

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement
Fall, 2022

From our Spiritual Director, Bishop Nevares

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

DE COLORES!

We are so blessed to welcome our new Bishop, The Most Reverend John P Dolan. Previously, he was a priest and Auxiliary Bishop in San Diego. He has given up the ocean and the gorgeous weather to come among us in the beautiful desert of Phoenix! Welcome, Bishop Dolan!

He is anxious to visit all of our 110 parishes and missions...to visit all of our priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and faith-filled laity. It might take a while, but he is up to the challenge. Let's be sure to invite him to some of our Cursillo gatherings.

As he gets to visit the different Diocesan Offices in the Pastoral Center, he became aware that the Diocese does not have an Office to Promote Mental Health, and to provide counseling services for those family members that have suffered the loss of a loved one due to suicide. Thus, as his first official act, he has established an Office for Mental Health. As we see, with a new Bishop, comes new ideas and possibilities.

Let us pray for our New Shepherd DAILY.

Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares
Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix



Diocesan Ultreya!

Saturday, September 24, 2022 9:30 am til 11:00 am

9:00 am Potluck please bring a dish to share

IN PERSON at Mt. Claret in the John Paul II Room

Virtually on Google Meets: meet.google.com/kya-zjsn-mfh

More details on the website www.phoenixcursillo.com



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

ULTREYA!



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and your own beverage.*

Ultreyas at Miles Jesu

1925 E Baseline Rd, Phoenix

September 19, October 14,

November 18, December 16, 2022

5:45 pm Holy Hour, confession available

6:30 pm Pilgrim's Guide Apostolic Hour Prayer

6:45 pm Ultreya

Ultreya at the Mission of St. John the Baptist

5407 W Pecos Rd, Laveen Village

Saturday, September 17, 2022

7:00 am Holy Hour

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Rosary; Ultreya follows

Ultreya at St. Paul Church

330 W Coral Gables Dr., Phoenix

Friday, September 30, 2022

6:00 pm Potluck, Ultreya to follow

Ultreyas at St. Thomas Aquinas

13720 W Thomas Rd, Avondale (in St. Clare Hall)

Friday, October 14 and December 2, 2022

6:00 pm Potluck, Ultreya follows

Ultreya at St. John Vianney

800 W Loma Linda Blvd, Goodyear

Friday, October 21, 2022

Ultreya at St. Mary, Chandler

230 W Galveston St, Chandler

Saturday, October 22, 2022

8:15 Mass, 9:00 am Potluck, Ultreya follows

Ultreya at St. Jerome

10815 N 35th Ave, Phoenix

Saturday, November 12, 2022

9:30 am Potluck, Ultreya follows

UNCOVER A DEEPER LAYER
TO YOUR FAITH...

CURSILLO • ULTREYA

If you are interested in hosting an Ultreya at your Parish, please contact Postcursillo Chair Veronica Lucas at 602-909-3459 who will assist you as needed!

Rector/Rectora Workshops

For experienced Rectors, Rectoras, and Co's

Saturday, October 1, 2022

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022

9:00 am – Noon in the JP II room at Mt. Claret

For information and to register, please see the website.

Save the Date!

December 10, 2022

Baile de Colores!

DANCE!

To volunteer, please email Carmela Gonzales at: laydirector@phoenixcursillo.com.

Date	Day	Time	Title	Location
9/3/2022	Saturday	9:00 AM	Rector/Rectora Workshop	JPII Room Mt. Claret
9/9/2022	Friday	5:00 PM	ULTREYA	OLO Guadalupe Monastery
9/13/2022	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting	Virtual
9/16/2022	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesu
9/17/2022	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL	JPII Room & Virtual
9/17/2022	Saturday	9:00 AM	ULTREYA	St. John the Baptist
9/24/2022	Saturday	9:30 AM	DIOCESAN ULTREYA	Mt. Claret
9/30/2022	Friday	6:00 PM	Potluck/ULTREYA	St. Paul Church
10/1/2022	Saturday	9:00 AM	Rector/Rectora Workshop	JPII Room Mt. Claret
10/11/2022	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting	Virtual
10/14/2022	Friday	6:00 PM	Potluck/ULTREYA	St. Thomas Aquinas
10/14/2022	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesu
10/14-15/2022	Fri-Sat		REVIVE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND	Mt. Claret
10/15/2022	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL	JPII Room & Virtual
10/21/2022	Friday	6:30 PM	Potluck/ULTREYA	St. John Vianney
10/22/2022	Saturday	9:00 AM	Potluck/ULTREYA	St. Mary, Chandler
10/26/2022	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Orientation (English)	Mt. Claret
10/27/2022	Thurs-Sun		Men's Spanish #946	Mt. Claret
11/3/2022	Thurs-Sun		Women's Spanish #947	Mt. Claret
11/5/2022	Saturday	9:00 AM	Rector/Rectora Workshop	JPII Room Mt. Claret
11/8/2022	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting	Virtual
11/10/2022	Thurs-Sun		Men's English #948	Mt. Claret
11/12/2022	Saturday	9:30 AM	Potluck/ULTREYA	St. Jerome
11/17/2022	Thurs-Sun		Women's English #949	Mt. Claret
11/18/2022	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesu
11/19/2022	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL	JPII Room & Virtual
12/2/2022	Friday	6:00 PM	Potluck/ULTREYA	St. Thomas Aquinas
12/10/2022	Saturday		TBD - Baile de Colores (Dance!)	Mt. Claret
12/13/2022	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting	Virtual
12/16/2022	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesu
12/17/2022	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL	JPII Room & Virtual

