



# Come, Holy Spirit!

# The VOICE

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

### FROM DEACON MARTY POGIOLI

De Colores!

In February of this year I fulfilled a longstanding bucket list item by making a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The experience exceeded even my very high expectations. After an incredible two weeks, I returned home just as COVID-19 was being recognized as a serious threat to our country. God was certainly with me. I arrived safe and healthy and have remained so.

Spiritually fulfilled by my pilgrimage in the Holy Land, which is often called the fifth Gospel, I was prepared to have my best Lent and Easter ever. This was my best, but it was much different than I anticipated. Since my wife and I are caretakers in our home for her 99-year-old mother, we must be very cautious about exposing her to the virus. I felt compelled to withdraw from my diaconal ministries for a time to minimize the risk.

As a result, I did not function as a deacon during Lent and Easter. For the first time in 32 years, I did not process the Paschal candle into a darkened Church at the Easter Vigil and chant the Exsultet, the beautiful Easter Proclamation.

I am sure each of us can list hundreds of things that we have missed during this quarantine. We look back wistfully at our pre-COVID lives and wonder when or if treasured activities will return. The degree to which the virus is controlling many aspects of our lives is something we could never have imagined.

We like to be in control, and the degree to which we try to control our lives often keeps us from trusting God. "Let go and let God" is a phrase I learned in my Cursillo in May of 1977. Even as we ponder the age old question "How can God allow this to happen?" we must keep our situation in perspective.

The virus is powerful and not fully understood by scientists and the medical community, but it does not control the most important aspects of our lives. The virus

cannot take away our faith. Our faith may be challenged, but what we believed to be true three months ago remains true today.

***John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."***

The virus cannot change our relationships. We may need to find different ways of expressing our love and affection for one another, but we will still love. We love because God loves us. As we reflect on the crucifixion of Christ, it is important that we recognize that this was an act of love. Jesus, as God, could have come down from the cross at any moment. What held Jesus on the cross was not the nails. It was His love for us.

The virus cannot destroy the Resurrection, and so it cannot take away our hope. We are Easter people! The Resurrection is central to who we are as Catholic Christians. We know that Jesus, who rose from the dead is with us in every place and every situation. His Spirit was sent to us on Pentecost, which we just celebrated.

I find it helpful to reflect on the Emmaus story. The two disciples were distraught. They must have been wondering if the last three years with Jesus had been a waste of time. Afraid and disoriented they were leaving Jerusalem. On that road Jesus encountered them. He opened their eyes and restored their faith and hope.

Jesus is waiting to do that for us today.

He is always walking with us, even when we, like those disciples, are walking in the wrong direction. He is at this moment asking us to trust Him and to deepen our relationship with Him. Let us not miss this opportunity to let go and let God.

Until we can share a Cursillo experience together again, my prayer is that each of us will have a happy and healthy 4<sup>th</sup> Day!

Deacon Marty Pogioli  
St. Elizabeth Seton



# CALENDAR AND EVENTS

*Slowly and cautiously, events are being planned for later this summer and into the Fall. While most Cursillo weekends have been postponed (August Spanish in Flagstaff and September Spanish at Mt. Claret) we have a few things on the horizon. Please mark your calendars!!!*

Date TBD this summer	Women's English Weekend	Flagstaff
July 4, 2020	Independence Day Mass and Rosary	TBD
July 24-25, 2020	Virtual National Encounter	Online!
August 3, 2020 7:00 PM	Rosary for America	Mt. Claret
August 22, 2020 9:00 AM	Sponsor Workshop	Mt. Claret
Sept. 12, 2020 TBD	Diocesan Ultreya	Mt. Claret
October 10, 2020	(CENA) Evening Under the STARS!***	Mt. Claret
October 22-25, 2020	Men's English Weekend	Mt. Claret
October 23-24	Region X Fall Encounter	Flagstaff
November 5-8, 2020	Women's English Weekend	Mt. Claret



## SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP!

Your Precursillo Committee is planning a Sponsorship Workshop!

August 22, 2020 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Refreshments will be served;

feel free to bring a dish to share, too!

*P.S. Postcursillo may incorporate a Parish Rep Workshop as part of the morning.*

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!**

## SAVE THE DATE!

### CENA/EVENING UNDER THE STARS

Fundraiser for the Cursillo Movement and Mt. Claret

OCTOBER 10, 2020

(Yes, the date has changed!)

Information coming soon.

## 30TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCOUNTER

July 22-25, 2020

COMING TO A SCREEN NEAR YOU!

*Your chance to finally check out the yearly Encounter if you have never been able to travel to it.*

Livestream Masses, Virtual Fellowship, and Breakout Sessions. More info to follow.

Open Registration begins June 1st

www.natl-cursillo.org



## PATRIOTIC ROSARY

**G**ood news: As our churches are opening up again, our First Monday Rosary for the United States of America was on June 1st, and will now continue each month at Mt. Claret. Due to COVID-19 we are asked to meet 25 or less in the Chapel, or if more, we will meet in the Conference Center. **If you plan on attending, please email me at yrique@cox.net** with a total number of who will be coming with you so we can set up appropriately.

