

JANUARY 2019

# THE VOICE



## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

### FROM BISHOP NEVARES

Dear Cursillo Family,

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2019!!

I pray to God that each of you and your families have had a VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

Remember, that in the Church, we are given the opportunity to continue to relish in the Christmas Season. As if looking at the SON through a prism, we will meditate on: The Holy Family, Mary, the Mother of God, The Epiphany, and The Baptism of the Lord.

We continue to work with, support and PRAY for our new Secretariat, so that the GREAT CHARISM of our Cursillo Movement may continue to draw us, and MANY OTHERS, into a

### FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

De Colores and Happy New Year!

I hope that the Christmas Holidays have been as blessed for you and your families as they've been for ours. Isn't it amazing that God, the Almighty Creator of all that is seen and unseen, would be so humble as to join His nature with ours and reveal Himself in the form of a tiny, vulnerable child, in a small insignificant village under the poorest of circumstances? This year, having recently been chosen as the new Lay Director for the Cursillo Movement gave me a different perspective, and I felt a particular connection with Mary and Joseph in the scripture readings of the annunciation by the Angel Gabriel to each of them that they would become parents to Our Lord and Savior. I imagine that they must have



deep and PERSONAL ENCOUNTER with the LIVING CHRIST.

I continue to work with Deacons Trant and Evans, and we hope to have the new Spiritual Advisors Team in place in the very near future. Please pray for this effort also. Thank you.

May Jesus Christ, who is "the SAME Yesterday, Today and Forever," continue to depend on EACH ONE OF US. Let us be CERTAIN that we can ALWAYS depend on HIM.

DE COLORES!

Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares

felt much as I did, and wondered if they were up to the calling, and perhaps felt as the Roman

Centurion would later express, "unworthy that You should enter under my roof". But Gabriel quickly quells their fears by saying that the child will be called "Emmanuel, God is with us".

Just as Our Blessed Mother was comforted by the assurance that "all things are possible for God," I foresee great possibilities for our Cursillo Movement in the days ahead, for God is surely with us. We have a new Secretariat who all have a great love for our movement, but even more importantly have a great devotion for Christ, and a desire to serve Him and share the joy of God's love that we have received through Cursillo. Just as God is a communion of three divine persons, we who are created in His image, most resemble His divinity when we

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# CALENDAR AND ULTREYA

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

## January 2019

Jan. 8 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)  
Jan. 19 9:30 am SOL (St. Agnes)  
Jan. 26 9:00 am Ultreya (St. Helen, Glendale)

## February 2019

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

## 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>***

**ULTREYA!**

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

Saturday, January 26, 2019

St. Helen

5510 W. Cholla, Glendale

8:30 am Mass; Potluck follows

9:30 am Ultreya

***Start the  
New Year with  
friends!***

*If you are interested in hosting an Ultreya at your parish, please contact the  
Postcursillo Chair, Mick Kapanicas at [postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com](mailto:postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com)*

## Cena De Colores—June 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](mailto:laydirector@phoenixcursillo.com) if you are  
interested in leading or helping in any capacity. (Exact date will be announced soon.)*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

Jan. 19, 2019

**JP2 Celebration and Fundraiser** with Dr. Peter Kreeft (St. Paul, Phx)

*Info for these events can be found at [https://dphx.org/events/list/?tribe\\_paged=1&tribe\\_event\\_display=list](https://dphx.org/events/list/?tribe_paged=1&tribe_event_display=list)*

Feb. 2, 2019

**Annual Men's Conference** <http://www.cmfp.org/index.php>

Feb. 9, 2019

**Annual Women's Conference** (Xavier High School) <https://cwphx.org/>

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work together in community as the Body of Christ. With that in mind we have many plans and ideas for growing our community including *the return of the Cena De Colores*, more Ultreyas in our parishes, and family friendly pot luck get-togethers. Within the next year we also hope to increase the number of Cursillo weekends in Phoenix back to six per year in addition to the weekends held by our brothers and sister in Northern Arizona.

Please pray for all of our new Secretariat as we strive to continue the work of Ruben Trevizo and the team of the outgoing Secretariat who have given so much of their time and dedication to serve our movement.

