



THE VOICE

SEPTEMBER 2021

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

September 14: The Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross

Spes unica: ONLY HOPE

"The world is in flames. The conflagration can also reach our house. But high above all flames towers the Cross. They cannot consume it. It is the path from earth to heaven. It will lift one who embraces it in faith, love, and hope into the bosom of the Trinity. The world is in flames. Are you impelled to put them out? Look at the cross. From the open heart gushes the blood of the Savior. This extinguishes the flames of hell." St. Teresa Benedicta, September, 1939, a few days after WWII began, as she was preparing to renew her vows on September 14.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
DE COLORES!!!

I pray that each of you has been keeping well during these past few months from the COVID-19 virus, and more recently from the flooding caused by the monsoon rains. Praise the Lord, we have received some much needed rain. My question to the Lord would be, "Why does it have to come ALL AT ONCE?"

These past few months have been difficult months as we see so much suffering as a result of the Earthquake in Haiti. More than 1,200 people have died, and so many others are hospitalized. Let's not forget the thousands that are without home, food or drinkable water.

It's easy to remain aloof to the suffering of the Haitian people, until we are reminded in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25: "What you did to the least of my Brothers (Sisters), you did for Me." As Cursillistas, we are called to support our needy neighbors through our prayer and our charity.

More recently, we have witnessed the collapse of the Afghan government, and the thousands of American citizens and our Allies being stranded in the Taliban-held territory. This situation also demands our DAILY PRAYER, and our financial support.

We will be SO BLESSED by the two Spanish Cursillos happening in Flagstaff during the month of September, the two Spanish Cursillos happening at Mt. Claret during the month of October, and the two English Cursillos taking place the month of November at Mt. Claret.

Let us be UNITED AS ONE CURSILLO FAMILY, as we pray for one another, and for the aforementioned intentions.



DE COLORES!

+Eduardo A. Nevares

Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix

FROM BISHOP NEVARES

One way to help: Catholic Relief Services [CRS.ORG](https://www.crs.org)

Please go to the website to get information and/or to help with assistance in Haiti, Afghanistan, and also those affected by Hurricane Ida.

September 2021

- Sept. 7 7:00 PM Rosary for our Country (Mt. Claret)
- Sept. 9-12 Men's Spanish Weekend #934 (Flagstaff)
- Sept. 14 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting
- Sept. 17 6:45 PM ULTREYA (Miles Jesu)
- Sept. 18 9:00 AM Diocesan ULTREYA (Mt. Claret)
- Sept. 23-26 Women's Spanish Weekend #935 (Flagstaff)

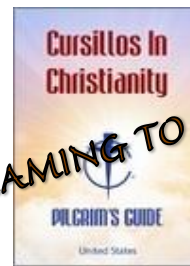
October 2021

- Oct. 2 9:00 AM ULTREYA (St. Andrew)
- Oct. 4 7:00 PM Rosary for our Country (Mt. Claret)
- Oct. 12 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting
- Oct. 15 6:45 PM ULTREYA (Miles Jesu)
- 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. 28 Women's Spanish Weekend #937 (Mt. Claret)

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

- Sept. 9-12 Men's Spanish #934 (Flagstaff)
- Sept. 23-26 Women's Spanish #935 (Flagstaff)
- 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)

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL OF LEADERS IN SEPTEMBER; INSTEAD, PLEASE JOIN US IN PERSON FOR THE DIOCESAN ULTREYA ON SEPT. 18!



STREAMING TO A DEVICE NEAR YOU!
SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Join Zoom School of Leaders:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88658541324?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88658541324?pwd=d1U4OHkxek0zZlNnR0ZvSUZjMlJCZz09)
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 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

Friday, September 17, 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

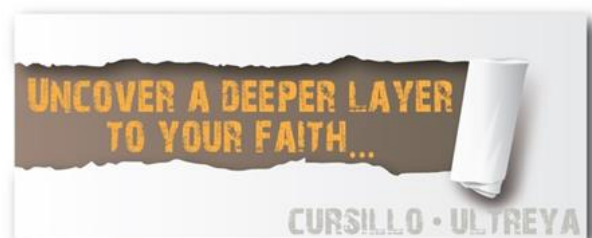
Would you like to schedule an Ultreya at your parish?

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.





ULTREYA!

You Are Invited to Attend the Annual Phoenix Diocesan Ultreya!
 Saturday, September 18th 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Featuring a Rollo from Fr. Kilian McCaffrey!

In Person at Mount Claret Retreat Center – Conference Center
 4633 North 54th Street, Phoenix



Please RSVP to Post Cursillo Chairperson, Veronica Lucas at
Cursillo.V@gmail.com or 602-909-3459



FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR

De Colores!

