



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

I love the passage in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 14 verse 25-33, where we see that Jesus was walking upon the turbulent sea, and the apostles were terrified that they were seeing a ghost. As long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he also was able to walk on the water. When Peter took his eyes off of Jesus, and began looking at the waves and the dark clouds, he began to sink, and cries out, “Lord, save me.” Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand, and catches him, and says, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”



We are living in turbulent times: in our relationship with other countries; the political climate in our own nation, the recent abuse scandals that have rocked our Catholic Church, or the differing opinions that have existed within our Cursillista Community.

We need to continue to remember our **FIRST LOVE**...that first time when we encountered the Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ during one of the Rollos of our Cursillo weekend; or during the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Mass; or as we had a heart-felt sharing with one of our Cursillista brothers or sisters.

Yes, we might be frightened . . . we might be discouraged . . . we might feel betrayed or abandoned. All we need to do is to reach out once again to that Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). We need to once again be filled with that

FROM OUR BISHOP

new life that we found during our Cursillo by living again our Tripod of Commitments: **PIETY, STUDY, AND ACTION.**

I am happy to know that we will have two Cursillos in October. The first one will be the first weekend of the month, October 4-7, and the second will be the third weekend of the month, October 18-21. Thanks to the members of the Secretariat who will be helping to support and coordinate the Teams for these events.

Soon, I will be working with Ruben Trevizo to prepare for elections of a new Secretariat in December. I have been in contact with several priests and deacons who will help me to form a new Spiritual Advisor Team. I hope that Msgr. O’Grady will be back from Ireland to participate in these October Cursillos.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the Spiritual Director Team of Fr. John Hannigan and Deacons Bob Carey and Frank Devine for their generous service to our Cursillo Movement. May our Good Lord bless you and repay your many sacrifices.

As you see, there will be changes coming in terms of the Secretariat and the Spiritual Advisor Teams. I know that, if we can continue to have Faith in Jesus, and keep our eyes on Him **ALONE**, He will restore us, and bring us once again to that **JOY** which is the Hallmark of the Cursillista.

De Colores!

Most Rev. Eduardo A. Nevares
Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix

Annual Diocesan Ultreya at Mt. Claret!

Saturday morning, September 22, 2018

Details to follow—check your email and the website

ULTREYA!

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

October 2018

- Oct. 2 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)
 Oct. 4-7 **Men's English Weekend #915**
 Oct. 9 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
 Oct. 18-21 **Women's English Weekend #916**
 Oct. 20 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)
 Oct. 25-28 Region X Encounter
 Oct. 27 Westside Ultreya, TBA

Upcoming Weekends

October 4-7, 2018

Men's English #915

Rector: Jim Pompe

October 18-21, 2018

Women's English #916

Rectora: Tisa Williams

Go to the website to see teams in formation.

ALWAYS PRAY FOR OUR MOVEMENT

PRAY FOR TEAMS IN FORMATION, SPONSORS,

AND CANDIDATES IN DISCERNMENT

*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>*

Mt. Claret Annual
Evening Under the Stars
Saturday, October 13, 2018

Celebrate an evening of Tuscany vineyards for a 'Toast to Mt Claret' for all the beauty she provides to her visitors. Come enjoy the silent auction, along with an Italian Dinner, and a wine pull and tasting from Wines for Humanity.

Our Honoree:

Most Rev. Eduardo Nevares, Auxiliary Bishop

For more info

go to <https://mtclaret.org/eus>

Please note this evening is a fundraiser for Mt. Claret, not specifically for the Cursillo Movement.



September 29: The Feast of the Archangels, Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael The image on the first page is Bottocini's *The Three Angels and Tobias*. Michael (Who is Like God) fights against Satan and rescues souls from Satan's grip especially at the hour of death. Gabriel (God's Strength) is the messenger, patron of communications professionals and the angel of truth, mercy, and consolation. He carries a lily, the symbol of purity and the Annunciation. Raphael (God has Healed) is the patron of healing, traveling, and marriages. He is with Tobias, Tobit's son, whom he protected on the journey to meet Tobias' future wife (Book of Tobit; Old Testament). **The Catechism** on Angels: (CCC 336) *From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.* Let us pray that we find unity and relationship; in the world, in our country, in our Church, and in our wonderful Cursillo Movement.

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REGION X ULTREYA & ENCOUNTER



Friday, October 26-28, 2018

Mount Claret Retreat Center

4633 N. 54th Street

Phoenix, Arizona

Friday, October 26

5:00 pm Registration

Light Meal

7:00 pm **ULTREYA**

Saturday, October 27

Encounter following Breakfast

Commitment Workshop

Sunday, October 28

Carry-away breakfast available until 9:00 am

***Mass schedule to be determined

Cost: \$60.00

*Overnight accommodations are offered for Friday and Saturday

Questions?

