



THE VOICE

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR

De Colores, Cursillistas!

May Our Lord Jesus Christ find you faithful, and may Our Blessed Mother help you with the faith you need to continue following her Son!

We continue to build the Phoenix Cursillo Movement by strengthening the Precursillo through sponsor education, and the Postcursillo by connecting our Cursillo community through the parish representatives, the building up of parish teams, and expanding the Ultreyas throughout the valley. This month's Voice will include an article from our Precursillo chairperson Nancy Kijewski, explaining the importance of knowing your candidate by means of developing a friendship, and also the importance of continuing that friendship after Cursillo in group reunion.

We had two Cursillos recently, Men's Cursillo #897, and Women's Cursillo #898. There were twelve candidates for the men's weekend, and thirteen candidates for the women's weekend. We also had the blessing of having Bishop Nevares celebrate Mass Sunday morning at both weekends! We hope to continue this tradition for the Cursillo weekends in May.

You may notice a change in the Voice for the month of February. It will be the responsibility of our Secretary, Ceil Dusold, and her committee going forward. Processing all of the information from a central source will make it more efficient. We would like to thank Manny Yrique for his hard work in publishing the Voice for the last 2 years.

I would like to extend an invitation to all Cursillistas who wish to grow in their knowledge of the Cursillo to the School of Leaders, held on the first Tuesday of the month at Mt. Claret at 6:30 p.m., and on the third Saturday at St. Agnes Parish beginning at 9:30 a.m. Those attending the SOL are given priority when considering future Cursillo teams.

Thanks to all of you who continue to offer up your prayers and palanca for the Phoenix Cursillo Movement. The future will always be bright for the Cursillo as long as we keep these at the forefront.

Ultreya!
Your friend in Christ,
Ruben Trevizo

ULTREYA!

Join the community as we gather to keep the spirit and friendship of Cursillo alive! And while you keep your flame burning, invite a friend—it is a great place to bring someone you are considering sponsoring so they get a taste of Cursillo!

Saturday, March 11, 2017

St. Thomas the Apostle
2312 E Campbell Ave, Phoenix
8:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Potluck
9:30—11:00 AM Ultreya

Saturday, March 25, 2017

St. James Church
19640 N 35th Ave, Glendale
8:00 AM Mass
9:00 AM Potluck
9:30—11:00 AM Ultreya



For more information regarding Ultreyas, or hosting an Ultreya, please contact Postcursillo Chair Brenda Hope at Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com

CALENDAR

March 2017

March 1 Ash Wednesday
 March 2-5 Flagstaff English Men's #899
 March 7 6:30 pm School of Leaders (Mt. Claret)
 March 11 9:30 am Ultreya (St. Thomas the Apostle, Phx)
 March 14 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
 March 18 9:30 am School of Leaders (St. Agnes, Phx)
 March 23-26 Flagstaff Eng. Women's #900
 March 25 9:30 am Ultreya (St. James, Glendale)

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 17 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 (westside Parish TBD)

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)

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phoenixcursillo.webs.com

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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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When my nephew, Maxwell, was just a toddler, we were playing the animal sounds game. “What does the lion say?” I’d ask. He’d answer, “ROAR!” “What does the kitty say?” ... “Meow.” “What does the cow say?” He replied, “Moooooo.” I knew he had two dogs so I asked him, “What does the dog say?” He bellowed, “GET DOWN!”

Max had heard my brother shouting this at his pets so often that he assumed this was the sound associated with all dogs. Come to think of it, he may have been right. Regardless, we’re all wired the same way. If we hear something many times from different sources, we assume that it’s the truth. It’s one of the efficient ways that we learn new information. However, we’ve all played the telephone game; we know that how a message starts may not be the way it ends up. Furthermore, as my teachers always admonished me... you better check your sources, Nancy.

