

The Voice

The Newsletter of
the Diocese of Phoenix
Cursillo Movement
Spring, 2023

FROM DEACON ERNIE GONZALES

*“The Lord be with you.”
“And with your Spirit.”*

How many times have we said these simple but profound words? At Daily Mass, at Sunday Mass, the ending of a prayer from a clergy member right before receiving a blessing? All of these are done in the Spirit of the Lord. But what are we really saying? Think about it for a minute ... that wasn't a minute, was it?

The clergy member extends his hands to those gathered, (deacons put their hands together as in prayer) and says, **“THE LORD BE WITH YOU.”** He is extending the Holy Spirit to all gathered; to have their heart's open to the Lord, to receive His love and grace. Not to go through a motion of lip service, but to be truly open to receive all that He wants to share with us.

We the people gathered together reply in return, **“AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.”** We are not talking about the clergy member here, but the Lord Himself. The clergy member is a vessel for our Lord to come to us. He opens himself to be used by our Lord to reach us. It's that personal relationship we have with our Lord. That relationship may vary at times. I think we have all been there at one time or another. We may not have been very proud of it, but the Lord knows we are human and imperfect.



A PEACEFUL BLESSING

It's that Spirit that the Lord fills us with that impels us forward to share His love for us and others. In the Cursillo Movement the foundation of sharing our Lord's love starts at:

1. MAKE A FRIEND
2. BE A FRIEND
3. BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST

It's that personal relationship that we develop with a new person; getting to know them as a friend. Not with the intent of driving them to the front door of Mt. Claret the week after you have met to attend a Cursillo weekend, but developing that one-on-one relationship just as Christ has done with us (and we all know that is an on-going process). Being that friend, getting to know them, spending time with them in their environment and inviting them into yours. THEN, and only then, will the time be right for our new friend to attend a Cursillo Weekend.

The ground covered prior to that will be done with the grace the Lord has filled YOU with. Let us not be in a hurry to rush through the steps, but to be those steps in our new friend's life. The rest will be done by our Lord, **IN HIS TIME.**

De Colores!
Deacon Ernie Gonzales



**CASINO DE
COLORES**

Food, Fun, Games and Fellowship!

Saturday, April 29th, 2023 at Mt. Claret

Registration from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Blackjack, Poker, Craps & Roulette

from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Raffle begins at 9:00 p.m.

Join Us!

**Our Secretariat is hosting our
Annual Fundraiser**

**Join us for a great night of
fellowship and fundraising.**

**Each \$50.00 ticket includes:
Generous appetizers and
two drink tickets.
\$25.00 playing chips
(additional chips available for
purchase)**

**Raffle! Six tickets for \$20.00
or \$5.00 each**

Help Us!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Set up: Noon to 4:00 pm

Kitchen Crew: Noon to 4:00 pm

Clean up: 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm

WE NEED DONATIONS!

Raffle items (valued \$75.00 & up)

**Water and Non-alcoholic
beverages**

10 bottles of wine

8 bottles of pre-mixed Margaritas

Paper napkins

To RSVP for the fun OR Volunteer/Donate:

Please use the links on the Casino de Colores page on the website.

For more info, please contact Terry McDonald at (602) 920-5161.

If the weather cooperates we will be outside.

If not, we will be in the Conference Center

Mt. Claret Retreat Center 4633 N 54th St., Phoenix

**SCHOOL
OF LEADERS**

Join us the third Saturday morning each month.

Upcoming: May 20, June 17, July 15, 2023

All Cursillistas are invited: In Person at Mt. Claret or on Google Meets

Please go to the website www.phoenixcursillo.com for the link!

ULTREYA!



Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

Ultreya at St. John Vianney, Goodyear

539 E La Pasada Blvd, Goodyear

Friday, April 21, 2023

6:30 pm Potluck/Ultreya Follows at 7:00 pm

Bring a dish to share!

