

(Isaiah 9) *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;*

upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.

THE VOICE

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

DEACON MARTY POGIOLI

Happy New Year!

By the time you read this, you will probably already have forgotten most of your New Year's resolutions. This is the month of good intentions and broken promises. Last year at this time I made a resolution to lose 10 pounds and by the end of the year I only had 15 pounds to go.

While the rest of the world quickly turns from Christmas to more secular things, the Church continues to celebrate Christmas until January 12, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is an appropriate time for us to reflect on good intentions we made or were made for us when we were baptized.

These baptismal promises must not be like New Year's resolutions, easily dismissed. We were baptized into a new way of life in Christ. What that means for you is different from what it means for me or your spouse or neighbor. God created us uniquely and commissioned us to be His disciples. What has God commissioned you to do in your environment? How has he called you to bring about His Kingdom in your lifetime and in your part of the world?

Part of the right of baptism includes an anointing with the oil of sacred chrism. It includes the words "as Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body." As baptized disciples of Christ we are called to be priests, prophets and kings working to bring about the kingdom of God. I invite you to join me in reflecting on this baptismal call.

The role of a priest is to offer a sacrifice. That doesn't just mean the Eucharistic sacrifice at the altar. Sacrifice must be a part of our lives. What are we sacrificing for Christ? What are we willing to give up? We are called to

stewardship which means sacrificing some of our time, talent and treasure for a greater cause. That is our priesthood and the reward is eternal.

The role of the prophet is to speak the word of God in truth. Think about your everyday conversations. Do you spend time professing and defending the faith into which we have been baptized? We talk so easily about sports, the weather, family, our job or hobby. Why do we find it so difficult to talk about our Faith, the most important part of our life? Perhaps our Faith has been weakened by life circumstances or issues in our Church. Faith is like a muscle that will be strengthened when we exercise it. Perhaps we are reluctant because our knowledge of the Faith is shallow. We can always speak with great authority about our own unique experience of God. We can also take advantage of the many opportunities to learn more about our Faith. Remember the Cursillo tool of study?

The role of the king, as Christ defined it and lived it, is to serve. How are we serving the Church, Cursillo and our brothers and sisters? Volunteering in our own parish, not waiting to be asked, is one obvious way. Say not: "I am not qualified." Remember, God qualifies the called. Saying "yes" when invited to serve on a Cursillo team or do Palanca is yet another way. Then there are myriad opportunities to serve our family and our community. We must have a servant's heart. Remember the Cursillo tool of action.

All of this will be made possible if we remember the Cursillo tool of piety. PRAY! May God strengthen us in our New Year's resolutions and especially in our Baptismal promises.

Deacon Marty, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Upcoming Weekends

Men's English #929 - January 16 to 19, 2020

Women's English #930 - January 30 to February 2, 2020

ORIENTATION for 929 and 930

January 8, 2020, 7:00 PM at Mt. Claret



Do you have a friend to sponsor?

Applications are available from your Parish Representative or email Bruce and Debi Wiskirchen at applications@phoenixcursillo.com.

ULTREYA!

Saturday, January 11, 2019

St. Francis Cabrini, Campe Verde

781 Cliffs Parkway

2:00 pm—4:00 pm

Bring a dish to share!

Check the website for any new information on upcoming Ultreyas and Events.

Please let Postcursillo Chair Mick Kapanicas know of any upcoming Ultreyas at Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com.



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

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A list of Parish Representatives can be found at <https://www.phoenixcursillo.com>

UPCOMING THREE DAY WEEKENDS

Date	Number	Title	Location
1/16/2020	929	Men's English	Mt. Claret
1/30/2020	930	Women's English	Mt. Claret
3/5/2020	931	Men's Spanish	Mt. Claret
3/5/2020	932	Men's English	Flagstaff
3/12/2020	933	Women's Spanish	Mt. Claret
3/26/2020	934	Women's English	Flagstaff
4/16/2020	935	Men's English	Mt. Claret
4/30/2020	936	Women's English	Mt. Claret
5/7/2020	937	Men's Spanish	Mt. Claret
5/14/2020	938	Women's Spanish	Mt. Claret
9/3/2020	TBD	Men's Spanish	Mt. Claret
9/10/2020	TBD	Women's Spanish	Mt. Claret
10/22/2020	TBD	Men's English	Mt. Claret
11/5/2020	TBD	Women's English	Mt. Claret
TBD	TBD	Men's Spanish	Flagstaff
TBD	TBD	Women's Spanish	Flagstaff