Over the years, I have misunderstood, or assumed, a number of things about sponsoring a candidate. So before I began my service as your new Precursillo Chairperson, I decided that I better study this phase of our movement and see what the truths are. This is a quick list of comments I have heard about candidates and sponsors that I wanted to check. (By the way... only one of these is a true statement.)

- * Candidates must be 21 to make a Cursillo
- * Candidates must have received Confirmation
- * Cursillo is now limiting the type of candidate who can attend
- * Sponsors are required to have their candidate attend Ultreya and Group Reunion before a weekend
- * Sponsors have to be approved by the Secretariat
- * Husbands must make their weekend before their wives

I researched these questions in the most recent Leader’s Manual (LM) copyrighted in 2006. However, I also pulled out my vintage Leader’s Manual (copyright 1981) and compared answers. I found out that nothing had really changed in 25 years. As a matter of fact, the wording was almost identical. So let’s take a look at these comments and compare the answers over the years.

* Candidates must be 21 to make a Cursillo: This actually isn’t true. There is no age limit, upper or lower, mentioned in any of the literature. Both leader’s manuals specifically encourage recruitment of young Catholics for the Cursillo (p. 86 LM, 2006, p.78 LM, 1981). Remember that Cursillo was born from the Catholic Action group which was primarily the youth of the church. While

I THOUGHT I HEARD...

Cursillo literature does state that there is NO age restriction for Cursillo, this was written prior to the safe environment focus that we adopt today. We must be cautious and protective of our youth, and there are potential issues with underage young people sharing dormitories with adults. Therefore at this time we are accepting applications for full legal adults (18 years).

*Candidates must have received Confirmation: Yes, this is a recent requirement requested by Bishop Nevares in his letter to the Cursillistas of Phoenix, dated October 19, 2016. “If the candidate has not received their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) it is the sponsor’s responsibility to make sure that this happens BEFORE sending the candidate to Cursillo.”

*Cursillo is now limiting the type of candidate who can attend: Actually, the opposite is true. The Foundational charism throws the doors open wide for who should attend. The new Leader’s Manual encourages Cursillo for “the distant ones.” So, in addition to the candidates that we always search for, we now also fish in deeper waters for those Catholic people who are far away from their relationship with the Lord (p. 87 LM, 2006).

*Sponsors are required to have their candidate attend Ultreya and Group Reunion before a weekend: This has never been a requirement but it is noted in 36 years of Cursillo literature as the preferred method (p. 94 LM, 2006, p. 84 LM, 1981). “Therefore, the best approach is to help the candidate come into contact with the community before the Cursillo Weekend itself.” So although it is recommended, it is not required.

*Sponsors have to be approved by the Secretariat: I don’t even know how this rumor started, and this is not the case. However, recommendations on how to prepare yourself to be a fruitful sponsor begin on page 95 of the LM (p. 85 of the 1981 manual). I would suggest taking a touchpoint there prior to sponsoring.

*Husbands must make their weekend before their wives: Actually, nope. “In the case where both (husband and wife) are eligible and both agree to attend the Cursillo Weekend, they both should be prepared at the same time, and the question of who attends first is not important” (p. 100 LM, 2006, p. 90 LM, 1981).

By the end of my study, I realized that sponsorship hasn’t changed in the past 36 years other than one new requirement from our Bishop. Truly, we’ve added our own complications and interpretations over the years, but these are unnecessary. Please continue your good work with hope. Take your time, dear brothers and sisters. Make your friends, get to know them, and when you believe the time is right (and if you believe Cursillo can be a blessing to them), bring them.

De Colores! Nancy Kijewski

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

Spiritual Advisor: Absent

Guest(s): Bertie Chavez, Karen Zienta

Meeting opened at 6:40 pm with Leader's Prayer. Meditation and sharing was led by Ruben Trevizo.

January Minutes: Minutes read from previous meeting, motion to accept with minor correction by Nancy Kijewski, seconded by Brenda Halpain, motion carried.

