot thank the 22-donors, listed below, enough for their generosity and financial support for this much needed Shed.

On the back of this Forward , we have included pictures of the assembly and the assembly team: Mike Jewett; Duane Chevalier; Gabe Antone; and Judy Brown. Donors included:

Anonymous
George Calvert
Kit Chevalier
Phil Headley
Jill Henderson
Mike Jewett
Sunny Landry
Sandi Lanzarotti
Jill McGrew
Chris McKeller
Susan Miller

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Nancy Peterson
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Larry Salvadori
Don Spencer
Christine Timmins
Sandia Tuttle
Andy Waters
Pete Wolfinger

A MESSAGE FROM GROUPING CENTRAL

The Heart of Cursillo is Small Group Ministry, or Group Reunion

Grouping Central is led by Secretariat member Craig Noble with a team members Ruben and Ginny Rodriguez, and Larry and Jeanne Salvadori, and Miguel Cosio (latest addition to the team). The GC team is using this time to support, upgrade, and maximize the opportunities to provide the new #146 Cursillistas (and beyond) with grouping options. The GC will work with the sponsors with the goal of providing a grouping option to 100% of the new Curillistas who want to group. Our latest activities include:

1. Calling all sponsors prior to the weekend, to determine what steps they have already taken to find a Group for their Candidate. Let them know Grouping Central is ready to assist them in finding a group.
2. Set up an open zoom Group Meeting once a month to start, for all Cursillistas without a Group (English and Spanish).
3. More details on Item 2. to follow.

GROUPING CENTRAL

A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO #146 Rectora

Cursillo Weekend #146 is just around the corner! Please pray that God will truly be present to the Team and to the Candidates.

Each Cursillo Weekend encounters unique challenges within the general format. Such as, a visitation of bees to the Rollo Room. Everyone moved to a new, cosy location. On another Weekend, the Team arrived just after 4 or 6 inches of snow arrived. Yet on another weekend, one Rectora managed to find sleeping locations for her Team because a wildfire had destroyed the usual housing buildings. Then there was the move from the familiar Camp Stevens to the unfamiliar Pine Valley Bible Conference Center. Many adjustments were required.

Perhaps dealing with different situations is some sort of Cursillo tradition.

So far, the Cursillo #146 Team has responded to two such situations. First, the Covid-19 protocols prior to and during Camp have been addressed. Second, the Pine Valley Camp will preview its Christmas Light Show on Saturday night, October 30, for some state and local officials.

In response to the Covid-19, the #146 Team, prior to entering Camp, will ask each Team member and each Candidate the usual Covid health questions, required by Pine Valley Camp. The Camp requires masks for everyone only while walking in the dining hall. Masks are Not required while sitting at the group designated tables. For our Cursillo group, people need to mask only if they are unvaccinated and in close proximity to others. Anyone who feels more comfortable wearing a mask may do so, of course. There will be hand sanitizer available in the Rollo room, and at the tables in Worthington, and in Fireside.

If you plan to come to Open Clausura on Sunday, please bring and wear a mask, just as we do in our parish churches.

In response to Pine Valley Camp's Christmas Light Show prevue, the Cursillo Team will prepare the Eucharist and the following Agape

Dinner in Worthington Hall. Rather like the tradition at Camp Stevens, but, Cursillistas and professional caterers, Tim and Linda Lyons will cater the Agape Dinner. It's rather involved as there are no kitchen facilities at Worthington. However, aided by Craig Noble and Sunny Landry, and their team, Worthington will become a Bistro for a lovely celebration of Christ's resurrection!

Blessings and love,

Ginny

Palanca for the Candidates for Cursillo #146

Following is a list of the candidates who will be attending the fall #146 Cursillo Weekend. These men and women of God have been patiently waiting through three postponements and I think we owe them a lot of love. One way to show that love is Palanca. So, let's get a start right now on our Palanca for Cursillo #146 Candidates (Team members on Cursillo Website) Let's remember the time when Cursillo was fresh in our lives, and we supported the Cursillo Secretariat, the Cursillo Weekends, and the Cursillo Forth day activities on a priority basis.

Let's **fill** those **Palanca bags**, starting now, to **overflowing**. Let's sacrifice something for these dear folks and show them what we're made of. Let's turn our backs on the doldrums, get up and go into the sunlight of God, and shine again. Let's unleash the power of Palanca to move minds and hearts to love God and our neighbors, especially the Cursillo #146 Candidates. Let's make it happen!!!! Candidates names:

Harry Axcell
Marilou Becasen
Emmanuel Beltran
Kim Blackwood
Mara Carillo (Sp.)
Mercy Gabriel
Yahaira Garcia
Christian Gillette
Jeff Green
Bob Halleck

Lance Hutchison
Yanlin Li
Colin Mathewson
Laura Nelson
Giovanni Nuñez
Diego Ochoa (Sp.)
Jun Panganiban, Jr.
Stephen Pletcher
Eric Smith
Sandra Wilbur

