

Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord!

THE VOICE

APRIL 2019



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

WORTH REREADING ... FROM MSGR. O'GRADY (REPRINTED FROM 2018)

Dear Cursillistas,

I have come to believe and become more aware of how often I am "surprised by Grace" ... by God. Let me share one of those "surprises".

This past summer while sitting in the quiet of the parish church of my home visit in Ireland, I was reading my breviary and it was the feast of St. Augustine. I must confess I did not always read all of the readings but that's another story. This time I read and discovered the prayer of St. Augustine ... and every line was a blessing. I had heard or glimpsed at the prayer before, but now I heard it with my heart. Let me share a few lines from the prayer:

"You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness."

"You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness."

"You touched me, and I burned for your peace."

These lines are embedded in my mind. I had heard them before in bits and pieces ... now I heard them with my heart. I truly can say to God, "You touched me (and you)." I thought of all the other times when he touched me, and the Cursillo experience came to mind ... being introduced to Psalm 103. Also, my 30-day experience with the Ignatian Exercises ... the list is long.

Cecelia tells me she has room in The Voice for the prayer. May it be a blessing for you, too.

God bless,
Father Mike

Late Have I Loved You

Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved You!

*Lo, You were within, but I outside,
seeking there for You,
and upon the shapely things You have made
I rushed headlong – I, misshapen.
You were with me, but I was not with You.
They held me back far from You,
those things which would have no being,
were they not in You.*

*You called, shouted, broke through my deafness;
You flared, blazed, banished my blindness;
You lavished Your fragrance, I gasped;
and now I pant for You;
I tasted You, and now I hunger and thirst;
You touched me, and I burned for Your peace.*

ULTREYA!

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

"The Ultreya is the place where those who have started the conversion process in a Cursillo can establish those essential and life-giving friendships with others who share their same sense of life."

(Eduardo Bonnín, Evangelization through Conversion)

April 13, 2019

All Saints

1534 N. Recker Rd, Mesa

McKay Hall

9:00 am Potluck; Ultreya follows

April 27, 2019

St. Thomas More

6180 W Utopia Rd, Glendale

Modular Bldg (east of Church)

9:00 am Potluck; Ultreya follows

May 25, 2019

St. Jerome Church

10815 N 35th Ave, Phoenix

9:00 am Potluck; Ultreya follows

CALENDAR

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

April 2019
 April 1 7:00 PM Rosary for the US (Mt. Claret)
 (also at St. Paul at 6:30PM)
 April 2 6:30 PM SOL (Mt Claret)
 April 5-6 Region X Meeting (Albuquerque, NM)
 April 9 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
 April 11-14 7:00 PM Men's English Weekend #921
 (Mt. Claret)
 April 13 9:00 AM ULTREYA (All Saints, Mesa)
 April 20 9:30 AM Note — NO SOL
 April 21 EASTER
 April 27 9:30 AM ULTREYA (St. Thomas More, Gland)

May 2019
 May 2-5 7:00 PM Women's English #922 Mt. Claret
 May 6 7:00 PM Rosary for the US (Mt. Claret)
 (also at St. Paul at 6:30PM)
 May 7 6:30 PM SOL (Mt Claret)
 May 14 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
 May 18 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)
 May 25 9:30 AM ULTREYA (St. Jerome, Phoenix)
 May 31-June 2 CENA DE COLORES Weekend

*For information about **School of Leaders**, please contact
 Manny Yrique at schoolofleaders@phoenixcursillo.com
 For information about **Ultreya**, please contact
 Mick Kapanicas at Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com*

COME CELEBRATE

WELCOME HOME

 COCKTAILS - DINNER - DANCING

**60 YEARS OF CURSILLO
 IN PHOENIX**

★ CENA DE COLORES IS BACK! ★

SATURDAY JUNE 1ST

**MT. CLARET
 RETREAT CENTER**

CASH RAFFLE **GIFT BASKET RAFFLE**

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:
<http://bit.ly/CenaDeColores>

EARLY BIRD TABLE PURCHASES AVAILABLE UNTIL MAY 1ST.
SINGLE TICKETS \$80

**QUESTIONS: CALL ANGELA FAIRLIE 623-693-3431
 OR JOE FAIRLIE 602-291-2669**

CENA DE COLORES! JUNE 1, 2019

**Watch for an email later
 this week for more
 details!**

**Contact Angela
 (623-693-3431)
 or Joe (602-291-2669)
 Fairlie for info.
 VOLUNTEERS
 NEEDED!!!!**

**Tickets can be purchased
 at [http://bit.ly/
 CenaDeColores](http://bit.ly/CenaDeColores)**

THREE DAY NEWS

2019 English Cursillo Weekends at Mt. Claret

Men: #921, April 11-14, 2019,

Women: #922, May 2-5, 2019,

Men: #925, Oct. 3-6, 2019*

Women: #926, Oct. 17-20, 2019*

Please note the Weekend numbers have changed for the Fall weekends at Mt. Claret. The schedule of all Diocese of Phoenix Weekends, including Spanish and Flagstaff, can be found on the website at www.phoenixcursillo.com.

