

July 2018

THE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

De Colores to you all!

I pray that you are enjoying the Summer months and grouping and sharing the Spirit of Cursillo with every soul you meet.

I remember our great friend Monsignor John McMahon telling me many years ago how he prayed to the Holy Spirit every day, and especially when he had a big decision to make. Of course, there are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, which we read about in Chapter 5 of St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Reflecting on these, Bishop Robert Barron gives this powerful reflection: "Jesus tells us that a tree is known by its fruits. And in the fifth chapter of his letter to the



Galatians, Paul makes this very specific. He tells us that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,

gentleness, and self-control,' implying that the Spirit's presence in one's life can be read from its radiance in these soul-expanding qualities.

"All of Paul's 'fruits of the Holy Spirit' are marks of an outward-looking, expansive magna anima (great soul), which stands in contradistinction to the pusilla anima (the cramped soul) of the sinner. Thus love is willing the good of the other as other; joy is self-diffusive; patience bears with the troublesome; kindness makes the other gentle; self-control restricts the havoc that the ego can cause; etc. When is the Spirit present? When these attributes are awakened and sustained; when our souls are made great."

This is what all members of the Cursillo Movement are called by the Holy Spirit to do, through perseverance and through kindness. And we pray intensely for the Spirit of God to work in us by a simple humility and openness to the beauty of Christ in the Eucharist.

This summer, let's really double our efforts to work for charity and unity in our Church.

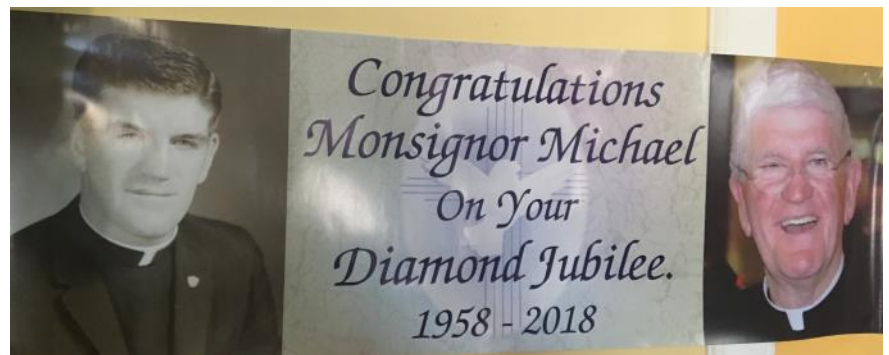
Fr. Kilian McCaffrey

Rumor has it...

Our beloved Msgr. O'Grady celebrated the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination this summer in Kildysart, County Clare, Ireland. Some Phoenicians were present—including Fr. Greg Schlarb and Fr. Greg Menegay and the OLPH Scottsdale Choir.

Congratulations, Fr. Mike! We give thanks to God for your good and faithful service, as you continue to reflect His care for each of us. There is not a Cursillista who has known you who has not been touched by your love, kindness, and warm sense of humor and we love you!

SLÁINTE!



*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.
(1 Cor 15:58)*

Calling all who have served or who are interested in serving!

Rectors/Rectoras/Co's/Cooks

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL CORE TEAM MEMBERS

“Reflect ~ Refresh ~ Renew”



Remember to bring a friend.....

Date: Saturday, July 14, 2018

Place: Mt. Claret, Upper Room

Check In: 8:30 am – 9:30 am (in the Lobby near the Dining Room/Kitchen)

End Time: 6:00 pm (after Vigil Mass celebrated by Fr. Kilian McCaffrey)

De Colores, Brothers and Sister In Christ!

We are having a wonderful day retreat for all of you who have served or may be called to serve on a Core Team. This day is designed to provide our core team leaders with an opportunity to:

gather with the community,

renew friendships,

share insights and gain some new ones,

and finally, to make some time for that all illusive personal time for just you and the Lord.

This is your day!

Lunch and snacks will be provided for you, so you just need to come and enjoy.

To register for the day, please go to Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/phoenix-cursillo-4th-day-retreat-tickets-46917157481?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

For any questions contact Marty Sprinzl: schoolofleaders@phoenixcursillo.com

Independence Day Mass and Rosary for the United States of America

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

8:30 am Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Phoenix

Our country is in dire need of prayer. Your prayers are powerful.

Please help our country's leaders by joining us and Bishop Nevares

as we pray for God's healing grace for our nation.

Start your holiday as a family united in prayer that we remain

One Nation Under God!



CALENDAR

July 2018

- July 3 SOL - Cancelled for holiday
July 4 8:30 AM Mass & Rosary for America
(St. Thomas the Apostle Church)
July 10 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
July 14 **Core Day of Renewal** (see page 2)
July 21 9:00 AM St. Agnes Cafeteria Clean up
July 28 9:00 AM Westside Ultreya; Location TBD

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 (Westside Location TBD)

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

There will be **No School of Leaders**
the first Monday (July 3)
at Mt. Claret due to the 4th of July holiday.



PLEASE HELP!