Miles Jesus	1925 E Baseline Rd, Phoenix
OLO Guadalupe Monastery	8502 W Pinchot Ave, Phoenix
St. John the Baptist Mission	5407 W Pecos Rd, Laveen Village
St. Paul	330 W Coral Gables Dr, Phoenix
St. Thomas Aquinas	13720 W Thomas Rd, Avondale, St. Clare Hall
St. John Vianney	800 W Loma Linda Blvd, Goodyear
St. Jerome	10815 N 35th Ave, Phoenix
St. Mary	230 W Galveston St, Chandler

Check the website for any updates!

REVIVE Encounter Weekend

A Renewal Retreat for All Cursillistas!
October 14th 6p-10p and October 15th 8a-8p
Open to anyone who has lived their Cursillo

Register Online At: <https://forms.gle/LDhHyc1YiaJ8KLLk6>

WEEKEND INFORMATION

The Retreat will take place at beautiful Mount Claret Retreat Center in Phoenix, at the base of Camelback Mountain. The address is 4633 North 54th Street, north of Camelback Road. The retreat will begin on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude on Saturday around 9:00 p.m. The weekend includes talks given by fellow Catholic Cursillistas about Friendship, Evangelization, Being Present with Those We Love, Grouping, Sponsorship and Secretariat. Retreat attendees have an opportunity to discuss these topics in a small group and in large settings. A priest, deacon or sister may serve as Spiritual Directors along with a lay volunteer team. You can expect: Catholic Teaching, Tradition, Sacraments and Prayer, Informative Talks, Honest Discussion, Spiritual Guidance, Fun and Friendship, Casual Environment, Great Food, and Nice Dorms

WHAT TO BRING

An Open Heart and Mind, A Smile and Your Friendship, We have beautiful dorms, private showers and twin size beds, Bring a pillow, bedding and ear plugs, Towels and Toiletries, Anything you need to get ready in the morning, Comfortable and modest clothing and shoes, Your medications or special needs, Please silence your cellular phones and tablets during the weekend.

REGISTRATION

Attendees can stay at home and travel in each day or stay at Mt. Claret. Registration Fee is \$50 per person without lodging, \$100 for registration and one night at Mt. Claret or \$150 for registration and two nights at Mt. Claret.



For more information contact Veronica Lucas at 602-909-3459
or at postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com

Dear Cursillistas,

Blessings to all! I hope you all had a wonderful summer! In June I wrote about the Sacred Heart of Jesus and now, in August, I am writing about The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The heart has always been a symbol of intimacy. These two hearts, Mary and Jesus, tell us about a life given to God, Who is Love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents Christ's divine love for us. The devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary focuses on Mary's love for God, and her maternal love for her son, Jesus. Mary encourages us to imitate her humility, gratitude, obedience, and adoration. Mary is very special to me in many ways.



As I was pondering about this, I wondered why August is the month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary. I know that that Assumption of Mary is August 15th and we also celebrate the Queenship of Mary on August 22nd, but that did not answer my question. I did further research and found that originally the month of August had a special feast of the Virgin Mary in response to World War II and Fatima.

In the Catholic Church there grew over time specific devotions that were assigned to each month of the year. The month of June became associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus because the feast of the Sacred Heart always falls within that month. In August, however, there exists no particular feast for her Immaculate Heart. although we celebration the Assumption August 15.

The reason why August became associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary is because of World War II and the devotion of Pope Pius XII to Our Lady of Fatima. The world was in turmoil in the 1940s and in 1942, Pope Pius XII responded to the requests of Our Lady of Fatima and consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 31, 1942.

