

DO NOT BE AFRAID . . .
HE IS NOT HERE. HE IS
RAISED JUST AS HE SAID.

(Matthew 28)

THE VOICE MAY 2019

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

FROM BISHOP NEVARES

DE COLORES Brothers and Sisters,

So much has happened since the beginning of this new year.

I have been elected to serve as the National Spiritual Advisor for the period of five years!

Our very own Cursillo Brother, Rodrigo Becerra, has been elected to serve as the National Chairman for the Spanish Cursillo Movement for a period of one year.

Our new local Secretariats in both English and Spanish are “fanning the flame”, and we have been blessed to have both men and women’s Cursillos here at Mt. Claret AND at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Flagstaff!

There are other Cursillos planned, and I have been in touch with those Cursillistas interested in beginning Cursillo in SPANISH up at Flagstaff!

As you can see, the Spirit is a MOVING, and the CURSILLISTAS are being FILLED to the BRIM!

Many special prayers and Blessings of GRATITUDE to Msgr. O’Grady, Fr. Killian, and Deacon Bob Evans who have helped me to organize the Cursillo Spiritual Advisors, and to the Secretariats who have helped to invite the different Cursillistas to serve at the different Cursillos.

MANY PRAYERS and BLESSINGS to each of you, my Cursillista Brothers and Sisters for your generous service for our Cursillos, and for your prayerful support of this very important ministry for our God.

The Secretariat is planning the “CENA DE COLORES” at Mt. Claret for Saturday, June 1. SEE YOU THERE!!

Fraternally,
Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares

*This is the day
the Lord has made
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Psalm 118:24

CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS!

CENA DE COLORES IS BACK!

Come spend an evening at Mt. Claret Retreat Center to reconnect with your Cursillo brothers and sisters.

Saturday June 1, 2019 5:00 pm—10:30 pm

Cash and Gift Basket Raffles

Cocktails, Dinner, and Dancing

Early Bird Special Table of 10 for \$500

Tickets \$60.00 per person

For more information about volunteering or attending contact Chairpersons Joe and Angela Fairlie at 623-693-3431. Donations gratefully accepted!

For link to purchase tickets online, please go to www.phoenixcursillo.com/cena-de-colores-june-1-2019.html

**Early Bird Pricing
Deadline MAY 1, 2019**

**Cena De Colores
is Back!**

Cocktails
Dinner
Dancing

Cash Raffle
Gift Basket
Prizes

Saturday June 1, 2019
5PM - 10:30PM
Mt. Claret Retreat Center

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

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

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 12		<i>Mother's Day</i>	
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)	

June 2019

June 1	5:00 PM	CENA DE COLORES	
June 3	7:00 PM	Rosary for the US (Mt. Claret)	(also at St. Paul at 6:30 PM)
June 4	6:30 PM	SOL (Mt. Claret)	
June 11	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting	
June 15	9:30 AM	SOL (St. Agnes)	
June 16		<i>Father's Day</i>	
June 22	9:30 AM	Westside Ultreya (TBD)	

July 2019

July 2	6:30 PM	SOL (Mt. Claret)	
July 4	TBA	Mass and Rosary for the US	
July 9	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)	
July 18-21		2019 NATIONAL ENCOUNTER	
July 20	9:30 AM	SOL (St. Agnes)	
July 27	9:30 AM	Westside Ultreya	

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For information about **Ultreya**, please contact
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ULTREYA!



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

May 25, 2019

St. Jerome Church

10815 N 35th Ave, Phoenix

9:00 am Potluck; Ultreya follows

THREE DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE 2019

Mt. Claret:

Women's English #922 May 2-5

Flagstaff:

Men's Spanish #923 Aug. 22-25
Women's Spanish #924 Sept. 12-15

Mt. Claret:

Men's English #925 Oct. 3-6
Women's English #926 Oct. 17-20
Men's Spanish #927 Nov. 14-17
Women's Spanish #928 Nov. 21-24



DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND YOU WISH TO SPONSOR?

Applications are 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

Online signup is available a month in advance of the weekends
To sign up for Adoration on the upcoming women's weekend, please go to the website.

