

The Voice

The Newsletter of the
Diocese of Phoenix
Cursillo Movement
Summer 2024

From Sr. Meg Walsh, SNDdeN

God Dipping

What would God say?

More than likely, God would say,

"Yes" to the saying below:

"Freedom happens ...

not by moving from one spot on the

Where circle to another,

but by moving into the

WHO CENTER, in God's presence,

and allowing ourselves to be **"dipped in God,"**

then returning to the Where in a transformed way,

to make that part of the world a little bit freer.

-Author Unknown



And is that not what Cursillo is about? We are dipped into God in a way that was not possible before. We are now conscious of God and God's ways in the world like never before with a **sense of Freedom** that we may not have felt before.

A sense of knowing what needs **to be; TO BE** in the presence of God and God's ways. Not easy, but necessary. We have felt, seen, and have become something different on our three-day Cursillo. We were **"dipped in God"** and our good God in us!

How have you been since your Cursillo? Do you keep a fresh coat of the **"dipping into God"** on you? What are you willing to do when the coating of God starts to wear off? How do you maintain the presence of God in your one and only life? Do you sense that God is trying to **dip you into His presence** in the **WHO CENTER** to help transform you and the world you live in?

Is your world of family life, work, etc., better because you have allowed yourself to be **dipped in God**? With confidence and courage are you freer to act with God's ways in mind to allow yourself to be transformed and then gradually transform the world you live in?

May you find time to be **dipped in God** and reflect on that relationship to make that part of your world a little bit freer.

Sister Meg Walsh, Sister of Notre Dame de Namur

ULTREYA!

Mark your Calendars!

The next **DIOCESAN ULTREYA** will be held

Saturday morning, **July 13, 2024**

in the JPPII Room at Mt. Claret

Join us at 9:00 am beginning with a breakfast potluck.

Come celebrate Cursillo with your brothers and sisters!

And don't forget to bring a friend.

More details inside.

Independence Day Mass and Rosary

Thursday, July 4, 2024

8:00 am Mass; Rosary follows

Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral



Our country is in dire need of prayer. Your prayers are powerful. Please help our country's leaders by joining us as we pray for God's healing grace for our nation. Start your holiday as a family united in prayer that we remain

One Nation Under God!

A couple of weeks ago we celebrated Pentecost, the birth of the Church, and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Happy Pentecost! May the Holy Spirit fill you with His Love now and throughout the year. I pray you all feel the works of the Holy Spirit upon you and your families.

I want to take a moment to thank all those who attended the Cena on May 11th. It was a success, and we have another one scheduled for next year. With that said I would like ask all Cursillista's if you are feeling the call to help out or be a chair for the next Cena please reach out to me at laydirector@phoenixcursillo.com and let me know. I would love to hear from you as we begin preparing for next year.

There is an upcoming Women's Cursillo on June 6-9, 2024. If you have anyone interested in going please reach out to Precursillo. We will take applications up until June 3rd. When sponsoring a person remember our motto: Make a Friend, Be a Friend, and Bring a Friend to Christ. I want to thank all the women who have been preparing for the weekend. As most of you know working a weekend is not easy and it takes a lot of work from all people on the team, candidates, and community. Pray for the Women's team and all the candidates. The list of team and candidates is online. There are also two more Men's and Women's English Cursillo weekends coming up in the fall.

On July 13th we are having our Quarterly Diocesan Ultreya at Mt. Claret, in the John Paul II center. Please go to our website to see our schedule. It would be nice if



each one of us could bring someone to the Ultreya. We are currently expecting Bishop Nevares to be speaking at our Ultreya.

Don't forget every 3rd Saturday of the month we have School of Leaders (SOL) in person and online. SOL is important for all of us to attend and to continue to learn about our movement. Please try and make one of these meetings. Jim Pompe does a great job of bringing in speakers within our movement and great topics. You can never stop learning!