As the war continued, Pius XII again turned to the Immaculate Heart. On May 4, 1944, Pope Pius XII established the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on August 22, the octave day of the feast of the

Assumption. He did so that by her intercession may be obtained "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue."

This remained the day dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary until after the Second Vatican Council. After the revision of the General Calendar, Pope Paul VI decided to switch the feasts of the Immaculate Heart and the Queenship of Mary. The feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was joined to the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (celebrated on the Saturday following the feast of the Sacred Heart, typically in June) and the Queenship of Mary was moved to August 22. This was in part to recognize the fact that Mary's queenship is closely connected to that of her Assumption into heaven.

Even after the switching of the feasts, many Catholics continued to celebrate August as a month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as they felt her message at Fatima needed to be heard in a more extended way. This designation of August is not an "official" spiritual theme decreed by the Catholic hierarchy, but simply an historical development that grew out of World War II and the message of Our Lady of Fatima. (Kosloski, 08/1/2019).

Mary is important especially in the crazy world we live in. We must bring Mary in our lives and in the world.

She is our way to Jesus, and we must call on her to bring peace in the world and grow closer and closer to our Lord!

Cursillo News

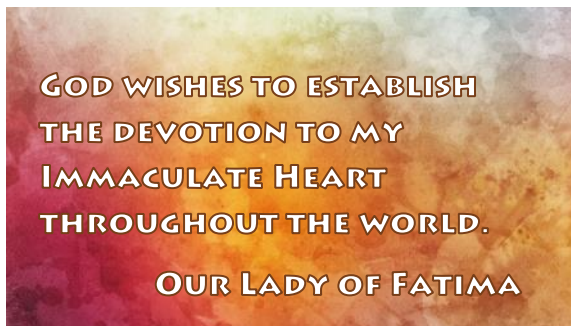
I would like to remind everyone to look at our calendar on our website

www.phoenixcursillo.com and

see what we are doing. There are many events happening over the next few months.

Besides many Ultreyas held around the valley, there is the **Diocesan Ultreya on September 24th**. We cannot grow without Ultreyas and Group Reunion. They both continue to unite us and bring us together as a community.

We are also holding a **Revive Encounter** the weekend



October 14 and 15. To register, see the information on the website. In November we are having our next Cursillo weekends, #948 and #949.

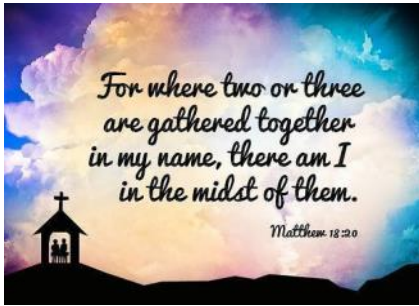
In December we are having the **Baile de Colores** - a dance - at Mt. Claret. And it is not too early to think

about the upcoming **Cena de Colores** in April 2023 which takes six months to plan. In order to make these events successful we need help from you. If you are interested in volunteering for either

the dance or the Cena, please send me an email at laydirector@phoenixcursillo.com. We are in need of help to organize, set up, clean up, decorations, donations, kitchen help, etc.

Experienced Rector/Rectors and Cos are invited to attend one of the the Rector/Rectora Workshop dates. If you did not receive information regarding the workshop, please contact Deborah Hernandez, our Three Day Chair.

It is now September, the beginning of a new school



year. Let's "fall" into a new year and learn more about our movement. We do this through Group Reunion, Ultreya, and School of Leaders. School of Leaders meets once a month on the 3rd Saturday in person at Mt. Claret or via Google Meets. The link to Google Meets is on the website calendar page.

The School of Leaders helps us to live and understand the method to serve and safeguard it, to deepen our knowledge of the Cursillo technique and its methodologies, and apply them, developing the sense of being leaders with a Church mentality and revitalize and invigorate the Precursillo, Cursillo, and Ultreya.

Currently the SOL is studying our "Leaders Manual." The manual has a lot of information and really is a great learning tool. Whether you have studied this manual or you have not, this is the time to be refreshed or to learn more. I have studied this manual before, but it amazes me how much I still am learning. You can purchase a copy at the School of Leaders.

De Colores! Carmela Gonzales, Lay Director
Reference: Kosloski, Phillip (2019). <https://aleteia.org/2019/08/01/why-is-august-dedicated-to-the-immaculate-heart-of-mary/>

Piety, Study, and Action

Persevering in Prayer

I suppose I am not the only one who has difficulties with prayer. I am not very good at formal prayer. My mind keeps returning to the worries of the day and I have to rein myself back in constantly. I am not very good at freely conversing with God, either. Same reason.

