



THE VOICE

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

FROM THE MONSIGNOR

Dear Cursillo Friends,

When I retired from parish ministry in 2005 one of the parishioners at St. Simon and Jude was asked to say a few words. Thank God she said nice things about me! One pleased me more than all the others and I quote, “We know Fr. O’Grady has only three homilies and two of them are the same, and we parishioners became very familiar with Psalm 103.” I felt very fulfilled.

At a Jesuit retreat house in New Orleans a good Jesuit introduced to me to Psalm 103. After our first talk he diagnosed that I needed to hear those wonderful words:

Yahweh is tender and compassionate, slow to become angry and full of constant love...

Not according to our sins does He deal with us....

As high as the sky is above the earth so great is His love for us...

Verses 8 thru 14 repeat those reassuring and loving words that touched my heart in a way that was full of Grace. I write these lines not to promote myself but to share with you why I have been involved in the Cursillo. Each weekend is an opportunity to share that gift with others. It is such a privilege.

I thank God for all of you. You are a wonderful example to me.

God Bless, De Colores,
Father O’Grady

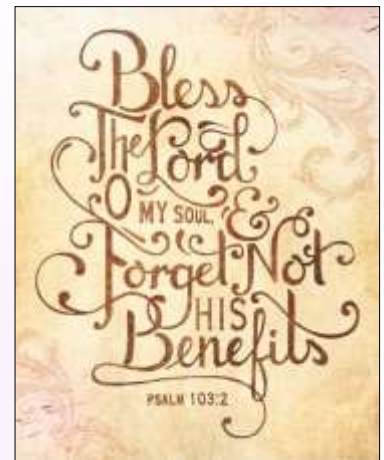
Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. He will not always accuse, and nurses no lasting anger; He has not dealt with us as our

sins merit, nor requited us as our wrongs deserve.

For as the heavens tower over the earth, so His mercy towers over those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.

(Psalm 103, 8-14)



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



April 2017

April 4 6:30 pm School of Leaders (Mt. Claret)
 April 11 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
 April 16 EASTER
 April 19 7:00 pm Orientation English #901 & 903
 April 22 9:30 am School of Leaders (St. Agnes)
 April 22 9:30 am Ultreya (St. Jerome, Phoenix)
 April 26 7:00 pm Orientation Spanish #902 & 904

May 2017

May 2 6:30 pm School of Leaders (Mt. Claret)
 May 4-7 Men's English #901
 May 9 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
 May 11-14 Men's Spanish #902
 May 19 6:00 pm Ultreya (St. Thomas Aquinas)
 May 18-21 Women's Weekend #903
 May 20 9:30 am School of Leaders (St. Agnes)
 May 27 9:30 am Ultreya (St. Thomas More, Gld)

June 2017

June 6 6:30 pm School of Leaders (Mt. Claret)
 June 13 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
 June 15-18 Women's Spanish #904
 June 17 9:30 am School of Leaders (St. Agnes)
 June 24 9:30 am Ultreya (westside Parish TBD)

Upcoming Events - Mark your Calendars!

September 23, 2017: Diocesan Ultreya
 October 18, 2017: Orientation for English Weekends
 November 2-5, 2017: Men's English #905
 November 16-19, 2017: Women's English #906

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HELP WANTED!

Parish Reps Needed: To see if your parish is one of those not covered, please go to our website: phoenixcursillo.webs.com. If interested, please contact Brenda Hope or Nancy Kijewski.

Ultreya! Please get in touch with Brenda Hope, 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. Please contact Three-Day Chair, Sharon Matson.

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DE COLORES!

It is my prayer that everyone is growing closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and to one another during this wonderful time of Lent! During this time of the year, we reflect on what really matters in our lives; our faith, family, and the friendships we nurture along the way. In Cursillo, we develop friendships by means of group reunion. Sharing our closest moments to Christ by means of our piety, study, and apostolic action gives us renewed strength in living out our Cursillo weekend on our 4th day.

I would like to share a closest moment with you that I experienced during my adoration hour at St. Anne's. It was not an "aha!" moment per say, but still important in seeing what developing a friendship with Jesus is to me. As I knelt in prayer for about five minutes, a name of a song came to my mind: "Rhinstone Cowboy." I had never thought of this song before but here it was in front of me. "What does this mean, Lord?" Some quiet ensued, and then a thought came to me. "Why are candidates at a Cursillo like Rhinstone Cowboys? Because they get cards and letters from people they don't even know!" We both laughed as if no one was there... and no one was there! Yes, I have come to know that Our Lord definitely has a sense of humor!