I would like to plant a seed because we are always looking for new people to be on the Secretariat. The end of this year we will be replacing the following chairs: Lay Director, School of Leaders, Treasurer and Three-Day. Please take some time and discern about possibly applying for these positions. Know that as people leave, we will not leave any new person alone, we want to help you become successful. As Jesus has said many times in the bible, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

June this is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us show our devotion to our Lord by attending Holy Hour, attending an extra mass, or saying prayers to His Sacred Heart. As stated by Father Ambrose Dobrozsi, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, "Devoting ourselves to the Sacred Heart is one of the easiest, fastest, and most pleasant ways to grow in holiness." (National Catholic Register, June 2023).

May you have a blessed summer and try and stay cool. De Colores! Carmela Gonzales (2006)



2024 Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Weekends

How to Apply for Cursillo Weekend:

Sponsors start the Application procedure. To sponsor a friend, please contact the Parish Rep at your **candidate's parish**. If there is no Parish Rep, please contact the Precursillo Chair: Bart Blaylock, precursillo@phoenixcursillo.com

Please note: Sponsors will need an experienced co-sponsor to assist if they have never sponsored before or are on the team of that weekend.

Application Steps:

- Step 1) Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!
- Step 2) **Sponsor** requests application from Parish Rep (or Precursillo Chair).
- Step 3) Sponsor and candidate fill out application.
- Step 4) Sponsor gives application to Parish Rep (or Precursillo Chair).
- Step 5) **Parish Representative** completes application, has Pastor sign it, and delivers it to the Precursillo Chair.

Sedona (No. Arizona)
Men's Spanish #965
July 18 - 21, 2024
Women's Span. #966
August 1 - 4, 2024

Mt. Claret
Men's Spanish #967
August 8-11, 2024
Women's Span. #968
September 15-18, 2024

Northern Arizona
Men's English #969
October 10 - 13, 2024
Women's Eng. #970
October 17 - 20, 2024

Mt. Claret
Men's English #971
October 24-27, 2024
Women's Eng. #972
November 7-10, 2024

Save the Date

DIOCESAN ULTREYA AND POTLUCK COME EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CURSILLO

July 13, 2024



9:00 am to 11:00 am

JP II Room at Mt. Claret

9:00 am Breakfast Potluck

9:15 am Opening - 9:30 am Ultreya

ALL ARE WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND!

For more information, please contact Ted at

Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com



ULTREYA!



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

Ultreyas at Miles Jesu

1925 E Baseline Rd, Phoenix

June 14, July 12, August 16, 2024

5:45 pm Holy Hour, confession available

6:30 pm Pilgrim's Guide

Apostolic Hour Prayer

6:45 pm Ultreya

Ultreya at St. Elizabeth Seton

9728 W Palmeras Dr., Sun City

Saturday, October 12, 2024

8:00 am Mass ; 9:00 am Breakfast Snacks

9:15 am Ultreya

For more info contact Joanna Smith

480-206-8359 or tjrleadership@yahoo.com

Ultreyas at the Mission Churches

8:00 AM Mass at each Church

8:30 am Gathering and Breakfast

9:00 am - Noon ULTREYA

6/15/24 Holy Family Mission, Sacaton

10/19/24 St. Anthony's Mission, Sacaton

7/20/24 St. Francis of Assisi, Ak Chin

11/16/24 St. Lucy Mission, Gila Bend

8/17/24 Our Lady of Victory, Sacaton Flats

12/7/24 St. John the Baptist, Laveen

9/21/24 St. John the Baptist, Laveen

For information on any of the Mission Church Ultreyas,
please contact James Sundust at (480) 798-4743

Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement Event Calendar				update June 1, 2024
JUNE				
6/1/2024	Saturday	8:30 AM	ULTREYA	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
6/6-9/2024	Thur-Sun		Women's English Weekend #964	Mt. Claret
6/11/2024	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting	Virtual
6/14/2024	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesu
6/15/2024	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL (In person & Virtual)	Mt. Claret
6/15/2024	Saturday	9:00 AM	ULTREYA	Holy Family Mission, Sacaton
6/29/2024	Saturday	8:00 AM	Secretariat Retreat	JPII
JULY				
7/4/2024	Thursday	8:00 AM	Patriotic Rosary and Mass	Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral
7/9/2024	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting	Virtual
7/12/2024	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesu
7/13/2024	Saturday	9:00 AM	DIOCESAN ULTREYA	Mt. Claret
7/18-21/2024	Thur-Sun		Men's Spanish Weekend #965	No. Arizona
7/20/2024	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL (In person & Virtual)	Mt. Claret
7/20/2024	Saturday	9:00 AM	ULTREYA	St. Francis of Assisi, Ak Chin
AUGUST				
8/1-4/2024	Thur-Sun		Women's Spanish #966	No. Arizona
8/8-11/2024	Thur-Sun		Men's Spanish #967	Mt. Claret
8/13/2024	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Secretariat Meeting	Virtual
8/15-18/2024	Thur-Sun		Women's Spanish #968	Mt. Claret
8/16/2024	Friday	6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Miles Jesu
8/17/2024	Saturday	9:30 AM	SOL (In person & Virtual)	Mt. Claret
8/17/2024	Saturday	9:00 AM	ULTREYA	OLO Victory, Sacaton Flats

Who is a Leader?

Christ is Counting on YOU!

The Cursillo Weekend is just the beginning - come and learn, share, and live out the gifts the Holy Spirit compelled you to accept when you were first invited to be a Cursillista!

School of Leaders

3rd Saturday of each month; 9:30 am to 11:00 am.
Virtual AND IN PERSON at Mt. Claret (JPII Room)
Upcoming Dates: June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, 2024

Virtual Meetings on Zoom

Open the Zoom Link on Website School of Leaders Page or cut and paste:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82396681563?pwd=c2lTMndMcDJyOHFCT3pScKvIc2tNdz09#success>
 Meeting ID: 823 9668 1563 Passcode: 431438

Watch previous School of Leaders on YouTube!

As of now, you must use the links on the School of Leaders page at www.phoenixcursillo.com. You cannot find them by going directly to YouTube. If you have a gmail account you can use that as your login, if not you will have to create one.

The Invitation of Jesus

Come you blessed of my father and inherit the Kingdom. (Matthew 25:34)



De Colores, friends and neighbors in Christ! My name is Bart Blaylock, and I am humbled to serve the Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo as the new Precursillo Chair for the Secretariat. My term is three years, and one of my main goals is to significantly increase the number of Cursillistas who serve as Parish Representatives.

Why is a Cursillo

Representative important to have at each Parish? As shared in the Leaders talk, one of our main calls as Cursillistas is to make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ. A Representative who is a member of the individual Parish is in the best position to observe parishioners who are leaders, and make those friends. It's not simply a funnel for candidates, as the Movement is focused on quality over quantity.

Parish Representative's serve as the main point of contact for their parish when a candidate is identified, assist with securing a sponsor if one isn't associated, and assist the candidate/sponsor with their application. This includes obtaining a signature from the Pastor, and submitting the completed application to the Applications Chair of the Secretariat.

Additionally, Parish Reps are encouraged to promote Cursillo as much as possible. These options are not required, but presented as ideas:

- ⇒ Hosting a Cursillo table/booth at the Parish Ministry Fair to provide information to those interested in Cursillo
- ⇒ Placing bulletin announcements that promote Cursillo and invite Cursillistas in your parish to connect
- ⇒ Hosting an Ultreya at your parish
- ⇒ Making a friend, being a friend, and bringing that friend to Christ!

Another fruitful effort is to connect with Parish Representatives from neighboring parishes to



**The harvest is
plenty, laborers are few ...**

collaborate on regional outreach efforts, including regional Ultreyas co-hosted by several local parishes. At some point, we'll look to create "regions" within the Diocese that align parishes into geographic communities of faith that offer parish rep training, resources, and support from the Secretariat.

