

PASTORAL MESSAGE

THE CALL TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

God is calling all of us to be His witnesses to the world. As Cursillistas, our basic call is to love others as Jesus has loved us.

Some may say, "How can we possibly love as Jesus loved? After all, Jesus was the Son of God, the Messiah, our Savior, a perfect, sinless, truly human but truly divine man. How can we possibly love as Jesus loved?"

But if we look at the way Jesus loved - the examples he has given to us in scripture - we may realize that following this commandment is indeed possible. So, how did Jesus love?

First of all, Jesus allowed himself to be moved with pity and compassion when he encountered those in need. We may not be able to

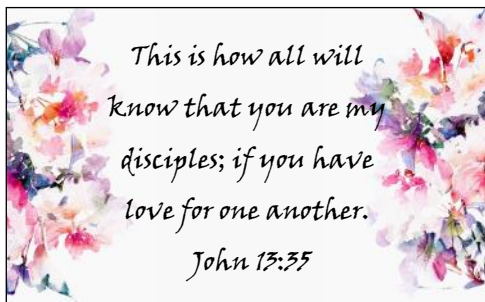
Another way Jesus loved was by serving others, by helping others and by healing others. Not even foot washing was beneath Jesus. No task was too small or too menial for him. So, we love by serving our brothers and sisters in very practical ways.

Another way Jesus loved was how he did not condemn, nor did he condone. We can see that in his words to the woman caught in the act of adultery. He said: "Neither do I condemn you, but go and sin no more." To love someone who has sinned is not to condemn them, but rather it is to forgive them and challenge them in a constructive, concrete way. Love seeks to heal, to build up, to challenge, and to inspire.

Finally, Jesus loved by sacrificing his life for us. Most of us will never be called to show our love to such an extent. Still, the reality of sacrifice touches all of our lives. Parents greatly sacrifice for their children. Cursillistas show great sacrifices in caring for those in need.

To love like Jesus means to sacrifice.

Fr. Stephan Bauer, OSC (Cursillo #849)
Crosier Community of Phoenix



perform miracles as Jesus did; but we can open our hearts, our minds and our treasures to help those in need.

2018 Annual Marian Conference

August 24-26, 2018

DoubleTree Paradise Valley Resort

Speakers include Pro-life Activist

Abby Johnson and Cursillistas Tom

Peterson and Julie Carrick

For info go to

<http://www.arizonapeacecenter.org/>



EVENTS

CALENDAR

August 2018

August 2-5 Men's Spanish Weekend #913
August 7 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)
August 9-12 Women's Spanish Weekend #914
August 14 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
August 18 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)
August 25 9:00 AM Ultreya (St. James)
August 31 7:00 PM Ultreya (Blessed Sacrament, Scts)

September 2018

Sept. 4 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)
Sept. 11 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
Sept. 15 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)
Sept. 22 DIOCESAN ULTREYA (Mt. Claret)
Sept. 26 7:00 pm Orientation for October
Weekends

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

Saturday, August 25, 2018

St. James

19640 N 35th Ave, Glendale

8:00 am Mass; Potluck follows

9:00 am Ultreya

Friday, August 31, 2018

Blessed Sacrament

11300 N 64th St, Scottsdale

6:00 pm Mass; Potluck follows

7:00 pm Ultreya

***Annual Diocesan Ultreya
at Mt. Claret!***

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Details to follow

If you are interested in hosting an Ultreya at your parish, please contact Postcursillo Chairperson,

Brenda Hope:

postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com

ULTREYA!

Upcoming Weekends

October 4-7, 2018

Men's English #915

Rector: Jim Pompe

October 18-21, 2018

Women's English #916

Rectora: Tisa Williams

Please also remember the Spanish Language Weekends in prayer:

Men's #913 (August 2-5, 2018) and Women's #914 (August 9-12, 2018)



ALWAYS PRAY FOR OUR MOVEMENT

**PRAY FOR TEAMS IN FORMATION, SPONSORS,
AND CANDIDATES IN DISCERNMENT**

Applications available from your Parish Representative or email Bruce and Debi Wiskirchen at applications@phoenixcursillo.com

A list of Parish Representatives can be found at <https://www.phoenixcursillo.com>

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings, Cursillo Community!