January 2020

- Jan. 6 7:00 PM Rosary for our country (Mt. Claret Chpl)
- Jan. 7 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)
- Jan. 8 7:00 PM Mass/ORIENTATION for 929/930
- Jan. 11 2:00 PM ULTREYA (St. Francis Cabrini)
- Jan 14 6:30 PM Secretariat Mtg (Mt. Claret)
- Jan. 16-19 MEN'S ENGLISH #929 (Mt. Claret)
- Jan. 18 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)
- Jan. 25 8:00 AM ULTREYA (TBA—Westside)
- Jan. 30-Feb. 2 WOMEN'S ENGLISH #930 (Mt. Claret)

February 2020

- Feb. 3 7:00 PM Rosary for our country (Mt. Claret Chpl)
- Feb. 4 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)
- Feb. 11 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
- Feb. 15 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)
- Feb. 22 8:00 AM ULTREYA (TBD— Westside)
- Feb. 26 ASH WEDNESDAY
- Feb. 29 CURSILLO LENTEN RETREAT

Save the Date!

February 29, 2020

CURSILLO LENTEN RETREAT

Info coming soon!

DIOCESAN EVENTS

*For these events, and many more, go to:
<https://dphx.org/events/>*

ARIZONA FOR LIFE MARCH & RALLY

January 18, 2020, 10:30 AM—2:00 PM

Wesley Bolin Memorial Park

AzLifeRally.org

MASS FOR THE UNBORN

January 19, 2020 9:00 AM

Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

February 1, 2020

Xavier College Prep

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

February 20, 2020

Xavier College Prep

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

20+C+M+B+20

Having an Epiphany

Merry Christmas Brothers and Sisters in Christ! I know, it's January and for many people Christmas ended on December 26th. Some may even be relieved that the mad commercial rush that the holidays have become is over, and they can't wait to put it all behind them for another year, or at least until we are bombarded with ads for Valentine's Day. For devout Christians however, we know that the Nativity of the Lord is just the beginning of the revelation of Christ's divinity to us. The "Twelve Days of Christmas" is much more than a classic carol about gifts, it is rooted in an ancient Tradition leading up to the Feast of the Epiphany. The word epiphany is commonly used in secular conversation to represent a sudden understanding, an "AHA!" moment if you will. The word Epiphany has its roots in, and was first used in the early Church, and is defined as a manifestation or revelation. The Epiphany was first traditionally celebrated in the Eastern Church on January 6th in a threefold gospel celebration, not only of Christ's manifestation to the gentiles represented by the Three Kings, but also his revelation as the Son of God in His Baptism in the Jordan, and the onset of his mission at the Wedding Feast of Cana. The Roman Church soon adopted this Tradition and eventually separated the three gospels passages giving them each their own feast day.

The start of a New Year typically evokes thoughts of new beginnings, and resolutions to bring positive change into our lives. Now that the holiday rush is subsiding, maybe it's time to think about ways that we can fulfill our Cursillo mission to evangelize our environments. Perhaps there is someone in your life in need of an



Epiphany, and bringing them to Cursillo may be just the new beginning that they are longing for. It could be someone like the three Magi, who are far away from Christ, yet are seeking God in the journey within their soul. Or maybe someone newly baptized in the Christian life seeking to know Jesus on a deeper level through the Grace of Holy Spirit that has been given to them. Maybe you know someone whose spirits are running dry like at the Wedding of Cana, who could use a taste of choice wine that Cursillo can provide. Maybe bringing a friend to Christ by sponsoring them on Cursillo and offering your Palanca is just the spark that you need to rekindle the fire in your heart. The January Cursillo weekends are right around the corner, orientation is January 8th, and now is a great time to sponsor a friend or relative. Contact your parish representative, or the Precursillo Chairperson if you need an application.

We have a beautiful Christian Tradition of blessing our homes at Epiphany by marking our doorways with chalk and writing the beginning and ending numbers of the calendar year, before and after the letters "C+M+B", representing that names of the three wise kings, Caspar, Melchor and Balthazar. These are also the first letters of the Latin phrase "*Christus mansionem benedicat*" which translates to "May Christ bless this home". Wouldn't it be wonderful to bless our Cursillo home of Mount Claret as we begin the year with new Cursillistas attending the January weekend retreats, with a full reunion at of our Cursillo family at the Clausuras, and most especially by filling our home with your prayers of Palanca and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the Men's and Women's Cursillos. Be a blessing to others by coming home to the Mountain this January.