September is upon us bringing hope that the long hot summer is nearing an end, and cooler temperatures are around the corner. Yet if you watch the news lately, one can't help but wonder if the entire world isn't boiling over. There was one sound bite that I found particularly troublesome. It was President Biden's message in the wake of the terrorist bombing at Kabul airport in which he stated "We will not forgive, we will not forget." While righteous anger and the call for justice is a completely understandable emotion in the aftermath of such heinous violence, as a Christian the statement eliminating the possibility of forgiveness just didn't sit right with me. It caused me to reflect on another statement, this one from Jesus Christ: "Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice." (Matt 9:13)

Surely much will be said in the coming days to honor

the sacrifice of our brave service men and women, but is there value in sacrifice absent of mercy? Mercy is much more than just forgiveness. By the Catholic definition it is the disposition and willingness, founded on compassion, to help anyone in need, especially in need of pardon or reconciliation. A week before she was killed in the bombing, twenty-three year old Marine Sargent Nicole Gee posted a photo of herself on social media cradling an Afghan baby in her arms saying "I love my job." A friend commented that Nicole died doing what she loved, helping people. In another Middle Eastern terrorist execution two thousand years earlier, our Lord Jesus Christ willingly gave His life for the good of those that He loved. On the surface, that tragedy might appear pointless, until He uttered the words "Father forgive them." As we commemorate that great sacrifice every day in the mass, let it serve as a reminder that we are



all in need of redemption and forgiveness.

There is an interesting article written by Protestant Pastor Timothy Keller titled, "The Fading of Forgiveness; Tracing the Disappearance of the Thing We Need Most." The author speaks of how the modern society deals with

social justice issues compared to in generations past. He points out that Christian leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr and Bishop Desmond Tutu

sought justice founded on faith in God and the ideals of reconciliation and building of community.

Today's movements in our secularized culture are hell bent on vengeance and retribution, bringing only further division. The politics of honoring victimhood and shaming oppression has become a new religion with no room for redemption or forgiveness. We now view any opposing opinions as simply good vs. evil, rather than as one person being correct and the other being mistaken. On social media we celebrate the failures of politicians that we don't agree with as if we were from an enemy nation. We tend to villainize and dismiss those who express opposing views on public health, rather than recognizing the right of each person to research all of the available information resources in order to make informed decisions based on their conscience.

Justice is the principle that people should receive what they deserve. The secular concept of vindictive justice favors personal autonomy, retribution, and punishment with little regard for the greater good of building community. We can't continue on this path. A culture of anger is just not a sustainable means to a just and equitable society. God's justice however looks quite different. True justice is that all people receive the dignity that they deserve as a child of God. Justice is not accomplished through punishment, but through service of others in the Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy.

The need for just acts of mercy is unending and may at times seem daunting, but so is the resolve of those called to service in the outstretched arms of God's love. Ten years ago when the poorest nation in the western hemisphere was devastated by a major earthquake, our

late Cursillo brother, Art Broulliard, and a group of parishioners at All Saints Catholic Church were inspired to form a non-profit "Action by Christians (ABC) for Haiti" to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty. Sixteen years to the day after Hurricane Katrina reeked tragedy on the Louisiana Gulf Coast, we pray for all effected by Hurricane Ida. As we approach the twenty year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001, young people who were barely born at the time put their lives in harm's way to ransom the captive from oppression in Afghanistan, the poorest country in Asia.

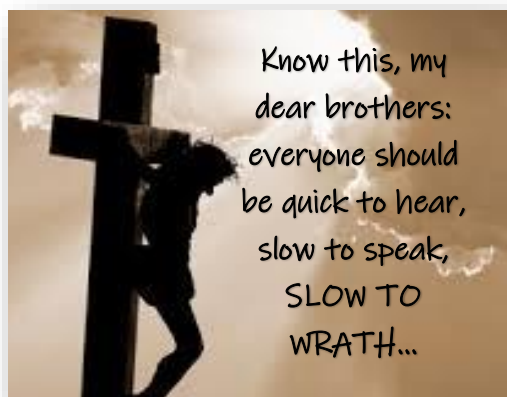
Mercy is shown not only in grand projects of global proportion, but in the simple acts of kindness in our daily lives. Recently I wasn't feeling well and ended up cancelling several social engagements and decided that I would wear a mask when I had to go into a public space. In my selfishness I may have done these things resentfully, but when done in a spirit of compassion for my fellow men to keep them from harm these small sacrifices were elevated to works of mercy and the good feeling that comes with doing the right thing. In matters big or small, Mercy is a love that responds to human need in an unexpected or unmerited way. Today more than ever, Mercy matters.

At the last supper Christ gave the new commandment, "Love one another, even as I have loved you." Jesus demonstrates God's righteousness in His redemptive love for us on the Cross. One of the greatest works of service that we can do is to bring others to know the love of Christ through our service in Cursillo. I know that life is busy and we never seem to have enough time, but Christ calls each of us to know, love, and serve Him in some particular way.

