



FROM DEACON SIONE HOLA

My name is Deacon “John the Resurrection Who Ran Away” (Sione Toetuu Hola), I am from the Pacific island of Tonga. I was ordained here in Phoenix by Bishop O’Brien on November 15, 1997. I made my Cursillo in 1998, #627.

As we begin this new Church year 2022 on the First Sunday of Advent, let us focus our spiritual journey as what Pope Francis recommended for this new year: to bring to our mind, our hearts, and our whole being to the Grace of God into our lives, to be on guard and prepare for Christmas, and be prepared for the second coming of Jesus to our lives at the end of time.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, you and I are only an instrument of God to serve His beloved people. We are sinners but God has gifted us with His Grace through the seven Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation – to turn away from our sins, and say, “I am sorry”, and be faithful to the Gospel, AMEN!!!

My Friends in Christ, from my experience on every weekend as I serve as Spiritual Advisor to all, I learned to know who I am, Who Christ is, and to love Christ more and more in my service. I would like to bring attention to

our world today with COVID 19. It also brings me to remember those of our loved ones who have gone before us, especial Msgr. McMahon, Msgr. O’Grady, Sister Jan, Deacon Joe Lessard and many more; may their souls rest in peace.

I would like to send my prayers and love to this special movement – Cursillo – and I always repeat what Msgr. McMahon said: “The Christ in me loves the Christ in you.”

To conclude I would like to express my word of thanks to our Bishop Nevares of Phoenix for his leadership in this powerful, spiritual movement, keeping all teams, members, and candidates strong in the Love of Christ.

A final word to all for 2022 is taken from Ephesians 6:11-19. My brothers and sisters in Christ, put on

the armor of God, be strong, and pray unceasingly so the devil will not ruin our souls.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, shine upon you and be gracious to you, and give you His peace. A blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Your Servant in Christ,
Deacon Sione



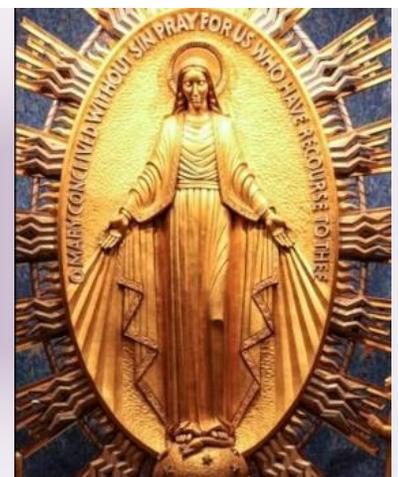
The Christ in me loves

The Christ in you!

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS!

THE LOVE AND GRATITUDE of the entire Cursillo community go with the dedicated and hardworking outgoing members of the Secretariat: Lay Director Joe Fairlie, School of Leaders Chair Manny Yrique, Precursillo Chair Dave Daniels, Three-Day Chair Zelda Graham, and Treasurer, Karla Keller.

We look forward with our new members, Lay Director Carmela Gonzales, School of Leaders Chair Jim Pompe, Precursillo Chair Terry McDonald, Three-Day Chair Deb Hernandez, and Treasurer Sophie Bejarano. Congratulations and thank you for saying YES!



CALENDAR AND EVENTS

December 2021

- Dec. 11 11:00 am ULTREYA
(St. John Vianney, Sedona)
Dec. 14 6:30 pm Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
Dec. 17 6:45 pm ULTREYA (Miles Jesu)
Dec. 18 9:30 am School of Leaders (Virtual)

January 2021

- Jan. 11 6:30 pm Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
Jan. 15 9:30 am School of Leaders

2022 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

- March 10-13, 2022 #940 Men's English (Mt. Claret)
March 17-20, 2022 #941 Women's English (Mt. Claret)
April 28-May 1, 2022 #942 Men's Spanish (Mt. Claret)
May 5-8, 2022 #943 Women's Spanish (Mt. Claret)
*Further numbers will be determined
as Flagstaff Schedule is confirmed.*
August 25-28, 2022 Men's English (Mt. Claret)
Sept. 9-12, 2022 Women's English (Mt. Claret)
Oct. 27-30, 2022 Men's Spanish (Mt. Claret)
Nov. 3-6, 2022 Women's Spanish (Mt. Claret)
Nov. 10-13, 2022 Men's English (Mt. Claret)
Nov. 17-20, 2022 Women's English (Mt. Claret)

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

ULTREYA!