Ultreya at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flagstaff

224 S Kendrick St., Flagstaff

Saturday, April 22, 2023

12:00 pm Mass

1:00 pm Potluck/Ultreya Follows at 1:30 pm

Ultreyas at Miles Jesu

1925 E Baseline Rd, Phoenix

Fridays, April 14 & May 15, 2023

5:45 pm Holy Hour, confession available

6:30 pm Pilgrim's Guide Apostolic Hour Prayer

6:45 pm Ultreya

Ultreya at St. John Vianney, Sedona

180 St. John Vianney Ln, Sedona

Saturday, May 13, 2023

11:00 am Ultreya/Potluck follows

*If you are interested in hosting an Ultreya at your
Parish, please contact Postcursillo
Chair Veronica Lucas at 602-909-3459 who will
assist you as needed!*

THE VOICE, the Newsletter of the Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement, will now be published quarterly. For all the current news of the Cursillo Movement, please visit the website, www.phoenixcursillo.com

WHAT'S ON THE WEBSITE???

- * Find links to join virtual or in-person events such as the Diocesan Ultreya and the School of Leaders.
- * Send in questions and prayer requests, email and address changes.
- * See the Teams in Formation and candidates for upcoming weekends as available.
- * Sign up for Adoration for the weekends, record your general palanca, and much more.
- * Information on how to sponsor a candidate or how to reach your Parish Representative or Secretariat member is included, too.



It's a full service website! It doesn't take the place, however, of face to face friendship! Join us for the many Ultreyas and other activities in the coming months!

Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement Calendar				4/5/2023
4/1/2023	Saturday	9:00 AM	Rector/Rectora Workshop	Mt. Claret JPII Room
4/9/2023			Easter Sunday	
4/11/2023	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting (Virtual)	Virtual
4/14/2023	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesus
4/15/2023	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL (In person & Virtual)	Mt. Claret & Virtual
4/21/2023	Friday	7:00 PM	ULTREYA (Potluck at 6:30 pm)	St. John Vianney, Goodyear
4/22/2023	Saturday	1:30 PM	ULTREYA (Mass 12p, Potluck 1pm)	OLO Guadalupe, Flagstaff
4/26/2023	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Orientation May English #952/953	Mt. Claret
4/29/2023	Saturday	5:00 PM	CASINO DE COLORES!!!	Mt. Claret
5/4/2023	Thurs.-Sun.		Men's English Weekend #952	Mt. Claret
5/9/2023	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting (Virtual)	Virtual
5/13/2023	Saturday	11:00 AM	ULTREYA	St. John Vianney, Sedona
5/18/2023	Thurs.-Sun.		Women's English Weekend #953	Mt. Claret
5/19/2023	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesus
5/20/2023	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL (In person & Virtual)	Mt. Claret JPII Room
6/13/2023	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting (Virtual)	Virtual
6/15/2023	Thurs.-Sun.		Men's Spanish Weekend #954	Mt. Claret
6/17/2023	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL (In person & Virtual)	Mt. Claret JPII Room
6/22/2023	Thurs.-Sun.		Women's Spanish Weekend #955	Mt. Claret
Miles Jesus		1925 E Baseline Rd, Phoenix		
St. John Vianney		539 E. La Pasada Blvd, Goodyear		
St. John Vianney, Sedona		180 St. John Vianney Ln, Sedona		
Our Lady of Guadalupe		224 S Kendrick St., Flagstaff		

2023 Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Weekends

Mt. Claret

Men's English #952

May 4-7, 2023

Women's English #953

May 18-21, 2023

Flagstaff

Men's English #956

July 13-16, 2023

Women's English #957

July 27-30, 2023

Mt. Claret

Men's Spanish #960

September 14-17, 2023

Women's Spanish #961

October 23-26, 2023

Mt. Claret

Men's Spanish #954

June 15-18, 2023

Women's Spanish #955

June 22-25, 2023

Flagstaff

Men's Spanish #958

August 17-20, 2023

Women's Spanish #959

August 24-27, 2023

Mt. Claret

Men's English #962

Nov. 2-5, 2023

Women's English #963

Nov. 16-19, 2023

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND YOU WISH TO SPONSOR?

