

THE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Sr. Cecelia Schlaefer, CSA, is leaving for her mother house in Fon du Lac, Wisconsin in mid-May. With sad hearts, we say, "Go with God" to our loving and dedicated Spiritual Advisor. Please watch for a tribute to her on the website in the next day or two. www.phoenixcursillo.com

FROM DEACON BOB CAREY

Since the day after Ash Wednesday I have been on Superior Court jury duty. Initially we were told by the judge that the trial we were chosen for could last as long as mid-May (with a three-week break in April). At first I was tempted to find a way to get excused, but since it was Lent, I made the decision to be more submissive to the court system and pay less attention to thoughts of what might be most comfortable to me. I decided to be more aware of the needs of others and accept little sacrifices that might come about. I wound up being selected to be Juror #4 of sixteen.

My first small test was to accept seat on the perimeter of the jury break room which had a TV overhead which needed to be avoided upon rising from the chair and required movement anytime someone wanted to pass by.

The first week we were told by our bailiff that she would be taking a four week break. After the announcement, Juror #7 in a loud voice suggested that he hoped she would be having an enjoyable experience, to which she replied, "No." The conversation ended at that point. Later, in the hallway I asked her if the time off was for medical reasons, to which she responded she was having cancer surgery. Next day she was gone and when I asked her substitute if we could send her a get-well card I was told that since the bailiff had shared her situation with me it would be alright. At lunch break I was able to find a card and each juror signed it with name, number and a short message.

After we had been in session a few weeks I learned that Juror #9 lived only about three miles from me, and that she almost passed by where I live on the way to court, so we agree to carpool. When it was my turn to drive, shortly after she entered the car, she asked, "Are you Catholic?" I responded, "Yes, how did you know?" "Oh, I saw your rosary in the tray on the console." Naturally, I

asked if she was Catholic, to which she responded in the affirmative. Before I could say much more she was telling me about her faith, family and related matters, including that although she has a relationship with God, she does not attend Mass.

EVANGELIZATION AND GRACE

The next day after some light conversation about nothing significant, she asked me how she could pray better, because she does not get the consolations she has had previously. Within the past week I had seen an interview of Fr. Paul Scalia (son of the late Supreme Court Justice Anton Scalia). When asked how he prayed, Fr. Scalia replied, "Not very well." Later in the interview he lamented that we all struggle with prayer and that anyone who suggests that they have consistently satisfying prayer life is lying. I recounted that interview for her and also mentioned St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her struggles with the "dry times" of prayer. Later a little miracle happened. As I was going through security I noticed some folded up papers in the back pocket of my slacks, which I had not worn for about six months. When I unfolded the papers I discovered it was a church bulletin from October, 2016 with a picture of St. Thérèse on the front and reference to an article inside about difficulties in praying, which Juror #9 gratefully accepted when I offered it to her.

What's the point? God uses us in strange ways. When I concentrate more on my selfish comforts, or avoid taking risks that might bring ridicule, I may be rejecting God's grace that could contribute to another's salvation.

No one on our Jury knows that Juror #4 is a deacon. Like the Resurrected Jesus who hid his identity, sometimes we serve God's people better when they don't know we are Cursillistas or someone with a Church title. As a juror, I only want to continue to develop a positive relationship with fifteen souls who, like me, are negotiating the challenges of this world.

CALENDAR

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)

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Jeremiah, 29:11

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

UPCOMING ULTREYAS

Friday, May 19, 2017

St. Thomas Aquinas

13720 W Thomas Rd, Avondale

St. Clair Hall

6:00 PM Potluck—Ultreya follows



Saturday, May 27, 2017

St. Thomas More

6180 W. Utopia, Glendale

Modular Building

9:00 am Potluck - Ultreya follows

ULTREYA!

What is Ultreya?

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

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

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

It is a way to reconnect with the Cursillo community.

It is a way to experience Cursillo before living the three-day weekend.

