

The Voice



The Newsletter of
the Diocese of Phoenix
Cursillo Movement
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FROM FR. KILIAN MCCAFFREY

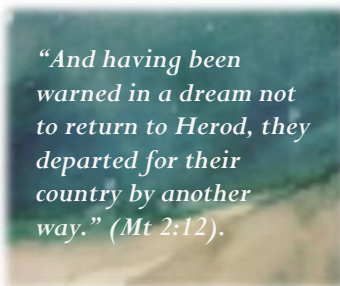
An Epiphany Is An Appearance.

How do we announce the birth of a child today? "Send pictures! Send photos!" is the first thing we say when a baby is born and we send and receive photos or videos to each other on our cell phones and tablets.

Usually the first pictures are taken shortly after the birth, still in the hospital. Then, after a while, there's the more formal portrait photos with parents and siblings and grandparents. Yet we want to see the first photo above all.

But God had another way, a different way, a better way to be seen for all who were watching the night sky all over the world, in the night sky, an amazing sight in the winter sky. What an amazing way to see God at work. Do you remember the **Blood Moon**, the Lunar eclipse, exactly two months ago? It was all over the news, common knowledge and everybody was talking about. I got up in the middle of the night to take photographs. 2023 years ago it was the same. King Herod and everybody had seen The Star. It was a real historical, astronomical event and Herod and everybody knew about it. Have you ever seen something mysterious or strange in the night sky? Most of us have seen something that we can't explain or understand. The Wise Men, or the Magi as they are called, were scholars of the night sky. They knew something remarkable was happening.

"Probably Persian astrologers, they quickly packed up their camels with amazing riches and followed the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's



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staff over the house of Jacob. Jesus' Epiphany, His revelation, forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?" (Dr. Scott Hahn).

It is an incredible part of the Story of Our Salvation, just as Cursillo is a different way of living the Catholic Christian Faith. It is the way of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We Live Another Way: We live by the Way of Faith. It is the Way to Heaven. It is the Way of God and it is a Way contrary to many things of the world. So as we begin this New Year in Jesus' Name, 2023 years after His birth, we make the bold decision to follow Him closely always.

We have to pray, we have to study, we have to watch for the signs of the times and make the right decisions, to keep on the path. God will give us the signs, we must take His advice. We have to be Wise Men and Women and follow. It makes all the difference.

God bless you!

Deo Gratias, Fr. Kilian McCaffrey

P.S...Did you know? Our new Bishop, John Patrick Dolan, is a Cursillo Man. Rectors and Rectoras and School of Leaders: Let's invite Bishop Dolan and Bishop Eduardo Nevoares to join us on a Cursillo weekend this year at Mount Claret. We need to have him experience first-hand the unique experience we share at Phoenix Cursillos. Write an email, speak with him, write a letter, make a phone call....

Diocesan
Ultreya!



Saturday, January 28, 2023 9:30 am til 11:00 am
9:00 am Potluck please bring a dish to share
IN PERSON at Mt. Claret; Virtually on Google Meets
Check the website for details

ULTREYA!



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

DIOCESAN ULTREYA

Saturday, January 28, 2023 9:30 am til 11:00 am
IN PERSON at Mt. Claret in the John Paul II Room
More details on the website including virtual link
9:00 am Potluck; please bring a dish to share
and your own beverage.

*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!*

Ultreyas at Miles Jesu

1925 E Baseline Rd, Phoenix
January 13, February 10, & March 17, 2023
5:45 pm Holy Hour, confession available
6:30 pm Pilgrim's Guide Apostolic Hour Prayer
6:45 pm Ultreya

Ultreya at St. Germaine, Prescott Valley
7997 E Dana Dr., Prescott Valley, Resin Hall
January 14, 2023
11:00 am Potluck/Ultreya Follows



Lenten Retreat
Saturday, March 25, 2023
**Watch your email and the
website for more
information!**



Prayer
Fasting
Almsgiving

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!

Start date	Day	Time	Event	Location
1/10/2023	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting	Virtual
1/13/2023	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesus
1/14/2023	Saturday	11:00 AM	ULTREYA	St. Germaine Church
1/21/2023	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL	Mt. Claret & Virtual
1/28/2023	Saturday	9:00 AM	DIOCESAN ULTREYA	Mt. Claret & Virtual
2/10/2023	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesus
2/14/2023	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting	Virtual
2/15/2023	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Orientation #950 & #951	Mt. Claret
2/18/2023	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL	Mt. Claret & Virtual
2/22/2023	Wednesday		Ash Wednesday	
3/2/2023	Thurs.-Sun.		Men's English Weekend #950	Mt. Claret
3/9/2023	Thurs.-Sun.		Women's English Weekend #951	Mt. Claret
3/14/2023	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting	Virtual
3/17/2023	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesus
3/18/2023	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL	Mt. Claret & Virtual
3/25/2023	Saturday		Lenten Retreat	Mt. Claret
4/9/2023			Easter Sunday	
4/11/2023	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting (Virtual)	Virtual
4/15/2023	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL (In person & Virtual)	Mt. Claret & Virtual
4/26/2023	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Orientation May English #952/953	Mt. Claret
4/29/2023	Saturday		CENA DE COLORES!!!	Mt. Claret

2023 Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Weekends

Mt. Claret

Men's English #950

March 2-5, 2023

Women's English #951

March 9-12, 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 English #952

May 4-7, 2023

Women's English #953

May 18-21, 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

Mt. Claret

Men's Spanish #954

June 15-18, 2023

Women's Spanish #955

June 22-25, 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/UPDATES!