When we talk about closest moments to Christ during grouping, though, I recall that in just living, while going about my daily work, I talk to God, sometimes with Jesus, often with Mary or other saints. And some of you will notice I said "talk TO", not converse with. True. But perhaps that's one way of communicating - an awareness of Who walks beside me. Or maybe that is an excuse - so I keep trying to become better at listening.

Adoration has been a necessary part of my piety for over 30 years, even before I lived my weekend - same time, same station - 9:00 pm Thursday nights. And now I also take my mother to her hour on Wednesday mornings. So how do I fill up those hours when I can't sit still for five minutes, let alone hear God's voice? I let Our Lord and our Mother Mary speak to me through other voices - I read. Right now I am reading Sr. Faustina's Diary.

Actually I am reading along with a Podcast "Sr.

Faustina's Diary in a Year" with narration and

commentary by Fr. Joseph Roesch, MIC. I listen to and read three or four sections each time I am at Adoration and finish with a Divine Mercy Chaplet, the perfect formulaic prayer for the attentiveness-challenged. I don't mean to be flip, though; the Chaplet is a beautiful and very important way to pray for the world.

Sr. Faustina is an extraordinary example of self-awareness and humbleness and love for God and for lost souls; the far away. Her gift of mysticism, her conversations with God and Jesus and Mary, has opened a channel for me to Our Lord that brings me closer, helps to silence my worries and yes, actually listen. Her devotion to the message of God's incredible mercy quiets my soul.

Like many of you, I also write down my intentions for the living and those who have passed - or rather, they are a bookmark in the Laudate App on my phone. That way I don't forget anyone. Sometimes it feels a little mechanical;



I want to say "Here God, you read the list." Doesn't God already know everything I have in my heart? When Sr. Faustina said this exact thing to Jesus, He replied, "Yes, I do know, but you should not excuse yourself with the fact that I know, but with childlike simplicity talk to Me about everything, for My ears and heart are inclined toward you, and your words are dear to me." It kind

of reminds me of a toddler chattering away and the loving parent just enjoying the sound of the child's voice.

However, God always listens intently to us.

Although I was already attending Adoration prior to my Cursillo weekend, my understanding of it deepened greatly that weekend. During Clausura, new Cursillistas have often shared that the Decuria visit to the Blessed Sacrament was a remarkable, intensely personal, and life-changing moment. I would gently suggest to new Cursillistas to not let that go - find a chapel! If your parish doesn't have 24 hour Adoration, there are several that do - the Diocese of Phoenix website has that information. And the Lord doesn't have to be exposed in the monstrance - He is the same Christ enclosed in the Tabernacle. (If you are on the near west side, St. Helen Church in Glendale has 24 hour Adoration and could use some additional honor guards!)

So as I progress in my piety I have tried to find ways to

make my time in prayer worthy of Him to Whom I pray, instead of a self-centered trip through the noise in my mind. I do try to truly listen for His voice, although hearing Him through our Communion of Saints seems to be more fruitful for me. I read along with the greatest prayer - the Mass - so that I am paying better attention.

George and I pray the Rosary together (almost) every day.

Small devotions can also keep us all connected to Him throughout the day. A long, long, long time ago - in sixth grade - our nun taught the class to say a Hail Mary every time we heard a siren because someone was in some kind of trouble somewhere and needed a prayer. Even when I was far away from the church as a young adult I continued that small devotion.

I learned the Prayer of the Way of the Pilgrim when I worked for the Orthodox Church: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." And I have memorized the Divine Praises which I say first thing in the morning. I have a far way to go - but through my group sisters and other friends I have learned more ways to persevere in prayer.

While Sr. Faustina was a visionary and often saw Jesus, she reflected about His presence in the Eucharist: "Although You have hidden Yourself and concealed Your beauty, my eye, enlightened by faith, reaches You and my soul recognizes its Creator, its Highest Good, and my heart is completely immersed in prayer of adoration." May we all recognize Him in our daily lives.

Blessed be God! Cecelia Dusold #548

THE DIVINE PRAISES



Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. Amen.

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WHAT'S ON THE WEBSITE???

- * Find links to join virtual or in-person events such as the Diocesan Ultreya and the School of Leaders.
- * Send in questions and prayer requests, email and address changes.
- * See the Teams in Formation and candidates for upcoming weekends as available.
- * Sign up for Adoration for the weekends, record your general palanca, and much more.
- * Information on how to sponsor a candidate or how to reach your Parish Representative or

Secretariat member is included, too.

It's a full service website! It doesn't take the place, however, of face to face friendship! Join us for the many Ultreyas and other activities in the coming months!