It incorporates new Cursillistas into the 4th day community.

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

De Colores, Cursillo Community!

The Lord is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! I hope everyone had a wonderful and joyous Easter! During these next fifty days leading to the birth of the Church at Pentecost, we get to see how Jesus reveals Himself to His disciples along their journey. I would like to share with you a closest moment to Christ involving my apostolic action. From Luke 24:35 we read: *“The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way, and how they had come to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread.”*

I go to a group home on Friday mornings to take communion to a group of three elderly people. One in particular is named Rosalie. She is very old and feeble, but I enjoy her wit and look forward to what she has to say. “Hello Rosalie, how are you feeling today?”

“Oh, I am feeling tired” she replied.

“Are you too tired to receive Jesus?” I asked.

“Oh, I am never too tired to receive Jesus!” she exclaimed. I did a small communion service for her, and gave her a quarter of the host, for that is all she can handle. A while after receiving, she said, “My behind is burning!”

“Well, Rosalie, maybe Jesus is healing you.”

“Maybe He is, but why didn't you know my behind was burning?” she inquired.

“I don't know what is wrong with you if you don't tell me” I said.

“No, the reason you don't know what is going on with me is because you are not worthy!” she replied.

“Well, you got that right, Rosalie, I am definitely not worthy!”

She paused, and said, “but I love you anyway!”

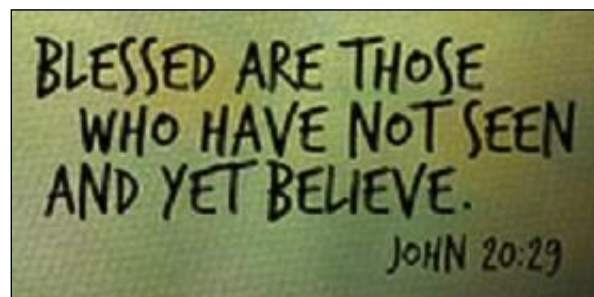
It was at that moment that I realized I encountered Christ through her words, after the breaking of the bread. This is something Jesus would say to me today - and continues to say, “I love you, even though you are not worthy!”

In this month's issue of the voice we are going to have an article by the School of Leaders chairperson Marty Sprinzl. In the article he will speak about the role of the School of Leaders within the Cursillo Movement and how important it is to continue our Christian study. Study is not an option, but an obligation.

Please remember to keep the Men's Cursillo #901, which is being held May 4-7, and Women's Cursillo #903 (May 18-21) in your prayers. Also remember our Spanish brothers and sisters as they live their Cursillos: Men's #902 (May 11-14) and Women's #904 (June 15-18).

May our Lord continue to bless you, and reveal himself to you in the breaking of the bread!

De Colores!
Your friend in Christ,
Ruben Trevizo



You might be asking....

Why are we holding Cursillos with fewer than 10 Candidates?

At the time of this newsletter, the upcoming May Cursillos may have fewer than 10 candidates, which raises the question as to why these weekends aren't being rescheduled. The decision to continue with Cursillo weekends grew from a conversation with Bishop Nevarez on January 17th of this year. The Bishop had advised against cancelling weekends despite low numbers of candidates. He stated that the movement was in a time of adjustment and that we needed to allow for the gradual growth that would come. We are grateful for the Bishop's continued guidance and will respectfully obey his direction in this matter.

My Dear Fellow Cursillistas,

I invite you to join the School of Leaders (SOL) each month. The word “school” can bring on all kinds of anxiety. Will there be a quiz or test to pass or perhaps a certificate that I can earn? What else is there to learn besides, “Make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ”? How many classes do I have to attend? What if I miss a month? Oh, so many questions.