Ultreya in Sedona

Saturday, December 11, 2021

St. John Vianney

180 St. John Vianney Lane, Sedona

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Water and Snacks provided

Ultreya at Miles Jesu

Friday, December 17, 2021

1925 E Baseline Rd, Phoenix

5:45 PM Holy Hour; confessions available

6:30 PM Pilgrim's Guide Apostolic Hour Prayer

6:45 PM Ultreya

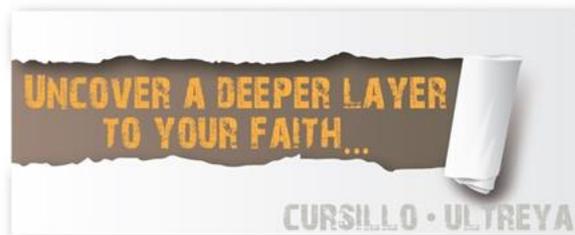
**Would you like to schedule an
Ultreya at your parish?**

Postcursillo Chair, Veronica Lucas, is here to help!

Please call or email her for more information:

(602) 909-3459 or cursillo.v@gmail.com

She will help plan, facilitate, and
spread the good news of your Ultreya.



CHRISTMAS EVE ROSARY FOR LIFE

Join Bishop Olmsted, priests, deacons, and pro-life lay leaders for this annual praying of the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary at the Glendale Planned Parenthood.

December 24, 2021

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Planned Parenthood

5771 W Eugie Ave, Glendale AZ 85304



Happy Advent everyone! The word “Advent”, from the Latin word *adventus*, literally means “coming” or “arrival”. For many of us, we can get so busy during this season that we’re not sure if we are coming or going. I think that’s been true of myself in a peculiar way these last few weeks. While this will be my 37th consecutive



month of writing an article for “The Voice”, this one has been the hardest to get started. I suppose that I should start with my favorite “go to” prayer for these situations: *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of Your Love.*

Early December is always a time of transition. We’re still fresh in the spirit of Thanksgiving, when we look back in gratitude for the blessings that we’ve been given. Yet at the same time we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent, and look forward in longing for the coming of Jesus on Christmas day. I’m suddenly reminded of a lyric from a John Lennon and Yoko Ono song: “So this is Christmas and what have you done? Another year over, and a new one just begun.”

This past weekend was pretty eventful time of renewal for me, the Church, and the Cursillo movement. On Saturday I spent the entire day at a retreat for the Adult Faith Formation group at Saint Thomas Aquinas. On Sunday we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance for new Catechumen in our parish RCIA group, who along with a number of teens and children are on their journey to enter fully into the sacramental life of the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil. At the same time we also had an election going on to choose five new members of the Secretariat for the Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement. Amid this whirlwind of activity and my work schedule being busier than ever, there was a proverbial hamster wheel spinning in my thoughts of how to approach this, my final message as Lay Director.

I certainly want to look back and express gratitude for the blessings that we’ve encountered together during the last three years. On the other hand, I don’t want to make this a goodbye message, because I’m not going anywhere. On a couple of occasions Manny Yrique has confided that he thought that I should stay on another year as Lay Director, because he feels that I was cheated in some way by the Covid pandemic. I have to say that I don’t feel cheated at all. On the contrary, I’m grateful that the Lord

chose this period of turmoil to place me in His service. Through the many challenges of our increasingly divided world, my Faith has grown by leaps and bounds through witnessing the resilience, fortitude and courage of my fellow Cursillistas as we found innovative new ways to keep moving onward in spite of the chaos surrounding us. Together we have been able to overcome every obstacle with the spirit of *Ultreya* and continue drawing others to Christ.

I am especially grateful for the wonderful relationships that we’ve formed along the way. I cherish my friendship with Bishop Nevares, Father Kilian McCaffrey, Deacon Bob Evans, and all of our Spiritual Advisors and Lay leaders who have such love and care for the Cursillo. I am very grateful to all the members of our Secretariat; their hard work, dedication, and support was unmatched.

