



Come,
Holy Spirit

JUNE 2021 THE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

FROM FR. KILIAN MCCAFFREY

Go, *therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.*
(Matthew 28:19-20)

In the Eucharist, His own Body and Blood, Jesus Christ is with us always.

I am writing just a short letter of encouragement to all of our Phoenix Cursillistas as we prepare to rise up boldly to the new challenges of our time.

“From the Eucharist comes the strength to live the Christian life and the zeal to share that life with others” (Pope St. John Paul II).

We have just celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost followed by The Most Holy Trinity. We now prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We rejoice in Jesus Christ with us always in the Eucharist.

What better time is there than the Feast of the Breaking of the Bread to feed and give strength to Phoenix Cursillistas? What better time to break bread and to share Christ with others as He shared Himself at the Last Supper?

We are in Ordinary Time, a time of extraordinary grace, the time of the Holy Spirit. We are starting up Cursillos once again with a new focus on the power and the love of God working through us.

We are now attracting more brothers and sisters to Mount Claret, teaching them all that Jesus has commanded

us. We are moved by the love of God, finally revealed in the Most Holy Trinity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We are moved by this Holy Spirit of God’s love to teach and inspire a new generation of disciples.

We are ready to unleash the Gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit after a challenging 2020-2021.

We pray for Bishop Eduardo Nevares, Joe Fairlie, Jim Diaz, and Cherryl Whitson and their respective teams, sponsors, and candidates and for all Cursillistas around the world who are urging us on.

Just as over 25 years ago when a team from Phoenix led by Monsignor John McMahon and Deacon Joe Lesard brought Cursillo to Flagstaff, now, a generation later, a team from Flagstaff led by Cherryl Whitson comes to Phoenix to help us to renew and revive and breathe new life into our movement.

We pray that we are humble enough to let God work through us and let God maximize the power of love present in us to breathe over these candidates and light a fire of joy and peace over the earth.

De Colores,
Fr. Kilian McCaffrey, #643

**CURSILLO WEEKENDS
BEGIN AGAIN AT MT. CLARET**



Men’s English #932 June 3-6, 2021
Women’s English #933 June 17-20, 2021
**Please sign up for Adoration
on the Cursillo Website!**

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

June 2021

- June 3-6 Men's English Weekend #932 (Mt. Claret)
- June 7 7:00 PM Rosary for Our Country (Mt. Claret)
- June 8 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Virtual)
- June 17-20 Women's English Weekend #933 (Mt. Claret)
- June 19 9:30 AM School of Leaders (Virtual)

July 2021

- July 3 8:30 AM Mass & Rosary for US
(St. Thomas the Apostle, Phx)
- July 13 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Virtual)
- July 17 9:30 AM School of Leaders (Virtual)

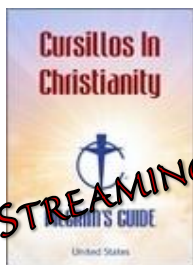
2021 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

- June 3-6 Men's English Weekend #932 (Mt. Claret)
- June 17-20 Women's English Weekend #933 (Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 4-7 Men's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 18-21 Women's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)

Other Important Dates

- Aug. 14 Parish Rep Workshop (Conference Center)
- Sept. 18 Diocesan ULTREYA (Conference Center)
- Cena de Colores date to be determined

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



STREAMING TO A DEVICE NEAR YOU!
SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Join Zoom School of Leaders:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88658541324?pwd=d1U4OHkxek0zZlNnR0ZvSUZjMIJCZz09>
Meeting ID: 886 5854 1324 Passcode: 338064

Cursillistas, please join us for an opportunity for fellowship including breakout rooms for sharing in group reunion after each talk or meditation.

School of Leaders is the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 am. Upcoming meetings are June 19, and July 17.



ULTREYA!

As Parishes begin to open up, please watch the Newsletter and the website for Ultreya locations.

If you know of an Ultreya happening, or are interested in holding an Ultreya, please contact the Postcursillo Chair, Veronica Lucas at Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com.

ALL are welcome to Ultreya!