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all! Another year has come and gone. I pray everyone had a blessed Christmas filled with love and peace! This is my favorite time of year. I have always loved Christmas; I remember one Christmas when I was in high school I had a friend who did not have any faith at all. Her parents allowed her to spend Christmas Eve with my family. As a family, all the women went to midnight Mass and my dear friend Kim joined us. We all walked to church and after Mass when we walked outside it was snowing and it was so beautiful, joyful and peaceful. I will never forget the beauty God let me see that night; the snow was coming down so gentle and Christmas lights were on, on so many houses the beautiful colors of the lights reflected off the snow. The streets were quiet, and you could feel God's presence. Although Kim did not have any faith then, she became a Christian, and she told me that she loves to go into Catholic Churches because of their beauty. That was many years ago and left such an impression on me.

On Christmas Eve Day in 1992 I married the love of my life and we just celebrated 30 years. Yet another blessing from God. That Christmas Eve so long ago left me with love in my heart and what better day to start our life together?

In John 3:16 it states, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Think about that for a minute can we even begin to comprehend the love that God has for each and every one of us?

Christmas is love. God came to us as a baby! He came to us as a helpless child, because He loves all of us. He is our joy, hope, and peace. We cannot understand how



much He loves us because He is God. He entered our world in the cold, He was poor, and He was a helpless child so that we may have life. We are saved by His love. As we look at our Savior in the manger you know our Lord understands the smallness of our love and He wants to share His Divine love with us. God wants us to enter into the depths of His love. He calls us and we must answer. In this world there is so much noise and clutter going on. We need to take time to find a quiet place and put the noise and clutter behind us and listen to God as He talks in our hearts and our minds. God holds nothing back from us. If we give our hearts to Him our hearts will be overflowing with love and peace. Thank you, Mary for your fiat!!! Thank you, Joseph for taking care of our Lord!

We now celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord which comes from the Greek word *epiphania*, a manifestation. Jesus is manifested or revealed in the stable as the Son of God. This feast day is associated with three events in the life of Christ; the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan, and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana.

Although we have celebrated Christmas take some time and celebrate Epiphany with your families, and friends. Ponder on scripture. Have a gathering focusing on Epiphany. Listen to Christmas music, keep some of your Christmas decorations up for this celebration. We as Catholic's are so lucky to celebrate Christmas after the 25th

of December so don't let the world interfere and show Christ how much you love him by spending time with him.

May God Bless you all! DeColores!

Carmela Gonzales,
Lay Director

WHAT WAS YOUR SECRETARIAT UP TO IN 2022?

Three Day Chair 2022 Initiatives by Deborah Hernandez

I would like to wish my fellow Cursillistas a blessed new year! This past year was a busy productive time for my position as Three Day Chair on the Secretariat. The Holy Spirit had certainly guided all of us on the Secretariat. I would like to share the progress made and new 2023 goals.

In an effort 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 offered Rector/Rectora Workshops for all Rectors, Rectoras, and Co's. 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 had four workshops between August and November. The participants provided positive feedback so we will

continue to offer the workshops on a consistent basis. I would like to thank Veronica Lucas and Sharon Matson for assisting with the facilitation of the workshops.

One of the most important tools offered to Cursillo Rollo core teams is the Rector/Rectora Handbook. The book provides a summary of guidelines taken from the Leaders Manual and a complete schedule for the weekend. Cursillo leaders use the manual to facilitate the weekend. Due to this important tool, we felt that it needed thorough editing and review to make it more user-friendly. We revised the manual in August in time for the November Cursillos and the leaders were able to provide us with feedback to help us further revise the manual. Thanks to Veronica and a special committee who attended evening meetings to review the manual to make this possible.

Other leaders during a Cursillo weekend are the men and women kitchen core teams. Just as a rollo core team uses a manual, the kitchen team relies on a schedule so that their activities coincide with the rollo team activities. We reviewed the daily timings of the kitchen schedule

and revised it to match the rollo timings. Veronica revised the schedule in October and the kitchen team used it for the November Cursillos. We received positive feedback on the ease of use of the schedule and will continue to use it as a tool for future Cursillo weekends.