I pray that everyone is enjoying this long, hot summer, and is keeping cool by any available means necessary. We enjoy our lives here in sunny Arizona, but we also enjoy taking a break from the extreme heat that summer brings.

I enjoyed the July 14 retreat for Cursillistas that was lead by Marty Sprinzl and his retreat team. It was a great time of fellowship, inspiration, and developing a deeper knowledge of what is essential to the Cursillo Movement. Those essentials were given by three Rollistas: Mike Tanner, who gave a rollo on *God's love for us*; Veronica Lucas, who shared how *friendship* is a means of showing God's love to others; and Cheryl Sprinzl, who shared with us how our *conversion is an ongoing process*. The day was begun with a meditation from Deacon Richard Kijewski with music led by Michael John Poirier. It ended with Mass celebrated by Fr. Kilian McCaffrey with music led by Mary Hauer. Thanks to everyone who was involved in making this a Spirit-filled day.

I would like to share with you a closest moment to Christ. It came in a dream in which I was praying, "I praise you Lord, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." In this dream I was looking from inside a small space, with a pinkish glow of light around me. When I awoke, I looked up where this verse was in the bible. It comes from Psalm 139, vs. 14. "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; all your works are

wonderful, I know that full well." I prayed and meditated on what this dream was. I realized that this space that I was in was in my mother's womb! This dream is significant to me because I am part of a group of parishioners that pray the rosary in front of a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic on Monday mornings. I am encouraged that the response of those who see us is mostly positive. We also lift up those people who show such anger at what we do. They may very well need healing from having an abortion. It gives me hope to continue doing what my heart is telling me to do; being a voice for those who have none.

DeColores!

Ruben Trevizo (#444)



Christ is Calling You!

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 600 words will be eligible, email them to info@phoenixcursillo.com, or mail them to the Center and include your contact information.

Parish Reps Needed: To see if your parish is one of those not covered, please go to our website: phoenixcursillo.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. (Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com)

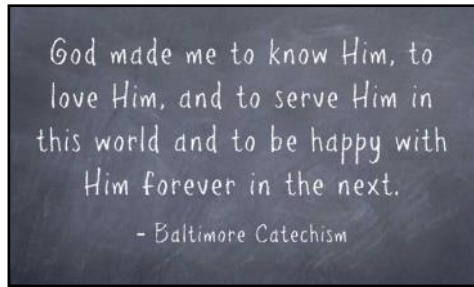
Palanca Chair: The palanca chair is responsible for requesting General Palanca for Phoenix, and sending General Palanca for other Diocese's weekends, and downloading and printing the General Palanca for our Weekends. Please contact Three-Day Chair, Sharon Matson at (threeday@phoenixcursillo.com).

Next January will mark 39 years since I made my Cursillo weekend. It's hard to believe that much time has passed (let alone that I am that old!) As a young, single adult, my reason for going on my Cursillo weekend was mainly out of curiosity. Both my parents were long-time Cursillistas, making Cursillo #5 and #6, and although they never really discussed their experience with us as children, our family was living a life of Piety, Study and Action, because of what they experienced on their weekend. The "tools" of Cursillo were woven throughout our lives and we lived it not knowing any different.

We prayed together, we learned about our faith and Jesus through teachings our parents introduced us to, and we were encouraged to be Christ to each other and to others. By the grace of God, each of my 5 sisters and 2 brothers and their spouses have all experienced their own Cursillo, and now the third generation is carrying on this beautiful legacy, making and working Cursillo weekends. Our family relies on this foundation of faith to get us through the struggles and celebrate the joys in our lives. Recently, my 5-year old grandson Max said to me, "Nana, did you know Jesus died on the cross for us?" He proceeded to showed me his "Mass Box" filled with a rosary, crucifix, holy cards and even a tiny chalice. My heart soared realizing the legacy continues and Jesus is already calling the next generation.