20+C+M+B+20 "May Christ Bless This Home."

In the Peace and Love of Christ,

Joe Fairlie

October, November and December, 2019 – these months have been exceptional for my soul. During this time, I experienced an elevated level of spirituality and an increased awareness of God’s presence in my most ordinary life.

Looking back and considering what made this time so meaningful, I am drawn to a line from a song from The Sound of Music, “These are a few of my favorite things”. So, what made this time so special, so blessed? I immersed myself in piety, study, and action.

In October, I was privileged to serve on the team for the Women’s Cursillo 926. The jump-start to my spiritual awakening actually began in August with the first meeting at Mt. Claret of our team formation.

Immediately, I knew I was in for a glorious experience.

The depth of faith held by these women was palpable. It was real. It was warm, loving and welcoming. It was not at all sanctimonious. There were no self-righteous Pharisees here. These women were true-to-the-core Catholic Cursillistas living genuinely in their Fourth Day. With each meeting, more experiences lived by the women were shared - many of them tragic. Yet, each one was inspirational in that these

women emerged stronger in the love of God for having endured, and even physically survived, their circumstances. The more I listened to my teammates, the more I was in awe. I was in the company of extraordinary beings. These ladies were no wimps.

Then came the three-day Cursillo weekend and the candidates arrived. Here’s what happened: we had the perfect storm. No, not a storm of destruction. It was a storm of spirituality in the best possible way. Not only was the team functioning on a high level of faith, but so were the candidates. Synergy was going full bore. Mt. Claret hosted an atmosphere of living grace throughout the Cursillo. I am still feeling the elation from that weekend.

In November, my parish began the 33-day Marian Consecration. Cursillo translates to “a short course”. For me, the Consecration was also a short course with its lessons in theology. What especially grabbed my attention was how the “Holy Spirit is the uncreated Immaculate Conception and Mary is the created Immaculate

Conception”. That concept was so meaningful. With each day’s reading bringing new information, the Consecration became exciting and serious at the same time.

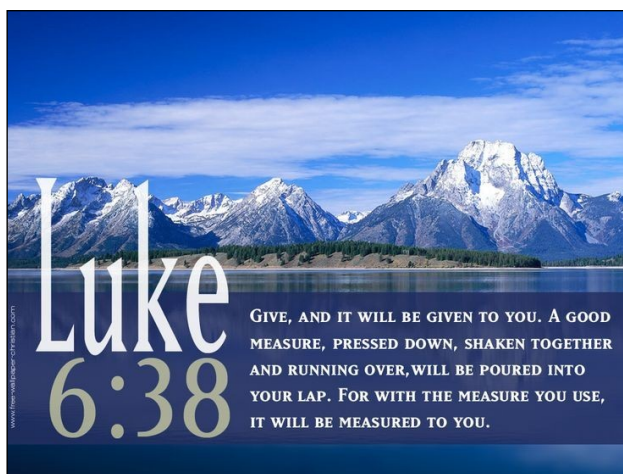
In December, I approached my pastor about doing a parish novena for Christmas. Fr. Kline agreed. A little research turned up a Christmas Novena by St. Alphonsus of Liguori. The messages in the Meditations and Prayers were wonderfully unique and thought provoking. With his words, I realized that Christmas is simultaneously a time of joy and a time of soul-searching. While Catholics avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation in order to receive the Holy Eucharist at a Christmas Mass, I realized that St. Alphonsus was showing us that self-examination and confession relate intimately with our preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ.

The novena itself became a form of palanca for me. It was decided that the novena would be held after each 6:30am and 8:30am Mass during the week and after the 8:30am Mass on Saturday. On Sunday, the parishioners could pray the novena at home. Additionally, parishioners who could not attend the weekday and Saturday Masses could pray the novena at home or wherever else they might be.

To lead the novena during the week, I attended each of these morning Masses. Why the palanca? I am not a morning person, I am a night owl!!!! Since I don’t live around the corner from the church, I drove through 8 miles of morning rush hour traffic to get to the 6:30am Mass and stay for the 8:30 Mass. There were days I was in a mental fog. Nevertheless, I was there. The benefit was that the novena was made even more special for me because I was not doing it out of ease or convenience. Happily, the parishioners who came each day to pray the novena were devoted to the novena and were appreciative of it being available to them.