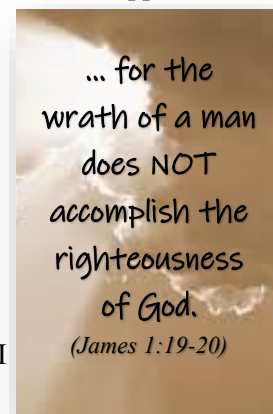
We need volunteers to serve as Lay Director, Three Day Chair, School of Leaders Chair, and Treasurer on the Secretariat starting in January. We need Parish Reps and sponsors to facilitate bringing friends to Christ on the November Cursillos. Please pray about how you are being called to serve. Remember the words that we hear at Clausura "Christ is counting on you!" Don't think of service so much as a sacrifice of your valuable time, but rather have a spirit of joyful thanksgiving for the grace that you've received through Christ's Mercy to build a community of Love.

God bless you all,

Joe Fairlie #781



Know this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, SLOW TO WRATH...



... for the wrath of a man does NOT accomplish the righteousness of God.
(James 1:19-20)

What does Piety, Study, and Action look like now that we have gone through a pandemic and the world is in a state of confusion, division, and fear?

My name is Mary Margaret Johnson and I lived Cursillo #154 in 1998 in the Diocese of Denver Colorado.



Piety, Study, and Action have been an important part of my life since that weekend that brought me closer to God. However, over the past year, things have changed, as we all know.

In 2020 and up to this point in 2021, I believe that my Piety, Study, and Action is meant to refocus my priorities.

Relationship has been brought to mind over and over again. Make a friend, be a friend, and bring your friend to Christ has new meaning with social distancing, wearing masks, and always having my health the first and foremost in my mind. Now that Cursillos are happening again, people are searching for something and someone to bring them closer to Christ. They are looking for a deeper meaning of their own lives. We have been alone and distanced for too long. Through Piety, Study, and Action I can change my square meter by and bringing others to Christ.

Piety: my Piety has been challenged through the last year. No Mass, limited Adoration, no retreats. Daily prayer was where I was, which hadn't really changed, but my car became my quiet prayer spot. Praying while driving, the Divine Mercy, the Rosary, and listening to prayers on the Laudate app became common. Watching Mass on TV and on my phone in my car at lunch fulfilled the absence of being not able to attend in person. I prayed that God put people in front of me who are searching for Him, that the Holy Spirit give me the words to speak, and that Jesus give me the confidence and the courage to speak truth. God answers prayer in the little things and so much so during the pandemic; the sunshine, my family,

close friends, and day-to-day activities that are easily taken for granted.

Study: Study remained pretty consistent for me. My husband and I have been meeting with another couple for about five years doing book studies. We kept that going through the pandemic. We read the *Consecration to St. Joseph* (Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC) and consecrated ourselves August 2020. We are currently reading *The One Thing is Three* (Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC). I have done many *Blessed is She* book studies and bible studies and last year focused on the Works of Mercy as that is so needed in our world today.

Action: How do I live action when we are told that we can not be close to anyone? Very carefully. I focused on being positive and reassuring. I tried to remember at all times to be compassionate and caring. To lift people up in a time where so many people were hurting.

Action became my family. My mother is elderly and lives by herself. She needs socialization and companionship. My husband and I take her for rides, bring her to our house, take her to drive through fast food just to get her out of the house. Now that we can attend mass in person, we take her to Mass and Adoration. I am constantly checking in with my children to make sure they are ok. My husband went through a difficult time with his job last year. My action was to support him in whatever way he needed to get him through that time. My action for my community is wearing a mask and getting a vaccine, not necessarily for me, but to make sure others I came in contact with were safe. Action became the constant effort to remember to be the face of Jesus others needed to see.

2020 and 2021 have been challenging for all of us, however, without Piety, Study, and Action I can image how much more challenging it would have been.

De Colores!

Mary Margaret Johnson, St. Francisco de Asis

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.



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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).

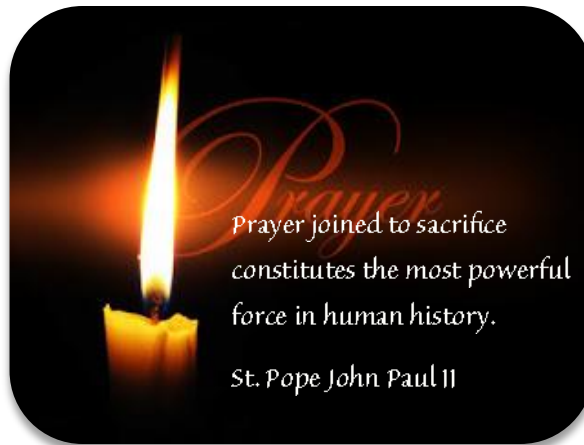
Ultreya! It just takes a place and some friends to rejoice together in the graces we receive as we live our piety, study, and action throughout our 4th day. Please get in touch with the Postcursillo Chair, if you are interested in helping with or hosting an Ultreya in your area.

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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