

THE VOICE

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

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FROM BISHOP NEVARES

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

What a JOY to be able to be more present to both the men's and women's Cursillos. Once again, I came to witness the great generosity of time and talent of all of the teams that serve during the Cursillos; for months in preparation and then during the Cursillo experience.

I was able to witness the transformation of so many brothers and sisters who arrive with great spiritual need and thirst. During the grace found through the meditations, Rollos, and camaraderie, I saw one after the other encounter the Living Christ in a deep and personal way. It was another wonderful example of the living encounter with Christ.

We are so blessed to have so many in the Phoenix area and beyond to have had this life-changing experience through the grace of the Cursillo.

Have some of you lost your zeal for Cursillo? Isn't it time that we as Cursillistas get over the recent changes such as Mañanitas and banners and rejoice once again in the powerful grace of the Cursillo? There are 67 new Cursillistas this year - 26 men and 41 women - who are ready for action and for our community to embrace them.

DE COLORES!

Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares
Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix

FROM MONSIGNOR O'GRADY

Dear Cursillistas,

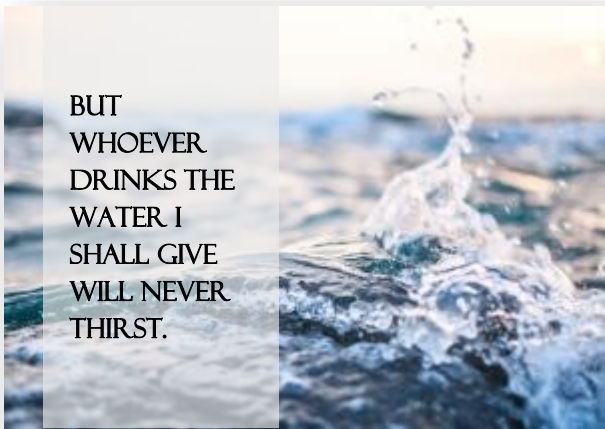
As I write this, I am on retreat and the setting here in Picture Rocks is so beautiful....mountains all around...the lights of the city of Tucson in the distance....but most of

all the quiet. Time to walk or sit with the scriptures and allow that Word to speak to one's heart.

I spent much of the day reading, thinking, reflecting on the story of The Woman at the Well (John 4: 5-42). It's always new and so easy to repeat the prayer of the woman: "give me some of this water"; a request that echoes deep in all our hearts. This "water" that only Jesus can give us. The "water" that He knows we need. I never seem to tire of saying that little prayer. He knows my needs better than I do.

So, I invite you to read that story over and over and let it speak to your heart. I will remember all of you as I pray "Give me some of this water."

De Colores!
God bless, Fr Mike



BUT
WHOEVER
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November 2018

- Nov. 6 6:30 PM SOL Nominations
(Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 13 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 17 9:30 AM SOL Elections (St. Agnes)
- Nov. 24 9:00 AM Westside Ultreya (TBA)

December 2018

- Dec. 4 6:30 PM SOL Elections (Mt. Claret)
- Dec. 11 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)

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>

**Congratulations to our eight new
Permanent Deacons,
including Cursillista Jeff Strom (#849)
from Blessed Sacrament (Scts)**



Around the Diocese

- Nov. 3 10:00 AM Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate (Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral)
- Nov. 4 10:30 AM Red, White, and Blue Veterans Mass (Blessed Sacrament, Scts)
- Nov. 8 6:30 PM 3rd Prolife Gala—Dinner (Four Points Sheraton, Phx)
- Nov. 10 3:30 PM Cultural Diversity Mass (St. Helen Church, GlnD)
- Nov. 30 10:00 AM Blue Mass (Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral)
- 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)

Congratulations to our 2018 Phoenix Cursillistas! ONWARD!