As a professional educator I am very familiar with what school means and encompasses. As I learned more about the School of Leaders, I, like many others, didn’t think the word school fit the function of SOL. **How to Program a School of Leaders**, page 13, offers an explanation. “Many medieval schools were places where disciples were formed, followers of the Master.” The intent of the SOL is to form followers of our Master, Jesus Christ, who understand and utilize the method proposed by the founders of Cursillo. It has nothing to do with tests, quizzes, or certificates. Within the structure of Cursillo, the function of the school is to be the meeting place for those who place Cursillo as their primary ministry, to learn more of God, Church, the genius of Cursillo, and to do the work that is necessary for the Movement to progress in the Diocese.

Each meeting begins with Group Reunion and a chance to be inspired with the sharing of the great things that the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives. Learning in the traditional sense comes from the Technique and Doctrinal talks. Technique focuses on the ins and outs of the method; doctrine focuses on our spiritual connectedness to the church. The work of the committees which follows is

about “doing” the things that must be done and the planning that must precede the doing. The meeting ends with committee reports and a final blessing.

If you are someone who wants to give back to Cursillo because the Movement has been such a blessing to you, the School of Leaders is a place for you to get involved. If you are seeking to get your Cursillo flame relit by waiting for a phone call to work the next team, you have another option: come to the School of Leaders and participate in a continual team formation.

Eduardo Bonnin sought the most effective means to turn society back to Christian values. The days are passing and the need is as great as ever. We as Cursillistas are the vertebrae of Christianity that ferments environments to turn toward Jesus Christ. **Jesus is counting on you.**

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at Mt. Claret and the third Saturday of the month at 9:30 am at St Agnes. The meetings have the same technique and doctrinal talk. The only requirement for attendance is to be a Cursillista. Please bring your idealism, self-surrender, and spirit of charity.

De Colores,
Marty Sprinzl, School of Leaders Chairperson



Piety - Study - Action

Piety: A Moment Close to Christ...

Recently, one of my closest moments to Christ was during the Clausura of the Women’s Cursillo #898.

During formation this past winter, I was inspired to lead a meditation about our identity as children of God. This has been an important theme to me personally as I strive to mature as a Christian. No matter how we identify ourselves – husband, wife, father, mother, butcher, baker, candlestick maker – the identity that will never change is that we are each children of God.

The meditation spoke of our baptisms in the light of the Baptism of Christ. It had us imagine (or remember) our own baptisms. We closed our eyes and pictured water being poured over our infant heads. We imagined

hearing the words from above, “You are my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased.”

It was a powerful meditation and by God’s grace, the sharing was incredible. It didn’t end there, though; the words “child of God” came through a few of the Rollos. And later, at the Clausura, three or four of the new Cursillistas spoke of the power of understanding that they were beloved children of God. Goose bumps and tears!

There is no doubt that the Holy Spirit led us from formation to the weekend to the Clausura and into 4th day, showing us how personal our encounter with God is because first and foremost we are His beloved children.

De Colores! Cecelia Dusold



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!

This has been a great year for the Flagstaff Cursillo and it is only May. We have had our first weekends in about 18 months. Men's #899 and Women's #900 are completed and the new Cursillistas are all grouping. The first Ultreyas were well attended. The seeds are planted and the leadership is tilling the soil. The future is bright as it always is in Cursillo.

We were in our new location, the Loretto Retreat Center for the first time. We are blest to be able have the whole facility for Cursillo on our cloistered weekends. It is the old Our Lady of Guadalupe convent that has been updated to a retreat center. It will replace the White House that was in use for years here in Flagstaff. Minus a few plumber visits, all went very well. LOL.

