

NOVEMBER 2019

# THE VOICE

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

As we celebrate the end of October and the beginning of November, we are reminded of those special people – those saints – who have gone before us. We celebrate All Hallows Eve (Halloween), the Feast of All Saints, and the Feast of All Souls. We remember in a special way those men and women who the Church recognizes as Saints (capital “S”). But we also remember all the saints (little “S”) who have not been canonized but are saints to each of us – our Grandparents, Parents, Relatives, Friends, Spiritual Benefactors, and, in some cases, Children who have gone before us and who share the Eternal Banquet in Heaven with the Lord. It’s good we celebrate this wonderful communion of saints – it’s part of what we believe, it’s part of our experience as Catholic Christians, and it’s where we ultimately hope one day to be...!!

We are reminded in the *Layperson in the Church* rollo that **we are called to be saints**, living a life of grace, captivated by the Holy Spirit, and stepping into our identity as children of God, brothers and sisters of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit. Being a saint is what we are called to be by our Baptism. We are also called to live the mission of Jesus – to be his hands, his feet, his voice, his embrace in a world that so desperately needs to feel Christ’s presence. And we do so because we recognize that, even though called to be a saint, we are just a sinner who is in need of God’s mercy like everyone else.

Thomas Merton, the Trappist Monk and great spiritual writer, said: *“A man becomes a saint not by the conviction that he is better than sinners but by the*

### FROM DEACON RICHARD

*realization that he is one of them, and that all [together] need the mercy of God.”*

As we just heard in our recent Gospel from Luke, that is why the Tax Collector went home justified from the Temple after praying – since he simply asked for God’s mercy, God’s healing grace. The Pharisee, who was so full of himself, went home not justified since there was nothing God could do in his life – he, the Pharisee, pridefully took credit for everything.

To be a saint means we empty ourselves of those things that stand in the way of our relationship with God, and we ask him to fill us with his grace, his love, his mercy and compassion – transforming us in the process so we truly CAN become saints. We recognize that it is only through HIM that we can become the saints he calls us to be.

*“Teach us, O Lord, and enable us to live the life of a saint...”* St. John Cardinal Newman

May you become the saint God is calling you to be. Happy Feast Day...!!

Deacon Richard Kijewski #475

**If you are what you should be,  
you will set the world on fire.**

*Saint Catherine of Siena*



### 50th Anniversary Mass

December 2 at 7:00 pm

Comerica Theater

5:30 pm Doors open/pre-Mass Concert with Tom Booth

6:30 pm Tribute, Parish Processions

Free to attend, but tickets required.

Information at <https://dphx.org/mass/>

or your parish office.

# CALENDAR AND EVENTS



## 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](mailto:applications@phoenixcursillo.com).

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



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

## ULTREYA!

Check the website for any new information on upcoming Ultreyas in November!

Please let Postcursillo Chair Mick Kapanicas know of any upcoming Ultreyas at [Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com](mailto:Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com).

### November 2019

- Nov. 5 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 12 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 14-17 MEN'S SPANISH #927 (Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 16 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes Cafeteria)
- Nov. 21-24 WOMEN'S SPANISH #928 (Mt. Claret)
- Nov. 23 9:30 AM Westside Ultreya

### December 2019

- Dec. 2 7:00 PM 50th Ann. Diocesan Mass (Comerica Theater)
- Dec. 3 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)
- Dec. 10 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
- Dec. 21 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes Cafeteria)
- Dec. 28 9:30 AM Westside Ultreya (TBD)

## 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

Numbers TBD: Will be assigned when Flagstaff schedules Spanish Week-ends for the Fall.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### Rosary for Our Country

Every First Monday at 7:00 pm  
Mt. Claret Chapel

### Annual Blue Mass

**For Emergency Responders**  
November 7 at 10:00 am;  
Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral

### Red, White, and Blue Veteran's Mass

November 10 at 11:00 am;  
St. Anne Church, Gilbert



## FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Saint Paul has a wonderful way of addressing his friends in his first letter to the Corinthians; “To those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together”. What a wonderful greeting for us Catholic Christians as we bring in the month of November with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, reminding us that we in the pilgrim Church are accompanied by the communion of saints,



who have preceded us in holiness, as well as the souls of the faithful departed who continue their journey to Christ during their purification in Purgatory. Paul’s greeting also reminds us that we have a calling.

This evening I was blessed to teach an RCIA class on the Eucharist, and one of the scripture passages that we reflected on was from the Last Supper Discourse in John’s gospel, chapter 15, when Jesus says “I no longer call you slaves, . . . I have called you friends”. On the surface, this might seem like an unusual phrase, but if we look a little closer we can see that it is a marvelous revelation about Holy Communion.

For the Hebrew people the term slave or servant was not necessarily one of shame or lowliness, but of a high calling. Great figures of the Old Testament such as Moses, Joshua and David often refer to themselves as a “Slave” or “Servant” of the Lord. In the New Testament epistles Saint Paul considers it an honor that he is “Called to be a Slave for Christ Jesus.” But Christ elevates us to another level when He calls us His friends. Friendship implies a relationship built on trust and love. In the Eucharist we are entering into an intimate, personal relationship as we come into union with the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord and our God. The amazing reality is that God has sought us out to be in this relationship as Jesus states; “It is not you who chose me, but I who chose you, and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.”

As I write this, my lovely bride Angela and I have each been chosen to serve as Rector and Rectora of the upcoming January Cursillo weekends. Please lift up with your Palanca all our fellow Cursillistas, who are offering up their time and talents to bring others

to Christ by serving on the teams that are now beginning formation.