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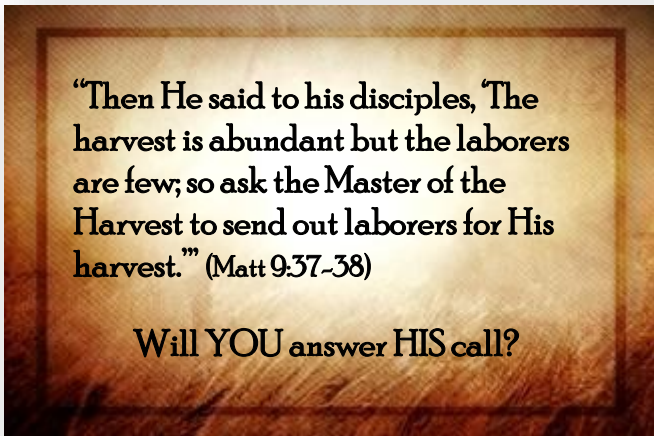
Stephen Combs, Ss. Simon and Jude
Daniel Hernandez, St. Anne
Antonio Hernandez, Sacred Heart, Phoenix
Ed Mattina, Sacred Heart, Phoenix
Brian Scullin, Resurrection
Daniel Van Cuyk, St. Maria Goretti
Paul Zazueta, St. Mary's Basilica
Derek Zazueta, Christ the King

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Mary Cafazza, Blessed Sacrament, Scts
Lisa Gomez, St. Theresa Parish

Julie Gradillas, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Donna Higgins, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Orysia Husak, All Saints, Mesa
Anita Luera, Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Melissa Montoya, Sacred Heart, Farmington NM
Patricia (Pat) Phillips, St. Timothy
Claudia Rodriguez, All Saints Newman Center
Shannon Scullin, Resurrection
Karrah Shay, Sacred Heart, Farmington NM
Laurie Vesco, St. Luke
Nancy Walker, St. Timothy
Christina Willmon, St. Helen
Lillian York, St. Luke

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Please prayerfully consider serving and supporting your Cursillo Community.

Secretariat Elections: Please see page 6 for information on nominations and elections to the Secretariat.

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! 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 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. This can be done from your home! Please contact Three-Day Chair, Sharon Matson at (threeday@phoenixcursillo.com).

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

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Robert Andover, St. Agnes
 Mark Bilsborough, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
 Pete DiMartino, St. Mary Magdalene
 Fidel Garza, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
 Joseph LaFlare, Resurrection
 Daniel Watts, Resurrection

2018 Phoenix Cursillistas

Thomas Pueyo, Ss. Simon and Jude
 Daniel Rohan, Our Lady of Joy
 Brian Shipman, St. Timothy
 Doug Smith, Blessed Sacrament, Scottsdale

#912

Mary Bilsborough, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
 Michelle Gonzales, St. Andrew the Apostle
 Dora Hudson, St. Anne
 Rita North, St. Timothy
 Stephanie Pickthall, Corpus Christi
 Terri Recker, Resurrection
 Karen Schreiner, St. Luke



Make a friend.
 Be a friend.
 Bring a friend
 to Christ.

#916

Victoria Alvarez, St. Thomas Aquinas
 Cynthia Araiza, St. Francis Xavier
 Connie Bartoli, St. Timothy
 Colleen Beguin, Mater Misericordiae
 Lisa Bray, St. Thomas Aquinas
 Mary Chuduk, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
 Ann Marie Creenan, St. Paul
 Kelley DiMartino, St. Mary Magdalene
 Patti Donahue, Corpus Christi
 Janice Ferrara, OLPH, Scottsdale
 Luz Maria Flores, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
 Martha Garcia, All Saints
 Cataleta Jennifer, St. Paul
 Christina Loh, St. Benedict
 Monica Moraila, All Saints
 Christina Robles, Our Lady of Fatima Mission
 Brittany Vanden, St. John the Baptist Mission
 Juvina Voita, St. Thomas the Apostle
 Rosie Zambrano, St. Francis Xavier

#915

Charles Barrett II, St. John Vianney, Goodyear
 Robert Bartoli, St. Timothy
 Jerry Cormier, Sacred Heart, Phoenix
 Gustavo Flores, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
 Belen Guevara, St. Thomas Aquinas
 Cesar Monroy, St. Vincent de Paul
 Paulino Navarro, Queen of Peace
 Gabriel Nunez, OLPH, Glendale

De Colores, Cursillo Community!