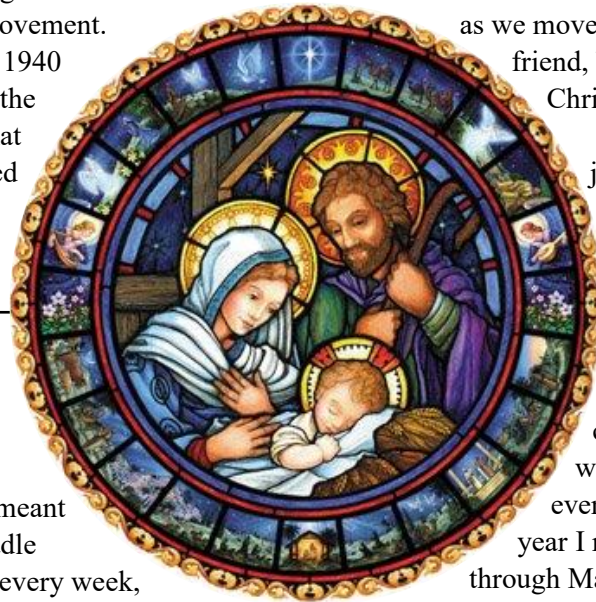
Pope Pius XII gave a speech in 1940 which addressed the movement of the culture away from Christianity. That speech inspired a young man named Eduardo Bonnin to form what we now know as the Cursillos de

Cristiandad. Today we see that same secularization taking place in our environments and even in our own families, and we have a calling through our baptism to reverse that trend and proclaim the good news. Our Gospel reading of the finding of Jesus in the Temple, for this Sunday's Feast of the Holy Family {LK 2:41-52} is a reminder that in our busy-ness, even the holiest of people can lose sight of Jesus.

I look forward to working together with Bishop Nevares and our Spiritual Advisors to assure that we stay focused on Christ and grow in our relationship with Him as we move ahead in our mission to "Make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ."

Wishing you all a blessed and joyous New Year, your humble servant in Christ,

Joe Fairlie (#781)



## Piety - Study - Action

By Debbie Shugart

Before I made my Cursillo, I thought I really understood what it meant to be a Catholic Christian. I'm a cradle Catholic, my family attended Mass every week, and I went to Catechism classes on Saturday mornings – all the way through High School. I knew my prayers, devotions and novenas. I knew who the Blessed Mother and the Saints were, and admired their accomplishments. Altogether, I tried to incorporate all of these things into my daily life.

After my Cursillo, I realized my faith could be so much deeper. Everything seemed fuller and more purposeful – "colorful". After learning about the principals of Piety, Study and Action, and understanding I needed all 3 to maintain a balanced and growing spiritual life, I came away feeling stronger and more equipped to be, well, holy. I was better able to overcome Satan's desire to rob me of my newfound Cursillo treasures, and his plans to hold me back. I found I had courage to stand up for my faith, to express my faith, and to do little things I would have dreamed of doing, but never actually did. Things like wearing my "Mary" t-shirt to the grocery store, and thinking, "So what-if my scapular is showing?"

Cursillo, and meeting regularly with my grouping

sisters, truly changed my life to be centered on Christ. My relationship with the Blessed Mother grew to be even more loving and personal. Each year I renew my Consecration to Jesus through Mary by St. Louis de Montfort.

Because of this consecration I'm resolved to bring others to a devotion to Mary. I've learned to live my life by trying to see all things as if it were through Mary's eyes. So, when people ask me to pray for them, or need advice, I try to lead them to Our Blessed Mother. I always tell them, "She is lovingly in charge of taking care of us -- and everything else!"

So, with Our Blessed Mother in mind, and as we begin this new year with January 1st being the Feast of the Mother of God, I leave you with the words Our Blessed Mother spoke to St. Juan Diego, "Listen and let it penetrate your heart... do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?"

Go to her for everything you need!

In Jesus and Mary, Debbie Shugart (#850)

# 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](http://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
<b>Income</b>		
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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 43,184</b>	<b>\$ 68,224</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
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
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 56,088</b>	<b>\$ 64,872</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (12,904)</b>	<b>\$ 3,352</b>

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Give online at [www.easytithe.com/Cursillo](http://www.easytithe.com/Cursillo) or make checks out to the Cursillo Movement.

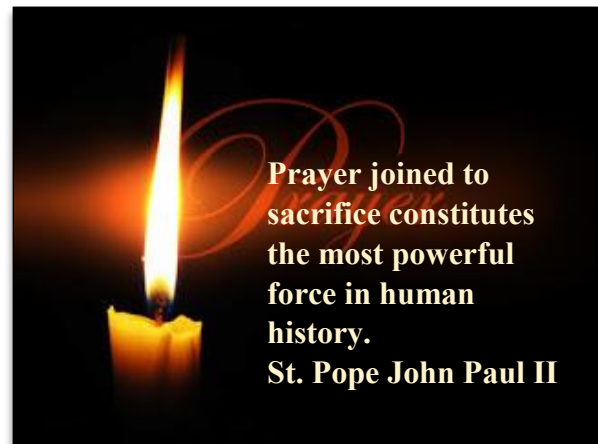
Record your prayers and sacrifices for upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses either on the form below or on the website. Palanca is gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Send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