

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

DON'T MISS IT!! SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP - DECEMBER 5, 2020
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FROM BISHOP NEVARES

Happy Fall, Dear Cursillistas!

This is such a WONDERFUL time of the year, and BUSY ALSO!!!

Wonderful because we bring the Liturgical calendar of 2019-2020 to an end with the Feast of Christ the King. What a tremendous Feast in which we want to put all of the past year under the Kingship of Jesus Christ, and proclaim Him LORD, once again, of our Cursillo Movement, our Cursillo School of Leaders, our Cursillo Ultreyas, our Cursillo groupings, our Cursillo families, and our individual Cursillo hearts. Is Jesus Christ TRULY the LORD of our ENTIRE CURSILLO ENDEAVORS?? To the degree that He is, Praise the Lord. To the degree that He is not, don't lose heart.

In this WONDERFUL time of the year, we have the beginning of a NEW liturgical year beginning with the FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Once again, Holy Mother the Church gives you and me the possibility of CONVERSION as we prepare for the BIRTH of JESUS CHRIST into ALL our Cursillo ENDEAVORS and PLANS throughout a NEW YEAR: 2020-2021.

We know well that this is also a VERY BUSY TIME. We have Christmas cards to get out, we have



Christmas ornaments to put up, we have Christmas gifts to purchase, etc., etc., etc.

Let's do ALL that we can to get these EXTERNAL preparations out of the way EARLY, so that we may have the last TWO WEEKS of Advent to truly prepare ourselves SPIRITUALLY to receive the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords into our hearts and homes.

Let us be UNITED in our DE COLORES prayer one for the other.

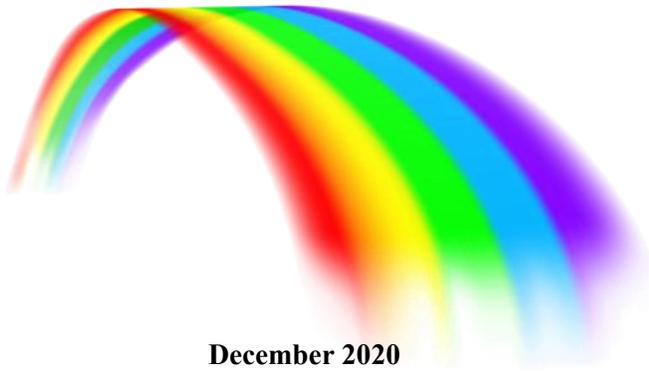
"O Come, let us Adore HIM, CHRIST THE LORD."

+Eduardo A. Nevares



ROSARY FOR AMERICA - MT. CLARET - DECEMBER 7, 7:00 PM

CALENDAR AND EVENTS



2021!!! CURSILLO WEEKENDS AND EVENTS

Please note: dates are still tentative due to covid!

- December 2020**
- Dec. 5 9:00 AM SPONSOR WORKSHOP (Mt. Claret & Virtual)
 - Dec. 7 7:00 PM Rosary for Our Country (Mt. Claret)
 - Dec. 8 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
 - Dec. 19 9:30 AM SOL & Election (Virtual)

- Mar. 4-7 Men's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)
 - Mar. 18-21 Women's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)
 - June 3-6 Men's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)
 - June 17-20 Women's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)
 - Nov. 4-7 Men's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)
 - Nov. 18-21 Women's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)
- (Weekend numbers to be assigned as Spanish and Flagstaff weekends are scheduled.)*

- January 2021**
- Jan. 3 7:00 PM Rosary for Our Country (Mt. Claret)
 - Jan. 11 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
 - Jan. 11 6:00 PM ULTREYA (Flagstaff)
 - Jan. 15 9:30 AM School of Leaders (Virtual)

- Other Important Dates**
- Feb. 13 Lenten Retreat (Conf. Cntr) - DATE CHANGE!
 - April 24 Cena de Colores (Mt. Claret)
 - Aug. 14 Parish Rep Workshop (Conference Center)
 - Sept. 18 Diocesan ULTREYA (Conference Center)

HOLY MASS EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 PM IN PERSON AT MT. CLARET* OR STREAMING ON FACEBOOK



Join us for Mass, **in-person at Mt. Claret**, or online each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. Through the generosity of time of our Spiritual Advisors, Holy Mass will be live-streamed over Facebook. To access the mass online, join our Facebook Page "Phoenix Cursillo Movement"; the banner picture is of the Mt. Claret Chapel. Requests to join will be accepted daily. If you need help with this contact Cecelia at info@phoenixcursillo.com.