The change of seasons finally approaches, and we can put the long, hot summer in our rear view mirror. The Fall has always been my favorite time of the year, with the leaves turning colors, the evenings are once again cool, and of course, everything pumpkin spice is always nice! Taking walks in the evening, working in the garden, just enjoying the gifts that God gives us each and every day. Sometimes we fail to see His gifts to us, and think of them as a burden.



Such was the case for me during the recent Region 10 encounter at Mt. Claret which was held on October 26 and 27th. I received a call from the Region 10 coordinator about a week and a half prior to the encounter asking if I could do one of the talks. I mentioned I thought the region team was responsible for the content. She said that is correct, but the representative from Phoenix could not do it, and as lay director, I am also part of the service team. "Well I suppose I will do it then," I replied.

The outline was on the national website, so I downloaded it and studied it. The source was the *First Conversations of Cala Figuera*, Eduardo Bonnin Foundation, and entitled "Love". It was a very dry, cumbersome outline, written and given by a priest from Spain in 1944. Half of the outline consisted of scripture references. I think it was translated from Spanish to English and words do not always flow clearly when that is the case. I tried to use my own verbiage as much as I could, and let my wife listen to it a day before the encounter. She said that was the most boring, dry talk she had ever heard! I said I believe it, because I can barely stand to read it to you! "It is what it is, I will just have to trust it will work out."

When I saw what the theme of the Encounter was "Create in Me a Pure Heart" I knew that I was supposed to be there and giving this talk on love. When I lived my Cursillo in 1985, this verse played a major part of my conversion. Monsignor O'Grady wrote this verse of a piece of paper and handed it to me during reconciliation on my Cursillo, and as I read it, I actually felt a warmth in my chest, as if my heart was being cleansed. I left that room knowing I was a friend of God, and that I was loved. I have prayed that verse each and every time I receive the Eucharist, and Psalm 51, from which that verse came will

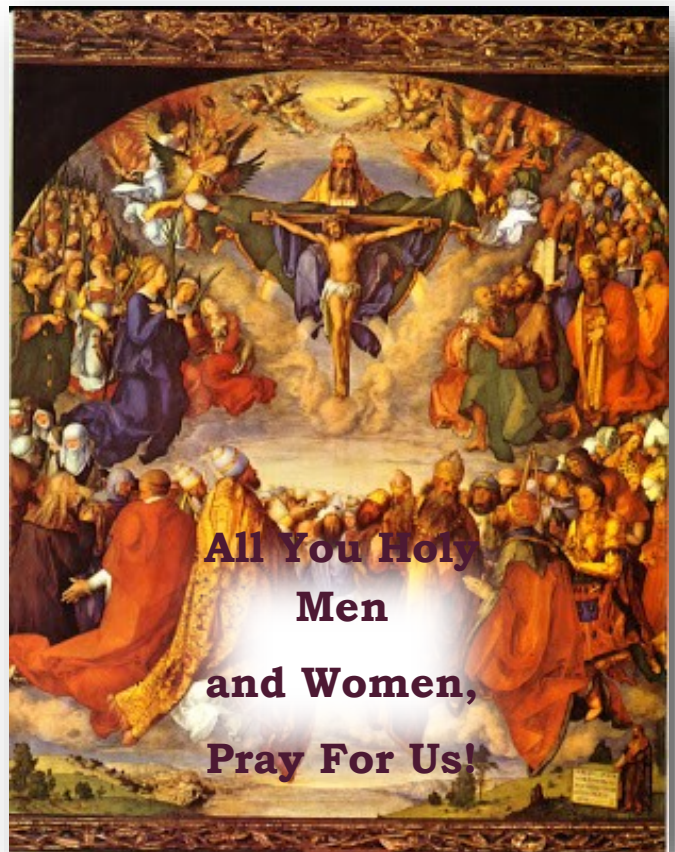
be the scripture that will be read at my funeral.