Friendship is at the center of the charism of the Cursillo. My wife and I recently attended the Regional Cursillo Encounter at Farmington, New Mexico. Friendship was one of the themes of the encounter. I would like to share some key points that stood out to me. One talk was presented by Liz Gallegos, regional representative of Santa Fe, New Mexico. She spoke about what true friendship means. She recounted to us a time she met an old friend of hers, and asked her how an acquaintance they knew was doing. Her friend replied, "Oh, she is no longer involved in the Cursillo movement." Liz responded, "I did not ask you if she was involved in the movement, I only wondered how she was doing."

Sometimes our friendships only go as far as how much we have in common with each other. We must continue to be their friend whether they are involved or uninvolved.

Another meditation on friendship was given by Fr. Frank Chacon, pastor of St. Mary's in Farmington, New Mexico. You may know Fr. Chacon from the apologetics books he wrote with Jim Burnham. Fr. Chacon emphasized that we should celebrate the diversity within our members, and not to dwell on what separates us through division. He spoke of the great brokenness that is prevalent in families, and that these broken candidates want to see the love and unity within the Cursillo leaders. They want to see that this is real - that it is possible to love and to be loved! Fr. Chacon said we need to be unifiers, peacemakers within the Movement. We need to give this unity to the candidates, and in turn tell them to go back to their families and be unifiers. This unity can only come through Christ. He went on to say that the only way to achieve this unity is to have unity within ourselves; not a phony unity that allows us to mouth the words that sound good but are far from our hearts. He said the candidates can tell if we are authentic in what we speak by our actions with one another. A quote from Fr. Chacon: "I see people stunted in their spiritual growth for 20 to 30 years because of an obstacle in their hearts; that of unforgiveness. They do not allow the Holy Spirit to heal them. They instead wish to cling to their hurts."

This meditation helps me to pause and reflect on what I am holding onto within my heart that I need to let go of and allow the Holy Spirit to heal me. What can I do to be a peacemaker, and a unifier?

ULTREYA!

Your friend in Christ,

Ruben Trevizo

Lay Director

Your Voice!

A call for articles for the Voice: Would you like to share your witness with the community? How are you living your 4th day? What has been your closest moment to Christ? What was your experience of the weekend you lived? How has Cursillo made a difference in how you live your life? Articles up to 750 words will be eligible, email them to info@phoenixcursillo.com, or mail them to the Center and include your contact information.

Question and Answers: On our website (www.phoenixcursillo.com) there is a contact form. Fill out the form with your questions and they will be answered by the appropriate committee by personal response or in an upcoming Voice.

Members Present: Ruben Trevizo, Brenda Hope, Nancy Kijewski, Cecelia Dusold, and Vince Johnson (by phone)
Absent: Marty Sprinzl, Sharon Matson, Brenda Halpain

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is the lead for Precursillo and Steve Allen is the lead for Postcursillo in Flagstaff.
*Discussed the critique regarding an Ultreya that was published in the Voice.

Spiritual Advisor: None present

Meeting opened at 6:45pm with prayer and Leader's Group Reunion

February Minutes: Previous minutes accepted with the following changes: In the Precursillo report under Clarifications regarding eligibility, the age limit should be 18, not 21.

Cecelia Dusold noted that minutes are being published in the Voice before they are approved if the Secretariat waits until the next meeting to approve them; that the minutes that are published would not have any possible corrections.

Nancy Kijewski moved that because we are publishing the minutes in the Voice and online before the next Secretariat meeting, going forward we will approve the minutes by email so the minutes that are published will be accurate. Brenda Hope seconded, motion passed.

Old Business

Committee Reports

Precursillo Report (Nancy Kijewski, Chair)

report attached

*First committee meeting was Friday February 24; next meeting April 7, 2017

*The action plan includes

- 1) Creation of the Apostolic Plan
- 2) Parish Representatives
- 3) Sponsor and Parish Rep Workshop (October 7, 2017)
- 4) A review of the application process

Postcursillo Report (Brenda Hope, Chair)

*First committee meeting, February 28, 2017

*Completed first draft of their portion of the Apostolic Plan.

*Introductory letter sent to Parish Reps explaining that the committee is working to establish multi-parish Ultreyas. Parishes have been placed into 10 groups by geographic area.

*Will be working with Flagstaff regarding Ultreyas in northern areas. Vince Johnson reported that Cathy Allen

Financial Report: Accepted as read by Ruben Trevizo for Brenda Halpain Attached.

