



THE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

FROM BISHOP NEVARES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

DE COLORES!!!

With the grace of God and because of your patience, we are once again having the Cursillo Weekends at Mt. Claret.

From all reports, the “reformed” style of the Cursillo has been well received, and those involved in the different “Rollos” and responsibilities seem to be very pleased with the results. The number of the candidates are down, but, we are not about quantity, but about a good, solid Precursillo for our new members. I am so very grateful for ALL involved in the School of Leaders, and in all who give of themselves SO generously to bring more and more souls to a personal encounter with the Living Jesus Christ.

The month of May, dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, has been full of blessings for myself, our diocese, and I hope for each of us, Cursillistas. Bishop Olmsted, the Priests who are Vicars and Deans, and myself have been busy going to our 93 parishes and 10 mission Churches and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation upon so many of our adults, youths and children. Thank you all for your warm welcome for each of us as we enjoy some



hospitality after Mass. Let us continue to pray that all of our Confirmandi, and their parents and God parents, may continue to grow in the grace of this Sacrament, and of the other Sacraments through which we receive the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Speaking of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Father has invited all of our Charismatic brothers and sisters to a Pentecostal encounter at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. There will be a national Charismatic gathering in Pittsburgh, PA from July 20-23. These special events are meant to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Renewal of the Devotion to the Holy Spirit that was first experienced at Duquesne University.

I am well aware that the Cursillo and the Charismatic prayer groups are different paths to the same God, yet, let us continue to affirm ANY and EVERY type of prayer that has been officially accepted as legitimate by the Supreme Authority of the Roman Catholic Church.

Easter Blessings to you ALL,
Most Rev. Eduardo A. Nevares
Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix

Your help is needed! The Fiesta committee, led by Terry McDonald from St. Anne’s Parish, is in the process of organizing this community event for every Cursillista in the Diocese; English and Spanish. Plans are to have it this fall. If you would like to volunteer to be part of this event, please call Terry at (602) 920-5161 or email info@phoenixcursillo.com.



CALENDAR AND ULTREYA

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)

July 2017

TBD 6:30 pm School of Leaders (Mt. Claret)
July 11 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
July 15 9:30 am School of Leaders (St. Agnes)
July 22 9:30 am Ultreya (westside Parish TBD)

Upcoming Events - Mark your Calendars!

September 23, 2017: Diocesan Ultreya
October 7, 2017: Parish Rep and Sponsor Workshop
October 18, 2017: Orientation for English Weekends
November 2-5, 2017: Men's English #905
November 16-19, 2017: Women's English #906

ULTREYA!

UPCOMING ULTREYAS

Saturday, June 24, 2017

St. Helen Church, Glendale

5510 W. Cholla St.

9:15 am Potluck - Ultreya follows
(8:30 am Mass)



Interested in hosting an Ultreya?

Contact Postcursillo Chair

Brenda Hope at

Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com

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

Witness of Piety - Study - Action

"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thes 5:16-18

We all remember our Cursillo and the emphasis that was placed on the three-legged stool representing the balance of Piety, Study, and Action. Like many of you I find my Piety, Study, and Action has developed in direct relation to my spirituality. For now, I would like to provide an insight into what practice more than any other has developed my personal Piety.

Several years ago a friend of mine, Jim Hannon, gave a talk on the importance of an "Appointment with God". As a follow-up to his presentation he placed a booklet in my hand by Fr. Michael Scanlan with that very title. Once I picked up the booklet I could not put it down as it described a practice that I strive to incorporate every day.



In a nutshell the concept is that we make appointments for just about everything in our lives on a daily basis – but is God written in on our appointment calendar? Too often we make time for Him when we remember. The goal is to get him written into your schedule every day—365 days a year. You can accomplish this in many ways, but the most foolproof is by offering the "first fruits." That is the very first minutes of your day. Fr. Scanlan encourages us to set our alarm just 15 minutes early every day.

How you spend that 15 minutes is up to you, but being joyful, praying, and giving thanks in all circumstances is a good start!

De Colores!

Bruce Wiskirchen (#649)

"Appointment with God" by Michael Scanlan is available at Franciscan University Bookstore <http://bookstore.franciscan.edu/>

De Colores, brothers and sisters in Christ!