***AT TIMES THE MASS WILL BE AT OTHER PARISHES,
CHECK THE WEBSITE AND THE FACEBOOK PAGE EACH WEEK FOR CHANGES!**



As Parishes begin to open up, please watch the Newsletter and the website for Ultreya locations.

If you know of an Ultreya happening, or are interested in holding an Ultreya, please contact the Postcursillo Chair, Mick Kapanicas at Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com.

In-person Ultreya!
San Francisco de Asis, Flagstaff
Multi-purpose Room
2nd Tuesday each Month 6-7 pm
Next one: Tuesday, November 10

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



SPONSOR WORKSHOP

Dear Cursillistas,

Are you tired of the Covid Closures? Are you sick of the Pandemic Blues? Then maybe you're ready for Cursillos to start back up again!?

Calling all Cursillistas: We have our 2021 Cursillos scheduled on the books! Hopefully during this time of plague you have been evangelizing your environment. In hopes the Community will have plenty of Candidates for the upcoming year we are hosting a Live/Virtual Sponsor Workshop Saturday December 5th, 2020. So join us that Saturday from 9am to 11:30am and learn what the purpose of Cursillo is, what it takes to be a great sponsor, who should/shouldn't make their Cursillo, and get your

free Sponsor & New Candidate booklets.

Who should attend this seminar?

New Cursillistas who haven't sponsored before!
Anyone with questions about sponsoring and/or the responsibilities to their candidates.

Older Cursillistas who haven't sponsored in a while and would like refresher.

Anyone suffering from the Pandemic Blues that would like the LOVE & AFFECTION of their Cursillo Community!!!

... and remember "Great Sponsors make Great Candidates!"

De Colores! James Diaz, Precursillo Chair

LIVE (MT. CLARET)/VIRTUAL DEC. 5, 2020 9:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

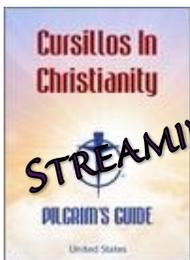
RSVP TO JAMES DIAZ AT PRECURSILLO.PHOENIXCURSILLO.COM

TO JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89076515263?pwd=SmVqc3gwSkpnen02N2dmZWdubGZMdz09>

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STREAMING TO A DEVICE NEAR YOU!
SCHOOL OF LEADERS

SECRETARIAT ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DECEMBER SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Please join us for an opportunity for Catholic fellowship including breakout rooms for sharing in group reunion after each talk or meditation.

School of Leaders is the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 am. Upcoming meetings are November 21 and December 19.

Join Zoom School of Leaders:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88658541324?pwd=d1U4OHkxek0zZlNnR0ZvSUZjMlJCZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 5854 1324

Passcode: 338064

Cursillo Sponsor's Workshop

Join us and find out how to be a Great Sponsor!

Who should attend?

- **New Cursillistas who haven't sponsored before!**
- **Older Cursillistas who haven't sponsored in a while!**
- **Any Cursillista looking to update their sponsoring skills!**

When: Saturday December 5, 2020

Time: 9:00AM—11:30AM

Where: > Live @ Mt. Claret Retreat Center

4633 N 54th St

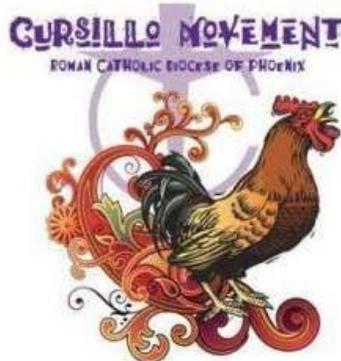
Phoenix, AZ 85018

(Limited Space!)

> Virtual on the internet

Register by sending an email to:

precursillo@phoenixcursillo.com



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De Colores my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

I hope that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. For our family this holiday was a much smaller gathering than in years past, as I'm sure it was for many of you in this age of pandemic. My wife Angela brought out the good china and we made it as festive as possible, although we were limited to just the four of us, including our two children that live in our home every day. Unfortunately, Angie's Dad and brother are suffering with the Corona virus right now, and both of our mothers are at too high a risk to chance visiting with other people. Please pray for them and for all families during these challenging times.

