



# THE VOICE

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## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

### SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Cursillistas,

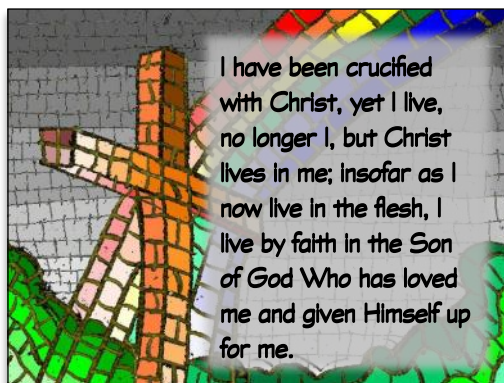
We can feel it in the air - one of the big reasons why we like living here in Phoenix - the great weather is coming our way very soon. The hot season is just about over; we see our neighbors returning from Flagstaff and Prescott, and soon many snowbirds will be back with us as well. One less thing to be concerned about. Or is it?

When it comes to our spiritual life, we may in a sense have the same frame of mind. We get over some temptation or finish carrying some type of cross and say to ourselves, "Wow, it feels good to be free of that!" But wait - don't let your guard down - for even though we may be on the receiving end of comforts and not challenges, trouble may be brewing.

How important it is that we

never forget to pray: "Lord, comfort me when I am too challenged but also challenge me when I am too comfortable!"

Carrying the Cross is never out of style nor is being an Easter Alleluia People! How important it is that we balance both in living out our 4th Day! May we follow the Scriptures and be rejoicing and also vigilant; comforting and also challenging ourselves and others in living out our 4th Day as individuals and as a Christian Community.



I have been crucified with Christ, yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God Who has loved me and given Himself up for me.

October is Pro-Life month. May we live life to the fullest by living in Christ. Remember what St Paul so beautifully said: "Now I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me!" (Galatians 2:20)

God bless,  
Fr. John Hannigan (#869)

Please join us for the "Time to Build" half day workshop sponsored by the Phoenix Cursillo Movement Saturday, October 7th at Mt. Claret Retreat Center.

The day begins with the annual Parish Representative Forum 8:00 am to 10:30 AM. Please check in at 7:30am to gather your packet. All parish reps, new and experienced will receive information and materials to assist them with their promotion and organization of the Cursillo Movement on a parish level. We will cover all topics needed to help coordinate Cursillo from applications through Ultreya. This portion of the day is open to anyone considering serving the movement as a representative as well.

The second half of the morning is dedicated to a Sponsor's Workshop beginning at 11:00 am (10:30 check in) and ending at 12:30 pm. This workshop is intended for ALL Cursillistas living our Fourth Day. We will explore the Cursillo Method of evangelization and provide you with the tools needed to bring your friends to Christ. This informative and encouraging session will focus on the unique beauty of the Cursillo Charism and how to be an effective sponsor, as well as provide you with all the practical information you need to invite a candidate to a Cursillo weekend.

*This is a free event. Registration is online at [atimetobuild.eventbrite.com](http://atimetobuild.eventbrite.com) We look forward to seeing you there!*

**PARISH REP WORKSHOP**

**SPONSOR WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY**

**OCTOBER 7, 2017**

## FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

### De Colores, Cursillistas of Phoenix!

The long, hot summer is finally coming to a close, and the coolness of fall is in the morning air! I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of autumn. For some, like myself, this could be considered the autumn of our lives. Recently retired, and with more free time on my hands, it gives me time to reflect on the use of my free time. Am I being the Cursillo leader that our Lord has called me to be?

In the coming months, I will write on a segment of the Leader's Prayer. It is a prayer that we often read, but may fail to fully reflect on what it means in detail.

**Lord, grant that we may understand the necessity for depth in our movement, rather than surface glory.** As I see this, depth is defined as having all three segments of the Cursillo (Precursillo, Three-day, and Postcursillo) working at full strength and in unison with each other. Having depth takes effort and time, and is not achieved overnight. Surface glory, on the other hand, is quick and easy. It is usually based on numbers, emotions, and competition.