Contact theresabrophy@msn.com

Cursillistas in the Diocese of Phoenix

RSVP to Ruben Trevizo at

laydirector@phoenixcursillo.com

SECRETARIAT ELECTIONS: For those interested in serving on the Secretariat, both the Articles of Operation and the Apostolic Plan are available on the website. It is suggested that you read both documents and attend upcoming School of Leaders, either on Tuesdays or Saturdays as listed in the Calendar on page 2 of the Voice.

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!**

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

De Colores, Cursillo Community!

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all!" (2 Thes 3:16) We are living in unprecedented times with all the scandals of the Church, scandals that reach up to the Vatican, and to Pope Francis. Many of the faithful can become disheartened, disillusioned, and discouraged by all the allegations and accusations towards the hierarchy. Who can I trust now?

The answer of course lies in Jesus Christ Our Lord, found in His Word, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and especially in the Holy Eucharist. We also go to the Blessed Mother as holy beggars to show us where her Son can be found. We study the lives of the heroes within the Church; all those holy men and women who sacrificed themselves for the sake of Christ. We remember to pray for all the victims of abuse and the perpetrators of the crimes, knowing full well that "therefore by the Grace of God go I," and that we are all sinners in need of God's Mercy.

The first words spoken from St. Pope John Paul II in his initial address to the faithful were "Be not afraid." So, without fear we do what we can do involving our "one square meter" of contact with others. We do this by living the Cursillo Method of an authentic tripod of piety, study, and action. We do this by making a friend, being a friend, and bringing that friend to Christ. If everyone in the Church lived their lives by this simple method, there would be no divisions, no scandals, and no abuse; just the peace that the Lord wishes to grace upon us.

The topics of the three essentials of Cursillo were given during the retreat in July lead by Marty Sprinzel and his team. Those essentials were God love for us,

friendship as the means of showing that love to others, and conversion as an ongoing process. The incidentals of Cursillo are everything else. The incidentals include having a weekend mentality (with little focus on the Precursillo or

Postcursillo), a concern with visible results/successes, worrying about the numbers, allegiances to certain leaders instead of allegiance to Christ and His work, and believing that any one person is indispensable.

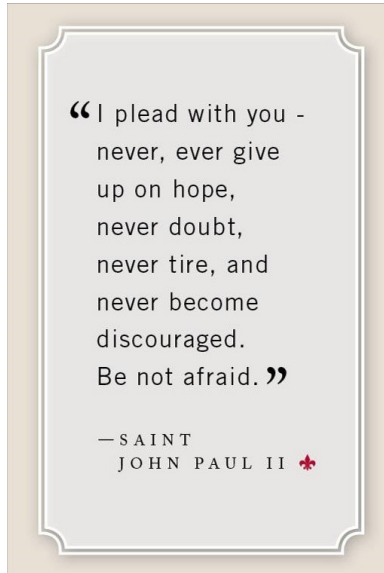
As you may know, the Articles of Operation call for elections to be held for a new secretariat every couple of years. It is time for those leaders in our community to seriously pray and consider running for one of the spots available in the secretariat. The Leaders Manual states that secretariat members will come from those that have attended the School of Leaders. As a reminder, the SOL is held on the first Tuesday of the month at Mt.

Claret starting at 6:30 p.m., and on the third Saturday of the month at St. Agnes cafeteria starting at 10 a.m.

The focus of the SOL going forward will be to facilitate the nomination and election process for the new secretariat. There will also be a new Spiritual Advisor team in place, assigned by the Bishop, starting with the October Cursillos. This process keeps the allegiance to Christ and His Work, and assures that no one person is indispensable. It allows the Cursillo to be a true De Colores - many colors if you will - always fresh and new. After all, we should never think of ourselves as essential to the movement, we are just servants waiting for God's call. "Here am I! Send me!" (Is 6:8)

De Colores!

Your friend in Christ, Ruben Trevizo



— SAINT
JOHN PAUL II ✝



To simply say "Thank you" seems inadequate when we express our appreciation to our outgoing Spiritual Director team: Fr. John Hannigan, Deacon Bob Carey, and Deacon Frank Devine. We owe them much gratitude for their work this past year and especially for Deacon Bob's great dedication and assistance over many years. Their enthusiasm for the movement in Phoenix showed their love for the people of God..

Piety, what is it? Why do I think I need it? What does it really do for me?

Have you ever wondered about this? Or am I the only one to question piety? I have thought a lot about it since I wrote my Rollo on Piety.

So, if you will indulge me, I want to share with you the lessons I have learned about the elusive trait of piety. As a kid it was never mentioned. We lived right behind the parish church and school. Our back yard had access gate to that property. The nuns and priests visited often. We lived on a cul-de-sac of eleven homes, eight of which were catholic families. Being Catholic was the norm. My grandparents lived just two homes from us on the same street. My Grandfather read from the bible often and we prayed

the rosary with them as well. I look back and wonder if I was pious or if I was just doing what was normal.

