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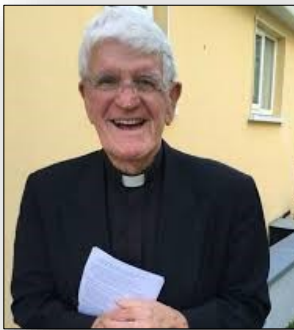
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

FROM BISHOP NEVARES

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November will be a very busy month for Cursillo in Phoenix, as we will be hosting two Cursillo weekends. As always, we will have many Cursillistas involved in providing the spiritually enriching experience for those attending Cursillo for the very first time.

Over the past two years, there have been a few changes to the Cursillo, as directed by the National Office. In obedience to their directives, I have seen it important that I step in, as the Auxiliary Bishop and in consultation with Msgr. Michael O'Grady, so as to guide the Cursillo movement in this time of



Msgr. O'Grady

transition. Msgr. O'Grady had also mentioned to me that he would like to continue working with Cursillo, but that if I could find another priest available for the position of Spiritual Director, he would be happy to assist and to collaborate with the new priest.

Now that Msgr. O'Grady is back from Ireland, I have mentioned to him that Fr. JOHN HANNIGAN, a Military Chaplain, is willing to assume the role of Spiritual Director, and Msgr. O'Grady is very happy with this development.

I want to profusely thank Msgr. Michael O'Grady, in the name of the entire Cursillo



Fr. Hannigan



community, for his many years of devoted and generous service to the Cursillo movement, and invite him most sincerely to continue attending the Cursillo weekends in whatever capacity he may wish to serve.

At the same time, I want to express, in the name of the entire Cursillista community, our heartfelt and warm welcome to Fr. John Hannigan as he serves the Cursillo weekend as the Spiritual Director. Sincerest appreciation and gratitude for Deacon Bob Carey for his faithful dedication and service to the Cursillo weekend as the Assistant Spiritual Director, and to Ruben Trevizo and to all of the lay leadership for their selfless dedication to this Cursillo ministry. May God make fruitful this work of our hands!

Together, let us continue to bring many souls to Jesus Christ and to His Holy Catholic Church.

De Colores!

+Eduardo A. Nevares

Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

DeColores, Cursillistas of Phoenix!

During this month of November, we have a set of Cursillos taking place. The men's #905 weekend is Nov. 2-5, and the Women's weekend #906 is on Nov. 16-19. We hold up the teams, spiritual advisors, the candidates and the families of all concerned in prayer and *pananca*. Please remember to visit the website, www.phoenixcursillo.com to input your prayers and sacrifices in the general *pananca* section. We read how people sacrifice for us from other dioceses and denominations from around the world, and they in turn would like to see how we are helping them, by our prayers and sacrifices.

I am going to continue to dig a little deeper into the prayer of the Cursillo, The Leaders Prayer, in this month's column.

My God, give us a spirit of self-sacrifice so that we might offer everything for your cause:

From *Whom Shall I Send*, by Fr. Frank Salmani, p. 65. "We hear the need for self-sacrifice. If we are committed to Christ's work, we must follow Him on His terms and live by His agenda, not ours. When Christ is the focus and our self is put aside, we will find our efforts bearing more fruit. A leader must be single-minded, determined and courageous. Doing God's work is not easy and it is easy to be distracted. We all want to follow the Lord, but too often we want to follow Him on our terms. If we want to follow in Jesus' footsteps, we cannot make our own path. We must allow Christ to lead us wherever He wants us to go."

There is always the need to discern if something is God's will or my own will. Is this for my glory or is this for God's glory? This is the question I had to ask of myself when deciding to run for the Lay Director position last

year. Part of my discernment came from the uncomfortable feeling I had about being the Lay Director. I knew I had to rely on Jesus' help. Jesus shows us this struggle at the Garden of Gethsemane. "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." (Mt. 26 v. 39)

Our time, our abilities, our health and even our lives, if necessary.

As Cursillo leaders, we should be aware that Cursillo is our apostolate and we should be freely giving our time, talents and treasure to the Movement. Are we living the personal witness in our talks on the Three-day Weekends? If we aren't authentic, we only fool ourselves; everyone else will know by our actions. Are we grouping regularly, attending School of Leaders when we can, or sponsoring a friend that we know can make a difference in his environments? Are we involving ourselves at *Ultreyas*? Remember our charism is about true friendship; first and foremost.