However, the first order of business is to secure faithful volunteers to serve as Parish Representatives to be local ambassadors for the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Phoenix. If you are interested in serving as a Parish Representative, please contact me at precursillo@phoenixcursillo.com, and we'll get you set up. To see if there is currently a Representative at your parish, visit <https://www.phoenixcursillo.com/parish-representatives1>.

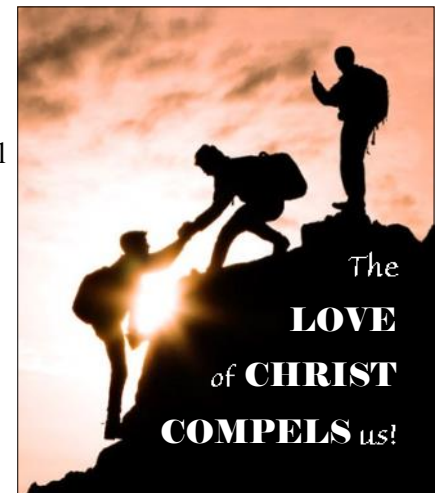
If you are currently serving as a Parish Representative, please also reach out to me at precursillo@phoenixcursillo.com, to ensure that we are connected and all information is up to date. If your contact information is in need of an update, please feel free to send that to me as well.

John 15:8: "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

Our God has given us so much through Cursillo, but most of all through our Catholic faith as the Mystical Body of Christ. The Holy Trinity gives us courage and comfort to face the challenges of our times, and together we can amplify that which we so richly receive through the sacraments and our answer to the call to evangelize.

The World Organization of the Cursillo Movement notes: "With the conviction that the lay faithful have a specific role in the mission of evangelization by virtue of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, the aim of the Cursillo Movement is that there should be nuclei of baptized people who serve as leaven for the evangelization of home and workplace."

Blessings of grace and peace,
Bart Blaylock (#579)



The Voice, Summer 2024

A little about Ted and the Postcursillo

Ted Cruz is your new Postcursillo Chair. Born in El Paso, Texas, he has one brother and attended the El Paso Cathedral High School. In college he earned his Bachelor's of Science and a Masters in Organizational



Management. He has worked in sales at Kellogg's and M&M Mars, and also as a teacher, at St. Francis Xavier, St. Theresa, and St. Thomas the Apostle Schools. He subbed in public schools, too. He lived Cursillo #293 in

February of 1977 (he was just a young child!) and has served the movement on the Secretariat as Lay Director and on many weekends in the Kitchen, Rollo Room and as Co-Rec and Rector.

As our Cursillo stool has three legs (Piety, Study, and Action) the Cursillo Movement has three parts that necessarily work together: Precursillo, the Cursillo Weekend, and Postcursillo. The purpose of Postcursillo is to assist each Cursillista in living out the message of

School of Leaders News

First, I would like to thank everyone who has attended the School of Leaders for your support, we are very grateful for it.

We are not done improving it, the goal is to expand to three additional locations to better assist Cursillistas in attending a School in person.



Joanna Hagen-Smith and her husband Phil (St. Elizabeth Seton) have agreed to expand their west side Ultreya into a School of Leaders for the other two months of the quarter. Thank you Joanna for taking the bull by the horns and running with this.

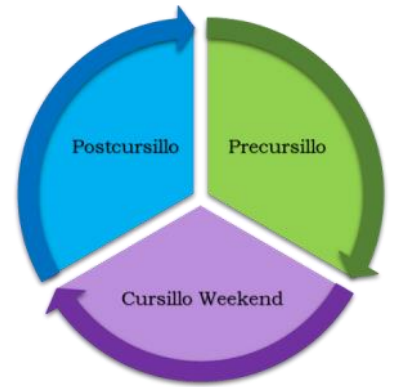
I am talking to Amy Wright in Prescott Valley about the possibility of hosting SOL up in Northern Arizona. She's new to the Movement but she's all excited about this and simply needs the support of the competent and experienced Cursillistas up there.