Applications are available from your Parish Representative or email Bruce and Debi Wiskirchen at applications@phoenixcursillo.com. Application process and the Parish Representatives are on the website.

Sponsorship begins with prayer and friendship!

**CHECK THE WEBSITE
FOR ANY CHANGES
OR UPDATES!**

Charity

We have begun the glorious Easter Season. I pray that you and your loved ones have had a beautiful Easter filled with God’s love. I was recently asked to write a talk on the theological virtue of Charity, and I would like to share my talk with the Cursillo Community.

Charity and/or Love - there is a difference!

You can love your house, food, car etc. What sort of love is charity, then? Quite simply, charity is the Love of God. Charity is the supernatural virtue by which we love God above all things and love our neighbors as ourselves, which is part of our love for God. Jesus makes charity the New Commandment. We need to imitate the love of Jesus. Jesus received love from the Father and he wants us to love one another and our neighbor as He stated in His commandments. (Catechism) Love comes from God. He is its source. And since God is love then we, his followers, who are born of God, will also love. God loves us, so we must love one another.

1 Corinthians, Chapter 13

“The Way of Love.”

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. Faith, hope, love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

“Outside of God Himself, we will find it in the fullest perfection possible to a mere creature in none other than the Most Holy Mary, and in Mary we find our model to whom we are to copy our own charity. If Mary’s charity were to be put in balance with that of men and angels, hers would outweigh theirs by far; for she by herself exceeded them all in her knowledge of the essence and qualities of the divine Charity and only Mary knew how to imitate it with perfection. So, the love of Mary was great in proportion to the excellence conferred upon her by the eternal Father whom he appointed her as the mother of our God.

“In Mary alone it was possible that divine Charity could



exist in this world in its highest and ultimate perfection. She paid the debt of Charity by allowing herself to become the Mother of God. (City of God) Mary appears to us in many ways and as I learned about Our Lady of Beauraing, I wanted to share her with you.” (City of God, Venerable Mary of Agreda)

Our Lady of Beauraing Belgium.

There were a total of 30 appearances of Our Lady from November 29, 1932 to January 3, 1933. She appeared to five children. She is also known as the Virgin of the Golden Heart because the children saw a golden heart in the center of her chest. One of the children saw a bright light moving. They thought it may be a car, but realized it was a figure of a lady they immediately knew it was the Blessed Virgin. She was dressed in a long white dress

with a faint blue hue. Her head was covered with a long veil that fell down to her shoulders. Thin rays of light came out of her head which gave the impression she was wearing a crown. Usually, Mary’s hands were joined together, and she was smiling.

Most of the apparitions took place in the convent’s garden near the grotto and tree. Mary seemed to appear on the tree branches or on the grotto rocks. She spoke to the children but it was

very brief. For example, she would say, she wanted a chapel to be built for pilgrims to come and visit. She asked the children to “pray, pray, pray,” and always be good. She stated, “I am the Mother of God, I shall convert sinners.” She said, “Do you

love my son? Do you love me? Then sacrifice yourself to me.” Many miracles happened in Belgium. (from the National Catholic Register).

Personal Reflection:

How do we love as God loves? I am sure you have all heard of Agape love, this is God’s love. Agape is not emotional love, like maybe the love we have for our family, friends, husbands etc. Agape is a willful sacrificial love. Agape is what the world needs today. Let’s take a look at our hearts: So, as I go over these few points, please take a look at yourself and how we can love like God loves.

Be steadfast: Think about it how many times a day are you impatient with yourself or others. Sometimes we don’t even realize we are doing it. God is always patient.

Be a servant: Sometimes it may be hard for us to help someone in need, you may think you don’t have time, or

they can do it on their own. Would God stop and take the time to help? Agape love doesn't give people what they deserve but it gives them what is needed.