**Convince us of the truth that colorful programs do not constitute success.** The heart of Cursillo is friendship. What is the best way to show true friendship? By walking with a candidate on their 4th day journey, by praying, fasting, and sacrificing for them. What do we look for

when buying a car? The bells and whistles are nice, but if the engine and transmission are poorly made, we will have a nice looking car sitting in the garage. My daughter-in-law bought a Kia Soul because of the cute hamsters that drove it. In reality, she says it gets lousy gas mileage and drives terrible. The lever of palanca is the engine of the Cursillo, and we are the transmission - moving our new friends along the way.

The Diocesan Ultreya on September 23 was an example of building depth in our movement. It also was not a colorful program, just the meat and potatoes (well, there were a few desserts to be had at the potluck, but I digress) of 4th day witness, group reunion, joy, and making new friends. There were several people that had not yet made a Cursillo. Our table reminded me of working on a Decuria, because of the two potential candidates present. I felt I was there to support them in their walk with Christ.

So, it is true, you don't have to work on a team to experience the three days. It was also a joy to have Bishop Nevares as our Spiritual Director. I would also like to thank Oscar and Evelyn Cota for their heartfelt witness of perseverance. I would sum up their message as one of hope. And don't we all need a little hope in our lives?

**ULTREYA!**

Your friend in Christ, Ruben Trevizo



**DIOCESAN ULTREYA! Old Friends . . . New Friends . . . a busload from St. Elizabeth Seton Church . . . Good food . . . a beautiful witness by the Cota's and an inspiring finish by Bishop Nevares! And as always - a thanksgiving visit to the Blessed Sacrament.**



# CALENDAR AND ULTREYA

## October 2017

## November 2017

- Oct. 3 6:30 pm SOL (Mt. Claret)
- Oct. 7 7:30 am Parish Rep & (10:30 am) Sponsor Workshop (Mt. Claret)
- Oct. 10 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
- Oct. 15 12:30 pm Ultreya (OLG Monastery)
- Oct. 18 7:00 pm Orientation #905 & #906
- Oct. 19 5:30 pm Fiesta Committee (Mt. Claret)
- Oct. 21 9:30 am SOL (St. Agnes)
- Oct. 28 9:30 am Northwest Ultreya (TBA)

- 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)

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

# ULTREYA!

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery

8502 W. Pinchot Ave., Phoenix

10:15 am Mass, Potluck follows

12:30 pm Ultreya

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Northwest side Ultreya

Location to be announced

9:00 am Potluck

9:30 am Ultreya

*Interested in hosting an Ultreya? Please contact Brenda Hope at [postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com](mailto:postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com)*

Calling ALL Cursillistas!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Come One - Come All!



You are hereby invited to attend:

"A Time to Build"

Parish Representative Forum

Sponsor's Workshop

October 7th, 2017

7:30 am - 12:30 pm

Please REGISTER AT: [atimetobuild.eventbrite.com](http://atimetobuild.eventbrite.com)

Please join us at Mount Claret Retreat Center in the Conference Room for a re-connecting, educational morning brought to you by Precursillo & Postcursillo Teams of the Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement.

**WE ARE CALLED TO BE LEADERS!**

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5: 14-16)*

Let's continue to shine... See you on October 7th. De Colores!!!!

**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](mailto:info@phoenixcursillo.com).

**Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 19 at 5:30 pm at Mt. Claret.**

Watch your email!

## CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

October 13 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral

Join Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted for

Solemn Mass and the Consecration of the Diocese of Phoenix to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the anniversary of Fatima

**“In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.”**



### Witness of Piety - Study - Action

#### Piety, Study, AND Action

I usually think of my Piety, Study and Action as a whole, since if one of the legs of my stool is too short (or too long) I will be unbalanced.

I love spending time each morning in prayer. The peace that it brings carries me through my day. PIETY (Check).

