

# THE VOICE

May 2018



## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

### FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Dear Cursillistas

May is upon us: the beautiful month of May dedicated to our Blessed Lady!

So much happens during this month. All we experience should be directed toward having the same result that we see in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The prayers of thanksgiving we offer during May for the many beautiful moments and experiences we encounter should echo the Magnificat of our Blessed Lady. The challenges that we shoulder during May should be embraced as well, in the same way our Blessed Lady trusted in God's Plan - God's Will!

We only have a short time on this earth; it is important that we use this time to journey closer to the Lord; that we may become as close to Him as is our Blessed Mother.

The graduations, ordinations, and the moments so many share in getting ready for the closing of a school year, as well as sensing the beginning of summer around the corner . . . these and so many other experiences present comforts and challenges as we grow in the Lord. May we embrace these comforts and challenges as did our Blessed Lady, and join these to our Lord's Will.

As we further reflect on May we hold dear to us the beautiful and solemn obligation to observe Memorial Day, a time we set aside to honor those who have laid down their lives for our country. Their sacrifices, the supreme price they have paid, certainly remind us of how our Blessed Mother invites us to share wholeheartedly in making known Her Son's message of peace and love and hope more and more in our world today, no matter what the cost!

God bless,  
Fr. John Hannigan

**If you have candidates for the upcoming Men's or Women's weekends, please turn the applications in as soon as possible!**

**Men's Weekend: May 3-6; Women's: May 17-20**

### DID YOU KNOW?

How many Marian Feasts can you name? You know that three of the six Holy Days of Obligation are Marian Feasts. Then of course, there is the Annunciation, the Nativity of Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima . . . and you can probably name some more.

What you might not know is that almost every day of the year, somewhere in the world, is a day in honor of Mary. The majority are local feast days in particular countries and devotions of different cultures.



One such feast day honors the (approved) apparition in Lithuania of our Lady of Siluva. One summer day, in 1608, a number of children were playing while tending their sheep. They beheld a beautiful young woman standing on the rock holding a baby in her arms and weeping bitterly. Soon, the town which had lost its Catholic identity to the Calvinists during the Reformation was restored to the Faith.

If you are interested in the many feast days to our Blessed Mother, visit <http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/marian-calendar.html>. (CWD)

### SAVE THESE DATES!

**MAY 25-27, 2018**

**REGION X ENCOUNTER**

Hosted by our Diocese at Mt. Claret!  
More information on page 2.

**JULY 14, 2018**

A day of retreat and reflection sponsored  
by School of Leaders and Three-Day committee.  
More information coming soon!

## CALENDAR

## May 2018

May 1	6:30 pm	SOL (Mt. Claret)
May 3-6		Men's English Weekend #911
May 8	6:30 pm	Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
May 17-20		Women's English Weekend #912
May 19	9:30 am	SOL (St. Agnes)
May 25-27		Regional Encounter (Mt. Claret)
May 26	9:00 am	Ultreya (St. Helen)

## June 2018

June 5	6:30 PM	SOL (Mt. Claret)
June 12	6:30 PM	Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
June 16	9:30 AM	SOL (St. Agnes)
June 23	9:00 AM	Westside Ultreya; Location TBD
June 30	8:30 AM	Ultreya (St. Anne)

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



## REGION X ENCOUNTER

MAY 25-27, 2018

Join us at the Cursillo Region X Encounter May 25-27!

The Region X Encounter will be held at Mt. Claret Retreat Center this year. The three-day event begins Friday, May 25th at 6pm and ends Sunday, May 27th at 3:30pm, and is open to all Cursillistas. This will be a gathering of Cursillistas from across Arizona, New Mexico and Texas to pray, share ideas, enjoy fellowship and study the movement.