Saturday School of Leaders (July 21): To show our appreciation to St. Agnes School for allowing us the free use of their cafeteria every month, we will be having a CLEAN UP day—bring your rags and buckets to St. Agnes and join us!

ULTREYA!

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

Westside Ultreya!

Saturday, July 28, 2018

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Locations to be determined

Please check the website for updates.

phoenixcursillo.com/calendar-ultreya2.html

Mark Your Calendars!

Diocesan Ultreya at Mt. Claret!

Saturday, September 22, 2018



If you are interested in hosting an Ultreya at your parish,

please contact Postcursillo Chairperson, Brenda Hope: postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

De Colores, Cursillo brothers and sisters!

I hope this time of the year brings you much rest and relaxation as you get to spend quality time with your loved ones as you go on vacation. I recently returned from vacation spots in Kauai, Hawaii and Yosemite National Park. Both places are what I envision as the beauty of heaven, although I know it is just a shadow of what awaits us if we remain faithful.

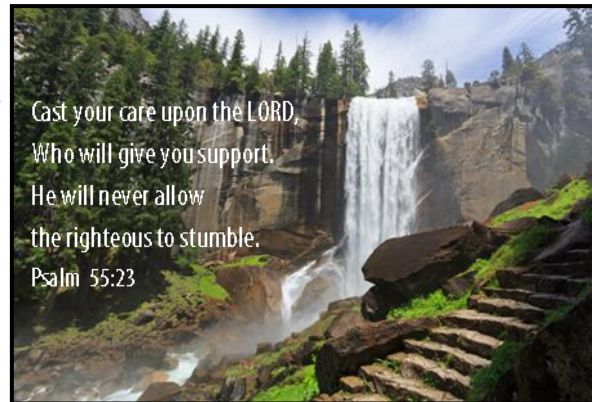
As lovely as Kauai is, I reflect back on what I treasured most about that vacation. It wasn't the snorkeling, deep sea fishing, tubing down the lazy river, or even the four-wheeling through the jungle that I enjoyed the most, it was the fact that I was able to do all of these with my whole family. And what I most enjoyed was being able to say grace with my family at every meal for an extended period of time. This is something that I can't take for granted in today's world with everyone going in different directions or connecting only through social media.

Yosemite was a vacation with my wife, Jo-Ann and my brother and sister-in-law. The awesome beauty of the huge mountains and trees carved through a deep valley with waterfalls takes your breath away. I had an opportunity on this trip to do some hiking. This is a hobby that I enjoyed when I was twenty pounds lighter, and had two good knees. I also had a sore left ankle that happened sometime during my trip to Kauai. I really wanted to do this, so I wrapped my ankle, and headed up the Mist Trail with my

walking stick and camera.

As I reflect on this experience, I am reminded of what it takes to persevere. When we desire very much to do something, we will put up with the pain to get to our destination. So it is in our spiritual life. We persevere when things don't go our way, or when we are misunderstood, or when our loved ones fall away. We need to remember we are on a journey, with our own mountains and valleys.

Sometimes, we are called to lift up someone who is struggling on their journey. This happened during my hike. I was three quarters of the way up, and I ran into an older couple who were contemplating turning back. I turned around and said to them, "Keep pushing ahead, you are almost there. You will regret it later if you turn around now." As I ascended to the top and was resting, I turned and saw the couple. Our eyes met and we smiled at each other. The rainbow awaiting us as the waterfall mixed with the sun reminded me of God's promise to us when we persevere to the end.



In this edition of the newsletter is the invitation to the July 14 day of reflection and renewal for those who have been part of, or those interested in being part of, a core team (Rector/Rectora, Co-Rector/Co-Rectora, Head cook/Co-head cook) for a Cursillo weekend. I hope you will attend!
De Colores!
Your friend in Christ,
Ruben Trevizo



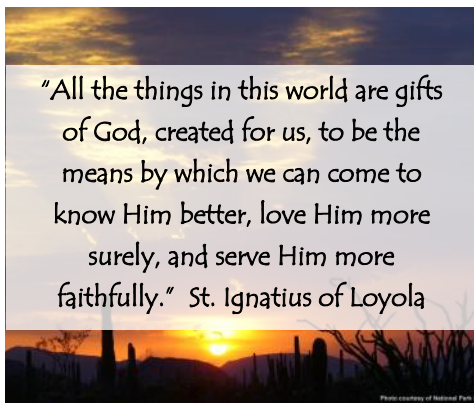
A Call for Articles for the Voice: Every month we would like articles from Cursillistas sharing their piety, study, or action! How are you living your 4th day? What has been your closest moment to Christ? What was your experience of the weekend you lived? How has Cursillo made a difference in how you 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).

Christ is Calling You!



"All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know Him better, love Him more surely, and serve Him more faithfully." St. Ignatius of Loyola

This year I celebrate 20 years living my Cursillo journey. It seems like a long time ago but consider first that I began tagging along with my father up to Mt. Claret, first to Adoration and then to play with

the Mariachis at Mañanitas, back when I was in the 4th grade, now that's a pretty long journey. That's over 50 years of coming up to the Mountain and boy, have I seen changes. Changes in the grounds of course, the dormitories definitely, but no change any greater than the one that happen to me, as I lived my Cursillo weekend.