Suffering: How much do we suffer in life, whether it is someone who may have hurt us, or someone who has disappointed us; someone who may have not done something you thought was right. Put these feelings aside. Agape is sacrificial, it is the love we choose to love and choose to suffer for. Love them anyway.

Being sympathetic: In our daily life we hear of so many sins, abortion, same-sex marriage, people getting back at people for misunderstandings, people wanting to do things their way, or people not speaking to each other for years. This is heart breaking. We may not agree but we need to show them love, patience, and kindness.

As I mentioned above, Our Lady of Beauraing said to one of the children: Do you love my Son? Do you love me? Then sacrifice yourself for me. As Cursillistas how do we sacrifice ourselves to bring people to Christ? How do we work together as a community? How do we show love and humility to those around us? Take a moment to take a look within and reflect on how we can help bring people to Christ. Sometimes this takes time, patience, and prayer.



A Prayer from our Lady of Beauraing:

Our Lady of Beauraing, Immaculate Virgin, carry to Jesus, your Son, all the intentions which we confide to you this day. (Here mention your intentions.)

Mother with the Golden Heart, mirror of the tenderness of the Father, look with love upon the men and women of our time and fill them with the joy of your presence. You who promised to convert sinners, help us discover the infinite mercy of our God. Awaken in us the grace of conversion so that all our life becomes the reflection of this mercy.

Holy Mother of God, look down upon our miseries, console us in our sorrows, give strength to all those who are suffering. Queen of Heaven, crowned with light, help us grow in faith, hope and love, and we shall be able to give thanks without end. You brought Jesus into the world, may we by prayer, by sharing his word and by the testimony of our life filled with love and joy make him be born in all hearts.

May every instant of our life be a Yes to the question which you are asking us today: Do you love my son? Do you love me? Then the reign of Jesus will come into the world. Amen. (IMPRIMATUR:

Namur, 16 juillet 1996 + J.M. Huet vic. épisc.)
Carmela Gonzales, Lay Director

THREE-DAY CHAIR 2023 ACTIVITIES

I would like to keep my fellow Cursillistas up to date on what is planned this year! Mark your calendars! As Three-Day Chair, I encourage all Cursillistas to pay close attention to the upcoming Cursillo weekends so that you can invite your friends to experience what you have experienced!

Upcoming Weekends: There will be three more English Cursillo weekends for men and women: The Men's Cursillos will be May 4 – 7 in Phoenix, July 13 – 16 in Flagstaff, and November 2 – 5 in Phoenix. The Women's Cursillos will be May 18 – 21 in Phoenix, July 27 – 30 in Flagstaff, and November 16 – 19 in Phoenix. **Now is the time to get those applications in.** It's never too early. In addition, please let us know if you would like to work on any of the Cursillo teams. We are always looking for leaders!

Rector/Rectora Workshops: To cover the most essential aspects leading up to Cursillo core team preparation, team formation, Cursillo weekend activities, and grouping for the New Cursillista, we are offering Rector/Rectora Workshops for all Rectors, Rectoras, Co-Rector/

Rectoras, and anyone who seeks to be a future Co-Rector/Rectora. All are welcome! The workshop serves to ensure that leaders of Cursillo weekends are consistent with the guidelines and tools offered to them, such as the Rector/Rectora Handbook, Leaders Manual, and Cursillo Manual. The workshops also foster collaboration between leaders to find ways to use their creativity. We have two more workshops this year: July 22nd, and October 7th. Please go to phoenixcursillo.com to sign up for one of the workshops.

Now that we revised the Rector/Rectora Handbook in 2022, we thought it best to update the kitchen manual as well, and then to include it with the Rector/Rectora Handbook so that everything is in one place. We will be calling on some volunteers to assist us with the edits of the kitchen manual. This project will be complete sometime this summer.

Blessings,
Deborah Hernandez
3-Day Chair, Secretariat