For the "Study" portion of the weekend, the Phoenix Cursillo Movement has been invited to present talks and materials from the Rediscovering Cursillo Weekend that was held here in July of 2016. Rediscovering Cursillo explored the Foundational Charism and its impact in all phases of the Cursillo Movement. If you missed it the first time, or want to learn more about Eduardo Bonin's original vision for the movement, this is the event for you.

To register and for more information, check it out at: [rediscoveringcursillo2018.eventbrite.com](http://rediscoveringcursillo2018.eventbrite.com) and click on the title: "Rediscovering Cursillo".

This is an opportunity for all Cursillo Leaders (new and experienced) to come together, celebrate our past and experience the joy and hope of an exciting future. DeColores, Cursillistas!

**Update:** *There will also be an option to attend only the Saturday night mass, dinner and Ultreya (dinner will be \$10.00). You can sign up for this at the same place as the Encounter. Come and meet Cursillistas from Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas; make new friends, share your piety, study, and action, and deepen your knowledge of Cursillo!*

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

Saturday, May 26, 2018

St. Helen; 5510 W. Cholla St., Glendale

8:30 am Mass;

Potluck and Ultreya after Mass

Saturday, June 30, 2018

St. Anne; 440 E Elliot Rd, Gilbert,

8:30 am Potluck and Ultreya

## FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings, Cursillo Community!

As we wind down on another school year, let us lift up in prayer all those dedicated teachers who are walking out for just pay. We ask the Lord for justice where there is none, and His Mercy on all who are in need of it. We also ask for your palanca for the two Cursillos in May, Men's Cursillo # 911 May 3-6, and Women's Cursillo # 912 May 17-20.

This past April 24th, Jo-Ann and I along with several other members of the Cursillo, Engaged Encounter and the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit communities were present for the Spring Appreciation Social in the Mt. Claret Conference Center. Donors had the opportunity to listen to presentations from the different ministries that call Mt Claret home, including our Cursillo Movement. Sharon Matson did an outstanding job of recalling the roots of Cursillo at Mt. Claret for the past 50 years, and the impact of Cursillo in the lives of thousands that have lived their Cursillo at Mt. Claret, and what the Mt. Claret means to us.

Listening to the history and the growth of Mt. Claret, I recalled all the experiences I had in working teams before any of the renovations initiated by Monsignor McMahan in the 90's. The team bunked upstairs above the Rollo Room, while the candidates slept where the team now sleeps, on the north side of the Ultreyas. The dining room was where the lobby is now. The space was so tight that at introductions, the chairs were back to back, and only one person could stand to introduce themselves, while the others made sure their chair was pushed in as much as possible. Mañanitas were held in the Rollo Room instead of the Chapel, and the room had to be broken down after the Leaders Rollo on Saturday night, which sometimes did not end until

11:30 p.m. I remember going down to help paint the newly stuccoed exterior with my group friend Ken McGovern when the renovation began around 1993, under the watchful eye of Monsignor. He kept telling us to repaint some spots that he thought we missed (They were only the shadows cast by the sun).

After the ministries finished their presentations, Tom McGuire, the manager of Mt. Claret showed two plans that are just in the preliminary phase that involve updating the heart of Mt. Claret: the Chapel. They include some modernizing and aesthetics in the interior, while giving the exterior a southwestern mission look. One plan includes a narthex at the entrance to help eliminate distractions from those who may come a little late to the service. There is also a plan to renovate the north side Ultreyas where the teams stay. These dorms have never been updated before, and this plan may bring a "Yahoo!" from many Cursillista team members. Included in this plan is a lobby in the room that was closest to the bathrooms. Nice idea if I do say so!

Mt. Claret has been a blessing to thousands of pilgrims who stay there, and it has always been a place where Christ is met in a personal way. Let us try to support these endeavors for renovation in any way we can, financially, and prayerfully. To many, including myself, it is that "Happy Place" that we go to-like on *Happy Gilmore!*

I hope you enjoy the pictures that are included in this newsletter!