I pray that this Easter season finds you in good health in mind, spirit, and body. For those who do not know the meaning of the title of this article, it comes from a popular David Bowie song in the 70's. "Come and face the strange" is a line in the song which encourages us to not settle for what is comfortable. Our ego is connected to what is comfortable; while Christ is found in 'the mystery'. This is a time for change; for me, for the Church, for the time of the year, and for the Cursillo Movement. For me, the change comes in moving from my comfortable home of more than 24 years to a new address. The accumulation of 'stuff' over a long period of time is overwhelming. It helps me to reflect on how easily I can accumulate 'stuff' in my life; the stuff that can hinder my spiritual growth with Christ and with others. There was a sense of liberation as we tossed, sold, or donated all the unwanted 'stuff' in anticipation of our move. There was also something unsettling inside about moving. The unknown, the newness, the change in everything from driving different routes to adjusting to our new surroundings...yet the Holy Spirit is there with me in the familiar and the 'strange'.

We also see the changes in the season. It is going from moderate weather to the scorching heat of summer. With the uncomfortable heat comes time for vacation with our families, spending quality time with each other and a renewal of our spirits. The Holy Spirit is here also, in the scorching heat and in the joy we have with each other.

There is change in the liturgical calendar of the Church. Christ is spending 50 days with His disciples, preparing them for the time when He will leave them...but not alone, for He will send the Paraclete in His place. In the picture, they seem nervous, afraid, and unsure that they will be able to cope without their

Master's presence. Human nature fears the unknown, the new, the 'strange'. Yet the Holy Spirit is with them, and manifests His presence nine days later at Pentecost. It is the birthday of the Church!

There is change in the Cursillo Movement as well. Mañanitas and banners are no longer in place, and more emphasis on keeping a cloistered environment and how we view palanca are emphasized. There is concern over losing this 'stuff'; that it will result in a Cursillo that is not as vibrant

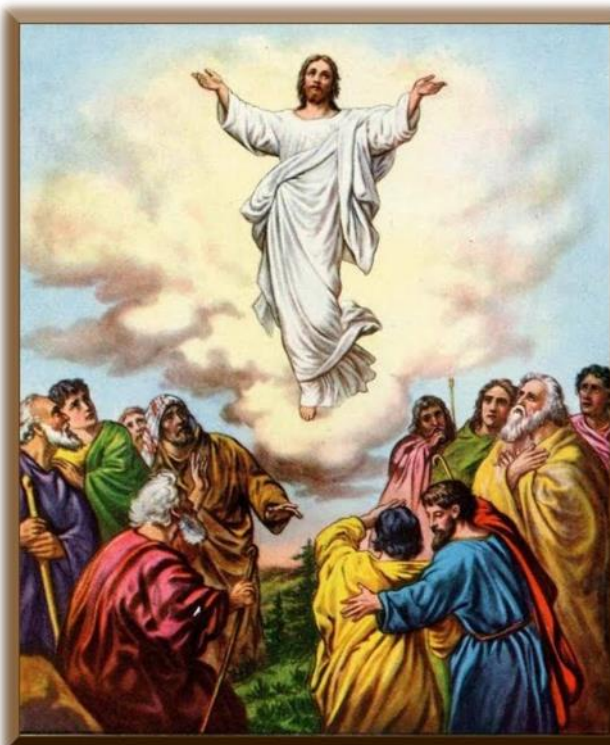
and joyful. Deacon Bob Carey has noted in his remarks at the latest Clausura that these last

four Cursillos he has worked have been the most spiritual he has seen in a long time. I heard the candidates talk about the Holy Spirit being present at their weekend in a way that was the most powerful experience in their lives. Their joy was evident in their glowing faces. The Precursillo and Postcursillo are being built up to make sure the Cursillo is in a healthy 'tripod'. As it has been stated, there is much more to the Cursillo Movement than the three day weekend, or if you will, 'Study'. To clarify this point, Piety can be related to the Precursillo, where the sponsor is praying and offering palanca for his candidate, while Action can

be connected to the Postcursillo, where the sponsor is shadowing and helping the new Cursillista to form friendships on his/her fourth day through Group Reunion and the parish Ultreyas. The three day weekend is where the candidate is instructed (study) and is shown by example from the team what it means to be a Christian. The Holy Spirit is with us in the new, the unknown, and the 'strange'! I leave you with a prayer that we pray daily: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen!*

Your friend in Christ, Ruben Trevizo

CH-CH-CH-CHANGES



MT. CLARET CURSILLO CHAPEL, A JOURNEY OF FAITH



Part 1 by Chris B. Doran (Cursillo #139)

With the growth of the Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Tucson/Phoenix between 1961 and 1965, crowds attending Clausura and Ultreyas were so big that many people had to stand outside the open doors and windows of the Rollo Room at Mt. Claret to hear the powerful witness talks of the candidates and to renew their own fire for the love of Jesus. Everyone wanted to share in the "fire of the Holy Spirit." Many of the Cursillistas standing outside could not hear everything which was said but when a familiar song was started, they could join in, even in Spanish.