We think we may have someone in the East Valley also who could help address the huge contingency of Cursillistas out there.

Ideally, each School would be held on different weeks of the month so that technically there would be one going on every week.

Postcursillo and School of Leaders

Cursillo in the world, to continue their personal growth and conversion and to help them persevere in bringing Christ into their environments, bringing others to Christ in friendship. Grouping and Ultreya are the primary means of this perseverance; opportunities to grow in the friendship of Christ and each other.



Please join us on **July 13, 2024 for the next Diocesan Ultreya at Mt. Claret** in the JPPII Room. It begins at 9:00 am with gathering and a breakfast potluck, the opening prayer will be at 9:15 am and the Ultreya will begin at 9:30 am. (See page 2 or the Calendar Page on the website.)

If you are thinking of hosting an Ultreya in your own parish, or have any questions, please contact Ted at Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com or (480) 580-8899.

If someone was ambitious and wanted to attend the SOL at Mt. Claret and another closer to their home they could do that. The Mt. Claret venue would continue to have a virtual aspect and if one of the other venues wanted to expand to virtual they could do that too.

My personal goal when all these venues are running on their own is to focus on increasing the attendance for each. I'm really excited about this and I think it will help the School to move forward, and to promote the Movement even further.

One last request, if you have attended a School either in person or virtually, could you please let me know what you think of it?

Also, if I haven't asked you and you would like to present a Technical Talk, could you please let me know that too?

I can be reached at schoolofleaders@phoenixcursillo.com
De Colores!

Jim Pompe (#587)



Note: Attending School of Leaders is an important part of Cursillo Fellowship; but if you can't you can attend, you can watch past meetings on YouTube. You must access the YouTube files through the School of Leaders page on the Website.

My name is Sharon Matson and I am your newly-elected Secretary on the Cursillo Secretariat. I have been asked to introduce myself to members of our community that may not know me yet.

My husband of 46 years, Brad Matson and I lived our Cursillos in 1992, #543 and #544. St. Thomas More is our home parish, where I am also the new parish rep.



We've been blessed with three beautiful children; a daughter and two sons, all married, who have given us eight precious grandchildren, who are our pride and joy. They range in age from our oldest granddaughter at just

18, to 6 rambunctious grandsons, ages 15 through 5, and our sweet little 2-year-old granddaughter at the tail end.

I love the Cursillo Movement and know that it has helped me to grow as a Catholic woman of faith, a wife, mother, grandmother, and especially as a sister in Christ to others. Our Cursillo Community is a place where everyone is welcome and made to feel a part of the family of Christ. It is a community where the "Christ in each of us *does see* the Christ in each other". For me, Cursillo is a glimpse of the way the world could be when we work together to direct our lives to Christ, and to change our environments. After 32 years, this simple truth of our Movement remains in my heart everyday.

I have been blessed over the years to serve on many teams, attend School of Leaders, Ultreyas, Workshops, and more. That gift has given me the opportunity to get to know many other sisters and brothers in Christ over the years and I can truly say that has been one of the greatest blessings in my life. I always love serving on a team in any capacity. It is a wonderful way to

give something back to The Movement that has given so much to me and to so many of you as well.

I love the sense of peace that I feel as soon as I make that turn onto 54th St. and head to The Mountain and see that Crucifix. (I must admit that I realize some of that piece could simply come from the fact that I survived that all too precarious turn from Camelback Rd.....) However, I truly feel it actually is the Holy Spirit that welcomes me and keeps drawing me back to The Mountain.

Serving on a weekend is one way I appreciate giving back to the Cursillo Movement. Another way is through service on the Secretariat. This will be my second appointment to the Secretariat, initially as a Three Day Chair a few years ago and this time as your Secretary. As many of you know, Cecelia and George Dusold will be moving out of state soon. I know in her absence my new role will present many opportunities and several challenges too (she assures me she is just a call away), but I look forward to doing my part to help our movement run smoothly, in love and faithfulness to Christ and to all of you.