Ultreya! Your friend in Christ,

Ruben Trevizo



*Renderings of ideas for the Chapel inside and out. One of the ideas is to make sure the Chapel (from the outside) is more easily identifiable as a Chapel!*

*The Adoration Chapel will remain behind the Sanctuary.*



## Witness of Piety - Study - Action

When asked to contribute to this newsletter, my initial thought was “I have nothing of value to say”. But I pushed that negative thought away, as it comes from the evil one. Instead, I will write about my ongoing conversion as it relates to the Christian life I strive to lead.

It has been a 28 year journey for me. In truth, it began when I sought help for my alcoholism and drug addiction. In April of 1990, after a 30 day rehab stay, I came out hopeful to begin a new life. I had to die to my old way of life so that the new life could form, grow and blossom. St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta said “anything that takes you away from Christ must be removed.” I had to change everything. I could no longer rely or trust on my own way of thinking, I had to trust in the Holy Spirit to guide me. I had to decrease so that Christ could increase within me. I returned to the Church of my youth, as I had been raised in the Catholic faith, sent to Catholic schools and had believed until I started down that long dark road of addiction. I found comfort in confession, a releasing of the heavy burden of sin! I began receiving the precious Body and Blood. I found I was enthused and that “fire” returned in my heart for God. I worked on attaining forgiveness and rebuilding of trust and relationships.

In 2005 I received the gift of attending my Cursillo! It affirmed what I had been striving to do since early sobriety, as well as what I still needed to do. My journey is still being written, as I have so much more to learn from my faith community and my fellow Cursillistas - if I stay open to being teachable, and follow the example of those who walk the walk and put that faith into action.

Each Friday morning, Marty and I get to spend from

3am to 4am with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel at our parish. This has been our schedule for the last seven years, and we made the commitment to not go back to bed after we get home, but to give of our substance (sleep) as a sacrifice to God. I’ll be honest – when Marty first suggested this, I thought he was crazy! Wasn’t getting up at 2:30am to be there at 3 enough? But as I soon found out, all you have to do is ask Jesus that He give you just what you need for the day and the tasks ahead, and you receive it!

I have learned many lessons and received answers to problems I have given over to Christ while in the quiet of Adoration. It has given me that quiet hour to study scripture that has helped me move in the direction I pray Christ wants me to go. I believe being involved and staying active within the Cursillo Movement can only strengthen my journey towards one day being crowned a saint in heaven. Isn’t that what we’re all striving for?

God Bless and De Colores!

Cheryl Sprinzl



**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](mailto: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](http://phoenixcursillo.com). If interested, please contact Brenda Hope at ([Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com](mailto:Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com)) or Nancy Kijewski at ([Precursillo@phoenixcursillo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:threeday@phoenixcursillo.com)).

Christ is  
Calling You!

## SUPPORT CURSILLO AT MT. CLARET

Give online at [www.easytithes.com/Cursillo](http://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](http://phoenixcursillo.com/news.html).

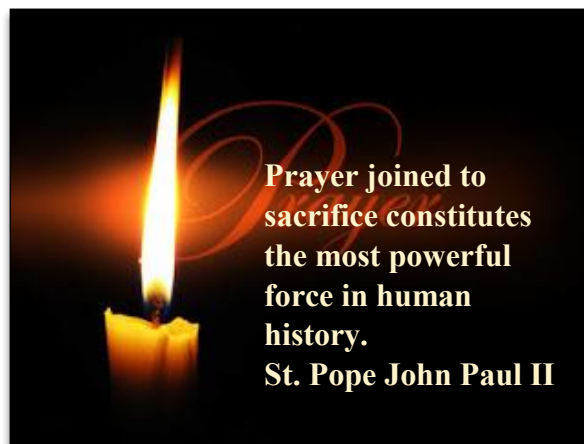
Record your prayers and sacrifices for upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses either on the form below or on the website. Palanca is gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Send 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](mailto:info@phoenixcursillo.com). People will remain on the prayer list and on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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