While this festive activity was good for building enthusiasm and maintaining the momentum of the Fourth Day, it underscored the obvious need for a bigger meeting room to house the Clausura. Fr. Alphonsus Duran, C.F.M., who was the Diocesan Director of the Phoenix Cursillo Movement, asked his order, the Claretians, for help but was told by his superior they could not give any funds at all. He would have to raise all funds on his own.

As he had done in the past with financial problems, Fr. Duran prayed to St. Joseph to intercede for God's help with this endeavor as he had little idea of how to start or where to get the funds to pay for such an undertaking. Devotion to St. Joseph had been long established in the Cursillo since St. Joseph was the head of the Holy Family and was familiar with family problems. As George Clark (Cursillo #102) was fond of saying, "St. Joseph was mentioned seven times in the New Testament and all



***A note about this article:** A couple of weeks ago an email was received from Mr. Chris Doran, Cursillo #139. Mr. Doran contacted the office because he was looking for assistance finding Cursillo numbers for the men who helped plan and construct the chapel. The architect of the chapel was Cursillista Paul Murphy (#105) who was declared Servant of God after the cause for his canonization was opened over 15 years ago. Mr. Doran also happens to be one of the men who built the Chapel. You will read about this wonderful story beginning with this month's Voice.*

seven times he is in trouble! (See Gospel of Luke for the inside story.) He is a good help when we are in trouble because he knows what it's like. For example, his girlfriend is pregnant and he didn't do it...."

The statue of St. Joseph with the child Jesus standing on a post with his arms raised to St. Joseph (currently at the east end of the main parking lot) was a thanksgiving by Fr. Duran for making a mortgage payment on time in 1966. Yet another confirmation that "Joseph and Son, Carpenters" are extraordinary heavenly benefactors of the Cursillo Movement.

Answers from heaven trickled via the most unexpected ways.

The first donation came as a direct result of the "life changing transformation" of little (4'-10" high) Tony Barajas (Cursillo #6). He had been working at the Camelback Inn in Paradise Valley as a landscape maintenance worker for several years. After living his Cursillo, he found a portable radio near the pool one day and dutifully turned it into the front office.

The radio owner recovered it and asked the finder be recognized for his honesty.

Consequently, Tony was given a written commendation which was sent to Jack Steward, the owner of the Camelback Inn. He asked to have Tony talk to him since such honesty was a rare commodity in the secularized work place.



Jack Steward

Tony answered his questions about the radio with candor. When asked why he turned it in, Tony replied "that is what I learned at my Cursillo, to be totally honest in everything; even a little portable radio."

Jack decided to have Tony transferred over to be his personal driver as he valued having honest people in his immediate staff.

When Tony heard of the fund raising drive for the new Chapel, he asked Jack for a donation and was promised \$10,000. This was a most unusual donation since Jack was a Protestant.

Fr. Duran, always looking for ways to leverage his assets, promptly called Sam Shoen (L. S. "Sam" Shoen, Cursillo #93) owner of U-Haul Trailers for a challenge. He told Sam that the Protestant Jack Steward had just promised \$10,000 toward the Chapel: did he want to match the gift from a Catholic family? Sam promptly promised \$10,000. These donations were memorialized on the plaque in the Adoration Chapel commemoration all the donors which shows just names but no amounts.

From that point, the fund raising took on new credibility. Over the next year, 1966-67, an additional \$40,000 was pledged by many of the poorest families in Phoenix and Tucson toward the new Chapel. At the same time Paul Murphy made a Cursillo (#105). He was an architect-in-training, working for the firm of Walsh and Oberg in Phoenix at the time. He began working on designs for various configurations of buildings to accommodate the growing Cursillo requirements.

After some study, the location between the main building and the first cottage to the east was chosen since it was central to the campus and did not have any underground obstacles. The area between the main building and the old Ultreya building (now called John 23) had an old concrete swimming pool and related deck which would need to be removed and filled at added cost to allow a new building.

Paul's first design had an underground Rollo Room with a chapel on the first floor. It was 60 feet

in diameter for a total of 5,600 sq. ft. However, the cost of excavation and building a basement room were too high; \$120-130,000.