Since I am an avid reader, I am always immersed in a book that will not only help me grow spiritually, but also learn more about my Lord, who I fall more in love with as the years go by. STUDY (Check).

The leg of my stool that needs the most “propping up” is my ACTION leg. Oh I do various things, both at the parish and for family and loved ones, but usually these things are well within my comfort zone. This is where group reunion is so important to me. When I see my group sister’s examples of Apostolic Action I am encouraged, emboldened, and challenged!

Bishop Olmsted is beginning a new campaign for our Diocese called TOGETHER LET US GO FORTH. The purpose of this campaign is the strengthening of discipleship and evangelization in our diocese. He wants to encourage us to step out in faith, deepen our walk with God, and bring others to an encounter of His love. I consider this a personal challenge. I want that Action leg of my tripod to be equal to my Piety and Study legs, so

that I can live a more balanced 4th day. How about you? Are you balanced in your walk with Christ? Or are you a little “wobbly” like me?

Jo-Ann Trevizo (#445, St. Anne)



#### The Action of Cursillistas

##### ... according to the Pope!

*On May 1, 2015, Pope Francis visited the Third European Ultreya which was held in Italy, speaking before 5000 attendees. “One important thing about your movement: you have not engaged in proselytism,” in shouting matches or forcing fliers into people’s hands, but instead (you) offer friendship, kindness and a Christian witness, he said. “This is a virtue. The Church does not grow through proselytism, but through witness as Pope Benedict told us . . . When you realize that God has been so good, so tender, so merciful – this has to come out, this has to be shared with others,” the Pope said. (from Catholic News Service, May 2, 2015).*

### Help Wanted!

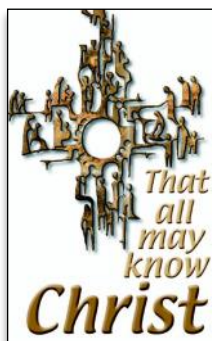
**Parish Reps Needed:** To see if your parish is one of those not covered, please go to our website: phoenixcursillo.webs.com. If interested, please contact Brenda Hope at (Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com) or Nancy Kijewski at (Precursillo@phoenixcursillo.com).

**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).

#### A Call for Articles for the Voice:

Every month we would like articles from Cursillistas sharing their piety, study, or action! How are you living your 4th day?



What has been your closest moment to Christ? What was your experience of the weekend you lived? How has Cursillo made a difference in how you live your life? Articles up to 750 words will be eligible, email them to info@phoenixcursillo.com, or mail them to the Center and include your contact information.

**Question and Answers:** On our website (www.phoenixcursillo.com)

there is a contact form. Fill out the form with your questions and they will be answered by the appropriate committee by personal response or in an upcoming Voice. Or just drop an email to info@phoenixcursillo.com.

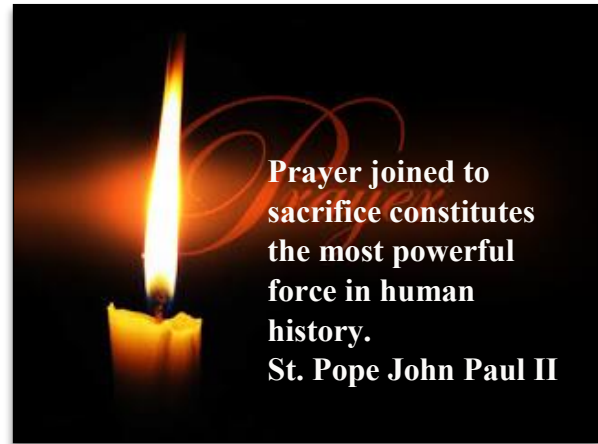
Record your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses. On the new website there is a form for General Palanca. Palanca will be gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Besides online, you may also send a record of these by email to [info@phoenixcursillo.com](mailto: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 intercessory prayer, sacrifice, and works of mercy are the levers which lift up the Cursillo Movement all over the world.

## GENERAL PALANCA

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 now 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](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.



### 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](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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