

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

How Are We Doing? Really... Time To Check In.

It's October. It's time to check in with our Cursillo friends, our priceless, dearest friends, our true brothers and true sisters in Jesus Christ.

Here's what you do:

Pick up the phone.

Call a person you know from your Cursillo, someone you have not spoken to for over a year.

Humbly, sincerely, gently, ask how they are doing.

Listen with your heart.

Today, I called three Cursillo friends.

Our good friend, Manny Yrique, has had a rough go of it the last couple of years. I don't know the last time I spoke to him. But he "spoke" to me in July. In July, I was reading an article on the BBC website entitled "A Question of Faith: Biden, Catholicism and the Presidency" and Manny's name is mentioned. Our Manny! He must have been interviewed for the really good article. Check it out.

Anyway, I called Manny to ask him about it and to check in with him. Of course, the call went immediately to voicemail and his mailbox was full with no way to leave a

FROM FR. KILIAN MCCAFFREY

message. Go figure.

Then Dee called me back to say that Manny was getting his hair cut for the first time in six weeks and it was really, really long. The hair stylist was up to her knees in hair, you know how it is.

She said she and Manny really, really appreciated the 30 people who went to clean up their yard a couple of weeks back.

Then I called Rodney Jackson, who I had not seen since the Feast of Saint Peter Claver last year, the evening when we had our first Cursillo live-streamed Mass from

Mount Claret.

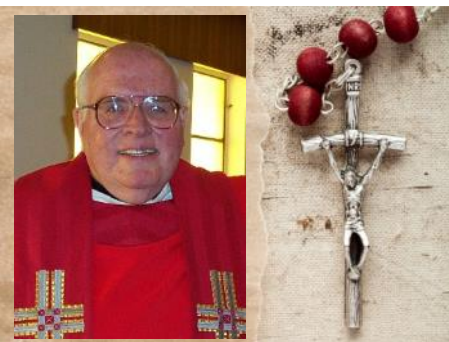
It was a great conversation. Life is good with him. Rodney's two daughters are in College, one in Phoenix and one in Baltimore, and he is working hard to support them. He was considering working the November Men's Cursillo.

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ROSARY FOR FR. TIM O'CALLAGHAN, O.CARM

Our beloved Fr. Tim O'Callaghan has been a wonderful Spiritual Director on many Cursillo Weekends over the years. Even in poor health when he could not serve as a Spiritual Director, he was always on weekends to hear Confessions. Due to his failing health he is now bedridden in a group home; however, he will peacefully tell you that he is looking forward to his 5th day. As always, we pray for God's Will.



Fr. Kilian recently visited Fr. Tim who shared that Cursillo was the highlight of his life. That is evident to all who know him by the enthusiasm with which he serves and the love he demonstrates to every Cursillista.

On Monday, October 11, at 6:00 pm in the Chapel at Mt. Claret, there will be a rosary for Fr. Tim. Please join us!

You may also write to him at 4654 E. Holly St., Phoenix, 85018 or in care of St. Agnes Church, 1954 N. 24th St, Phoenix, 85008.

Then I called Bishop Eduardo Nevares. He picked up and we had a delightful chat about the upcoming November Cursillos. Doug Graham and Angela Fairlie are the Rector and Rectora.

Then I received a call back from Manny.

“It’s good to hear your voice. This past month has truly been amazing! I serve God and God is so good....

“You know, Father, the Cursillo Community has been unbelievable. UNBELIEVABLE! I had the COVID really bad a month ago. I was really sick. They looked after my wife and my son so well. I have the power of the Holy Spirit working in me!! I am a walking testimony to the healing power of God. Fr. Greg Menegay came over and we had a great visit and he gave me an ‘anointment.’

After all this stuff is said and done, we need to have a get together and have a Mass of Thanksgiving....”

I also spoke with some Cursillistas in Heaven: Deacon Joe Lessard, Santiago Garcia, and Margaret Vegh. They are all doing exceptionally well also. They say a big hello to you all, keep fighting the good fight, and they are watching over us.

By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

—John 13:35



So there you go. Pick up the phone and make some calls. You may just have a beautiful experience.

De Colores, Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Kilian McCaffrey.

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Men’s English #938, November 4-7, 2021

Rector: Doug Graham, St. Thomas the Apostle

Women’s English #939, November 18-21, 2021

Rectora: Angela Fairlie, St. Thomas Aquinas

Full list of Teams in Formation can be found on the website.

Candidates will be added the week before each weekend.



Won’t you please PRAYERFULLY consider serving on the Secretariat of the Diocesan Cursillo Movement? You ARE a leader—your talents ARE needed!

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.