As Cursillo Leaders, we should contribute financially to the Cursillo Movement, at the diocesan, regional and/or national levels. This is stewardship of our treasure. Cursillo is just as important as other good causes.

If God is first in our lives, then we must witness to these things by supporting the Movement with our time, talents and treasure. It is part of being a faithful servant and steward.

ULTREYA!

Your friend in Christ,
Ruben Trevizo



CURSILLO WEEKEND ADORATION SIGN UP ONLINE NOW!

We are now able to sign up for Adoration for upcoming weekends online.

- 1) Go to www.phoenixcursillo.com, click on the Weekend Adoration Schedule tab.
- 2) Click on the Men's or Women's weekend
- 3) You will leave the website and go to the Set Up Genius website.
- 4) Choose the day and time you wish to serve and click "Sign Up" next to that time.
- 5) Scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Submit and Sign Up" and you will be prompted to add your name, phone, and email.

Everyone will receive an email reminder 2 days before the weekend.

There are still slots to fill for upcoming weekends!

Adoration will be held in the Conference Center for the November weekends.

EVENTS AND CALENDAR

November 2017

- Nov. 2-5 Men's English Weekend #905
Nov. 5 4:30 pm Rosary before Clausura
Nov. 7 6:30 pm SOL (Mt. Claret)
Nov. 14 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
Nov. 16-19 Women's English Weekend #906
Nov. 18 9:30 am SOL (St. Agnes)
Nov. 19 4:30 pm Rosary before Clausura
Nov. 25 9:30 am Northwest Ultreya (TBA)

December 2017

- Dec. 5 6:30 pm SOL (Mt. Claret)
Dec. 12 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
Dec. 16 9:30 am SOL (St. Agnes)

Upcoming Events

- FIESTA! February 3, 2018 at Mt. Claret
Men's English Weekend #907 Jan. 18-21, 2018
Women's English Weekend #908 Feb. 15-18, 2018

— Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ —

ULTREYA!

Check the website for upcoming Ultreyas
in November & December

YOU ARE NEEDED!

The Fiesta committee, led by Terry McDonald from St. Anne's Parish, has begun meeting.

What's going to be at the fiesta?

Games, food, entertainment, a rummage sale, raffle, and much more!

We need help in all areas; and we have an immediate need for team leaders for food and entertainment.



Grab your group brothers and sisters or friends from your parish and step up—run a booth—a game booth, a food booth, or help with the entertainment.

Please note: This is primarily a community event, but whatever funds are raised will go straight to the movement.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of this event, please call Terry at (602) 920-5161 or email info@phoenixcursillo.com.

Witness of Piety - Study - Action

Evelyn and Oscar were the speakers at the Diocesan Ultreya on September 23; this is a short version of Evelyn's beautiful witness.

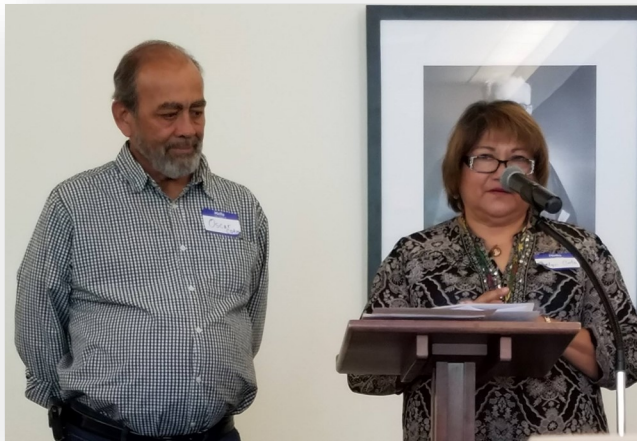
In my heart and thoughts I am always wondering how we, Oscar and Evelyn Cota, have been so blessed by Our Great and Amazing Lord. We know that God had a plan for us and we listened to our hearts and started following lovingly His Divine Will through Cursillo. I made my Cursillo in January 1975, #277 and Oscar in May 1991, #526. Our Lord knew what He was doing and we as a couple were obedient in planting God's seeds, and we knew His Mother Mary would guide us ever closer to her Son, Jesus.

We followed the Cursillo method, of course, failing, picking ourselves up, trying again, and again, but knowing we had a treasure inside us that kept us going forward and knowing that God had His hand in everything. It was through our Piety: our profound intimate relationship with God, knowing God was "counting on us." In our Study: trying and always yearning and being proactive learning more about Christ. And always doing our Action: showing God to anyone and everyone we meet, even just in the "little" things.