The second design envisioned a similar circular one story plan with a chapel/Clausura room on the north side of the building and restrooms, a sacristy and Adoration Chapel on the south side. For this design, Paul envisioned walls made of curved cast concrete with the 14 Stations of the Cross depicted in each panel. These panels he proposed to cast on beds of sand similar to the Silt Pour Method developed by Architect Paulo Soleri. Each panel was to have the figure of Christ shown in the form. Doors and windows were kept between the panels. Preliminary cost estimate showed the cost still over \$100,000.



Paul Murphy

In the third design, Paul kept the circular plan but proposed to use cheaper concrete block walls tapered inward 8 inches "so Jesus' house would not look like a cake." There were arched windows on the north and south sides with doors to access the chapel, restrooms and sacristy. The south facing window was to have a stained glass window of Our Lady of Guadalupe in it. The bid from Al Grote Construction for this design was around \$80,000. Paul suggested he be the contractor to save an additional 15% of the cost. This reduced the projected cost to \$68,000 which appeared to be realistic enough to proceed with permitting and construction.

By this time, Fr. Duran managed to secure pledges totaling \$50,000 which was close enough to the total required to proceed.

Paul preceded with finishing the plans "after hours" at his office with Walsh and Oberg Architects. Ken Oberg sealed the final design since Paul was not as yet licensed. A copy of the original Building Plan is still in the possession of Mt. Claret. It should be noted that Paul put in the specifications that "swearing or profanity was prohibited on the job site since this was a church project and God was to be honored at all times."

Plans were submitted to the City of Phoenix for a building permit.

The pilgrimage of faith which began humbly in the basement of Immaculate Heart Parish was growing with the help of St. Joseph with one little miracle at a time.

Next month, adventures in "building with faith."

A MESSAGE TO ALL CURSILLISTAS FROM 1969

While going through the very old and yellowed rosters for Mr. Duran, this timeless letter was found written by a Rector and Co-Rector to the new Cursillistas in 1969 after Cursillo #159.

November 18, 1969

Dear Fellow Cursillistas,

It is not possible to remember everything we heard during the Cursillo. Nevertheless, it is important to make the effort to keep everything we learned and implement it into our daily lives. We can best do this, first of all by prayers to the Holy Spirit, the giver of those beautiful gifts of Knowledge, Wisdom, and Understanding. Secondly, we can turn to our brothers in Christ at our weekly group reunion. If your sponsor has not as yet contacted you about joining a group, please contact him about this important facet for perseverance.

The Cursillo was a great help to most of us in supplying us with a “directional map” and a list of helps. Realizing that the Cursillo isn’t the answer to a life of Grace, but only an answer, what are we doing about the helps offered to us by it?

Remember Sunday A.M. of Cursillo 159? The Mass? – Communion? – “Joe, the Body of Christ” – “Bob, the Body of Christ” – remember? Can’t make it? Too busy? What if it were, “Joe, \$1,000.00” – “Bob, \$1000.00.” Who would miss – who would be too busy?

“Love God – love your neighbor.” “Difficult?” yes! Believe this: “Your love for God is measured by the amount of love you have for the person you love the least.” Who do we love the least? That is how much we love God. We are no nearer to God than we are to our neighbor.

Our beloved Pope John XXIII once said, “A Christian must be the 8th Sacrament, for it is the only one a non-believer can receive.” These words seem to be descriptive of the message we received on the third day of our Cursillo, from the Rollo on “Christianity in Action.” We were told that all Christianity must be a school of idealism, of commitment, and spirit of charity. Knowledge, however is not sufficient. Knowing, and believing is good only if we live our beliefs in such a manner as to really radiate Christ in all our thoughts, words, and actions. If we have been blessed by the Holy Spirit with knowledge, then let us pray for the other gifts of His; i.e.: Understanding, Piety, Counsel, Fortitude, etc. Pray that he may shine through us, be so in us, that ever soul we come in contact with may feel His presence in our souls ... Nothing will ever dispense of from loving our neighbor – and especially not “Lord, Lord”!

“Men are not disturbed by what happens, but by their opinion of what happens.” Let’s not be “disturbed.” Let’s live a life of peace and joy, by placing complete confidence in God – complete abandonment to His Will. Let’s be constantly aware of His fantastic, eternal, all-consuming love for me. Since before the beginning of time, He knew He was going to create me. He knows “when I sit and when I stand, etc.” There are only two really important moments in our lives; one is the moment of death, and the other moment is now. The way we spend the former will depend on how we spend the latter.