In a way, the longing to see our loved ones that we experienced this Thanksgiving is very similar to the yearning for God that we celebrate during the season of Advent. The psalmist says "Lord, this is the people who long to see your face." (Ps 24:6) Perhaps this Advent, absent of all of the usual frantic shopping and party-going, we can take time to reflect on who we are watching and waiting for. After all, God has revealed His divine face to us in the Incarnate Person of Jesus Christ.

Our heavenly Father makes a gift of Himself through other humans, most especially our Blessed Mother Mary, but also in those humans that we encounter in our lives today. In the musical version of the classic Victor Hugo story of mercy and redemption, *Les Miserables*, Jean Val Jean sings "To love another person is to see the face of God." We are called to see Jesus in everyone that we encounter. The suffering Christ, the compassionate Christ, the Christ who is the personification of the Father's love. In this holiday season especially, we are reminded of our calling to be Christ to others.

As I was out walking in my neighborhood tonight, I happened to come upon a young father packing up the trunk of his car while joking with his little daughter who was acting giddy and silly. As I walked by we made eye contact and smiled at one another with a mutual appreciation of the joys of childhood. At that moment it suddenly occurred to me that neither of us was wearing a mask. As I walked on I wondered when the last time was that I exchanged a smiling glance with a stranger. It may

have been months. Perhaps the greatest sacrifice that we have endured during the Covid-19 pandemic is personal interaction. We miss going to movies and restaurants, but more than anything we miss seeing one another. Maybe that's why Zoom is so popular, because we get a little feeling of joy when we see each other's faces without masks. But there is no substitute for seeing a friend or family member and greeting them with a big smile and a hug.

The Old Testament readings during this season are from the great Advent prophet Isaiah, who lived in a period of history that was in many ways much tougher than ours. The world as he knew it and the nation of Judah was coming apart, yet the prophet continually preached the message to have hope in the Lord, and not in the manifestations of men, political and otherwise. Like the Israelites of Isaiah's time, we also often place our hope in the workings of man in the form of political change, or medical advances. There is a new vaccine arriving soon and we hope that we can trust it to be safe and effective.

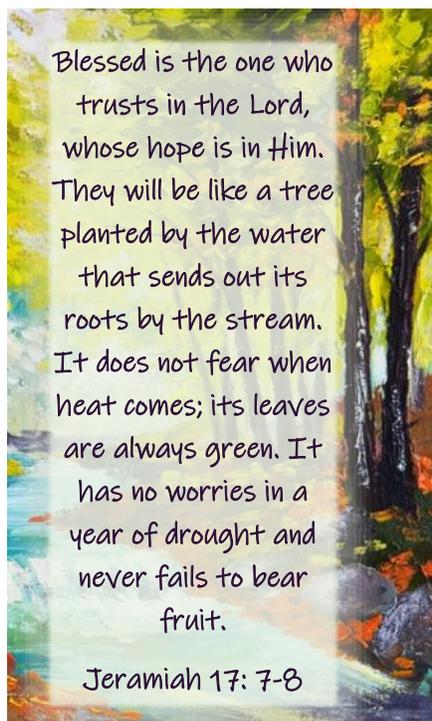
As for me personally, while I wish for the best outcome of human endeavors, the powers of the world all too often thrive on stirring up fear and division. But "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and love and self-control." (2 Tim 1:7) I place my complete Faith and hope in God alone. It is through Faith

that we are optimistic that, God willing, we will once again lead new friends to encounter Jesus through the Grace of Cursillo weekends this coming March. I look forward to the day soon when we can all be together and feel the personal touch of God's love through the Holy Spirit and fill a room with smiles.

Please continue to pray for the teams that are starting formation and for potential candidates. Also pray for the new members of our Secretariat who will be officially elected at the December School of Leaders. We place them and all of the Cursillo Movement in the Father's loving hands.

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD." (Jeremiah 17:7)

I wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.
Joe Fairlie (#781)



I don't know about anyone else, but I find peace a little hard to come by in this crazy world of 2020. I seem to fluctuate daily between unproductive fear of the invisible virus and my expectant faith in the Unseen God.

