

THE VOICE

DECEMBER 2018

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are beginning Advent...a new church year. I am glad to share a few thoughts on how we might live celebrate it.

I grew up in a little village in the west of Ireland, population, maybe 250. My Mom and Dad had a store – a grocery and meat market we knew as a butcher’s shop. We also had a little store (12 x12) in the next village, 7 miles away. We were not exactly the Fry’s of County Clare. My Dad opened that small store just one day a week. Always, Friday. Always!! Many times he would bring one of us children with him for company and to run errands in the village. I have lots of memories of traveling with him. Memories of being wet and cold and miserable.



FROM MONSIGNOR O’GRADY

But one memory stays with me. Coming home in the dark, the Friday before Christmas was different; every home on that rural area was lit up. Christmas candles in every window. One explanation given was that the "light" in the window was a sign of welcome to all who passed by; the stranger could be Mary and Joseph looking for a place for their child - the child who would become "the Light of the world."

Advent is a time of waiting, and while waiting it is time to pray that this new "Light" might become a light to all we meet.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

De Colores,

God bless,

Fr. O’Grady

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW SECRETARIAT!

Lay Director: Joe Fairlie, St. Thomas Aquinas
School of Leaders: Manny Yrique, St. Theresa
Precursillo: James Diaz, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Three Day Chair: Ed Fischer, St. Luke
Postcursillo: Mick Kapanicas, Blessed Sacrament
Treasurer: Karla Keller, St. Thomas the Apostle
Secretary: Pam Diaz, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

In about 2008 it was estimated that there were well over 7,000,000 who lived Cursillo in the world (not including those other than Catholics). We pray that our new Secretariat continue to lead us in fidelity to the vision of founder Eduardo Bonnin (whose process of canonization was begun in 2016) to bring an awareness of Christ's love to the world with the Cursillo method. (Resource:<http://cursillos.ca/en/faq/f23-nombre-cursillistes.htm>)

WE THANK GOD for the gift of the outgoing Secretariat whose generosity of time and love for Cursillo were an example of piety, study, and action as they led the community forward for the past two years.

Lay Director: Ruben Trevizo, St. Anne
School of Leaders: Marty Sprinzl, St. Anne
Precursillo: Nancy Kijewski, St. Thomas More
Three Day: Sharon Matson, St. Thomas More

Postcursillo: Brenda Hope, St. Jerome
Treasurer: Brenda Halpain, St. Timothy
Secretary: Cecelia Dusold, St. Helen

Please note: Calendar subject to change!!! Please check the website for the latest info.

December 2018

Dec. 4 6:30 PM SOL Elections (Mt. Claret)
 Dec. 11 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
 Dec. 15 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)
 Dec. 29 9:00 AM ULTREYA (St. Paul)

January 2019

Jan. 8 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
 Jan. 19 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)
 Jan. 26 9:30 AM ULTREYA (TBD)

2019 English Cursillo Weekend Schedule

Men: April 11-14, 2019, Oct. 3-6, 2019
 Women: May 2-5, 2019, Oct. 17-20, 2019
Numbers will be assigned when Spanish and Flagstaff Weekend dates are set.



Do you have a friend you wish to sponsor?

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>

ULTREYA!

Saturday, December 29, 2018

St. Paul

330 W Coral Gables, Phoenix

8:30 am Mass; Potluck follows

9:30 am Ultreya

Saturday, January 26, 2019

St. Helen (tentative)

5510 W. Cholla, Glendale

8:30 am Mass; Potluck follows

9:30 am Ultreya

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

If you are interested in hosting an Ultreya at your parish, please contact the Postcursillo Chairperson at postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com

Check out the NATIONAL NEWSLETTER linked online on the VOICE page

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Dec. 8 10:00 AM **Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession** (Starts at Diocesan Center)
 Dec. 11 5:30 PM **Mass of Healing & Reconciliation for Abuse Survivors** (St. Jerome, Phx)
 Dec. 16 12:00 PM **Unity Mass** (St. Pius X, Phoenix)
 Dec. 23 5:00 PM **Spotless Rose: Our Lady at Christmas Tide** (Concert) (Nativity Chapel, Flagstaff)
 Dec. 24 11:00 am **Christmas Eve Rosary for Life** (Planned Parenthood, 5771 W Eugie, Glendale)
 Dec. 28 10:00 am **Young Men's Conference** (St. Bernadette, Scottsdale)
 Jan. 19, 2019 **JP2 Celebration and Fundraiser** with Dr. Peter Kreeft (St. Paul, Phx)
Info for these events can be found at https://dphx.org/events/list/?tribe_paged=1&tribe_event_display=list
 Feb. 2, 2019 **Annual Men's Conference** <http://www.cmpf.org/index.php>
 Feb. 9, 2019 **Annual Women's Conference** (Xavier High School) <https://cwphx.org/>

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STEWARDS OF THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT IN THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENT, YOUR PRAYERS, AND YOUR DONATIONS!



Parish Reps Needed!!!: To see if your parish is one of those not covered, please go to our website. If interested, please contact the Postcursillo Chair at (Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com) or Precursillo Chair at (Precursillo@phoenixcursillo.com).