School of Leaders Report: (Ruben Trevizo for Marty Sprinzl)

*Results of SOL discussions about cloistering Adoration on the weekends:

General consensus was that Adoration should never be closed to the candidates because the community might be there; the reflection on Thursday night states "I am constantly present in the Blessed Sacrament for all your needs. Come and visit Me anytime. I am always there for you." Based on the discussions and majority opinion of those attending School of Leaders February 18, 2017 and March 7th, 2017 the issue was brought to a vote by the Secretariat.

Nancy Kijewski motioned that in order to continue the fruitfulness of our palanca and to align ourselves with the wishes of our bishop, Adoration at Mt. Claret for the Cursillo weekends will be cloistered and the responsibility of team members, starting Thursday evening and running through Sunday prior to the community rosary before Clausura. Cecelia Dusold seconded. The motion carried unanimously, by those present and then by email by those not present at the meeting. Emails on file.

*Flagstaff connection to Apostolic Plan: Ruben Trevizo will send all plan resources to Vince Johnson in Flagstaff.

Secretary Report (Cecelia Dusold)

*Permanent Website is under construction, should be ready before next meeting.

*Voice: review of items to be placed in Voice including a call for articles by the community and also a Question and Answer column. Questions would be forwarded to appropriate Chair.

*Problems still exist with the Go Daddy email for some members. Working to fix these problems.

*Shared file area access link will be emailed

Flagstaff Report (Vince Johnson)

*Men's weekend #899 was very successful; completely cloistered. 10 candidates, 11 team members.

(Flagstaff cont'd) *Upcoming Women's weekend (#900) has 6 candidates.

*Adoration Chapel for community is off site. Blessed Sacrament on site is in Church and reposed when no one available.

Review of 2018 Cursillo Schedule tabled until next meeting

New Business

Regional Encounter: Ruben Trevizo attended with Jo-Ann Trevizo.

Spanish Cursillo: Lay Director Carlos Leyva would like clarification about the amount of money that was turned over to the Spanish community. The Spanish Community

will be using the old convent at St. Gregory Church (18th and Osborn) for their weekends when they get it fixed up.

Social Events: After some discussion of alternate events (besides the Cena) but with an awareness of lack of time and volunteers to chair an event, the Secretariat decided to give the April 29, 2017 date back to the Center. Ideas for Fall events and dates were discussed, with the option of an off-site event.

April Secretariat Meeting: Although the April meeting falls during Holy Week, it will not be changed. The April meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting closed at 10:00 pm with prayer.
Respectfully submitted,
Cecelia Dusold

Leader's Prayer and
Leader's Group Reunion
led by Marty Sprinzl

Technique Presentation

(Marty Sprinzl) – Leader's Manual, Chapter 1, *The Evolution of the Cursillo Movement*

Doctrinal Presentation (Marty Sprinzl) – *Whom Shall I Send* by Father Salmani, Chapter 13, "A 'Body' of Leaders"

Work of the Sections

Continued work on the Apostolic Plan

Used documents from Bishop's Letter dated October 19, 2016, items from February School of Leaders, National Cursillo Letter from October 16-19, 2014 CDC, and National Apostolic Plan. Tasked with picking the most important items for consideration for the Plan.

Section Reports and Announcements

Cloister

Marty shared further discussion concerning adoration and Cloister during the 3-days. Concerns were shared about how to staff teams in order to accommodate the Bishop's directive to have someone from the team before the Blessed Sacrament throughout the 3 days. General agreement that candidates need access to the

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Blessed Sacrament whenever they desire. Some concern was voiced about having Rollo Room team members not being with their table if they were to be in the

chapel to cover hours

Regional Representative

Phoenix no longer has a representative. The Qualification and duties were read. Ruben and Joann Trevizo are going to the Regional meeting in Farmington, NM in March.

Cena

Scheduled for April 29. The date was given back to Mt. Claret to use. The Bishop desires a more family friendly event that includes the Spanish community. Ideas for the next Cena were solicited.

Committee Reports

Precursillo is working on Apostolic Plan, establishing representatives in each parish (in conjunction with Postcursillo) and putting together a new Parish Reps information guide. Postcursillo is working on Apostolic Plan. The committee is making contact with parish reps with the goal of establishing multi-parish Ultreyas throughout the diocese. There will be a multi-parish Ultreya on Saturday, March 25th at St. James Parish.

Closing Prayer lead by Ruben Trevizo and Dcn. Frank Devine

ULTREYA!

As explained during the Thursday night retreat phase of the Cursillo weekend, “Ultreya” was the rally cry used to motivate the thousands of young men on pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela (the Shrine of St. James the Apostle) in 1948. “Ultreya” encouraged the pilgrims “onward”.