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>

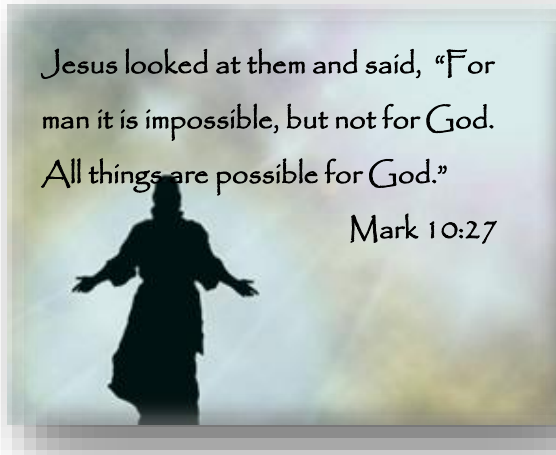
Totally Awesome!

When we ask someone to describe a Cursillo weekend the response we most often hear is “It was awesome.” I’ve been thinking about the definition of the word awesome lately. There are some who say that the meaning has been watered down by overuse to describe anything that is very good, such as a tasty dessert or a sports highlight. On the other hand, in describing the things of God, there are instances when it seems that no other one word will suffice. Merriam-Webster’s dictionary defines awe as “an emotion variously combining dread, veneration, and wonder that is inspired by authority or by the sacred or sublime.”

Now fear and dread are not words that we usually use to describe something good, but Proverbs 9:10 tells us that “Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” or in the Aramaic Bible translation to English, “The beginning of wisdom is the awe of Lord Jehovah.” In the Resurrection accounts that we are hearing in the gospel readings this Easter season the emotions that the disciples often experience when encountering the risen Christ are fear and doubt, for they are truly witnessing something unbelievable. But Jesus comforts them with His “Shalom”, His peace.

Recently I drove to Albuquerque to attend a Regional Cursillo Encounter and I felt a sense of peace and awe in observing the changing landscape, from the snow-capped San Francisco Peaks, through the high desert rock formations of Arizona and New Mexico. One of my favorite poems from Saint John Paul II, *The Stream*, (see page 4) describes how man is distinguished from the rest of creation by our sense of wonder. When we are

surrounded by the beauty of creation we can feel that we are a part of something much greater than ourselves. I felt that same emotion when I saw tears of joy on the faces of our newest Catholics brothers and sisters as they emerged from the waters of baptism and received the Holy Eucharist first the first time at the Easter Vigil. I couldn’t help but think of the road that each one of them has been on to arrive at this point, and be united in communion with Christ and His Church. The same can be said for our new Cursillistas as they are welcomed into the Cursillo family and experience the love of



God in new and exciting ways.

As we reflect on the beauty of the Triduum and the Easter season, like the early disciples we too should find comfort in the knowledge that the almighty God loves us so much that He would become one with us in our human nature, take on all of our sins and sufferings, and rise to give us divine hope in the Resurrection. In a way, our Cursillo movement is experiencing its own sort of resurrection with a sense of hope and excitement that is being manifested in increased attendance on the weekends, and the overwhelming love and support that we share as community through events such as the *Cena de Colores*, *Clausuras*, *Ultreyas* and of course, group reunion. Saint Paul in Romans 5:5 tells us that “hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

I pray that all of your lives be filled with hope and wonder, and that your Easter season will be, well

AWESOME.

Joe Fairlie



A POEM BY ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT

I. The Stream

Ruah

The Spirit of God hovered above the waters.

1. Wonderment

The undulating wood slopes down
to the rhythm of mountain streams.
To me this rhythm is revealing You,
the Primordial Word.

How remarkable is Your silence
in everything, in all that on every side
unveils the created world around us ...
all that, like the undulating wood,
runs down every slope ...
all that is carried away by the stream's
silvery cascade,
rhythmically falling from the mountain,
carried by its own current—carried where?

What are you saying to me, mountain stream?
Where, in which place, do we meet?
Do you meet me who is also passing—just like you.
But is it like you?
(Allow me to pause here;
allow me to stop at a threshold,
the threshold of simple wonder).

The running stream cannot marvel,
and silently the woods slope down,
following the rhythm of the stream—
but man can marvel!
The threshold which the world crosses in him
is the threshold of wonderment.
(Once, this very wonder was called "Adam").

