

THE VOICE

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

DEACON MARTY POGIOLI, ST. ELIZABETH SETON

De Colores,

My wife and I are new to Cursillo in the Diocese of Phoenix, but we have been blessed with 40 years of 4th Days since making Cursillo in Peoria, Illinois. We are honored to join your community and I am pleased to have this opportunity to share my thoughts.

The month of February is often associated with love. The celebration of Valentine's Day is associated with many expressions of love. Candy, flowers and greeting card sales soar. Expressing love in this fashion can strengthen our bonds and give us a renewed appreciation for the relationships we enjoy in this life.

As we enjoy Valentine's Day, I pray that it will also be a reminder of where true love originates. A song reminds us that "God is love and all who live in love live in God."

Pope Francis, in his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), encouraged all of us to never stop growing in love. For some of us our Cursillo experience lit the fire of love. Perhaps for the first time we understood the depth of God's love for us and how that love can be experienced through our relationships

with one another. Many of us left the weekend on fire with the Holy Spirit and encouraged to proclaim God's love.



We were given the tool of piety to grow in God's love. We were given the tool of study to better understand God's love and our responsibility. Finally were called to action to express God's love in our environment.

The challenge for each of us is to continue to live in the Spirit, to keep that fire burning. That is made possible through our group reunion, which we begin with this prayer

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth."

Let us recommit ourselves to living the life in grace and immersing ourselves in love, the love of God and love for one another. Through love, we shall "renew the face of the earth."

Happy 4th Day, Deacon Marty Pogioli (1979)

School of Leaders: All Cursillistas invited!

Please join us delve deeper into the Cursillo Movement:

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019 6:30 pm Mt. Claret

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019 9:30 Mt. Claret

(please note change of venue!)

ULTREYA!

Going forth in our Fourth Day!

Saturday, Feb. 23 (Location TBD - check website)

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 am St. James, Phoenix

Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am, St. Thomas More, Glendale

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

PHOENIX CURSILLO FAMILY POTLUCK
CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CURSILLO

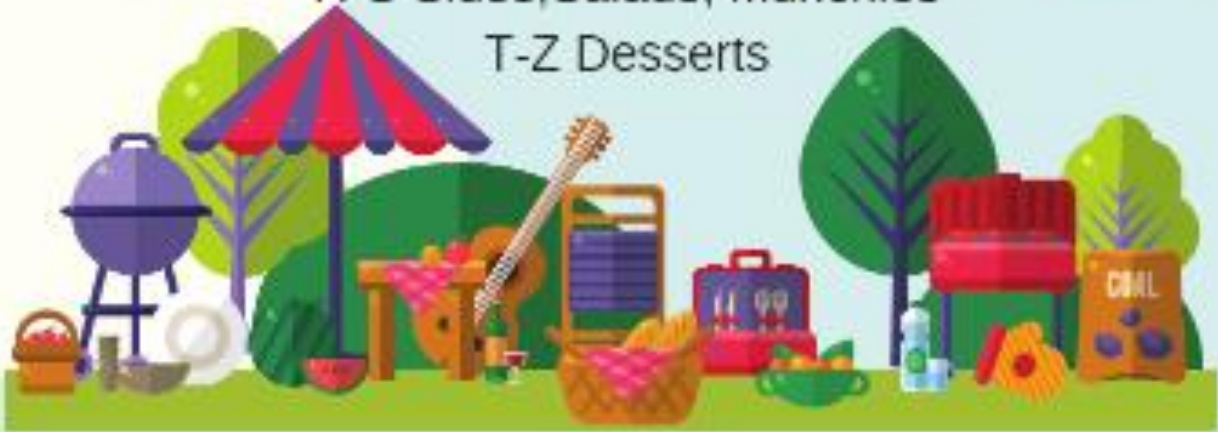
Meet your new Secretariat!

Bring your favorite plate to share with your Cursillo Family.

A-G Entrees

H-S Sides, Salads, Munchies

T-Z Desserts



Bring your Lawn Games, cornhole, croquet etc.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16TH • STARTS AT 12NOON - 4PM

MT. CLARET RETREAT CENTER JP11 ROOM -

SCHOOL OF LEADERS 9:30- 11:30 AT MT. CLARET •

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!



Please RSVP by Feb 15th - Name & Number of Attending
laydirector@phoenixcursillo.com OR Info@phoenixcursillo.com

Cena De Colores — June 1, 2019

We need you now! We have a lot to do and no time to waste!