Ultreya! It just takes a place and some friends to rejoice together in the graces we receive as we live our piety, study, and action throughout our 4th day. Please get in touch with 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. This can be done from your home! Please contact Three-Day Chair at (threeday@phoenixcursillo.com).

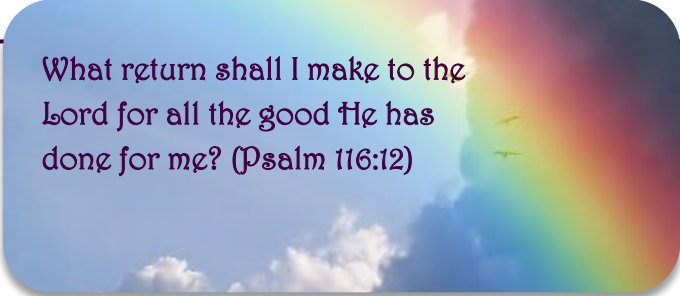
SUPPORT CURSILLO AT MT. CLARET

We have all heard the "Sermon on the Amount." We know the beauty of Mt. Claret and the legacy of Cursillo in Phoenix. It is hard to imagine having Cursillo any where else. Yes, of course, Cursillo weekends would be a life-giving and God-serving part of the Movement in Phoenix if held almost anywhere, but those of us who lived our weekends at Mt. Claret know the special meaning of "going up to the mountain".

Your Help Is Needed! The Cursillo Movement runs primarily from your generous contributions and fundraisers. Please prayerfully consider how you can help (how about \$10.00 a month?) to safeguard the vision of the Claretian priests who were the caretakers of the Movement in Phoenix in the beginning, and all those Cursillistas, along with Msgr. McMahon, whose stewardship (time, talent, and treasure) and love over the years were instrumental in the beautiful Holy ground that is Mt. Claret Retreat Center today.

Here are two ways to donate: automatically at easytithe.com/Cursillo or by making checks out to the Cursillo Movement and mailing to Cursillo, Mt. Claret Retreat Center, 4633 N 54th St, Phoenix, AZ 85018. And no worries, you will be tapped up for your talent at upcoming fundraisers, too!

Please prayerfully consider serving and supporting your Cursillo Community.



Cursillo Movement of Phoenix		
Financial Report		
For the Years ending June 30, 2018 and 2017		
	For the Year Ended	
	6/30/2018	6/30/2017
Income		
Stipends	\$ 24,508	\$ 20,691
Donations	\$ 14,346	\$ 32,212
Fund Raisers	\$ 2,527	\$ 7,760
Books, etc.	\$ 1,392	\$ 2,088
Other	\$ 411	\$ 5,473
Total Income	\$ 43,184	\$ 68,224
Expenditures		
Rent-Mt Claret	\$ 46,344	\$ 46,344
Cursillo Weekends	\$ 4,380	\$ 4,140
Fund Raisers	\$ 100	\$ 5,846
Books, etc.	\$ 1,941	\$ 2,324
Other	\$ 3,323	\$ 6,218
Total Expenditures	\$ 56,088	\$ 64,872
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (12,904)	\$ 3,352

De Colores, Cursillistas of Phoenix!

I pray that this season is filled with hope, joy, and thanksgiving for you and your family and loved ones. This is my final article for the voice as my time as your lay director has come to a close. It is fitting that it falls during the month of November and the American tradition of Thanksgiving. I would like to reflect on all that I am thankful for, and what I am hopeful for going forward.

First, I am thankful for my wife Jo-Ann, who supports me through thick and thin, and for my three children and my grandson. I am thankful for my Catholic faith and for our Lord allowing me the opportunity to serve Him in this ministry. I know I have grown in my understanding of the Cursillo Movement as it is understood in the charism of Eduardo Bonin, the founder of Cursillo.

I am thankful for being blessed with such a strong group of committed, faithful servants in this outgoing Secretariat. I would personally like to thank Brenda Halpain, outgoing treasurer who did an outstanding job of the financial end of Cursillo. A big thank you to secretary Ceil Dusold for all she did on the communication end, and for her continued wonderful work for the Voice.

I am thankful for my group brother and School of Leaders chair Marty Sprinzel for his steadfast commitment to getting the SOL off the ground and running, being there whether there was three or thirty in attendance. I am also thankful for Brenda Hope and her Postcursillo committee for getting Ultreyas established in the valley. The Postcursillo is such an important part of the movement for keeping the fourth day vibrant for Cursillistas who need to connect with the greater community.

I would also like to thank Sharon Matson for her challenging work of getting teams set up as the Three Day chair. I know she has learned to like the word "Yes" much more than "No" as she called prospective Rectors and Rectoras. Thanks also to Vince Johnson, our Flagstaff representative who kept in contact with us by speaker phone during our meetings, and for keeping us up to date

on what was happening with the Cursillos up north. I can't forget the dedication shown by Bruce and Debbie Wiskirchen, the applications committee who made sure the applications process ran smoothly.