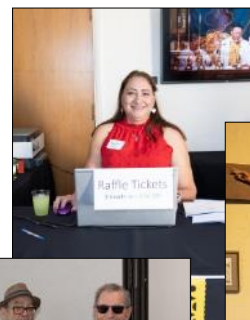
I look forward to serving you and to meeting you or seeing you again at events such as our School of Leaders (every 3rd Saturday of the month at Mt. Claret), or the upcoming Diocesan Ultreya with Bishop Nevares, (here at Mt. Claret on July 13th at 9:30 am).

If you need something, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached through our website at PhoenixCursillo.com (on the Secretariat page).

In His Love & Service,
Sharon Matson (#544) De Colores!



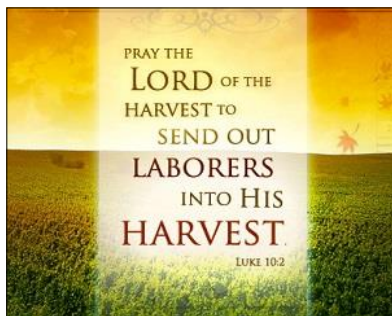
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Tag... you're it!

My husband George (#581) and I (#548) lived our Cursillos over 30 years ago. Pretty quickly we decided that Cursillo would become our primary ministry. From the beginning we met so many wonderful Cursillistas. Together we have been Parish Reps, served many weekends, and have enjoyed the fellowship of our group brothers and sisters. I have also volunteered as support for the Secretariat with the database, communication and Weekend needs. Why have we invested so much time? Because through the example and friendship of other Cursillistas we have been sincerely convinced of the



fruits of Cursillo in our lives and in the world.

Last summer George received an offer he couldn't refuse – a job which would relocate us to Las Vegas. The move has been put off a bit, but it is really real now – we

are moving in July. To Las Vegas. Where there is no Cursillo Movement. I will do my best to find the other Cursillistas there, but I am thankful that we live in a time that we can group online so I won't be leaving my group sisters and friends. And I will be able to attend School of Leaders, too. But I won't be able to volunteer anymore.

So I have a simple question: Is it your turn? The Secretariat needs your help and support, no matter if you have been a Cursillista for three days or three decades. If you love Cursillo, I humbly ask you to pray about volunteering. Please call one of the Secretariat Chairs or your Parish Representative and get on a committee. If each Chair had a handful of people to help, so much

more could be accomplished ("many hands make light work") and eventually they would have others who would be ready to step up when their term is over or to just keep helping! Of course it is wonderful to work teams, but there is so much more to be done. So much more to learn. More to give to future Cursillistas. More to offer in return to Our Lord!



I started volunteering for the Secretariat because there was a time when, as Parish Rep, I couldn't get the information I needed. So instead of being frustrated by it, I answered the nudge of the Holy Spirit and I asked the Lay Director (Ben Burciaga) if I could help – and he let me. It has been a great blessing to me to work in the background of our Movement with the Secretariat. I was privileged to join all of the longstanding dedicated Cursillistas who have worked so hard to keep this movement in Phoenix going so you could become a Cursillista. It's time for some more wonderful Cursillistas to step up and help the current Secretariat (especially Sharon....and Bart.... and Ted.... and Deborah and Jim and Sophie and Carmela and Bruce and Debi and...you get it, I'm sure.) So, is it your turn?

As I look back over the last 30 years, I have seen that things may change, but really they stay the same; probably because our loving, eternal God exists outside of our concept of time—and works in spite of our own plans and desires. Perhaps everyone has different ways of expressing what they think Cursillo is, but it is and will always be about our journey toward our ultimate home; walking and encouraging each other as friends, bringing other Children of God with us on that path. Ultreya!

Gratefully, Cecelia Dusold (#548) (and George)