Welcome!

A warm welcome to Zelda Graham who is the Three Day Chair on the Secretariat. Ed Fischer unfortunately had to step down. God bless you both!

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>



Adoration on Cursillo Weekends

To sign up for Adoration on the upcoming weekends, please click on the links below:

[Men's Weekend #921, April 11-14, 2019](#)

[Women's Weekend #922, May 2-5, 2019](#)

GENERAL PALANCA IS NEEDED!

Please add your prayers, sacrifices, and works of mercy to the growing list. These tallies go to our own candidates and to other candidates across the globe. For a list of teams in formation, please see the website. Thank you!

<https://www.phoenixcursillo.com/general-palanca.html>

AROUND THE DIOCESE

GOOD FRIDAY ROSARY FOR LIFE

April 19 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Planned Parenthood, 5771 W Eugie, Glendale

Remember to bring water and umbrella for shade; parking is suggested on neighborhood streets east of the site. Carpool if you can!

6TH ANNUAL LAUGH 4 HOPE

April 26 7:00 pm

Madison Center for the Arts, 5601 N 16th St, Phoenix

Benefits Life Choices Women's Clinics and the Hope Mobile Mobile Clinic which provide crisis pregnancy support and healthcare to women and mothers in need. For info go to <http://www.laugh4hopephx.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. Won't you please prayerfully consider how you can help? How about \$5.00 or \$10.00 a month? Help us 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 easytithes.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.

COME TO THE TABLE!

In my In-Laws dining room there's a metal relief on the wall which has always intrigued me. The caption beneath it says: "La Ultima Cena de Jesus". At this special place where several generations of our family have gathered for so many meals, birthdays and holidays over the years, I've always felt a sense of comfort knowing that Jesus is present at the table with us.

In our home, and perhaps in many of yours, we have an image of Leonardo Di Vinci's "Last Supper" hanging over our kitchen and dining area. I remember learning in art class how all of the lines in Leonardo's masterpiece draw our attention to Christ, who sits at the center with a background of light behind Him. But the Last Supper is not the only important meal found in scripture. The Old and New Testaments are full of stories that take place around dining, particularly in Saint Luke's Gospel. I recently heard Dr. Scott Hahn refer to Luke's narrative of the Good News as "Banquet Theology" because so much of Christ's teaching is revealed at table. Jesus dines with sinners and tax collectors, at the homes of Pharisees, of disciples, and friends such as Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.

In our hectic and busy lifestyles today, we often take our meals on the run. Cup holders have become an essential element in our vehicles of transportation because often we're so focused on what we have to do, or where we have to go, that we don't want to stop. It's not surprising that experts have said that more than ever the family dinner gathering is increasingly essential to peace and harmony in our homes. In this culture where so many of us, and especially young people, retreat into the isolation of our electronic devices of distraction, the dinner table is an opportunity to interact and have actual live conversation about our day. When we say grace before eating it gives us a chance to turn our focus from where we have to go, and with a spirit of thanksgiving, to stop and take notice

of Christ's presence where we are.

In our Church family we are all invited to come to the wedding feast of the Lamb at Sunday Mass, and gather with the saints at the sacrificial table of the altar. Our Cursillo community is also a family joined together by God's Grace. I was very encouraged by the joy and energy witnessed when we got together at the Orientation for the upcoming men's and women's weekends recently. There was an excitement in the air from the teams in formation and sponsors. I could see that same excitement begin to form in the candidates that will soon be joining our movement.

I've been blessed over the years to experience that same joy and energy when our Cursillo family gathers for our own special banquet, the annual **Cena De Colores**. After a hiatus of a few years, the Cena is back and you are all invited to celebrate with our community on June 1st, 2019 at Mount Claret. The Cena De Colores is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our Cursillo brothers and sisters and to raise much needed funds to support our movement. We also invite you to be a part of the Cena team and donate your time and talents to make this year's celebration a great success. One thing that I've always felt about the Cena De Colores is that, like Di Vinci's painting, Christ is present at the center of the feast, and we the volunteers and attendees are a family focused on serving Him. In many ways we are like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and Jesus is made known to us, in the breaking of the bread.