This evening I experienced a beautiful spark that inspired me to finally begin writing this message. I received a call from Felix Carrillo, who just lived his Cursillo weekend #938 in November, as did his wife Fabiola on women’s Cursillo #939. They were asking for prayers as they were on the way to Mercy Gilbert Hospital for an emergency C-section. Felix also asked for Father Arthur Nave’s phone number to let him know to pray for them, and see if he could arrange for a priest to anoint his wife before she delivered her baby. You see, Felix and Father Arthur just recently met and formed a brotherhood in the Decuria of Saint Anthony Mary Claret during Cursillo #938.

What a joy it is for me to have co-sponsored both of these brothers in Christ, and for those seeds sown in Cursillo to blossom in new friendship. In Felix’s words “Father Arthur worked his blessings” and Father Sylvester from St. Mary Magdalene was able to see them before welcoming their new son, Christian Noel Carrillo, born into the world on the feast day of Saint Nicholas, December 6, 2021. If he would have waited just a few more hours we would have shared a birthday, but then it would have been the feast of Saint Ambrose, and his parents might not have given him such a cool name. In any event; Happy Birthday and De Colores Christian!

Advent is above all a time of renewal and anticipation of new life, and through the grace of God I am confident that the new members of our secretariat will continue the



good work to bring a Faith ever new to the Phoenix Cursillo movement. I want to congratulate and offer my undying support for our new Lay Director Carmela Gonzales, School of Leaders Chair Jim Pompe, Three Day Chair Deborah Hernandez, Precursillo Chair Terry McDonald, and Treasurer Sophie Bejarano.

On the earlier-mentioned Adult Faith Formation retreat Saturday, I gave a talk titled "Come Holy Spirit" I spoke of how the Holy Spirit relates to Advent, when we welcome God into our hearts to allow His light and fire to ignite our souls with His Love. Saint Bernard of

Clairvaux states "We know that the coming of the Lord is threefold... The first coming was in flesh and weakness, the middle coming is in spirit and power, and the final coming will be in glory and majesty." If I were to give any advice to the new board members it would be to always remember these three words; Veni, Sancte Spiritus. Invoke the Holy Spirit to keep your focus on Christ and you will never go wrong. As Saint Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



There is always much work to be done and I see many blessings on the horizon. I was inspired by my recent Ultreya visit with the Gila River Community and the prospect of perhaps forming a School of Leaders to once again hold Cursillos on the Reservation. I see great opportunity for unity and cooperation among the Northern Arizona and Phoenix Valley Cursillistas. We've had several young adults recently live their Cursillo weekends who will be the future of our Movement and our Church. I'm excited and hopeful for the future of our movement and look forward to continuing to serve in

whatever way that the good Lord calls me to.

Please accept my fraternal love and continued prayers in wishing you and all of your families a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

"And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

Your Brother in Christ, Joe Fairlie #781

IS IT YOU??? EDITOR(S) NEEDED!

De Colores! I am Cecelia Dusold and have been privileged to serve the Cursillo Movement for the past five years as a volunteer by editing the Voice and the Phoenix Cursillo Website, in addition to managing the database and helping with the weekends by working on the rosters and gathering the General Palanca.

It is time for me to step down from some of this responsibility and for someone new to take the reins to carry on the important online communication in our Diocese. This would include both the newsletter – The Voice – and the website. This person will work closely with the Secretariat to make sure the most up-to-date information is available to the community. (I will continue my ministry as database manager and with weekend needs.)

The last issue of the Voice I will edit will be January 2022. The Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement needs someone **to step up soon** to make sure that we continue to reach out to our brother and sister Cursillistas. This work can be done from your home. The skills needed for the Voice are an ability to edit (grammar) and put together a layout (using Publisher, or Word, or other program) that eventually is converted to a PDF. Familiarity or a comfort level with websites is helpful for updating the Website, but it is something easily learned if you are computer literate. Perhaps a couple of wonderful volunteers can work together on these needs. *You will have support of the Secretariat and I will help in the beginning as necessary.*

New or longtime Cursillistas; please call me asap at 623-297-8920 if you are interested and/or have any questions. God bless, Cecelia (#548)



The Affect of Your Cursillo Weekend

In 1978, I started working for the Scottsdale Conference Resort in Operations as the Audio-Visual Director and as a department head, I was expected to work six days a week. Since I was single, I didn't have a problem with that, it kept me out of mischief.