My first wife passed away and a year later in 1998 I found a new love of my life. While preparing for marriage with our pastor, Fr. Tim O'Callaghan, and filling out the necessary paperwork, he looked up at us and asked, "Have you made your Cursillo yet?" and immediately signed us up for the next men's and women's Cursillo weekends. That was the moment my life changed forever.

During my Cursillo weekend I felt joy like I had never before. I could literally feel the presence of my Dad in the Rollo room and the gift that I kept feeling throughout the weekend was that God could use ordinary men (working the team) to do extraordinary things and change the world. Over the years I quickly adopted my three mentors in the Movement and to this day they are examples of Piety, Study and Action as each one in his own way shows those gifts to me.

I always thought of myself as a good Catholic but just an ordinary Joe when it came to living my faith. On May 31, 2009 I was in adoration for a Women's Cursillo; both my wife and my daughter were on the team. My adoration time was from 3am-6am and I was all alone with my Lord. This was a rough time in Arizona and the nation as we enacted a law called SB-1070, in order to combat illegal immigration here in AZ. Tempers were hot and I worried about my nation. Out loud I asked the Lord, "What is happening to my nation? I don't recognize her anymore!" I felt the presence of the Lord like never before and heard Him speak to my heart, "Take it to my mother." That was the first of many encounters with our Mother Mary during my weekly adoration visits. In April of 2012, a story about a new Rosary called, "The Rosary for the United States of America" was written about in The Catholic Sun and my life has never been the same.

This was the beginning of a prayer that has gone nationally, and also internationally. People throughout the country have been consecrating our nation and our political leaders that they lead our nation back into the hands of our Lord Jesus, through

the intercession of Our Lady of America. The same year 2012, I was lead to organize the

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celebration of our first annual 4th of July Mass and Rosary with Bishop Nevaras. I could not have completed this on my own. My group brothers through Cursillo encouraged me, many friends throughout Cursillo not only encouraged me but gently nagged me to finish this project, a project I told the Blessed Mother I not only did not want to do but asked her to please find someone else. But it was the example of my wife, and the piety that she showed as I struggled for 3 years to complete this Rosary that allowed me to finish this wonderful prayer for our country. Once again, Our Lord and His Mother used an ordinary guy to do a pretty extraordinary thing. De Colores. Manny Yrique

So, How's Your 4th Day?

I'm always amazed when I'm trying to encourage someone to live their Cursillo weekend and all they want to know is, "What can I expect on this retreat?" Cursillo is not a retreat. A retreat has a start date and a stop date and you go home. A Cursillo also has a start date and we go home on the third day but we also have a 4th Day and that day is the rest of your earthly life. Your Cursillo is really a never-ending process of growing in your personal relationship with Christ. While a retreat has an end, a life in Cursillo lasts until your 5th day, when you start living eternity with Christ.

In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus tells us what our 4th Day journey is all about. Jesus said we should be salt to the world. In other words, our life's goal after our Cursillo weekend is to bring flavor to our world, which means to bring the living Christ to all we meet. We no longer live our lives for the sake of just our family, we now live to be the face of Christ to a world all too dark and without the flavor that Grace from God brings. You might be saying, I'm no preacher how do I tell people about Christ? Just follow your Cursillo weekend schedule.

On Thursday Night we confronted our greatest obstacle to an intimate relationship with Christ, we got to know ourselves.

On Friday we had our first glimpse at intimacy with Christ and how He has been waiting for us to open the door to our heart to let Him in. We got to **Know Christ**.

Saturday was a special day as we learned to **Love Christ** and it was the Blessed Mother who guided us along the way. Pray your rosary daily and Mary will make you presentable to Christ and He will walk with you every day of your Cursillo journey.

Sunday we were commissioned to **Serve Christ**. If we remember our weekend, know ourselves, know Christ, and love Christ we will begin to serve Christ by being of service to others. Stay connected through group reunion and Ultreyas, but most importantly through frequent reception of God's greatest gift, Holy Eucharist. Transform your life and your world by feeding at the Lord's Table often. De Colores! Manny

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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.

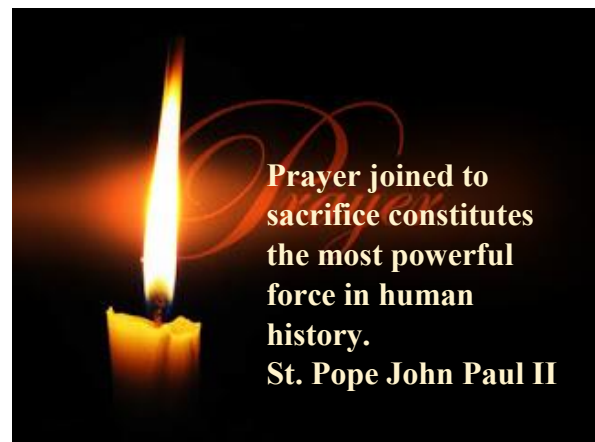
Record your prayers and sacrifices for upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses either on the form below or on the website. Palanca is gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Send 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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