I would like to thank Nancy Kijewski for all she brings to the Cursillo as the Precursillo chairperson. She tirelessly worked to bring Cursillistas to a greater awareness of what sponsoring is all about, and for the outstanding retreats she spearheaded, including the two Rediscover Cursillo weekends. I leaned on her knowledge and wisdom for advice when I was uncertain of what path to take more than once.

I would also like to thank the spiritual advisor team of Fr. John Hannigan and Deacons Frank Devine and Bob Carey for their dedication and service to the Cursillo weekends and School of Leaders. And as always, gratitude for the great blessing of Msgr. O'Grady, whose commitment to the Movement and Irish wisdom keep us on the right track and from taking ourselves too seriously!

Lastly, I would like to give a big thank you to Bishop Eduardo Nevares for his role in making sure the Cursillo Movement is headed in the right direction, and for being there for the candidates on Sunday mornings of their Cursillos. I know it is a special treat for all to say Mass and break bread together!

I am hopeful for the future of the Cursillo Movement in Phoenix, for the leaders who have stepped up to run for the open positions in the new Secretariat. A ground work for success has been established in the formulation of an Apostolic Plan, and an updated Articles of Operation. The new Secretariat can use these as a guide for the future.

I thank you, Cursillo community, for giving me an opportunity to be of service to this movement that is near and dear to my heart.

DeColores!

Your friend in Christ, Ruben Trevizo





De Colores and Happy Advent to all of you. As the Church begins a new Liturgical year, what a wonderful time it is to reflect on our Cursillo tripod. As the calendar year winds down, many of us will make resolutions to get healthier physically, emotionally, or financially. Some of us may want to get our lives more organized. But what about our spiritual life and health?

Perhaps Advent is a time to ask ourselves; "How is my walk with Christ going?" Am I in balance, or does one of my legs need a little strengthening? Today I would like to talk a little about the first leg of the tripod, Piety.

For me, Piety is both the strong foundation of my Faith, and yet at the same time it can be an aspect of my Faith journey which I often misinterpret. When I reflect on my piety I'll usually start out with a checklist. I wake up and do my morning prayers; I pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on my commute, and go spend some time in adoration, etc. But is that really what piety is? When I recall my closest moment to Christ it is rarely anything on my list. There are times when I am aware of Christ's presence in unique instances of grace, but more often I see Christ in those moments of simple acts of love, in giving of oneself, witnessed in my own family or with others.

In this season we spend so much of our energy on what gifts we should give for Christmas. How is it that I so easily forget that Piety is in fact a "Gift of the Holy Spirit"? And why do we give gifts? It's certainly not because the people that we care for need more stuff! No, a

gift is a way to express gratitude for, and in some cases it can be an invitation to a relationship.

The image that always reminds me of piety, is the sculpture of Michelangelo's Pieta, the beautiful look of our Blessed Mother focused on her Beloved Son. Piety is the gift which gives us the disposition to turn our gaze to the love that our Heavenly Father has given us through His Beloved Son Our Lord. The knowledge of and gratitude for God's love, in turn gives me the inclination to share that love with my neighbor, even in the small mundane moments of daily life. Sure, God may not need the "stuff" of my rosary prayers as I commute in traffic, but the gift of our relationship as I pray helps me to avoid the temptation to selfishly block that motorist who wants to merge into my lane, and instead to have compassion (Pietas) and give them space to come in. Even as stress levels rise and people become more aggressive in the holiday seasonal madness, I've had three or four people this week stick their arms out of their driver's window to wave thank you after an unexpected act of kindness. In his teachings on the gifts of the Holy Spirit Pope Francis said: "The gift of piety that the Holy Spirit gives us makes us meek; it makes us peaceful, patient and at peace with God in gentle service to others."

So as we embark on this marvelous season awaiting and preparing for the coming of The Lord, and we engage in the traditional Advent acts of piety with our families, lighting of wreaths and opening doors on calendars, I pray that they help us to turn our attention to the reason for our hope and joy. May the gift of piety show us the fruits of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Peace on Earth. Good will towards Man.

I wish you all a blessed Advent and a very Merry Christmas.

Joe Fairlie

#781, Saint Thomas Aquinas.



A Call for Articles for the Voice: 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 450 words will be eligible, email them to info@phoenixcursillo.com.

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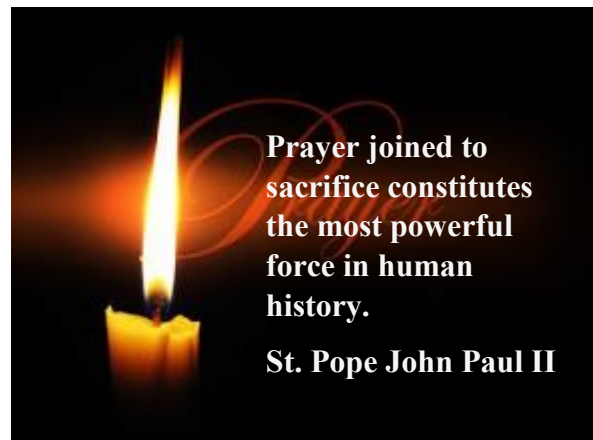
Give online at www.easytithes.com/Cursillo or make checks out to the Cursillo Movement.

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:	
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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