I was no longer anxious about giving the Rollo, and I replaced half of the talk with my own witness of God's love for me, and God's love for us. They seemed to enjoy my talk, and thanked me for sharing my story with them. It never ceases to amaze me how the Holy Spirit works in putting everything together, and how and when He chooses to reveal His plans for us, even if it begins on a Cursillo weekend in 1985, and is revealed 33 years later at a Cursillo Encounter retreat.

I would like to thank all my brothers and sisters who made the journey to Mt. Claret for this encounter, from Tucson, Eloy, Casa Grande, Gallup, Santa Fe, Flagstaff, and Buffalo, New York. I would also like to thank the service team for their efforts in organizing this event, along with the Spiritual Advisor Workshop that took place on October 25-26. I heard that 13 deacons from the Diocese of Phoenix attended the workshop. Outstanding!

Your friend in Christ,

Ruben Trevizo



WITNESS OF PIETY - STUDY - ACTION

Action by Geri Desmond (#674)

The best Christian action we can offer for everyone is prayer. I lived my Cursillo Weekend in 2001, 17 years ago; right after 9/11. It was a very emotional time for the whole world. Cursillo could not have come at a better time for me. The next year I sponsored Jean Polando, and in the years since we have been grouping twice a month.

In 2011 I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Starting with Jean Polando, the word got out for prayer for my healing. I had two lumpectomies and ten bouts of radiation. After taking medication for five years, I am very happy to announce I am cancer free. Wahoo! Once again, the power of prayer!

In April 2013 my daughter, Shannon, and I walked the Camino De Santiago, also known as "The Way of St. James" in northern Spain. I had actually heard about this amazing pilgrimage right at the Cursillo center from Alfonso Castillo and later Nick Davis, who had both done this journey before me. Shanny and I were walking in celebration and thanksgiving of my cancer survival and to raise money for cancer research. We established "The



Camino for the Cure" website. We also were able to collect prayer intentions before we left, or were sent to us over the phone while we were there by my husband Dan and Jean. By the time we were on our 28th day, we had prayed the rosary for many people, some we had never met. When we got back we were amazed how many of our

prayers had been answered.

By the time we finished the Camino, we had hiked 447 miles to the tomb of St. James the apostle, and had raised over \$5,400.00 for cancer. Our original goal was to collect \$1000.00.

In 2017, we had a family misunderstanding and I was asking God to give me peace, understanding and forgiveness. God seemed to be telling Dan and I to go hike the Camino De Santiago, the same 500 mile pilgrimage that Shannon and I had hiked in 2013. The journey takes about 5 weeks to go from France to Spain where the bones of the Apostle St. James are interred. This is a very spiritual and physical pilgrimage.

On that trip, Dan and I decided to raise funds for our favorite charity, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). We



contacted all of our family, friends, and business associates and asked them to donate to FMSC based either upon the amount of miles we completed, or simply a large sum donation. In our letter to everyone we let them know that our fundraising goal was \$5,000 and our prayer intention goal was unlimited!

We were quite amazed by the emotional support we received from everyone, and the amount of prayer intentions we received from not only Catholics, but from friends and associates from all kinds of denominations. Before we left the states we had over 85 prayer requests, and while on

the pilgrimage we received dozens more from others that were forwarded to us by email. Each prayer request was printed on a small piece of paper, and collectively put in a baggie. Each day before we started hiking we randomly pulled four requests from the baggie and would pray for those intentions as we walked along the Camino. We prayed a rosary and asked that if it was the will of God, that He would hear and answer those intentions. That segment of each day brought a great peace and a feeling that we were helping to answer the prayers of others.

By the grace of God, we completed 500 miles in 33 days. We finished on May 31st, 2017. To celebrate our return many of our donors joined us to pack food boxes at the FMSC location in Mesa to be sent to starving children around the world. One of the most exciting facts was we doubled our fundraising goal of \$5000.00 by reaching \$10,000.00.

Dan and I just finished the Portuguese Camino during August and September this year and raised over \$12,000 for the ALS organization. Our daughter-in-law, Renee, has been diagnosed with ALS at just 35 years old and she and our son, Danny, have a one year old baby girl and a three year old son. We once again took prayer request from over 90 people while walking another 400 miles.