10TH ANNUAL

INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS AND ROSARY FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Saturday, July 3, 2021

**8:30 am Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares
St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Phoenix**

Our country is in dire need of prayer. Your prayers are powerful. Please help our country's leaders by joining us and Bishop Nevares as we pray for God's healing grace for our nation. Start your holiday as a family united in prayer that we remain

One Nation Under God!



Recently my wife Angela and I had the pleasure of visiting New Orleans, Louisiana. We went anticipating a fun getaway with great food, music, and culture, and the trip was everything that we expected and more. Several friends told us that if you're in New Orleans, you have to go the National World War II Museum, and so we did. What we discovered was so much more than an archive of battles past, but an amazingly moving tribute to the selfless sacrifice of a generation who gave their all to serve the greater good. This Memorial Day weekend I find myself reflecting about my grandfather, who proudly served his country during that great struggle.

If you walked into my grandfather's house after his passing nearly forty years ago you might say that he was a hoarder, but I'd like to think of Grandpa as a more of a "keeper." Even after he and my grandmother moved to Staten Island, he would never let go of the home in Queens that he was born in and where he raised his children. In the Gospels Jesus says that "Where your

My grandfather, John Schreiber



treasure is, so also will your heart be." And my grandfather stored up a lifetime of personal treasures that must have been dear to his heart. Under his bed he had an entire duffel bag full of letters written by my grandparents during the war that shed some light on the painful torment of being separated from those you love in times of crisis.

I remember when I was about 8 years old I got a brand new Schwinn Stingray bicycle for Christmas. My grandfather, recognizing the perils of keeping such a beautiful gift safe in our working class New York neighborhood, gave me an antique padlock that he took from a large wooden box, which he explained was his footlocker. Thirteen years later I was surprised to find that footlocker in the exact same spot in his house, and when I opened it I discovered his Army dress uniform neatly

folded and preserved. The Eisenhower style jacket fit me perfectly and in my now 21 year old mind it was the epitome of vintage chic. It even had a tag inside with the date of issue from 1942. I reasoned that since Grandpa had unlocked the footlocker for me years earlier, he wouldn't mind if I wore the jacket, and it soon became a personal treasure to me. I wore that jacket everywhere, not just because I thought it looked cool, but it gave me a profound sense of connection to my family history.

In reality, most of the things in my grandfather's collection were not of such a personal nature.

His small apartment resembled a packed warehouse full of old newspapers and an array of things bought from mail order ads in the back of magazines, most of which were never even opened. Of all of the curiosities that were found, there's one that sticks in my mind and always puzzles me. It was a shirt that my siblings and I had given him for Father's day many years earlier, still folded and wrapped in tissue paper inside the gift box. It raises the question; what good are gifts that go unused?

The three Sundays that we are in the midst of now, taking out of the Easter season and into ordinary time are full of reminders of God's gifts. At Pentecost of course, Jesus sends us the Advocate and like the Apostles we are presented with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity the first reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of the gift of being chosen as God's adopted people. "Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live?" The following Sunday we celebrate the greatest gift of all on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Jesus's total offering of himself in the sacrifice of His Body and Blood,

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GENERAL PALANCA REMINDER

As weekends are starting up again throughout the world (and in Phoenix, of course), the recording of your continued offerings of Palanca (prayers, sacrifices, and works of mercy) is needed. Please go to the website and fill out the General Palanca form so that we can add them to the letter we send to other Dioceses and to our own candidates on the weekend.



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and the grace to enter into communion with His divine presence through the gift of the Eucharist.

Angie and I were blessed to attend mass at the beautiful gothic Cathedral of Saint Patrick's in New Orleans for the Feast of Pentecost. One of the interesting features of the sanctuary was a classic raised ambo that had a canopy over it in the shape of a seashell. It reminded me that we are not only called to listen to the Word, but that we also have a baptismal mission to share in the Gospel. In his homily the priest asked the faithful a question that I think we should all ask ourselves "What are you doing with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have been given?"