In a special way, Cursillo inspires each of us to know, love and serve the Lord, and the order of these three actions is very relevant. The more that we know the Lord, the more that we love Him. And the more that we love Him, the more we desire to serve Him. It is Faith in the love of God that causes ordinary persons to become saints. In the end, it is all about our relationship, our friendship with Christ. It is this friendship that moves us to live out the commandment that Jesus gives us in the same passage of John’s gospel to “Love one another, as I have loved you.” In these times when relationships with Jesus in the Eucharist continue to fade among Catholics, what greater gift could you give to your friends, than to bring them to Christ by inviting them into an intimate friendship with Jesus through Cursillo? Thank you to all of you who out of love, serve the Lord with gladness. My favorite Bob Dylan song says “You’ve got to serve somebody,” and Saint Paul in his letter to the Romans tells us that “The love of God has been poured out into our hearts.” With this in mind I can joyfully say that “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

De Colores! Joe Fairlie



*ALL YOU HOLY  
SAINTS OF GOD,  
PRAY FOR US!*

*This image is just a part of a series of beautiful tapestries created by artist John Nava for the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. The tapestries are the largest collection hanging in a Catholic place of worship in the United States.*



De Colores!

This is Cheryl Sprinzl, and I made my Cursillo in 2005, #726. I want to share with you the last twelve months of my study, piety, and action.

After being laid off from the job I had held for over 25 years in June of 2018, I was devastated and unsure as to where I was supposed to go, let alone why this had happened. I had to consciously remind myself every day that God was in charge, and He alone knew the reason. I prayed for greater faith and trust as the days turned into months of unemployment.

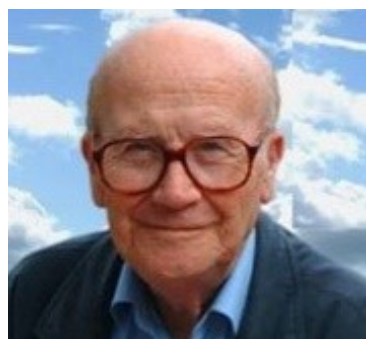
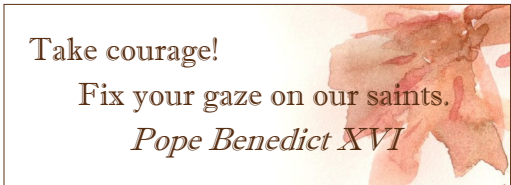
In October of 2018 I was again employed. With this new job there were so many changes from what I had known – even the process of finding a job had changed as the last time I had interviewed was 1993! Yet, God was present - the person who read my resume saw the company I had worked for, and it turned out her mother and I had been co-workers for years. Once she had spoken to her mother, I was given an interview and hired! My “action” has been going through the office each morning and greeting each person using their first name, inquiring how they are doing, building relationships of friendship.

I realized that now that I could make morning Mass at St. Mary’s in Chandler with Marty before heading into work. This was something I had always wished I could do, but in my

former employment, it was impossible. It’s difficult to put into words the difference in my day when I start it with morning Mass – I am filled with peace of heart and mind that together, He and I can make it a really great day! With attending daily Mass, I am able to study the readings and Gospel more. I feel more in tune with what God is asking of me as his daughter.

Recently Marty and I made the 33 Day Consecration to Jesus through Mary for the second time, and we delved deeper into it, thus finding another level of relationship and trust of our Blessed Mother, and how she can bring us closer to her Son. Towards the finish of the 33 days, I felt moved to really work on my humility and obedience and with that, I started to wear a veil to Mass and Adoration. I do this to humble myself before God, as He is truly present in the Eucharist. I have found that wearing it also keeps me focused on what is in front of me, versus what might be happening around me, the small distractions.

It’s been almost a year now in my new job, and I am starting to see the fruits of the last twelve months: a much closer relationship with Jesus Christ and his Immaculate Mother, more time spent in prayer and thanksgiving, as well as a deeper understanding of my Catholic faith. I would have to say: God is GOOD!  
God Bless, Cheryl Sprinzl



**CURSILLO SAINT TO BE...**

**SERVANT OF GOD, EDUARDO BONNÍN**

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 Bonnín 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. Bonnín 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 Bonnín.

**Vatican approved prayer for intercession**

*“Oh God, the dispenser of all graces and charisms, You granted your servant Eduardo Bonnín 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.)*



**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?**

- o 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.
- o 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)).

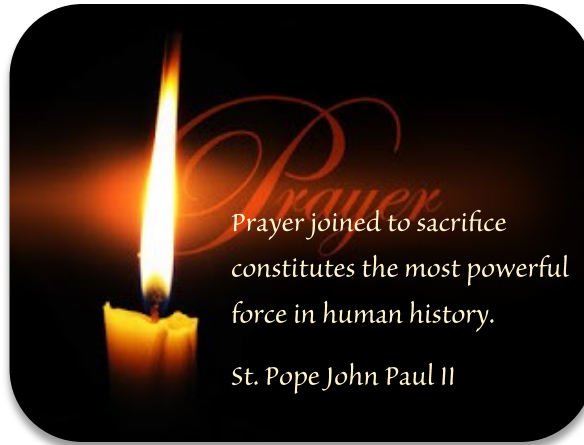
**Ultreya!** It just takes a place and some friends to rejoice together in the graces we receive as we live our piety, study, and action throughout our 4th day. Please get in touch with the Postcursillo Chair, if you are interested in helping with or hosting an Ultreya in your area.

**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.



## 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.

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:	
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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 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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