It is with Grouping with our sisters and brothers that keeps us focused on our Mission. We were not meant to do it alone, and our grouping is always changing, evolving, and we are always maturing and challenging ourselves to grow closer to God's Will, not ours. We have gotten comfortable with our Groups, but sometimes we need to feed the sheep that God sends us. That is why we need Ultreya to come together as a Community of Cursillistas.

Our oldest, married, 36 year old son, Dominic, and his wife Kim, have both made Cursillo and we are blessed with two grandchildren – Damien (13) and Brooklyn (10). They are a blessed family, living and struggling with life, but are surviving because of their Cursillo experience. We are always trying to be the best examples for them and our families. We are not perfect, but keep on trying!

We also have a ten year old son named Andre, who came to us at 1-1/2 years old with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, ADHD, and behavioral issues. We are constantly advocating for our son



because there are many who are not very sensitive to his outbursts and behaviors. It's amazing how a child can recite and learn the Rosary while running around and not staying still. It is through the Cursillo method that we are able to survive these times in our lives. As of today, Andre has been transformed and has transformed us. He is so lovable and has taught us to love God and others in a special way.

It was in 1992 that Oscar had kidney failure. It was our friends, family, neighbors, and Cursillo Community that carried us through these times of trial and tribulation and "unknowing." They carried us with their prayers and sacrifices and we were able to stay faithful and persevere in the journey. Such incredible blessings and strength from palanca: UNIMAGINABLE! God blessed Oscar with a kidney December 12, 1997, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe; Oh, Our Lady was so present! We in turn have prayed for the family who gave us the Miracle of Life.

Now in 2017 we are facing these trials again; Oscar needs a liver and kidney transplant. They called us last week and he is going to start testing in November at Mayo Clinic. We know it is all in God's hands we are open to His Will. It was our parents Carlos and Ramona Molina who left us the legacy of Cursillo and that is why the Movement is so close to our Hearts.

Supporting the Movement through online donation or volunteering is such a simple way to financially and spiritually keep the Cursillo Movement "ALIVE." We want to keep this Movement "ALIVE" for future generations. It is Jesus and Our Blessed Mother Mary who have made the impossible, possible; always giving us strength for our special journey.

De Colores, God Bless,
Evelyn Cota, #277, St. Mary, Chandler

Please consider sharing your Piety, Study, and Action witness with the Cursillo Community. Send articles of 500-750 words in length to info@phoenixcursillo.com.



HELP WANTED!

Parish Reps Needed: To see if your parish is one of those not covered, please go to our website: phoenixcursillo.webs.com. If interested, please contact Brenda Hope at

(Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com) or Nancy Kijewski at (Precursillo@phoenixcursillo.com).

Ultreya! Please get in touch with Brenda Hope, 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. Please contact Three-Day Chair, Sharon Matson at (threeday@phoenixcursillo.com).



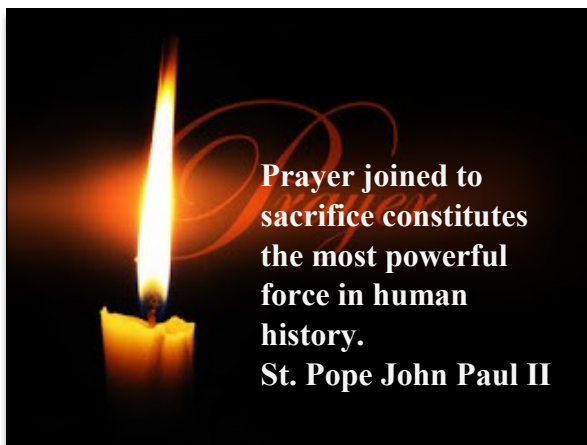
SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

As you may recall from working teams or when you lived your Cursillo, there is a talk given on Sunday called the "Sermon on the Amount." The Cursillo Movement runs primarily from fundraisers such as the Cena, the golf tournament, and from your generous contributions. There are two ways to donate; automatically at easytithes.com/Cursillo or make checks out to the Cursillo Movement. See the September 2017 Voice for the latest financial statement.

GENERAL PALANCA

Record your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses.

On the website there is a form for General Palanca. It will be gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. You may also send a record of these by email to info@phoenixcursillo.com, or by mail to Cursillo Movement, Mt. Claret, 4633 N 54th St, Phoenix, AZ 85018 or bring the form to School of Leaders. Your prayer, sacrifice, and works of mercy are the levers which lift up the Cursillo 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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