As we begin to emerge from the restrictions of the global pandemic and are finally able to hold Cursillo weekends again this month, it's clear that there is much work that can be done. A simple thing that we can do today is pray for one another and for the candidates and teams on the June weekends. Please sign up for an hour of Adoration at Mount Claret via the link on the Phoenix Cursillo website. We can also show the support of the Community by showing up and giving the new Cursillistas a warm Cursillo welcome at the Clausuras.

PIETY, STUDY, ACTION

I am now a little more than seventy-three in my life's journey on this side of eternity. I am reflecting on sort of a 'time-line' basis; how I'm progressing in the Christian life in regards to the three pillars, piety, study and action, which are supported by the grace of God.

I've learned that piety, like other virtues is a gift of the Holy Spirit, given by God as needed for the different stages of life. At times, for me, it meant just following the rules and trying to impress God and others by how good I was. My standard was very subjective, usually comparing myself to others until I had some major failures in my spiritual life. God, speaking through His word at a Sunday Mass, said "woe to you who are lukewarm ..." told me that mediocrity was not acceptable. Mechanical prayers, observance of commandments, and going to confession after committing a mortal sin was far from holiness and would not get me to heaven.

I realized that, as many others, I had and still have, one foot in the world and the other just partially in the

The lead into these weekends has highlighted the importance of, and **great need for Parish Representatives**. We also have four positions opening up on the diocesan secretariat at the end of 2021, Lay Director, Treasurer, Three Day Chairperson, and School of Leaders Chairperson. Elections will be held in the coming months. Please prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to serve him as part of the Cursillo Leadership team.

Do you remember the grace that you experienced on your Cursillo? Grace is a gift, freely given and intended to be shared. If we continue to live our Cursillo fourth day properly, the Voice of God will not be a faint whimper from the ashes of some long past experience, but will roar like thunder from the flames of the Holy Spirit burning in our hearts today.

So I ask you, what are you doing with the gifts that God has given you? Will you leave them wrapped up in a neat box or locked away in a footlocker? Or will you put them to good use to serve His greater glory, and store up treasure in Heaven?

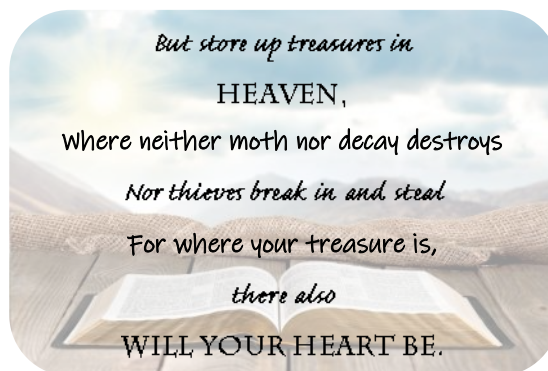
De Colores!

Joe Fairlie #781

kingdom of God. Not acceptable! "No one can serve two masters..."! A definition of piety that I could accept was to do what I'm supposed to be doing, in the moment, in the will of God. As St. Therese put it, "in all things do what love requires." This is the criteria that I often use when in doubt about making a decision.

The "Ideal" Rollo on the Cursillo helped me discern what the will of God might be for me and that it changes as I get older. It includes work, rest, fun activities, praying, offering up minor and major difficulties as well as joys, speaking up, keeping silent, and innumerable other things. In God's will, these are all on our path to piety. Once again, from God's word I learned that through these things I can store up treasures in heaven and that where my treasure is my heart will be also.

From the lives of the saints I learned that holiness is also in the struggles of life and receiving the Sacraments frequently is one of the ways God uses to perfect it in us. My faith that



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God will do it comes from the spiritual gift of hope, also one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I believe that what St. Paul wrote to the Philippians was also meant for me and He who has started a good work in me will also carry it through to completion.

Some of the aides that help me stay aware of God's presence throughout the day are a morning prayer and the guardian angel prayer before I even get out of bed. A holy water font at the back door, again reminds me to pray whenever I leave the house, an alarm on my phone at 6am, noon and 6pm for the Angelus prayer, often inviting others that happen to be there with me to join in. We always pray before meals. I almost always have my rosary with me, and say the Memorare when I put my scapular back on after my shower. Many of these were not lifelong habits, but have accumulated over a lifetime so far.