Flagstaff has a very long history of Cursillo. We have had our own local leadership for many years. The roots run deep, back to when we were in the Gallup Diocese and the first Cursillos were held in Winslow for our area in the

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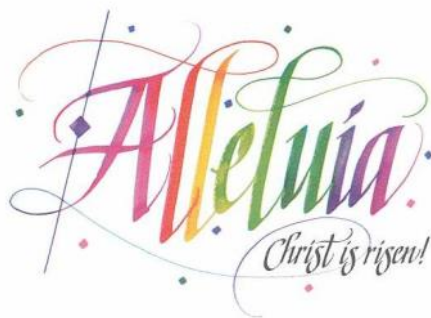
early 1960's. We have local leadership that parallels the Phoenix Secretariat to keep a unified approach to Cursillo in the Phoenix Diocese. We have a very active community and it is an exciting time to be involved. We have new groups since these recent weekends and we have groups that have literally been together for 25 plus years that were actively supporting these weekends. Cursillo has impacted every segment of our parish and community for many years. We look forward to sharing our journey with the Voice at various times as we grow and serve Our Lord thru Cursillo.

DE COLORES
and as always, ULTREYA!
Vince Johnson
Flagstaff Area Representative

For more Flagstaff info go to:
<https://sites.google.com/site/cursillo2010/home>

Welcome our new brother and sister Cursillistas,
Men's Cursillo #897 (January 19-22, 2017)
and Women's #898 (February 2-5, 2017)!

Cursillo #897		
Cursillista	Parish	Sponsor(s)
Darell Anthony	St. Luke	Earl Shelton
Carlos Cano	St. Thomas Aquinas	Joe Fairlie/James Sinohui
Tony Ehmann	St. Francis	Greg Ehmann/Jimmy Hoang
Jason Garcia	St. Mary Magdelena	Joseph Sullivan
Peter Gloria	Holy Cross	David Barrios/Tomas Gloria
Mike Keenan	St. Theresa	Howard Vail/Manny Yrique
Bernie Lara	St. Catherine	Victor Vidales
Paul Litteau	Sacred Heart, Prescott	Peers Henes
Chris Mondragon	Holy Cross	Nick Bellizzi
Vic Rochelieux	St. Timothy	Deacon Abe Calderon
Eric Rojo	St. Thomas Aquinas	Joe Fairlie
Dave Thorman	All Saints	Dan Castillo/Art Brouillard
Cursillo #898		
Cursillista	Parish	Sponsor(s)
Tania Altamirano	St. Thomas Aquinas	Angela Fairlie
Joanne Brooks	St. Helen	Brenda Halpain
Sonia Cano	St. Thomas Aquinas	Angela Fairlie
Lucy Casavant	St. Anne/Holy Trinity (MN)	Catherine Casavant/Maureen Colasanti
Henrietta Chavez	St. Philip Benizi	Bob & Theresa Savage
Rena Cruse	St. Timothy	Maryellen Baxter
Sylvia Espinoza	St. Claire	Brenda Baca
Ann Hughes	St. Helen	Nancy Gorny
Alice Keane	St. Thomas More	Irene Mead
Patsy Morrison	St. Philip Benizi	Theresa & Bob Savage/Rob Yarbrough
Connie Ridgeway	All Saints	Alma Ortiz
Karla Sapien	St. Andrew	Allie Geyer
Marisela Victoria	Holy Cross/St. Michael	Patty Dickson



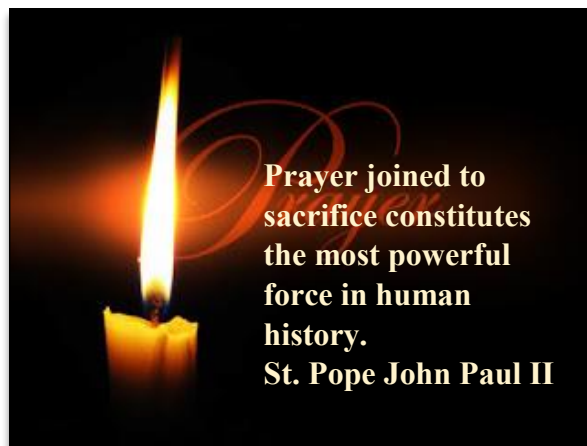
Record your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses. On the new website there is a form for General Palanca. Palanca will be gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the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