He was alone in his wonder,
among creatures incapable of wonder—
for them it is enough to exist and go their way.
Man went his way with them,
filled with wonder!
But being amazed, he always emerged
from the tide that carried him,
as if saying to everything around him:
"Stop—in me is your harbour",
"in me is the place of meeting
with the Primordial Word".
"Stop, this passing has meaning ...
has meaning ... has meaning".

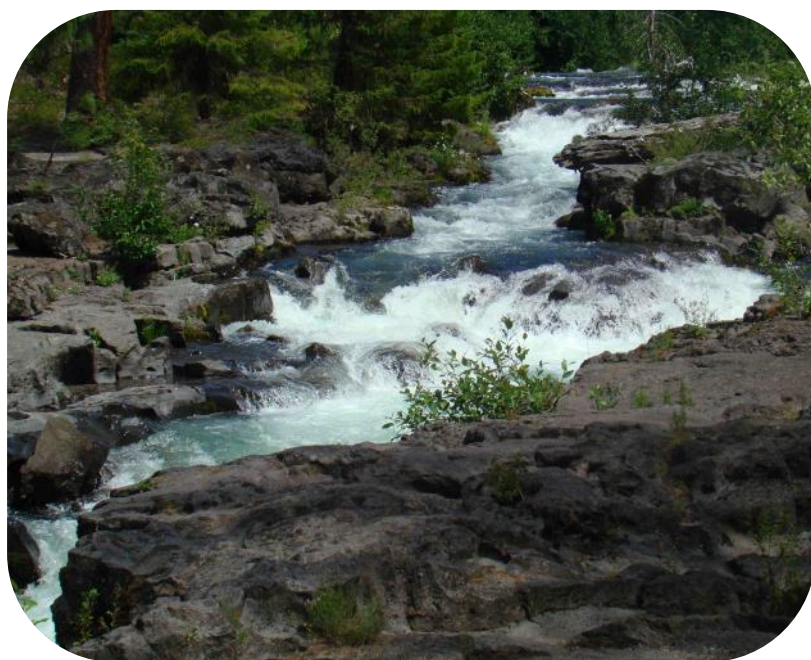
2. The source

The undulating wood slopes down
to the rhythm of mountain streams....
If you want to find the source,
you have to go up, against the current,
tear through, seek, don't give up,
you know it must be somewhere here.
Where are you, source?
Where are you, source?!

Silence....
Stream, stream in the wood,
tell me the secret of your beginning!

(Silence—why are you silent?
How carefully you have hidden the secret of your
beginning).

Allow me to wet my lips
in spring water,
to feel its freshness,
reviving freshness.



This poem, the first part of St. John Paul II's poem *Roman Triptych, Meditations*, is about the experience of creation, its beauty and its life, according to then Cardinal Ratzinger, when it was published in 2003. Pope John Paul II wrote a considerable amount of poetry beginning in his twenties.

I am Vince Johnson, Cursillo 152, Archdiocese of Denver, March 1998 (those who know me laugh because they hear this often). One of my Spiritual Directors, Deacon Larry Whalen (who is on his 5th day) called his weekend his spiritual birthday and I agree. My life changed then and it continues to change now as I live the Method—Group Reunion and Ultreya. This is the reason for the Three-day weekend according to Eduardo Bonnin, the founder: to get people to group reunion. The Ultreya is the reunion of the groups.

The Method: Are you living it? Always? Only when convenient? Only when you are rector/a? Only when on the Secretariat? I have tried to live it most all of the time since I made my weekend. I strive for 100%.

In the Preliminary Rollo, the Rector assures the candidates that he will show them the way to Authentic Happiness; lifelong. I went so far as to guarantee it. The catch? Live the Method the rest of your life. I did not guarantee it would be without challenges. Recheck yourself. Go back to the beginning of your 4th Day. Don't dwell on it, just review. Now, today, live the Method that you believe in. If you slip in a week, reset. If you slip in a month, reset. Don't give up.