Holiness, as Louis Evely puts it, is like Humility – very strange: the moment we think we have it, we lose it. To be a Christian means to feel as uncomfortable in sin as in virtue. I’m ill at ease in virtue because I know it’s only a borrowed cloak. There’s a big difference between me and my actions. I’m worse than the good I do, and better than the bad. I am a blend of good and bad, and not happy about it – but – I am progressing – a little – with His help. Let us pray for each other and all who worked in our Cursillo, plus those who offered Palanca. Pray for perseverance during our “4th day”, so that by this union of prayer, this oneness, we will someday meet together on that beautiful “5th day”.

De Colores, George Garcia and Dick Ziegman

Your Voice!

A Call for Articles for the Voice: Every month we would like articles from Cursillistas sharing their piety, study, or action! 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. Or just drop an email to info@phoenixcursillo.com.

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 at (Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com) or Nancy Kijewski at (Precursillo@phoenixcursillo.com).

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 at (threeday@phoenixcursillo.com).



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. 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!



Sr. Cecelia Schlaefter, CSA, has left for her mother house in Fon du Lac, Wisconsin. With sad hearts, we say, "Go with God" to our loving and dedicated Spiritual Advisor. Please go to the website and leave a message for her: a memory, a thank you, or just your love!

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Welcome our new brother and sister Cursillistas,
 Men's Cursillo #901 (May 4-7, 2017)
 and Women's #903 (May 18-21, 2017)!

Name	Parish	Sponsor
Greg Biltz	St. Maria Goretti	Phil Ondrei
Vince DiPaolo	Blessed Sacrament, Scts	Ray Medhus
Michael Dougherty	St. Bernadette	Greg Hanchett
Reyes Espinoza	St. John Vianney	David Portugal
Sergio Galvan	St. John Vianney	James Sinouhui
David Knizner	St. Clare of Assisi	David Buettner/Juan Camacho
John Lam	St. Mary, Chandler	Charles Garcia Jr
Francisco Moreno	St. Clare of Assisi	Manny Hernandez/Juan Camacho
Mark Redman	St. Anne	Tom Burba
Mark Reyes	All Saints, Mesa	Frank Adamo
James Romo Zuniga	St. John Vianney	James Sinohiu



Name	Parish	Sponsor
Maribel Barroso	St. John Vianney, Goodyear	Milinda Sinohui
Margaret Barry	Blessed Sacrament, Scts	Rosemary Stephens
Mary Calgaro	St. Mary Magdalene	Anita McDonough/Claudia Wells
Sandra Delgado	St. Augustine	Lisa Santa Cruz
Ciera Duran	All Saints, Newman Center	Teresa Guerra/Cindy Amos
Ashlie Elizalde	St. Matthew	Israel and Victoria Elizalde Jr.
Karen Fitzgerald	All Saints, Mesa	Alma Ortiz
Therese Ford	St. Thomas More	Jackie Peeden
Carmen Galarza	St. Margaret	Deacon & Mrs. Frank Galarza/Theresa Figueroa
Margaret Lujano	Our Lady of Peace, North Hills, CA	Ramona Alcantar/Connie Gutierrez
Liz Munger	Blessed Sacrament, Scts	Betty Nappe
Sandra Navarro	Queen of Peace	Connie Gutierrez
Olga Rincon	St. John Vianney, Goodyear	Veronica Ramirez/Andrew Ramirez
Cecelia Roderick	All Saints, Mesa	Ann Taylor
Sofia Rodriguez	St. Catherine of Siena	Jorge Rodriguez/Leticia Ruiz
Romina Tealdo	All Saints, Mesa	Connie Tucker

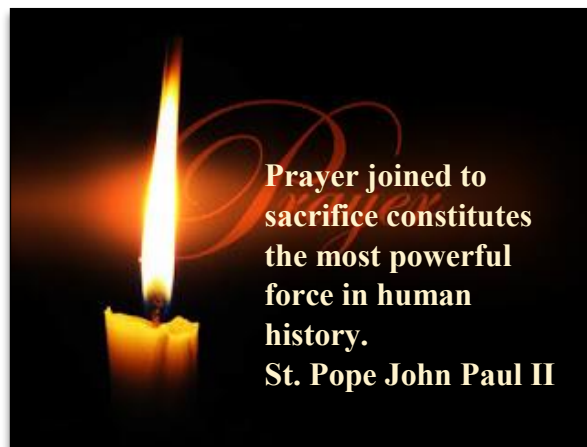
Record your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses. On the new website there is a form for General Palanca. Palanca will be gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the 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.

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:	



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 persons for Team Formation.

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