A list of Parish Representatives can be found at www.phoenixcursillo.com

SCHOOL OF LEADERS SECRETARIAT ELECTIONS

October 16, 2021 9:00 AM (Virtual) NOMINATIONS

If you are interested in serving, please contact Joe Fairlie at 602-291-2669

Positions Open: Lay Director, Three Day Chair, School of Leaders Chair, PreCursillo, and Treasurer November 20, 2021 9:00 AM (TBD)

ELECTION

October 2021

- Oct. 2 9:00 AM ULTREYA (St. Andrew)
- Oct. 9 Mt. Claret Evening Under the Stars Fundraiser
- Oct. 12 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting
- Oct. 16 9:30 AM School of Leaders (Virtual)
- Oct. 20 7:00 PM Orientation for English Weekends
- Oct. 21 Men's Spanish Weekend #936 (Mt. Claret)
- Oct. 22 6:45 PM ULTREYA (Miles Jesu)
- Oct. 28 Women's Spanish Weekend #937 (Mt. Claret)

November 2021

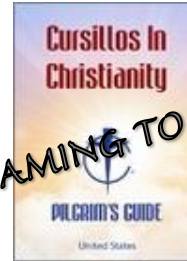
- Nov. 4 Men's English Weekend #938 (Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 9 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting
- Nov. 13 9:00 AM ULTREYA (OLO Mt. Carmel)
- Nov. 18 Women's English Weekend #939 (Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 19 6:45 PM ULTREYA (Miles Jesu)
- Nov. 20 9:30 AM SOL

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

- Oct. 21-24 Men's Spanish #936 (Mt. Claret)
- Oct. 28-31 Women's Spanish #937 (Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 4-7 Men's English Weekend #938 (Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 18-21 Women's English Weekend #939 (Mt. Claret)

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Secretariat Nominations will be held at the October School of Leaders on October 16.



STREAMING TO A DEVICE NEAR YOU!
SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Join Zoom School of Leaders:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88658541324?pwd=d1U4OHkxek0zZlNnR0ZvSUZjMlJCZz09>
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 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

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

ULTREYA!



Eastside Ultreya

Saturday, October 2, 2021

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church,

3450 W Ray Rd, Chandler

Mass at 8:30 AM; Gathering and refreshments immediately after Mass, Ultreya following

Ultreya at Miles Jesu—Note Date Change

Friday, October 22, 2021

1925 E Baseline Rd, Phoenix

5:45 PM Holy Hour; confessions available

6:30 PM Pilgrim's Guide Apostolic Hour Prayer

6:45 PM Ultreya

Would you like to schedule an Ultreya at your parish?

Postcursillo Chair, Veronica Lucas, is here to help!

Please call or email her for more information:

(602) 909-3459 or cursillo.v@gmail.com

She will help plan, facilitate, and spread the good news of your Ultreya.



Peace be with you. October is upon us and this month has always been a time of change. In Arizona, the first of October signals the ideal time to sow the seeds for your winter lawn, bringing in the lush green of the beautiful cooler weather. Lately I've witnessed the blooming of something far lovelier than fields of fresh grass. I'm talking about the joy of renewal in Christian community.

There have been a number of occasions recently that I have found particularly inspiring. The men's team for the November Cursillo have been meeting in the upper room at Mount Claret and growing in friendship for several weeks now. This past Monday the women's team began their formation on the same night in the Rollo room. As the ladies meeting was breaking up I was touched by the glow of all their smiling faces. This mixture of Cursillistas new and old; friends, family members, casual acquaintances, and others who were meeting for the very first time, seemed to share an unmistakable joy in gathering together to serve the Lord.

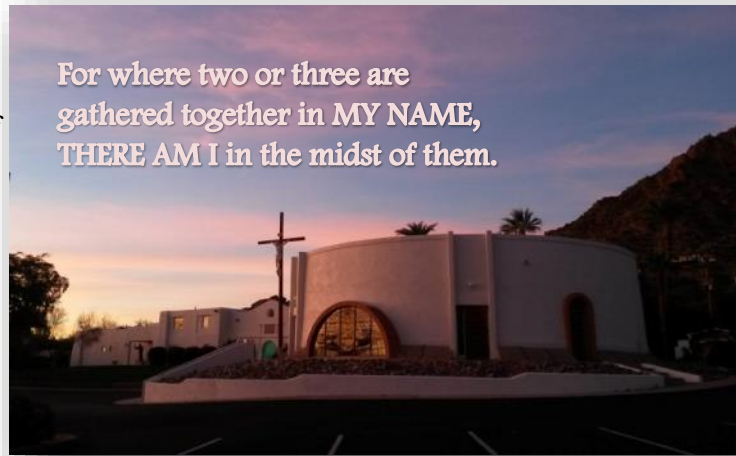
I also had the pleasure of attending the Diocesan Ultreya on September 18th. It brought together Cursillistas from many different areas and diverse backgrounds to create new friendships, sharing reflections on wonderful meditations from our Postcursillo chairperson Veronica Lucas, as well as by Father Kilian McCaffrey. It was such a blessing to see such a great turn out at Mount Claret, along with a handful of brothers and sisters who couldn't be there in person but joined us through virtual media.