My friends, during this time we are losing our liberties at a very slow but steady pace and it is fueled by fear of the unknown; loss of jobs, closing of schools, etc. How is this happening? Many are losing hope and most of all trust in God. Won't you join me in prayer that God will give all of us, including our politicians and our clergy, new hope? We need to remember that God is still in control.

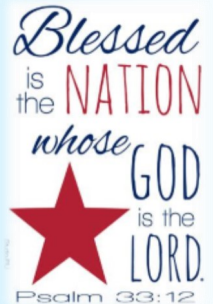
*Please also pray that we find a place to hold the 9th Annual 4th of July Mass and Rosary.* As soon as we know where we will have it, details will be available on the Cursillo Website.

Let us come together to pray that God will restore our country and world to good health, and that we, as His people, will give thanks that He still truly reigns. God

Bless you all and may God continue to Bless America.

Manny Yrique

*Please note: This situation is fluid; right now the next regular Monday Rosary will be August 3, at 7:00 pm. We are hoping to have the Mass and Rosary on July 4. Details will be in the July Voice.*



De Colores!

I hope that this message finds you all physically and spiritually healthy and well. These certainly are strange and challenging times. I won't go over all of the troubles of the world, we hear of them enough already and are all too familiar with them. Our Lent and Easter seasons have been filled with fear, and now the emotional climate has turned to anger, division and civil unrest. As we wonder how we are going to come out of all of this I'm reminded of a lyric from the 1974 song; Peace, Love and Understanding by Nick Lowe, and later recorded by Elvis Costello. In it the author asks the questions "Where are the strong? And who are the trusted? And where is the harmony? Sweet Harmony."

We've just celebrated the great feast of Pentecost, and we heard the story of how the disciples had subjected themselves to self-isolation out of fear, until the Holy Spirit came upon them and they were enflamed with courage to boldly go out and change the world. You and I were also gifted with that same Spirit, and as Saint Paul says: *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment."* (2 Timothy 1:7). If we open ourselves to trust in the Holy Spirit, we can become the strong saints that are needed to restore harmony in our world today.

But how do we do that? Well, perhaps we can start by following the example of the disciples leading up to the outpouring of the Spirit, when they gathered in prayer with our Blessed Mother. On June 1, on the celebration of "Mary, the Mother of the Church", Angie and I were blessed to pray the Rosary for the United States, which our Cursillo brother Manny Yrique has been leading on the first Monday of every month at Mount Claret for the past nine years. It was wonderful to be back on the Mountain and see so many familiar faces, including five of the seven members of our Secretariat, and to raise our voices together asking our Holy Mother to intercede on behalf of our beloved country which has never been more in need of our prayers. Afterwards Manny said something that really spoke to me. He called on us to "Be the face of Christ" in our environments. This is the call of all Cursillistas, and how we will make a difference to bring us through these troubled times.



We have some challenges ahead, but together we will get through them. With a Spirit of Ultreya, we will move forward and overcome whatever obstacles the trickster puts in our path. Please continue to pray for our nation and

for Manny and Dee Yrique in this patriotic ministry, which is faced with the challenge this year due to the Corona virus limitations of finding a parish that will host the 10<sup>th</sup> annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Mass and Rosary for the United States. Pray for the Cursillo Movement, as we like many ministries have faced financial hardship caused by the Covid-19

pandemic, including the cancelation of weekend retreats and the postponement of the Cena De Colores.

In lieu of holding the Cena late in the year without the necessary seed money needed to put on the event, and running close to next year's Cena De Colores date, Tom McGuire and Mount Claret have generously offered to allow the Cursillo to partner in the annual Evening Under the Stars Dinner on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> which this year will benefit both the Mount Claret Retreat Center and the Cursillo Movement. Look for more details in the months to come and show your support for Cursillo on our beloved Mountain. Please also prayerfully consider contributing to the Movement through the EasyTithe program if you aren't contributing already. You can do this online at [easytithe/cursillo.com](http://easytithe/cursillo.com).

This week I also attended a virtual Regional Secretariat meeting with our Regional Coordinators as well as both Spanish and English Lay Directors from Arizona and New Mexico. We talked about how we have all found new ways to live the Cursillo method, with virtual grouping, Secretariat meetings, Ultreyas and School of Leaders through online outlets. Despite having to adjust to the restrictions that none of us could have foreseen, the Cursillo keeps moving forward throughout the World. We may do things in new and different ways, but we will continue on.

The National Cursillo Encounter in July will now be a virtual encounter, which may actually allow more of us to attend, or at least hear some of the talks without the travel expenses. The women's team in Flagstaff who had their weekend postponed in March have stayed in formation and are looking forward to getting the go ahead to

reschedule their weekend as soon as possible. We are still planning on having Men's and Women's weekends in October and November here in Phoenix. The Spring Men's Core team has stayed together and both the Men and Women will be putting their teams together to start formal formation soon. Please pray for all of the team members and consider giving your yes if you are called on to volunteer to work a team. We will also hold a Sponsor Workshop at Mount Claret on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

After my Cursillo, I came down the mountain reflecting on the people I met, the promises I made to myself and God; the promise to be a faithful child of God. From all my experiences of my weekend I continue to reflect on the "Come, Holy Spirit" prayer especially the line, "Enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth." As we have experienced the Easter miracle, and celebrated Pentecost, we are reminded of the fire of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. For me, the pillars of the Cursillo, Piety, Study and Action, are truly the sparks to enkindle the fire of the Holy Spirit and to accept the mission to change the world.