Piety, study, and action are natural and normal if you live the Method. I encourage each of you on your 4th day. It is worth it. Ask my wife Mary Margaret, she will confirm that me living my 4th day to the very best of my ability has changed our marriage for the better. Before Cursillo I had no men in my life to hold me accountable. During my Cursillo, I learned about being spiritual head of my household. I hadn't prayed with her daily; Christ was in our lives, but not the center of our lives. When I started to group I learned how to be accountable; to myself, to my brothers, and most importantly to my wife. I committed to change and to grow in my faith. My wife began to notice these changes in a short period of time. I attribute much of this growth to my committed friend and sponsor, Ron. Without my sponsor I would have had no direction for my 4th day.

I have had the pleasure of serving in leadership in the Flagstaff area for about 8 years now. I was called to leadership very early after my weekend in Colorado

servicing on the Archdiocese of Denver Secretariat for about 2 years before moving back to Flagstaff with my family. After being back for several years, my wife and I were asked to join the Flagstaff Sub-Secretariat (of the Diocese of Phoenix) that existed at that time. We began as Postcursillo Chairs. About six months later, I was called to be the Flagstaff Area Representative, the local equivalent of the Lay Director and I was a voting member at that time on the Phoenix Secretariat. I was in that position about the last 7 years or so. I lead the English and helped with the Spanish as best I could. There is no actual Sub-Secretariat now, but we continue to serve as a very active committee.

I have recently been selected to be on the Region X Service Team, an honor for sure. I look back at each of my positions in Cursillo and I am reminded of what I heard at the National Encounter in San Antonio several years ago: "God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called." I have had plans to be in most every position but the one I ended up in. God has laughed at my plans as maybe he has yours. I have learned to be obedient and listen. As a friend of mine once said in a non-Cursillo leadership conference years ago, "I have not had an original thought in this thing, I listen and I learn...."

I live the Method and I pray that I am that willing servant in my role. I ask for your prayers for the Cursillo movement and myself. I pray daily for Cursillo. I have said many rosaries and done Palanca for Cursillo through the great times and the challenging times. I recognize that ahead we have more great times and challenging times. This is how we grow and lead. Pray for your leaders, both at your local parish and on the Secretariat. Do Palanca for them, make it a powerful prayer. Pray for the Phoenix Cursillo Movement. Pray for the National and International Cursillos. Pray for the beatification of Eduardo Bonnin our founder. Most importantly, pray for the future candidates that we don't even know that they answer their call to come to Cursillo and learn to live the Method and become our future leaders.

De Colores and as always, ULTREYA!

Vince



IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

SERVANT OF GOD, EDUARDO BONNIN



On February 15, 2015, The Chancellor of the Diocese of Mallorca, Spain, read the written petition as the first step toward the beatification of the founder of the Cursillo Movement, Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo. The petition was presented by the Cursillo Secretariat of the Diocese of Mallorca, and was solicited by the national Secretariats of Italy, Portugal, and El Salvador. Bonnin can now be called Servant of God, and we can pray for his intercession. Any miracles which occur as the result of his intercession can be submitted to the postulator, Father Gabriel Ramis, at Feba-usa.org, as a possible step toward the cause of beatification or canonization of Eduardo Bonnin.

Vatican approved prayer for intercession

“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 favore 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.)

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).



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 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

Please prayerfully consider serving and supporting your Cursillo Community.



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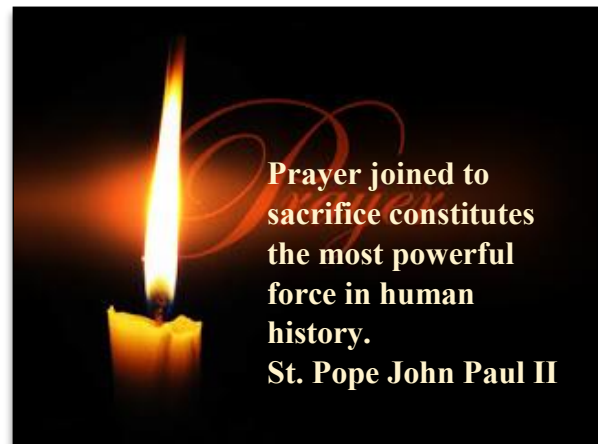
Give online at www.easytithes.com/Cursillo or make checks out to the Cursillo Movement.

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
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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