Please contact Joe Fairlie at 602-291-2669

or laydirector@phoenixcursillo.com if you are interested in leading or helping in any capacity.

CALENDAR AND ULTREYA

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

February 2019

Feb. 5 6:30 pm SOL (Mt. Claret)
Feb. 12 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
Feb. 16 9:30 am SOL (MT CLARET!)
Feb. 16 12:00 pm SHARE THE JOY!
Feb. 23 9:00 am Ultreya (Location TBA)
Feb. 28-March 3 Men's Spanish Weekend #917

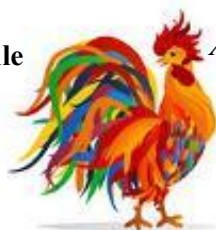
March 2019

March. 5 6:30 pm SOL (Mt. Claret)
March 3-10 Women's Spanish Weekend #918
March 12 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
March 16 9:30 am SOL (MT CLARET!)
March 16 12:00 pm SHARE THE JOY!
March 23 9:00 am Ultreya (St. James, Phx)

*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*

2019 English Cursillo Weekend Schedule

Men: #921, April 11-14, 2019,
#923, Oct. 3-6, 2019
Women: #922, May 2-5, 2019,
#924, Oct. 17-20, 2019



Do you have a friend you wish to sponsor?
Apps 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>

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

SHARE YOUR JOY!

In the movie *The Bucket List* there's a scene at the Great Pyramids where Morgan Freeman asks Jack Nicholson the two questions the Egyptians required to enter into Heaven. The first question is "Have you found joy in your life?" The second question is similar, "Have you brought joy to others?" As Catholics, at the end of every mass we are sent to proclaim the Gospel, "The Good News". Pope Francis thought that the joyful expression of God's love was so important that he started his first apostolic exhortation with the words: "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." Saint Paul, in his letter to the Philippians tells us to "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say Rejoice!" And Bishop Olmsted titled his recent exhortation on the family: "Complete My Joy". It would seem that Joy is a pretty important aspect of being Christian.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading from the Luke, Chapter One I was struck by a strange Greek word, "Theophilus". I'd heard the word before in the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, and I

wondered what it meant. I had to look it up and it turns out that Saint Luke, inspired by the Holy Spirit, addresses both of his great literary works to us as "Friends of God". I was greatly pleased with this thought and a song lyric immediately came to mind. "I am a friend of God; He calls me friend!" Now this is call for great joy! One of the greatest fruits of the Cursillo movement is the great relationships that we build, especially with Our Lord, but in a significant way with the friendships we make within our Cursillo community.

My wife Angie and I have been blessed in our fourth day to see that fruit continually blossom through bonds of friendship that we enjoy. Just Saturday night we had a wonderful evening with our dear friends Freddie and Maritza, who we first met on our Cursillo weekends 10 years ago. Then on Sunday morning after mass we gathered in the vestibule of the Church with all of our group brothers and sisters and their families; smiling and genuinely happy to be together in God's house. I wonder what the unknowing members of the congregation must think when they see this large group of about 16 people, including children, joyfully conversing and hugging one another like one big happy family. Perhaps they were moved like the pagans who remarked of Christians in the early Church: "See how they love one another."

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Do you remember the joy that you felt on your Cursillo weekend? I hope that you're still feeling it. Just as we are sent to share in the Good News at mass, we are also called to share the joy that we've experienced in Cursillo by gathering as a community and bringing others to come to know the joy of deep friendship and brotherly love. We have a vocation as baptized Christians, and particularly as Cursillistas, to "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ."

Piety - Study - Action

I don't do well with resolutions. I figure they're just one more opportunity for me to disappoint myself for an entire year. However, I do believe in goals. In my job in the schools, I work with those all the time. So, when the new year came up and I felt I needed to challenge myself spiritually, I wrote a goal.

The first place to start with a goal is to define the weakness. With so many to choose from it was tough to pick just one. I chose the weakness that sometimes I don't witness when I have the opening. I spend too much time

in my own head... "is this the right time... will I say this correctly... do I even know what I'm talking about?" By the time I dither around long enough, the chance has passed, and the moment becomes something to recollect at the next Confiteor "the things I have failed to do."