From the time I made my Cursillo in 2008, the pillars of piety, study and action have provided me with opportunities to be the best Cursillista I can be. The year 2019 renewed my spiritual self. Now, in 2020, I look forward to living even stronger for Christ in my Fourth Day.

Kathryn Andrzejczak, #774
St. Bernadette Church



EASY TITHE

- **First, we would like to thank all of you who are currently enrolled with Easy Tithe. Your continued support of the Cursillo Movement is greatly appreciated.** (If your card has changed or expired, please take a minute to go to www.Easytithe.com/Cursillo and update/)
- **WHAT IS IT?**
A low cost monthly auto withdrawal from your bank account directly to the Cursillo Movement to help pay for operating expenses of the Movement (i.e., rent, supplies, stipends and scholarships). You choose the amount you'd like to contribute, when, and how often.
- **WHY?**
A major goal of Cursillo is to allow every qualified candidate to live their weekend. The cost of the weekend should never keep someone away. The actual cost to put a candidate through the weekend is in excess of \$350 per person. However, we strive to maintain the stipend at \$150 per candidate. To accomplish this goal requires fundraising, including our Easy Tithe program.
- While Cursillo weekends can be held almost anywhere, we are truly blessed to call the beautiful, holy ground that is Mt. Claret Retreat Center, "home". It has been home to the Cursillo for many years due to the vision of the Claretian priests who were caretakers of the Movement in Phoenix in the beginning, the devotion of Msgr. McMahon, and the love, time, and talent of many Cursillistas over the years. Support through Easy Tithe assists in ensuring that Mt. Claret remains our home for future candidates and all Cursillistas.
- **HOW?**
Simply go to the Easy Tithe link on the Cursillo website (www.PhoenixCursillo.com) or go directly to www.Easytithe.com/Cursillo.
- **PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION**
A five (\$5) or ten (\$10) dollar monthly Easy Tithe donation can make a huge difference in not only a candidate's life, but also the many Cursillistas in our Diocese. Please prayerfully consider participating in Easy Tithe and enroll today.
On behalf of the Cursillo Movement of Phoenix,
we thank you for your prayerful consideration and support.
If you have any questions, please contact Karla Keller (Treasurer@PhoenixCursillo.com)



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



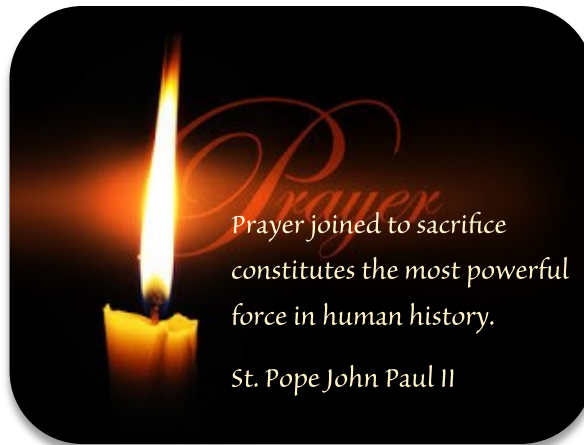
Parish Reps Needed!!!: To see if your parish is one of those not covered, please go to our website. If interested, please contact the Postcursillo Chair at (mickkapanicas@gmail.com) or Precursillo Chair at (jdiaz.theocentric@gmail.com).

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.

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 (zeldagraham@yahoo.com).

**GENERAL
PALANCA**

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.



**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

There is a prayer list on the website that will be updated 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:	

Vatican-approved prayer for the intercession of Servant of God, Eduardo Bonnin, Founder of the Cursillo Movement

“Oh God, the dispenser of all graces and charisms, You granted your servant Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo the grace of dedicating his whole life with humility and generosity, to the work of the Cursillos in Christianity Movement, as he traveled the five continents proclaiming that God in Christ loves us. Grant us through his intercession the favor that we now implore Thee. (Name favor being requested.) Also grant us the grace, of his beatification for your greater glory and the good of your Church, that shines throughout the lives of its saints. We beg this of you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”
(At the end pray the Lord’s Prayer.)

PHOENIX CURSILLO DATABASE

Please help us keep the Cursillo records up to date. If you change your address, email, phones, etc., please email the updated info 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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