At the very beginning of this article I said "The best Christian Action we can offer for everyone is prayer." There are all kinds of ways you can put your Christianity into action, prayers for others is the best!



SECRETARIAT ELECTIONS

Ecclesiastes 11:4: One who pays heed to the wind will never sow, and one who watches the clouds will never reap. (In other words, the “right” time never comes.)

Have you heard the story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody? There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.



Please prayerfully consider serving your Phoenix Cursillo Movement on the Secretariat.

The Diocesan Secretariat - Role & Responsibilities:

The following is a small excerpt from *Leadership Within the Cursillo Movement*: “The Diocesan Secretariat is a service group. As an agent of service they are responsible for conserving and strengthening the mentality, purpose and basic methodology which defines and characterizes the Cursillo Movement.”

Eligible candidates please prayerfully consider serving in the position to which you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you. The positions that are open and the duties of each are found on the website Secretariat page; both the Articles of Operation and the Apostolic Plan have important information regarding each position.

Note: The Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement includes our friends in Northern Arizona, too, who hold Cursillo Weekends in Flagstaff.

Eligibility: Must have attended the School of Leaders at least twice in the last 3 years, or have attended Rediscovering Cursillo. If you have a question about your eligibility, please email Cecelia Dusold at info@phoenixcursillo.com.

Nominations: The nominations will be made at the SOL on Saturday, October 20 at 9:30 am (St. Agnes School Cafeteria) and Tuesday, November 6 at 6:30 pm (Mt. Claret).

Nominees will be asked to share their vision for the Cursillo movement in respect to the position they are running for on the Election Days. The candidates must be present at both voting sessions. Please answer the questions below and bring them to the Elections.

Elections: The voting will take place at SOL on Saturday, November 17, (St. Agnes) starting at 10 am Tuesday, December 4, (Mt. Claret) at 6:30 pm. Bishop

To read the duties of each position please go to www.phoenixcursillo.com/secretariat.html

Please answer the following and be prepared to present on both Election Days.

- 1) Name, Parish, Cursillo Number or Year, Diocese of Cursillo
- 2) Your Experience/Involvement: Please list the activities you have been involved in since your weekend (Group Reunion, Ultreya, Teams Worked, Previous Secretarial Experience, etc.)
- 3) Secretariat Position you are running for
- 4) In respect to the position you are running for, please share your vision for the Cursillo Movement.

Nevares will be attending the final vote. The voting will be done in person, **any Cursillista is allowed to vote.**

The new Secretariat will meet with the current Secretariat jointly at our final Secretariat meeting on Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm at Mt. Claret.

Pope St. John Paul II: *All the Laity are Missionaries by Baptism...the need for all the faithful to share in this responsibility is not merely a matter of making the apostolate more effective, it is a right and duty based on their baptismal dignity ... because of their secular character, they especially are called "to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and ordering these in accordance with the will of God." Redemptoris missio*

NOTICES AND PRAYER

SUPPORT CURSILLO AT MT. CLARET

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

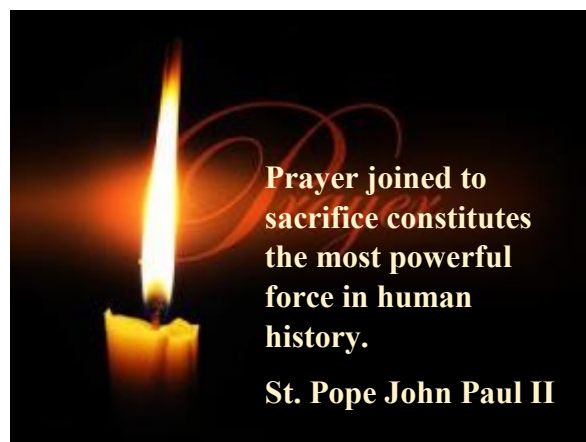
For the 2017 Financial Report go to page 6 & 7 of the September 2017 Voice at phoenixcursillo.com/news.html.

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:	
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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