2023 Goals

The following goals will be implemented this year. Please look for email updates and refer to the Cursillo website for further details.

- * Offer Rector/Rectora Workshops throughout 2023 to provide more options for attendees.
- * Focus on ways to communicate how to prepare and present rollos to help rollistas implement new presentation ideas.
- * Assign core teams for Cursillo weekends in a timely manner to ensure teams have time to prepare for all phases of a Cursillo.
- * Hold Cursillos in Flagstaff over the summer.

Cheers,
Deborah Hernandez
Three Day Chair, Secretariat

Postcursillo in 2022 by Veronica Lucas

Happy New Year Fellow Cursillistas!

We had a wonderful REVIVE Retreat Weekend in October of 2022 with almost 40 participants. REVIVE is a retreat open to all Cursillistas; an opportunity to ignite your faith walk. The weekend included talks given by fellow Cursillistas. Attendees had opportunities to discuss topics in small group and large group settings. Deacon Ernie Gonzales served as our spiritual director. Cursillistas were able to spend Friday and Saturday listening to rollos, praying, and sharing with each other. Thank you to the our volunteer team who formed, prepared, cooked, and served the weekend! Watch for the next REVIVE Encounter in October of 2023!

Ultreyas are a great way to introduce potential candidates to our Cursillo Community. They create an opportunity for friendship to evolve and connect with each other in living community. Ultreyas bring together groups and parishes into a united community within the Diocese and allow for each of us to grow in our faith and friendship. They are the place where we receive



the nourishment needed for our spiritual and evangelical journey. Please consider inviting your friends to a Parish or Diocesan Ultreya soon!

Our next Diocesan Ultreya is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th at 9:00 am at Mt. Claret. Watch the website for the Flyer for information and the Google Meets Video conferencing link.

Living the Postcursillo is the final objective of every Cursillo weekend. It is the period of time in which we dedicate our lives to following Christ. The Postcursillo is designed to increase and continue the conversion process, and to live what is fundamental for being a

Christian. The purpose is to bring Christ into the world so that the world knows Christ. We do this by our love for one another. Through group reunion, by returning to our environments and by being authentic. The aim of the Postcursillo is to accomplish the vision that is presented on the Cursillo

weekend.

With much love to all of you in the coming year,
Veronica Lucas, Postcursillo Chair

CENA DE COLORES NEEDS YOU! APRIL 29, 2023

As Cursillistas the blessing we received by experiencing Cursillo must be shared with others. Have you considered getting more involved with the Cursillo movement? Funds raised from the Cena De Colores help us to cover the additional expenses from Cursillo Weekends, Ultreyas and other events held at Mt. Claret.

We are in need of Cena De Colores Chairs. The event is set for April 29th, 2023 at Mt. Claret and it's time for new volunteers to help lead the Cena. My husband Joe and I are willing to train the new chairs so that next year the chairs can completely take over. It would be great if we can have a third person/couple be the Co-Chairs in training so that they can take over in year 3.

Please prayerfully consider chairing this event. We need to begin the planning and working on getting key items for the event taken care of in January!

Other Opportunities to Help

Maybe you aren't called to chair the event, but are interested in chairing one of the following areas.

Silent Auction Chair: Help procure items, log items in auction software, and set up/run auction.

Ticket Sales/Seat Assignment: Handle all tickets sales, donor sales, and table assignments and check in and check out at the event using the software that tracking seats and sales.

Decorating Chair: Decorating all areas of the event; cocktails, auction room, and table arrangements.

Dinner Chairs: Selection of dinner with vendor, setup of dinner services (usually a team of high school students

are available to help serve). Setup of appetizers during cocktail hour. Direct cleanup crew.

Bar Chair: Procuring items for the bar from vendors. Purchase of wine, sodas, and water. Order Mr. Margarita delivery. Procure bar supplies and setup bars; enlist crew to work bar. Obtain liquor license from City of Phoenix (this needs to start in January!)

Security/volunteer parking lot: Hire police security; work with volunteers to help direct guests upon arrival.

PR Chair: Invitations: getting the word out on the event via social media and personal invites. Also work with entire Cena team; reaching out to past donors and table leads/sponsor to donate and/or purchase tables.

Setup crew: Help setup tables, chairs etc. prior to event.

Cleanup crew: Help clean up and pack up items and supplies.

Can't chair? Volunteers are needed to help in any of the areas listed above.

This sounds like a big job and it can be if we don't get enough volunteers to help. But every year it comes together because "God will not let us fail, if we are doing work to bring more people to Him." In the end, it's a lot fun and the feeling you get bringing all of your Cursillo brothers and sisters together for a night of friendship and celebration is a blessing.

Give us a call if you have any questions.

De Colores! Joe and Angela Fairlie 623-693-3431



*Thanks to everyone who
chaired, volunteered, and
attended the 2nd Annual
Christmas Dance,
December 10, 2022*

Give praise with tambourines and dance.

Psalm 150