We moved from that home when I was in the fifth grade. Grandpa had died and so Grandma decided to move with us. When we arrived in our new town we lived about a mile from the parish and school, but we soon had the priest coming to dinner. The principle of the school knew my great Aunt Sue, my grandma's sister and a Holy Cross nun. So we visited the convent and helped with yard and house work regularly. I grew up this way until high school, it was just a way of life. I look back and wonder if this was piety in action or was I just doing what was expected; sometimes I felt disgruntled about helping.

As a teen and young adult I lost some of my contact with the priest and nun, especially when I moved away from home. I went to church and did what I thought was right more because that's the way I was raised. I remember telling my husband that God was like a warm coat: He hung in the closet until my world turned cold; He was there to give me comfort. God wasn't an active part of my life. I look at that time and shake my head. He sat in that closet a lot and I struggled a lot. I think of that time as the birth of my butterfly wings. I had to struggle and decide for myself if God was important in my life and

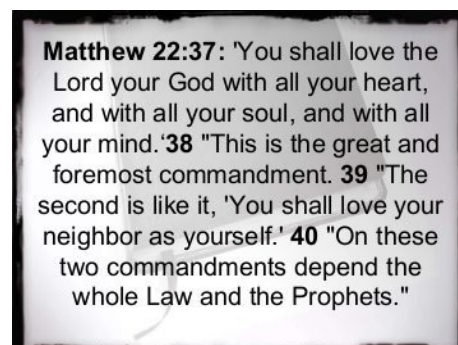
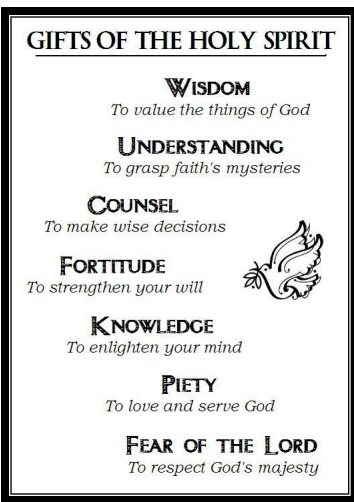
to what extent I was going to be involved with Him. Praise God, I was not abandoned. I became more prayerful.

When I married I went back to the parish I was raised in and the priests I knew to perform the wedding. Father Tom, being Polish, had all kinds of thoughts on the wedding celebration and the polkas to be danced. And Father Peter, in his quiet and humorous way added joy to the occasion. They planned our wedding Mass and it was beautiful, just as God intended it to be. These men of God shared with us the aspects of marriage and the struggles of a Catholic and non-Catholic marriage. They shared the joys and heartaches they saw as priests in such a union. They asked me to be faithful and to keep inviting Rod to Mass each Sunday.

I did, I grew, we grew. We sprouted our butterfly wings. Rod became Catholic and we grew some more. I look back and can see piety as faithfully loving God, doing as the Father asks, failing at times and repenting; as succeeding and rejoicing with our Father. Piety does not give us a pass for life, but it teaches us to trust the Almighty. When the unsurmountable mountains appear and fear plagues our minds, God's mantel of love and caring warms and carries us though. This is what it does for me. This is why I need it in my life. Why Rod and I need it in our lives. It gives us hope and a direction God is guiding us toward. It is living loving God and our neighbor as Jesus told us to do.

I hope you know the answer to, "Why piety is important to you in your life." And just like Dory may you just keep on swimming! Or in our case, just keep believing . . . it's an uphill journey. But then God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, nor sun without rain. He did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, and light for the way.

De Colores,
Patti Hanks



NOTICES AND PRAYER

SUPPORT CURSILLO AT MT. CLARET

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

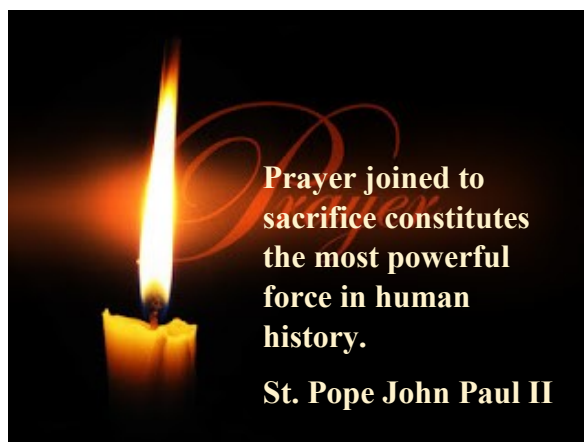
For the 2017 Financial Report go to page 6 & 7 of the September 2017 Voice at phoenixcursillo.com/news.html.

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:	
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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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