Before the Committee Reports, a question was posed asking how the Secretariat and School of Leaders worked together. After much discussion we were reminded that we cannot "decide and announce" (quoting National instruction); issues are brought to School of Leaders and input from School of Leaders brought back to Secretariat for final decisions by the Secretariat.

Old Business Committee Reports

Precursillo (Nancy Kijewski):

*Precursillo report attached; committee members are James and Pam Diaz, Suzanne Tamargo, Bruce and Debi Wiskirchen, and JP Minerella.

*Attachments to minutes: Precursillo Report, new application form with cosmetic revisions, Sponsor's information leaflet, current Parish Rep list.

*Clarifications regarding eligibility: Candidate should have received all sacraments of initiation including confirmation (by request of Bishop Nevares) and have no impediment to reception of Eucharist.

*Sponsor/parish rep workshops being planned for fall.

Three Day (Sharon Matson):

*Committee members are Beverly Arnold and Dean Dwyer.

*An evaluation is being developed to be distributed to team members at close of weekends.

*Guidelines for invitation to team: team members should be grouping and able to receive all sacraments. *Rector/Rectoras should be able to choose Core, all must attend School of Leaders.

*Three Day Chair will work with Core before formation, make sure all weekends are consistent and any changes are applied.

*Cloistering of weekend and Exposition/Adoration: The Secretariat agreed and will recommend that teams be large enough to have someone praying at the tabernacle, whether exposed or not, over the weekend (as requested by Bishop Nevares). Sponsors and larger community will have list of all adoration chapels in Diocese for pledged visits. Candidates will be free to visit the tabernacle without concern of breaking the cloister. This is a change in tradition, not technique. Issue will be brought before the SOL. Motion to approve will be considered at Secretariat Meeting in March 2017.

*Palanca Chair: A volunteer is needed to fill this position. Palanca offering forms will be available at all School of Leaders and collected there. A form will also be added to the website to collect palanca. Our weekends are listed on the National

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Website which is also where we go to find requests for palanca for other diocese.

Postcursillo (Brenda Hope):

*Recent Ultreya at St. Paul's was well attended with new Cursillistas.

*Next Ultreyas: St. Thomas Aquinas, Friday,

February 18 (6:00 pm); St. Helen, Saturday, February 25 (9:30 am after 8:30 mass);

*It was noted that there is an Ultreya at St. Thomas the Apostle planned for March 11 at 9:30 am (after 8:30 am mass), room location to be determined.

*Plan to develop connection between Postcursillo, Precursillo and SOL

*Committee member Karen Zienta; need for committee members from all parts of valley, starting with five.

*Work with Parish Reps to develop Parish Teams; get regular Ultreyas started on east side.

*Attendance at Ultreyas by Cursillistas and non-Cursillistas is recorded; could be on database if lists are made available to Secretary.

*A list of Spiritual Directors should be distributed to all who host Ultreyas.

Treasurer (Brenda Halpain):

*Financial statements attached including statement of operations and a preliminary budget.

*Upon breaking down expenses as a yearly leaseholder vs. paying for each weekend individually it was shown that being a lessee is less expensive right now than renting individual spaces for the weekends (as the contract stands).

*Tax letters are being sent out for those who donated more than 200.00 in 2016.

*Cena brings in approximately \$20,000.

*\$40.00 from each team stipend is used for kitchen expense; discussion was held regarding asking future teams to once again ask for donations (other than monetary) during formation for food and kitchen needs.

School of Leaders (Marty Sprinzl):

*Goal of School of Leaders (SOL) is to formulate Apostolic Plan.

*At the February 7th SOL (and at the upcoming Saturday, February 18 SOL) the Technique Presentation was from the book, *Whom Shall I Send* and the Doctrinal Presentation was an overview of what the Apostolic Plan should be. During the Work of the Committees, brainstorming was done for ideas to be addressed in the Apostolic Plan, using the National Apostolic Plan as a framework. This brainstorming will continue at the Saturday, February 18, SOL meeting.

*Cloistering of weekend and Exposition/Adoration will be presented for SOL discussion at next meeting.