ULTREYA!

What Does Ultreya Mean Today?

Some see Ultreya as an essential component of perseverance in the 4th day. Others see Ultreya as a way to reconnect with the Cursillo community. Still others see Ultreya as a way to experience Cursillo before living the three-day weekend.

Ultreya is all this, yet it is so much more.

It is the gathering place where different Cursillo group reunions share their commitments, growth, and apostolic work.

It serves as a source of spiritual nourishment and strength for our journeys.

It keeps Cursillistas focused on the tripod of piety, study, and action.

It incorporates new Cursillistas into the 4th day community.

The Essentials of Ultreya

Like anything associated with Cursillo, Ultreya starts with **prayer**, because without Christ we can do nothing. Next comes the “**floating group reunion**” – floating because the members of the group reunion will change at each Ultreya. Following group reunion, a member of the community gives a brief sharing of their personal experience in the form of a “**witness talk**”. The witness is followed by the “**echo**” – two or three brief commentaries from the community that support the

witness that was shared. To put the witness talk and the echoes in perspective with the Gospel, a “**Spiritual Advisor’s Summary**” is

offered by a priest, deacon, or vowed religious. The Ultreya ends with a **closing prayer** and a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, if possible.

An Invitation to Ultreya

Who is invited? People who are discerning whether Cursillo will be a part of their journey, those who are experiencing their 4th day, and those who are far-away from their faith and looking for fellowship.

All are welcome.

Where are these Ultreyas?

The Postcursillo Committee is working with parish reps to coordinate, schedule and conduct multi-parish Ultreyas throughout the diocese. Our goal is to have Ultreyas several times a month, on various days of the week and at various times so that all Cursillistas have an opportunity to participate. Most Ultreyas are 90 minutes long; a small investment of time that can bring priceless benefits.

If you are a parish rep, you should have already received an email from the committee. If you haven’t heard from us, please email us at postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com so we can update our contact list. We are looking forward to working with parish reps and the community, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Ultreya!

Brenda Hope, Postcursillo Chair

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UPCOMING ULTREYAS

Saturday, April 22, 2017

St. Jerome

10815 N 35th Ave, Phoenix

9:00 AM Potluck

9:30—11:00 AM Ultreya



Friday, May 19, 2017

St. Thomas Aquinas

13720 W Thomas Rd, Avondale

6:00 PM Potluck

Ultreya follows

PHOENIX CURSILLO DATABASE: A significant amount of volunteer time has been spent maintaining and updating the database of Cursillistas. If you know someone who is not getting the Voice, please have them contact the Cursillo office.

Please help us keep the Cursillo records up to date. If you change your address, email, phones, etc., please email the updated information 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



SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

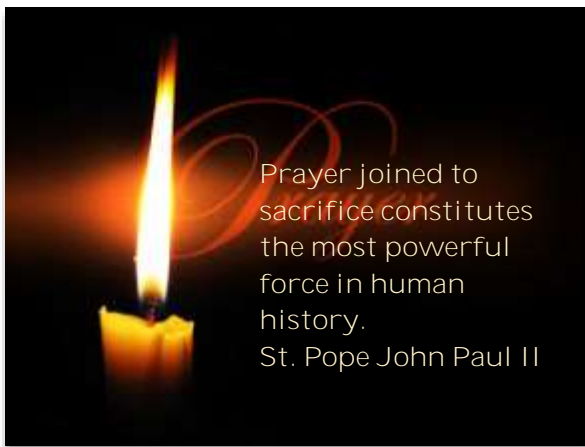
As you may recall from working teams or when you lived your Cursillo, there is a talk given on Sunday called the "Sermon on the Amount." The Cursillo Movement runs primarily from fundraisers such as the Cena, the golf tournament, and from your generous contributions. There are two ways to donate; automatically at easytithethe.com/Cursillo or make checks out to the Cursillo Movement. This is a great time in our liturgical calendar - Lent - when the Church calls us to more prayer, fasting, and **almsgiving**. Just think: if every Cursillista living in the valley could give just \$5.00 a month - the cost of a cup of coffee - the Cursillo Movement would run debt free!

Record your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses. On the new website there is a form for General Palanca. Palanca will be gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Besides online, you may also send a record of these by email to info@phoenixcursillo.com, or by mail 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 Cursillo Movement all over the world.

GENERAL PALANCA

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is now a prayer list on the website that will be updated weekly 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.



Prayer joined to sacrifice constitutes the most powerful force in human history.
St. Pope John Paul II

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:	
Other:	
Other:	