The second pillar that supports my Catholic Christian life is learning more about our Lord, the Body of Christ, the Church and the Saints. The *IBreviary* app on my phone has short articles about the Saint of the Day on Memorials, Feast Days, and Solemnities. Novenas also have articles about the Saints

or feasts dedicated to them. In my early thirties, realizing how little I really knew about my faith I attended the RCIA at our parish to learn more. This later led to more classes, then helping teach in the RE program, which led to more classes, then to Kino Institute classes, Instructing RCIA, and becoming a lector at our parish.

I'm not an avid reader but am working my way through the Diary of Saint Faustina and learning about the awesome Mercy of our Lord and the mission He entrusted to her to spread His message to the world. One of my major sources of learning is also our Catholic radio station, Relevant Radio 1310 AM. I also turn to homilies and reflections on daily readings by Bishop Robert Barron, and the bible in a year by Fr. Mike Schmitz. One of my favorite sources of study is reading through "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas A 'Kempis. I read one meditation as part of my weekly adoration, so it takes about two years to get

through the book. When I'm done I give it away and get another for myself. It's part of my evangelization.

Action flows from piety and study. The Body of Christ was commissioned to go and be Christ in the world with Him as the head and us as members. As I live my life in my daily environment, what I say and do actually shows me what I really believe. My Christian action starts at home with family, children and grandchildren, mostly by example; prayer before meals at home and in public. Sometimes discussion during dinner about the saint of the day or something I learned from a homily or Catholic radio; wearing the "team colors" that correspond to the feast day or liturgical season. Leaving the house in the middle of the night once a week to go to adoration sometime needs some explanation when guests stay with us or explaining to a neighbor where I go from 1:45 to 3:15am every Tuesday. I am a lector at early morning mass about eight weeks out of the year because there is a need for one. I help out with remodeling our convent for the Sisters of Life that plan to move in there around August and helped another friend set up a work storage shed at Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery.

I sometimes feel overwhelmed when commitments pile up, but as many know, it's all part of the 4th day journey and I draw consolation from 2 Cor. 4:7-18. *Look it up*, it's well worth contemplating.

Your brother in Christ, Joe Ratschan, #444



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

with Bishop Olmsted

SUNDAY | JUNE 6 | 6-8 A.M.
 VIRGINIA G. PIPER PLAZA
 400 E. MONROE ST., PHOENIX
 PROCESSION APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES
 REGISTER TODAY AT CMFP.ORG
 ALL ARE WELCOME



SUPPORT CURSILLO AT MT. CLARET

EASY TITHE

- *First, we would like to thank all of you who are currently enrolled with Easy Tithe. Your continued support of the Cursillo Movement is greatly appreciated.* (If your card has changed or expired, please take a minute to go to www.Easytithe.com/Cursillo and update/)

- **WHAT IS IT?**

A low cost monthly auto withdrawal from your bank account directly to the Cursillo Movement to help pay for operating expenses of the Movement (i.e., rent, supplies, stipends and scholarships). You choose the amount you'd like to contribute, when, and how often.

- **WHY?**

- A major goal of Cursillo is to allow every qualified candidate to live their weekend. The cost of the weekend should never keep someone away. The actual cost to put a candidate through the weekend is in excess of \$350 per person. However, we strive to maintain the stipend at \$150 per candidate. To accomplish this goal requires fundraising, including our Easy Tithe program.

- While Cursillo weekends can be held almost anywhere, we are truly blessed to call the beautiful, holy ground that is Mt. Claret Retreat Center, "home". It has been home to the Cursillo for many years due to the vision of the Claretian priests who were caretakers of the Movement in Phoenix in the beginning, the devotion of Msgr. McMahon, and the love, time, and talent of many Cursillistas over the years. Support through Easy Tithe assists in ensuring that Mt. Claret remains our home for future candidates and all Cursillistas.

- **HOW?**

Simply go to the Easy Tithe link on the Cursillo website (www.PhoenixCursillo.com) or go directly to www.Easytithe.com/Cursillo.