*After *Whom Shall I Send* is completed, the *Leader's Manual* will be used for the Technique Presentation.

*Brenda Halpain motioned to change the April SOL from April 15, 2017 (Holy Saturday) to April 22nd, 2017. Sharon Matson seconded, motion passed.

*SOL on Tuesdays will now begin at 6:30 instead of 7:00 pm.

Secretary (Cecelia Dusold):

*Report attached.

*Committee members Jo-Ann Trevizo (newsletter editing), Larry Fallis (Database archive updating). Gordon Shirling agreed to

help with questions about setting up new Website to the domain phoenixcursillo.com.

*Website will include Calendar, Secretariat and Parish Rep Lists, Teams in formation, web form for palanca for Phoenix and other locations, Voice, Secretariat/School of Leaders summaries/minutes, tithing link, other community concerns, prayers for sick, 5th day, etc., other important links and ability to search for site generally.

*Voice issued the first of each month including letters from Spiritual Advisor, Lay Director, SOL/Secretariat summaries and minutes, Tithing Info and articles from Chairs on different subjects each month.

*Database: Looking into the cost of a mailed census to all in database. Continuing to go through old rosters to update database for archival purposes. Records have been updated going back 10 years from Rosters and applications. There are about 1700 emails of the almost 10,000 English language Cursillistas in the database.

*Office: Emails for each secretariat position have been set up through our domain phoenixcursillo.com. These can be easily transferred as chairs leave at the end of their terms.

Cena Update: No one has stepped forward to lead this year's Cena and time is growing short. A final request will be made at the SOL on Feb. 18, 2017. Family friendly alternatives such as a Fiesta in the fall, Superbowl Party, Car raffle, etc., were discussed and also having some other kind of event on the day reserved for this year's Cena. These ideas will be discussed at School of Leaders. This led to the discussion of whether an event/social committee should be formed and under which Chair would that committee serve; discussion tabled to a future meeting.

New Business

Flagstaff Cursillo: Flagstaff should not be thought of as a separate Secretariat or movement but must be integrated into everything that is happening in Phoenix. Questions of how they would be included must be discussed.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 9:50 pm
Respectfully submitted, Cecelia Dusold
(Book with minutes available in the Cursillo office with all reports attached)

The Screwdriver Effect

There has been some confusion on behalf of some in our community as to the reason for the changes that have occurred in the Cursillo Movement over the last few years. Change is never easy, but the National Cursillo Movement is asking us to go back to the simple roots of Cursillo, as taught by its founder, Eduardo Bonin.

The "Screwdriver Effect" is referenced on page 22 of the Leaders Manual. We all understand what a flat blade screwdriver is used for; the purpose of driving in and removing screws. But because it is handy and readily available, it becomes used for purposes other than what it is intended for. It is used for prying open lids, mixing paint, scraping debris off of concrete, removing a tube from a bicycle, etc... Because it is misused, the blade becomes dull, bent, and may damage the screws that it once drove in.

The Cursillo may be likened to this screwdriver. The effectiveness of placing these 'screws' (candidates) into environments where they can be a strength in the community can diminish through misuse of this tool. Prying lids open can be understood as forcing people before they are ready to attend the Cursillo, instead of

Why All the Changes?

allowing the Holy Spirit to work in His time.

The mixing of paint can be understood as having all the exterior, colorful 'trappings' of mananitas, banners, and decorations which can coat the blade so much that it is unable to fit onto the screw.

Scraping debris off of concrete can be understood as using the Cursillo as a means to solve people's problems, or those 'hard' areas of life due to addictions or marriage issues, etc. These are best left to those ministries and organizations such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille... These ministries are broader in their base, and clearer in their approach in dealing with these problems.

Removing a tube from a bike is always a risk when using a screwdriver. The tube is easily punctured by the thickness of the blade. Likewise, it is necessary to evaluate if a candidate can experience more harm by making a Cursillo, especially if the spouse is unwilling to go, or if he/she is not a Catholic. Understanding where the candidate is beforehand is very important before sponsoring.