So, I wrote myself a goal. It reads: For 6 weeks Nancy will share her faith

when prompted to do so 9/10 times. Within a week, I received a call from Cecelia Dusold to witness at the St. Helen's Ultreya. My head started its destructive whirling: "What could you possibly witness about ... don't you have something better to do on Saturday? Someone else will do so much better..." and then I answered Cecelia, "Yes." 1/1 times toward my goal. *(Ed. Note: Nancy, you can count this article as another one! CD)*

Shortly afterwards, I received a call from our youth director. Richard, my husband, who is a deacon at our parish, was scheduled for a question and answer session on the morning of their retreat, and she would like me to

accompany him. We would need to be there at 6:30am on a Saturday. Deep breath, "Yes, I would love to." 2/2 times

There are many opportunities to rekindle our joy. On Saturday, February 16 we will be having a family fun day potluck from noon to 4:00pm at Mount Claret. All are welcome. Bring the kids or perhaps some one that you want to introduce to Cursillo. You may want to work on the team for one of the upcoming weekends. The Cena De Colores celebration is also back and taking place on June 1, 2019. I encourage you all to come to the Mountain. Rekindle the fire. Share The Joy!

De Colores! Joe Fairlie

When we arrived, the kids asked typical questions of Richard, how he became a deacon, why can't priests marry, and had he ever shaved his mustache. I added some of the color commentary about our personal story. We all laughed together and delighted in just being there. Then one boy asked if demons were real. Richard handled the question truthfully. Another hand went up. Can they possess people? The youth director stepped in to assure them that we needed to focus on Christ, not become curiosity seekers about evil.

Usually I would defer to her leadership, but something prompted me, and recalling my goal, I pursued the topic. I shared how I taught my own children about the dangers of the occult and explained to them how evil uses tarot cards, Ouija boards, or psychics. One girl asked, "How do you know if someone is possessed?" And so, the conversation continued.

Afterwards, one young lady came up and admitted that she and a friend had been playing with a Ouija board and something happened. She told her story which she was afraid no one would believe. Richard offered advice. I was astounded that the Holy Spirit needed to talk to this girl and shook us out of bed to do it. Later, as we were saying our goodbye's, one of the adult leaders came up and tearfully told us about her son who was struggling with addiction. Richard and I were able to pray with her and point her toward support. Again... God is good, all the time.

There have been other promptings, and I'm grateful the Lord sees fit to give me chances to continue to practice. Even though I may not have always known what to say or do, I said something about my walk and my Lord. Although I've not been perfect, but there is improvement. Most importantly, I've learned that I don't regret saying the wrong thing as much as I regret not saying anything at all.

De Colores, Nancy Kijewski



CHRIST IS CALLING YOU!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STEWARDS OF THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT IN THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENT, YOUR PRAYERS, AND YOUR DONATIONS!



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).

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. Please prayerfully consider how you can help (how about \$10.00 a month?) to 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 easytithe.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!

What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? (Psalm 116:12)

Cursillo Movement of Phoenix		
Financial Report		
For the Years ending June 30, 2018 and 2017		
	For the Year Ended	
	6/30/2018	6/30/2017
Income		
Stipends	\$ 24,508	\$ 20,691
Donations	\$ 14,346	\$ 32,212
Fund Raisers	\$ 2,527	\$ 7,760
Books, etc.	\$ 1,392	\$ 2,088
Other	\$ 411	\$ 5,473
Total Income	\$ 43,184	\$ 68,224
Expenditures		
Rent-Mt Claret	\$ 46,344	\$ 46,344
Cursillo Weekends	\$ 4,380	\$ 4,140
Fund Raisers	\$ 100	\$ 5,846
Books, etc.	\$ 1,941	\$ 2,324
Other	\$ 3,323	\$ 6,218
Total Expenditures	\$ 56,088	\$ 64,872
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (12,904)	\$ 3,352

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

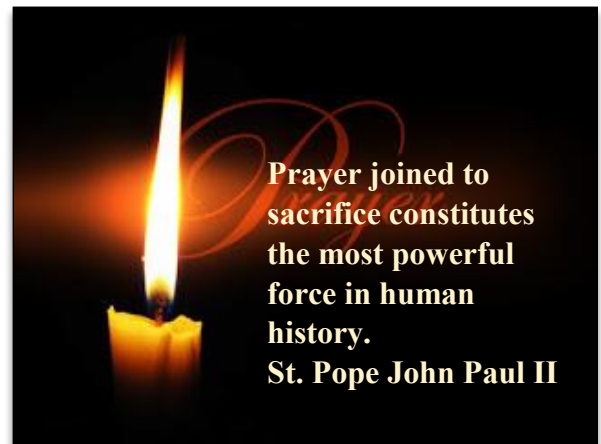
Record your prayers and sacrifices for upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses either on the form below or on the website. Palanca is gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Send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