- **PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION**

A five (\$5) or ten (\$10) dollar monthly Easy Tithe donation can make a huge difference in not only a candidate's life, but also the many Cursillistas in our Diocese. Please prayerfully consider participating in Easy Tithe and enroll today.

On behalf of the Cursillo Movement of Phoenix,
we thank you for your prayerful consideration and support.

If you have any questions, please contact Karla Keller (Treasurer@PhoenixCursillo.com)



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



Parish Reps Needed!!!: To see if your parish is one of those not covered, please go to our website. If interested, please contact the Postcursillo Chair at (postcursillo@gmail.com) or Precursillo Chair at (precursillo@gmail.com).

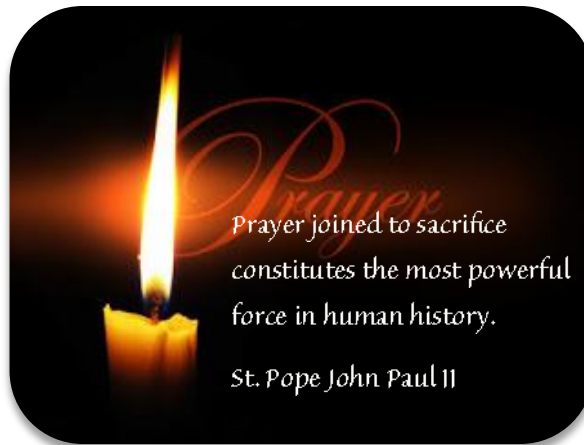
Ultreya! It just takes a place and some friends to rejoice together in the graces we receive as we live our piety, study, and action throughout our 4th day. Please get in touch with the Postcursillo Chair, if you are interested in helping with or hosting an Ultreya in your area.

Palanca Chair: The palanca chair is responsible for requesting General Palanca for Phoenix, and sending General Palanca for other Diocese's weekends, and downloading and printing the General Palanca for our Weekends. This can be done from your home! Please contact Three-Day Chair at (zeldagraham@yahoo.com).

GENERAL PALANCA

Record your prayers and sacrifices for upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses either on the form below or on the website. Palanca is gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Send the form below to Cursillo Movement, Mt. Claret, 4633 N 54th St, Phoenix, AZ 85018 or bring the form to School of Leaders. Your intercessory prayer, sacrifice, and works of mercy are the levers which lift up the Movement all over the world.

General Palanca	Amount
Sacramental Masses	
Spiritual Communion	
Hours of Adoration	
Visits to Blessed Sacrament	
Daily Prayers	
Rosaries	
Glory Be	
Hail Holy Queen	
Hail Marys	
Our Fathers	
Instances of Fasting	
Hours of Prayer	
Hours of Study	
Hours of Service	
Leader's Prayer	
Chaplets of Divine Mercy	
Novenas	
Offerings of Pain/Distress	
Reconciliation	
Other:	
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PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a prayer list on the website that will be updated with your prayer requests and 5th day notices. On this page, you will find a form to send in your request, or send it directly to info@phoenixcursillo.com.

People will remain on the prayer list and on the 5th day list for one month. Resubmit if you would like to have the name remain on the list.

Vatican-approved prayer for the intercession of Servant of God, Eduardo Bonnin, Founder of the Cursillo Movement

“Oh God, the dispenser of all graces and charisms, You granted your servant Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo the grace of dedicating his whole life with humility and generosity, to the work of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement, as he traveled the five continents proclaiming that God in Christ loves us. Grant us through his intercession the favor that we now implore Thee. (Name favor being requested.) Also grant us the grace, of his beatification for your greater glory and the good of your Church, that shines throughout the lives of its saints. We beg this of you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”
(At the end pray the Lord’s Prayer.)

PHOENIX CURSILLO DATABASE

Please help us keep the Cursillo records up to date.

If you change your address, email, phones, etc., please email the updated info to info@phoenixcursillo.com.
THANKS!

PS... Info on the database is never given out or sold. It is used only for sending Cursillo news such as the Voice and contacting persons for Team Formation.

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