In the end, it is really just getting down to the basics of what Cursillo is all about: living what is fundamental to being a Christian. In the Cursillo we experience the three encounters: the encounter with self, the encounter with Christ, and the encounter with others. This is best achieved by experiencing less; less of ourselves trying to improve on what the founder envisioned, and more of the Holy Spirit doing what He does best: enkindling the fire of His Divine Love in our hearts!

De Colores!
Ruben Trevizo, Lay Director



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

Technique Presentation
(Marty Sprinzl)
The Apostolic Plan

Doctrinal Presentation (Dcn Richard Kijewski)
Whom Shall I Send by Father Salmani, Chapter 12, "Styles of Leadership"

Work of the Sections
Possible Action items for the Apostolic Plan were discussed within small groups and recorded to be used for March SOL

Section Reports and Announcements

Secretariat
Marty gave background to a discussion that the Secretariat had at the last meeting regarding cloistering during the Three-day weekend. Points included:

*The current Three-day schedule reserves adoration in the Mt Claret chapel from 8pm Friday to 1pm Saturday and 6pm Saturday to Sunday morning for sponsors. Decuria visits are scheduled for candidates from 1pm – 6pm Saturday.

*The Bishop's letter of October 19, 2016 states, "Family and friends will no longer be invited to pray for their loved one in the Cursillo Chapel. The Cursillo Chapel is to be reserved for the Cursillista."

*The Bishop gave verbal permission allowing for sponsors to come to Mt. Claret at appointed times with the assurance that the cloister would not be broken.

*As far as could be determined, the cloister was not broken during the recent Cursillos.

*On Thursday evening, a prayer from the Three-day manual is read to the candidates which reads, "Jesus Christ speaks to you.... I am constantly present in the Blessed Sacrament for all your needs. Come and visit Me any time. I am always there for you. Know that I consider all of you My special friends."

School of Leaders Minutes
Tuesday, February 7 and
Saturday, February 18, 2017

*Sponsors from each of the past Cursillos expressed interest in observing Adoration in their own parishes.

Through discussion and the show of hands, it was the predominate feeling of those in attendance that Candidates should have access to the Blessed Sacrament at any time; that sponsors should be able to observe Adoration in their own parishes; that perhaps new traditions can begin with the involvement of more of the Cursillista community within the parish during Three-day weekends at the parishes. It was reiterated that the Bishop has stated that he wants someone from the team in front of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the Three-day weekend. Flagstaff and Spanish Cursillos are completely cloistered.

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 Bishop desires a more family friendly event that includes the Spanish community.
*Ruben Trevizo has reached out to the Spanish community without result. Although publicized, no one has expressed interest in forming and leading a team.

Through discussion and a show of hands, it was the predominate feeling of those in attendance that the Cena be postponed instead of trying to put together something at this late date.

Closing Prayers lead by Deacon Richard Kijewski



Coming Soon....

The Voice will be published at the beginning of each month with news from your Secretariat and School of Leaders.

Beginning next month, Msgr. O’Grady will also have a column.

Prayer Requests/5th day notices to be printed in the Newsletter: Please email any of these to info@phoenixcursillo.com or leave a message at the Cursillo voicemail at (602) 840-5066 x42 and they will be placed in the next Newsletter and on the website. You must leave your name with the request.

Our temporary website (phoenixcursillo.webs.com) will be replaced.

Please... 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

SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

As you may recall from working teams or when you made 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 easytithes.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 one lunch at your favorite fast food restaurant - the Cursillo Movement would run debt free!



General Palanca Record your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Diocese. These will be gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends. You may 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 them to School of Leaders. In the not-so-distant future you will be able to record them on the Cursillo website. Your intercessory prayer, sacrifice, and works of mercy are the levers which lift up the Cursillo 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:	
Other:	
Other:	