I apparently did so well that after a year or so, the General Manager, who had hired me, gave me a Manager on Duty shift where I covered for him when he wasn't on property. That shift happened to be on my only day off! After a year of 7-day work weeks, I was burnt out and when he wouldn't adjust my schedule, I resigned. The CEO of the company didn't like seeing me leave so he tracked me down and hired me to work on his side of the company which covered the areas of Marketing and Finance and later Property Acquisitions. This was a normal 5-day schedule with occasional extra days of work but a much more rational schedule. My former boss

absolutely hated the fact that I was hired back and totally ignored me even though we had to work together.

In my new position, I worked to computerize the Sales department and increased their efficiency so that we could sell more business. This put more money in my old boss's pocket. Also, I put together the monthly financial reports that we presented to our financial partners at meetings that were attended by him too, but he still ignored me.

The resort business was a very secular business where Sunday was a very busy check-in day and no different than any weekday. As managers we were allowed to eat in the dining room for lunch along with all our guests, eating the same great food that they ate. We would eat at a table of fellow employees and the policy seemed to be, "let's gossip about someone who isn't at our table." After work, we were encouraged to get together for Happy Hour and drink to our heart's content in the lounge. Most people would be envious of this job, and I was too.

Then in January 1996, I experienced my Cursillo weekend and things changed. If I felt the people at lunch were going to gossip about whoever was missing, I wouldn't sit at their table. I avoided Happy Hour where they continued to gossip unless my present boss was in town, and we needed to catch up. Then, I was involved in the process of

acquiring new properties to manage and I was on the road a lot. I worked with Sales Directors in helping to set sales targets and General Managers in setting operating budgets. If I was working out of town on a weekend, the bellmen at the property would know to ask me if I needed a ride to the Catholic Church nearby, so my Cursillo weekend did have a great effect on me, but it didn't stop there. Miracle of miracles, my old boss the GM who wouldn't talk to me, approached me one day and said, "Pompe, I don't know what you've done but whatever it is I like it!" Now that knocked me for a loop.



After a few weeks, to test this new found relationship, I told the GM that my Pastor at Church asked me to become a lector and "Proclaim the Word of God!" The GM was an excellent public speaker, so he asked me if I knew how to do that correctly. I hemmed and hawed and said, "I think so," but he told me to bring my Bible to work the next day and he'll show me how. So, let's explain what just happened, my former boss who wouldn't talk to me for over 15 years is now talking to me and not only that, is instructing me on how to share the Word of God. Who says the Holy Spirit can't do impossible things? This change in our relationship can only be attributed to the fact that I made my Cursillo and allowed the Holy Spirit to pour His grace on me and realign my life for the better.

To my fellow Cursillistas, especially new ones, the weekend changed your life whether you realize it or not and life will never be the same. You will impress people even when you don't realize it, please just allow the Holy Spirit to do His work on you.

De Colores! Jim Pompe, #587, Ss. Simon & Jude



*Make a friend,
Be a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ.*

The people who
WALKED IN DARKNESS
have seen a great light;
those who dwell in a
land of deep darkness,
on them has
LIGHT SHINED. Isaiah 9:2

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)

Parish Reps Needed!!!: To see if your parish is one of those not covered, please go to our website. If interested, please contact the Precursillo Chair at (precursillo@phoenixcursillo.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).

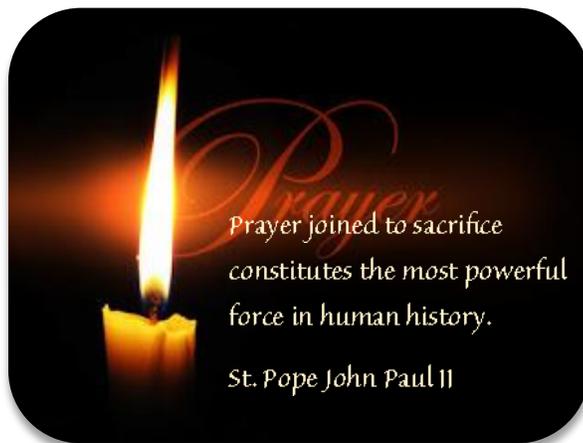
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



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.



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.

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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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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