At St. Thomas Aquinas this evening, we had a guest speaker at our parish for the first in a series of talks, the subject tonight was "Thresholds of Conversion." Afterward, we gathered in the courtyard at the threshold of the Church and several parishioners struck up a conversation with a young man who is fairly new to the parish and seeking ways to become more involved in a community of Faith. The conversation soon turned to Cursillo. Thanks be to God, and the three other members of our Cursillo community in the conversation, we have one couple confirmed and another couple discerning living their Cursillo weekends in November.

The pandemic has made the last year and a half very challenging for people to gather together, but through it all we still were united in a community of love by our prayers for the sick and dying. Many of us are feeling the need for personal encounter. I get a sense that there is a new dawn

coming and as we begin to come out again we will grow in appreciation for the grace of the fellowship in our relationships with one another and with Christ.

Humans are social beings by nature. This is affirmed



For where two or three are gathered together in MY NAME, THERE AM I in the midst of them.

in several ways throughout scripture. The book of Genesis tells us that we are created in the image and likeness of God, who is in Himself a community of three divine

persons. In His infinite wisdom our Creator discerns that "it is not good for man to be alone." Sure, there are times when solitude is desirable and even necessary. Jesus often went off to pray by himself, but then he always returned to His Divine mission traveling with a group of chosen disciples. We are called in our baptism to be the apostles of today, working together to build the kingdom of God and "make disciples of all nations" (MT 28:16).

Last week in our formation meeting we shared a meditation on unity, and one of our brothers said something that struck me as very profound. He said that no place are we more unified than in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at mass. At mass the divisions of the world disappear and people of all ages, incomes, and ethnic backgrounds are joined together in our common belief in the saving power of Jesus' sacrifice. Not only that, but as we approach the altar we are joined in communion with all of the saints and angels in heaven through the Body and Blood of Christ.

In the month of October we commemorate many great saints from a variety of countries. Among them are Saint Therese of Lisieux from France, Saint Theresa of Avila from Spain, Saint John Paul II from Poland, and Saint Anthony Mary Claret who served his ministry in Cuba. As more and more of the faithful return to the mass, may they understand that we are blessed to be citizens of the greatest community of all, The City of God that is the Holy Catholic Church.

In his Angelus message of September 19th Pope Francis reflects on the gospel of the day from Saint Mark chapter 9: "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (v. 35) If you want to be first, you need to get in line, be last, and serve everyone." The

apostles questioned who was the greatest among them and the Holy Father teaches that we are at our greatest when we work together to serve the Lord and reflect His divine light to others.

The Church dedicates October in devotion to the Holy Rosary and I ask that you all put your Rosary to good use. Please encircle in prayer all of the men and women who are in formation to serve on the upcoming Cursillo weekends. May we have diligent sponsors that fill the

Mountain with candidates longing to grow in the knowledge of God's infinite love. Pray also for those who are discerning nominations to serve as officers on the Diocesan Secretariat. May the Holy Spirit open our hearts to answer in whatever manner that we are called to "Serve the Lord with gladness."

Holy Saints of God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Pray for us!

De Colores! Joe Fairlie # 781

PIETY, STUDY, ACTION

De Colores!

This year 2021 is what I call my Cursillo Christmas year! It commemorates a renewed Catholic Christian life for me. I've been looking forward to this particular moment since last year and I'm excited to share with you what this actually means for me.

November is soon approaching and it will mark my husband's and my 20th Cursillo Anniversary. 2001 was the

year of our "Yes" to begin living our 4th day as Cursillistas. It was also a time of turmoil for the United States of America and the world. It was just two months after the devastating 911 which

changed our lives forever in the travel industry, schools, workplaces, and most public places. It was a time of uncertainty, change, and mistrust of our fellow man. No longer would we move about as freely as we had once known. Our carefree lifestyle had been disrupted to say the least. It truly was a time for Piety, for Study, and to take Action living my Cradle Catholic faith.

Since my childhood in the 60's while attending Immaculate Heart Academy Grade School, I had been introduced to the music of De Colores. I would hear the music and often see the people coming from All Saints Church full of happiness and love for each other and I knew there was something special there for me. I wanted to be a part of what looked like to me the unmistakable joy a child experiences on Christmas morning.

Fast forwarding to years later when my husband and I were invited by a wonderful couple to attend an Ultreya at St Thomas the Apostle in Phoenix it was easy to say "Yes" when they invited us. All the many things we said we would do someday regarding ministry of some type

came into action after our Three Day Weekend. When you say "Yes" to our Lord, He takes you seriously.