De Colores! Joe Fairlie, Lay Director



De Colores!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to pose a few thoughts to ponder this Lenten season as we approach Holy Week, the Passion of our Lord and His Glorious Resurrection.

First, think about how blessed we are to be living during this time in the history of the Church. Some may say that we are living in a time of despair when the church attendance is shrinking and the youth in our communities are claiming to be “None’s”, meaning no faith at all. This is the reality of our society and culture today, but St. Paul reminds us that where sin abounds, grace abounds even more. If we believe the words of St. Paul, then we have an abundance of grace more than possibly ever in the history of the church flowing from the heart of God.

Second, please reflect on the rich blessing we have as Catholics united with the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and how she is guiding us on a 40-day journey through this season of Lent.

Lent for me is an annual reflection of my baptismal promises and what I learned through my Cursillo. I made Cursillo #712 in September 2004. Since that time, Lent has become so meaningful, and I utilize these forty days to deeply evaluate my tripod of Piety, Study, and Action.

This year I had an interesting question from a friend just before Lent began. He is a non-Catholic/Protestant and he asked, “What are you giving up for Lent?”

The question caught me off guard and I didn’t really have a good answer. It did however make me think. I remember asking myself, what am I giving up for Lent and why? I gave him a quick short answer and brushed it off for a few days.

I kept thinking about his question and it began to bother me. I couldn’t get it out of my mind. What am I willing to give up for Jesus? Like Job, could I give up my family, my money, my health? How much does Jesus really mean to me? How much does He mean to you?

After thinking about this for over three weeks I believe this question was posed not for my friend to know but for me to know. My friend was probably poking fun at our tradition of Lent and to some degree he may have been testing me, but God was using him to get to me. My prayer time has revealed that

my friend didn’t really want to know what I was giving up for Lent and he probably has never thought about it again, but I have.

God grabbed my attention and challenged my commitment through a simple question asked by a man that has no idea what Lent is even about. I marvel the way God can take any situation and make it His own. I am a cradle Catholic and have lived through decades of Lenten seasons, but I can honestly say that since my Cursillo in 2004 I have grown to embrace and understand that Lent is not about giving something up, but it is about letting someone (Jesus) in. I wish I could have given a better answer to my friend and really knocked his socks off about what it means to live and journey through Lent as a Catholic but that’s not what this situation was about.

God opened my eyes to realize Lent is about Him not me. My prayers, fasting, and almsgiving are to unite me to Jesus in such a personal way that I can’t do through any other means. This may seem to you so elementary in the faith but to me I lived it and it is real. Denying myself pleasures of life allows me to take up my cross and follow Jesus for real. It’s not something soft, easy, and smooth but something hard, real, and meaningful. My heavy crosses draw me in to Jesus on the cross. Jesus gave up everything to be one of us and I can’t fathom the depth of His sacrifice on the cross but that is what Lent calls us to do.

Finally, as we continue our journey of Lent to the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, I pray we tap into God’s grace like never before and count our blessing as Catholic Cursillistas holding strong to the teachings and tradition of our Catholic Church. Like times of old, God raised up the greatest Saints when the Church needed it the most. We are all called to be Saints, let us all strive to live in Grace so to die in Grace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Mick Kapanicas (#712)



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).

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

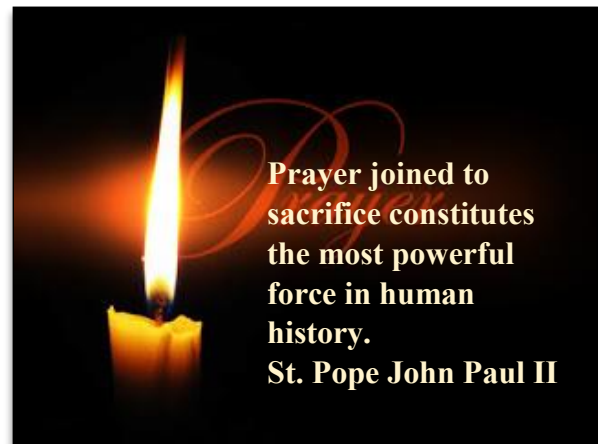
Record your prayers and sacrifices for upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses either on the form below or on the website. Palanca is gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Send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