As my husband George and I watched TV before the election we muted the commercials if we couldn't forward through them. I unfollowed many social media friends—even if I agreed with them—if their words were venomous. I have pretty much stopped watching the news because it doesn't seem to change. I am not sticking my head in the sand, I am turning off the repetition and trying to find some sanity, something to cling to in the storm. I have been praying that Jesus would quiet the angry waters I have never navigated very well.

At some point, Christ's words in Luke 12 crossed my mind: *"I have not come to bring peace, I have come to divide."* Distressing? Maybe. Then, as God often seems to arrange, understanding of a bit of Scripture I am struggling with comes through in something I hear or read. The next day's Gospel was that very passage. So I took the hint and dug into that reading, searching Catholic resources, and discovered that those words are about an invitation. Christ is inviting us to trust Him. He knows that many will not. He is greatly aware of the pain that will cause them but He won't change the Truth to bring about "peace at all costs." And it won't always be easy for us who follow; in His words immediately prior He tells us, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

As Cursillistas we have been entrusted with much. We signed our name literally on a dotted line (go look at your Service Sheet!). "I,, from this day on, a conscious and growing member of Your Mystical Body, in union with all apostolic Christians of Your Church, with the help of Your Grace, will contribute my idealism, my self-surrender, my spirit of charity, to make Your Kingdom more

effective in me, and in all those I come in contact with."

I remember sitting in the softly lit, quiet chapel almost 29 years ago, filling out that Service Sheet. When I lived my Cursillo, it was a less obviously divisive world. The



message that came loud and strong to me then is still the same: I am a precious Child of God and I must love others as equally precious Children of God, whether or not they are seeking God or rejecting Him.

I know we will all go through suffering, but I am just enough of a spoiled brat that I expect that my life should continue on the same. Who asked my approval to allow these new challenges: this pandemic and the out-of-control anger in this country? Just when I think I am on an even keel the sea churns harder. So I will mute the noise of the world when I can, but ultimately,

of course, I must face the world and can only do that if I already am in relationship with Him.

Eucharist, prayer, supporting each other in our Group Reunions and at School of Leaders, working together to love and bring Christ to others, caring and praying for those who have been dramatically affected by illness and death, and lifting our hearts to God as much as we can—these things have made the trials easier to bear. Sure, the waves will still try to capsize our boats. The Cursillo community is a shelter against the storm as we pray together: *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your Faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your Love.*



Sometime in March, in the "beginning", I heard Fr. Steve Grunow, from Word on Fire, say this: "The Christian vision is not so narrow that we believe that suffering and death are the last word. We have faith that whatever suffering and death we might face, God is with us." Emmanuel!

We have the gift of HOPE: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Christ's peace to all,
Cecelia Dusold (#548)

SUPPORT CURSILLO AT MT. CLARET

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 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?**

- 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.

- 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) or go directly to 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)



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) or Precursillo Chair at (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.

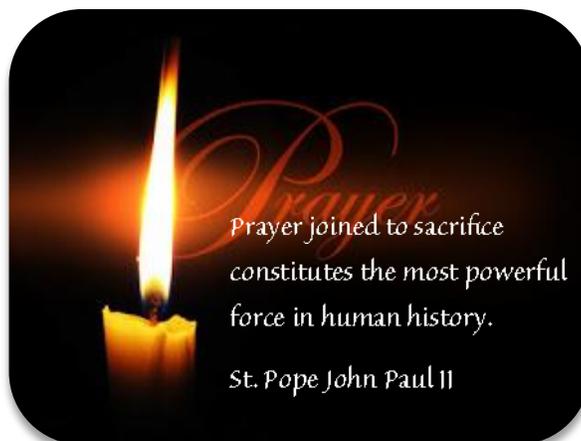
Palanca Chair: The palanca chair is responsible for requesting General Palanca for Phoenix, and sending General Palanca for other Diocese's weekends, and downloading and printing the General Palanca for our Weekends. This can be done from your home! Please contact Three-Day Chair at (zeldagraham@yahoo.com).

NOTICES AND PRAYER

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.

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 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.

People will remain on the prayer list and on the 5th day list for one month. Resubmit if you would like to have the name remain on the list.

Vatican-approved prayer for the intercession of Servant of God, Eduardo Bonnin, Founder of the Cursillo Movement

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

PHOENIX CURSILLO DATABASE

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.
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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