I've learned our good and gracious God has an awesome plan for His people and that there is much work to do. So many of His people are hungry for healing, to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him. I have witnessed the service to our Lord in my group sisters, in Cursillistas I have had the blessing to know throughout the years and work with on teams, and with parish friends who have that Christian calling in ministries: all saying "YES" to the Lord with their mind, heart, and soul.

Piety is a journey of personal conversion, an ongoing walk with Jesus, a filling of the Holy Spirit on our individual paths of life. God knows our path and has laid out our time table, He created it. He knows our yes and our no answers from before we were born. He leaves these answers, however, for us to discover through His gift to us of individual free will.

Over the course of the years using my free will I have taken giant steps and baby steps forward and then some steps to the side too. Humbly I fall at times on rough traveled roads when the world seems to be too heavy for my shoulders, and the path is blinded, but it is through Christianity in Action with the strengthening of my Group Reunion Sisters that I am placed on track again and reminded that Our Lord is in charge and He will never leave us.

I have taught RCIA, become a Sodalist of the Blessed Virgin Mary, walked with the Benedictine Oblates, committed to hours of



Adoration, and to most recent have taken care of my elderly, blind mother. However none of this would be possible without my Cursillo family.

With my group sisters we live out our Fourth Day the rest of our lives. We journey together sharing our lives and our experiences, our struggles and our Catholic Christian Faith. Some treasured moments we've shared together were praying the 33 Days to Morning Glory via conference call, praying the 54 Day Novena to Our Blessed Mother on the phone, Saturday morning grouping with breakfast, sharing the Word of Our Lord, our prayers, joys and sorrows and blessings for each other, our families, and anyone in need. We have traveled to Missions around Arizona as a grouping weekend. There was a dream come true Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima and Spain, and then a second personalize pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Rome, and Assisi where we stayed in a convent with the Holy Eucharist present.

Cursillo has been our extended family these past 20

years, a rich and gracious gift of Grace from Our Heavenly Father, wrapped in the mantle of love by our Blessed Mother and blessed through the Holy Spirit.

As we begin dinner with Grace, many a night we refresh our Cursillo commitment calling upon the Holy Spirit and we pray.....

Come Holy Spirit fill the Hearts of us your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love, send forth your

Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray: Oh God who

by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of us your faithful, grant that by that

same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations through Christ Our Lord. Amen

May the love for Our Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you and grow within igniting the flame of love through the Holy Spirit,

De Colores!

Toni Marine #674




*Arizona
Rosary
Celebration*

**Sunday
October 17, 2021
2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Phoenix Convention Center**
South Building, Halls F & G
33 S. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004
AZRosary.net
Invite your family & friends!

Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for Us

JOIN US!

**EVENING
UNDER
THE STARS**

We celebrate this evening Oktoberfest style with traditional Bavarian attire encouraged, so get your lederhosen and dirmdls ready!

EVENING SCHEDULE
Saturday, October 9, 2021
5:00 - 7:00 PM – Silent Auction & Hosted Reception
7:00 - 9:00 PM – Dinner & Program



Questions: 602.840.5066
www.MtClaret.org



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

“We continue to experience the impact of the COVID-19 virus in many ways in our local community. As the number of cases and deaths are increasing with the most recent variant, we must rely on our faith in Jesus and the guidance of the Church to help us navigate these challenging times that have brought pain, confusion, and division. Let us remember always that it is Christ who heals and unites. We rely on His merciful and infinite love.” This is an excerpt from a letter by Bishop Olmsted to the Faithful of the Diocese of Phoenix in an effort to bring some guidance and clarity regarding the proliferation of information and disinformation about the COVID 19 vaccines. You can find the complete letter [HERE](#). There is also, embedded within the article a Catholic Resource Guide to the Vaccines.



DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

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 Precursillo Chair at (precursillo@phoenixcursillo.com).

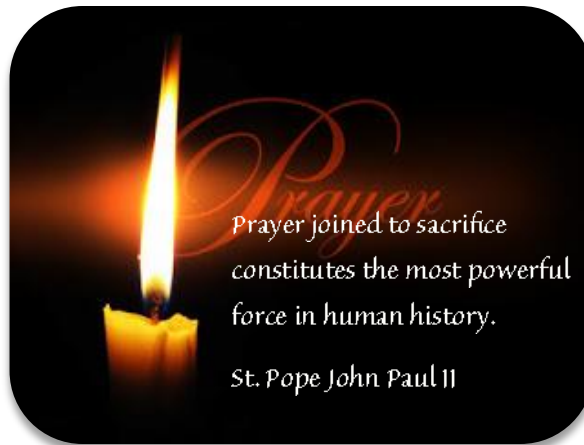
Ultreya! It just takes a place and some friends to rejoice together in the graces we receive as we live our piety, study, and action throughout our 4th day. Please get in touch with the Postcursillo Chair, if you are interested in helping with or hosting an Ultreya in your area.

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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