For me, the challenge has always been persevering in my relationship with Christ. My husband, Doug, was not Catholic at the time we married, but eventually he was called to our faith and then to Cursillo. I remember him attending a Clausura for a team I worked before his conversion, and him saying to me, "I don't know what goes on here, but I want what they have." The love and light of Christ shining through those candidates touched his heart and called him to a life with Christ. Together we have challenged each other and our four children to learn about Jesus, to have a personal relationship with Him, to be that same light to others, and to use the gifts He has given us to bring others to Him. Our mission is To Know Him, To Love Him and To Serve Him wherever we are planted. It's not always easy, but we turn to Jesus and His mother, Mary to guide us and help us accept His will in our lives.

What has helped me first and foremost in my journey is daily Mass. About 10 years ago, the Ruiz family (a pillar of Cursillo) challenged our family to attend daily Mass. They promised it would change our lives and it has. Each week, my goal is to attend Mass 7 days. Sometimes, I am able to go every day;



sometimes just a few days and sometimes only on Sunday. I see the difference when I am spending more time with our Lord and receiving Him daily. His guidance and Will for me are clear and I am at peace the moment I walk through those church doors. I have even discovered several people I work with are daily communicants and we encourage each other to attend daily Mass throughout the week.

I'm not a big reader so I look for other means of learning about Jesus and our faith. Relevant Radio (previously Immaculate Heart Radio), music, movies and even the internet help me to be knowledgeable about Jesus and our Church. In these times I am constantly being challenged and even attacked because of my faith and our church teachings. If I am to defend her, I know I need to have knowledge to help me stand firm in my beliefs.

Finally, in serving Christ, my main mission and ministry has been through Cursillo. I love this Movement. It has been the core of my journey and through it I have answered many calls to serve Him. Through Group Reunion and my Christian Community I am lifted and encouraged to serve in many other ways where our Church is in need. I pray for the Cursillo Movement daily and like my parents, use the tools given to spread the Gospel and to be a light to my family and those around me. By staying close to Jesus and holding on to His Mother's mantle, I know they will continue to guide me in my faith and in my desire to Know Him, to Love Him and to Serve Him more each day.

Zelda Graham (#340)

SCHOOL OF LEADERS NEWS

School of Leaders New Study Book:
His Way, An Everyday Plan for Following Jesus
 by Fr. David Knight
 Copies Available at School of Leaders

SUPPORT CURSILLO AT MT. CLARET

Give online at www.easytithes.com/Cursillo or make checks out to the Cursillo Movement.

For the 2017 Financial Report go to page 6 & 7 of the September 2017 Voice at phoenixcursillo.com/news.html.

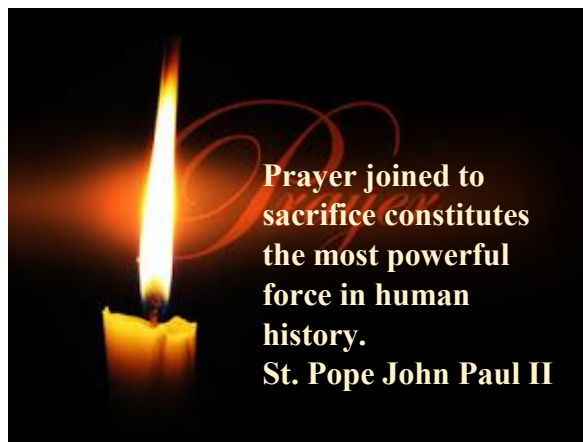
Record your prayers and sacrifices for upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses either on the form below or on the website. Palanca is gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Send the form below to Cursillo Movement, Mt. Claret, 4633 N 54th St, Phoenix, AZ 85018 or bring the form to School of Leaders. Your intercessory prayer, sacrifice, and works of mercy are the levers which lift up the Movement all over the world.

GENERAL PRAYER PALANCA REQUESTS

There is 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:	
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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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