Now the task of changing the world can be a little larger than our sphere of influence. To be that influence or the light in the darkness, we can feel scared, and overwhelmed. But God knows you better than you know yourself.

We are all given three forms of vocations in our life to influence the world. The first is the realization God perfectly created us all to be unrepeatable in our creation, and He created each of us for this specific time in history. I realize my first vocation is to be a child of God: to know him to love him and to serve him. The second is our state in life; are we called to be priests, religious, married, parents, single? Are we willing to accept where we are and live it to the fullest in glorifying Him? Finally, we are created in our professions to value the sanctification of work and demonstrate the humility of being an honest worker.

Living and accepting our vocations is not easy. I struggle with the anxieties of parenting, and being a good husband. I struggle with going to work in the career God lead me to as a police officer. Honestly, I don't always do flips and somersaults when the alarm rings in the

Together we call on the Holy Spirit to lead us with the power of prayer, enkindle our hearts with Love for God and for our brothers and sisters, and guide us to carry on His mission with sound judgment for the safety and benefit of all.

ULTREYA!

Your Brother in the Peace and Love of Christ,  
Joe Fairlie #781

## PIETY, STUDY, AND ACTION

morning. Our Lord knows it's hard and He sent the Holy Spirit to guide us in life. The answer to loving my family to the fullest is accepting my role as a leader and as a father; having those difficult talks with my daughter, helping with chores, saying sorry to my wife. These hard things are done through the Holy Spirit leading me to emulate Christ the servant - knowing that service to my wife and daughter is on the narrow path, picking them up daily as my crosses and carrying them all the way to Calvary.

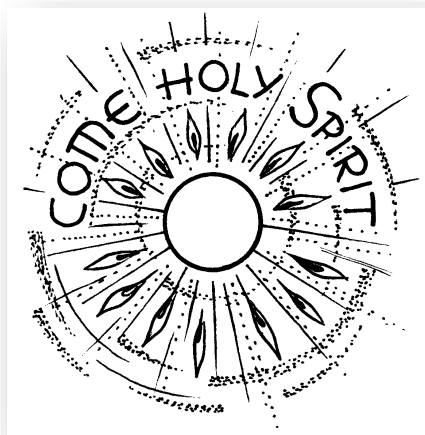
In my profession I am not always greeted with a warm welcome, and it can be a frustration; showing up to help only to be ridiculed. It is those times I have to call on the Holy Spirit to listen to Christ's words reminding me to be the peacemaker and not defending my pride.

In my desire to follow Him there is great suffering. I will be uncomfortable, true love is not always pleasure. There is a lot of personal suffering. Our Lord knows this and as He was in the desert for forty days, He was tempted and physically weak from thirst and hunger. He knew His mission, and He loves us so much He resisted the needs of the flesh and the temptations of the Devil himself! St. Peter writes, "For to this you have been called, because Christ suffered for you leaving you an example that you

should follow in his footsteps." (1 Peter, 2:21)

It is in these times of uncertainty, and self-doubt we call on the Holy Spirit, "Come and enkindle the fire of Your love." We call on the Spirit to guide us to grow stronger, to be motivated by love of Him, our families, and our neighbors; to evaluate how are we glorifying Him through our vocations so we can do His will for each of us: to be holy and renew the face of the earth.

Carlos Cano #915; St. Thomas Aquinas



## 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](http://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](http://www.PhoenixCursillo.com)) or go directly to [www.Easytithe.com/Cursillo](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mickkapanicas@gmail.com)) or Precursillo Chair at ([jdiaz.theocentric@gmail.com](mailto:jdiaz.theocentric@gmail.com)).

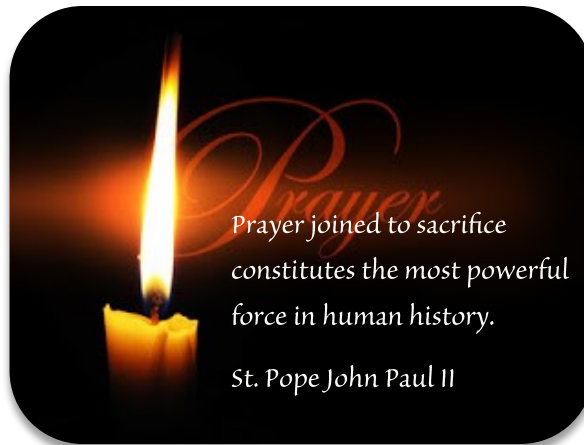
**Ultreya!** It just takes a place and some friends to rejoice together in the graces we receive as we live our piety, study, and action throughout our 4th day. Please get in touch with the Postcursillo Chair, if you are interested in helping with or hosting an Ultreya in your area.

**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](mailto: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.

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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## 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](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.

### 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](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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