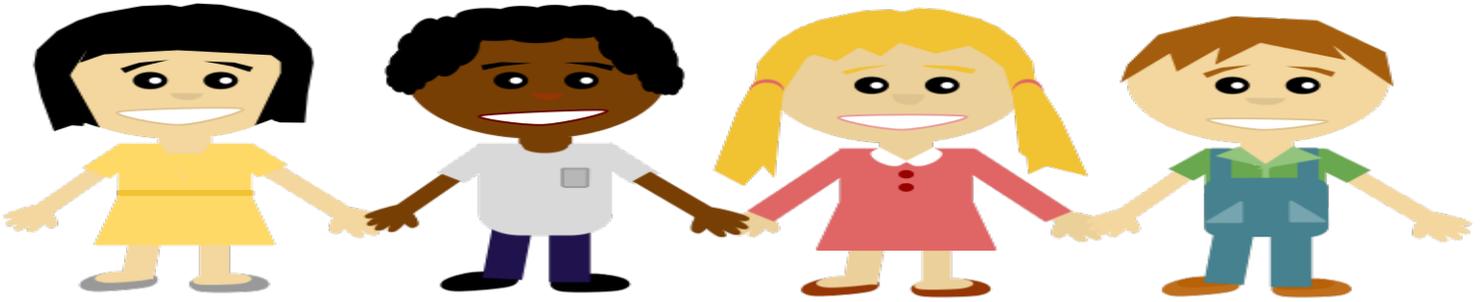
**Note: For the palanca list of team members, please refer to the Cursillo Website:
SDCURSILLO.ORG**

Please, also refer the the website for the latest lists of candidates and team.



FOURTH DAY NEWS/ACTIVITIES

Make a Friend, Be a Friend – It's Easy!



EXPERIENCE-SEPTEMBER 17, 2021-GOOD SHEPHERD BONITA:

A lively crowd of almost 20 cursillistas enjoyed a brown-bag dinner with conversation and fellowship full of laughter on a Friday night in Bonita. Fr. George Calvert commented that the brown bag idea was a great low key way to precede an Ultreya. Everyone seemed to agree. Everyone was consuming what they wanted, either what was prepared at home or purchased at a fast-food drive through on the way from work to the church. That festive meal set the stage for a wonderful Ultreya with music selected by random.org by the incomparable Alex Tuttle. The singing of the songs continued the festive mood set by the preceding meal. People were happy to be with each other and praising the Lord together infused more energy into the spiritual atmosphere. Everyone felt rebooted after being constrained for over a year of Covid.

Indeed being rebooted seemed to be the theme of the evening : The Group Reunion initially set for 30 minutes was prolonged to 45 minutes by unanimous consent. People missed being actually together to share what Jesus was doing in their life and what they were doing for Jesus. The Witness Talk propounded by Sunny Landry demonstrated a rebooted life of her sharing Jesus to customers in her job at the Post Office. She plays her Christian music at her work and some of her customers are attracted to it and to her witness. The Echo was given by Jill Kerper Mora, who after 15 years away from Good Shepherd and Cursillo, echoed Sunny's rebooted energy and attitude.

The announcements featured the upcoming Cursillo Weekend #146 to be held at Pine Valley Bible Conference Center on October 28 through 31, 2021. The Rectora, Ginny Rodriguez, her team, and the candidates, known and unknown, have been on hold since March 2020. Talk about God's time. Special blessings are in store for the candidates for sure.

Check sdcursillo.org for the latest updates.

Ultreya!

Ruben Rodriguez

CURSILLO EVENTS CALENDAR

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Date	Description	Location	POC	Time/Day
Oct-07-21	Secretariat Meeting	St. Alban's	Susan Miller	6:00 PM Brn Bag 6:30 PM Meeting
Oct-16-21	Cursillo #146 Team Meeting #3	Good Shepherd Bonita	Ginny Rodriguez	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Oct-28-21 thru Oct-31-21	Cursillo Wkd #146(Coed) <i>Mananitas 2:15 PM (Flowers only)</i> <i>Open Clausura 2:30 PM Sunday</i>	Pine Valley Bible Conference Center	TBA	7:00 PM Thursday through 5:00 PM Sunday
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Date	Description	Location	POC	Time/Day
Nov-04-21	Secretariat Meeting	St. Alban's	Susan Miller	6:00 PM Brn Bag 6:30 PM Meeting
Nov-13-21	Day of Deeper Understanding	St. Andrew's, La Mesa	#146 Exp. Rectors	8:30 AM-2:00 PM

Nov-20-21	Grand Ultreya	TBA	Ultreya Committee	TBD Secretariat Elections
Nov-24-21	Forward Deadline		News Letter Editor	All Day

PALANCA REQUESTS

Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Calendar of Events

October 1-3, Cursillo weekend, Central Florida, grammiefor4@gmail.com

October 1-3, Cursillo #142, Upper South Carolina, Bill Lee, leeresourcesinc@gmail.com.

October 7, Men's Cursillo (one in English, one in Spanish), Los Angeles, Colin Stewart, colin48stewart@gmail.com

October 7, Coed Cursillo #168, Southern Virginia, cursillopalanca.so.va@gmail.com

October 14-17, Women's Cursillo (English), Los Angeles, Colin Stewart, colin48stewart@gmail.com

October 16-17, Weekend Reunion, Camp McDowell, Alabama Jenelle Marsh, jenellemarsh@gmail.com.

October 21-24, Cursillo127, Georgia, rosewilson50@gmail.com

October 21-24, Cursillo #997, San Francisco, Ruby Pleasure, rubyleasure@gmail.com.

October 21-24, Cursillo #145, Southwest Florida, Kristina Hodge, hodgeak@hotmail.com

October 28-31, Cursillo #146, San Diego, Sunny Landry, ricanmama13@yahoo.com

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CURSILLO CORNER – FALL DONATIONS

The Cursillo community humbly accepts your fall donation. The fall donations will allow us to help defray the cost of sponsoring new Cursillistas and workers, pay our bills, support our ministries, and the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. If you'd like to make a small or large fall Gift to Cursillo, please sent it to:

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