



“...a Light for Revelation to the Gentiles, and
Glory for Your people Israel.” Luke 2:32

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CURSILLO MOVEMENT

FROM DEACON DAVE

De Colores!

I'm Deacon Dave Knebelsberger from Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tempe. I made Cursillo #515, which started February 28, 1991, so this month is my 30 year anniversary! This summer will be my 35th wedding anniversary to my beautiful wife, Jean-Anne. I have five grown children and four grandchildren. I was recently ordained a deacon on November 7 of last year, so I'm excited to see where the Lord will lead in my new vocation. I've worked several Cursillo teams over the years as a lay person, but now I look forward to serving as a spiritual director, for it was on my Cursillo weekend that God went from my head to my heart!

We are now in our first season of Ordinary time, with Lent quickly approaching on February 17. In the Church calendar year, we basically have the following seasons: Advent, Christmas, ordinary time, Lent, Easter, and the second ordinary time. But there is nothing "ordinary" about this time. Ordinary is based on the word ordinal, which is a way of counting, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., as opposed to cardinal counting, which is 1, 2, 3, etc. Our Sundays and weeks are based on the ordinal way of counting, so it's called ordinary.

But this doesn't mean it's common or normal. Far from it! On our first Monday in ordinary time this year (Jan. 11) and then again on our third Sunday (Jan. 24), we read from the Gospel of Mark 1:14-20. Jesus' first words are: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." (Mark 1:15) Well, here we are in the year 2021 of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and it is still the time of fulfillment! Everything that the Old Testament had spoken of came to fulfillment in the person of Jesus. The kingdom of God is still at hand! Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the

life." (John 14:6) His kingdom is ultimately in heaven, but Jesus Himself is the Kingdom, and we, the Church, are His body.

Just as Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow Him, He is calling us to follow Him. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17) The world we live in is losing its touch with truth and is increasingly hostile toward Christians, but is this so different from the time of the Apostles and first disciples? It's up to us to become fishers of men and share the Good

News, to share the basic Kerygma!

As explained to me not too many years ago, the basic Good News, the Kerygma, can be shared in a four-step approach.

1) God, who is all powerful, all knowing, and outside of time, spoke the

universe and everything in it into existence. He created man and woman in His image and likeness out of love and for love to have a personal relationship with us.

2) Adam and Eve turned from God, grasped the forbidden fruit and we all have been sinning ever since. Heaven and earth became separated, and our relationship with God was broken.

3) Jesus came into the world to restore that relationship. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." (John 3:16-17)

4) It's now up to each of us to accept this invitation from Jesus and make Him the center of our lives. To be a disciple of Jesus, we must follow the new



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CALENDAR AND EVENTS

February 2021

- Feb. 1 7:00 PM Rosary for Our Country (Mt. Claret)
- Feb. 9 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
- Feb. 13 9:00 AM LENTEN RETREAT (Mt. Claret)
- Feb. 17 ASH WEDNESDAY
- Feb. 20 9:30 AM School of Leaders (Virtual)

March 2021

- Mar. 1 7:00 PM Rosary for Our Country (Mt. Claret)
- Mar. 9 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
- Mar. 20 9:30 AM School of Leaders (Virtual)

**HOLY MASS FOR CURILLO
MOVEMENT EACH WEDNESDAY
EVENING AT 6:30 PM
POSTPONED FOR NOW!**

2021 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Please note: dates are still tentative due to covid!

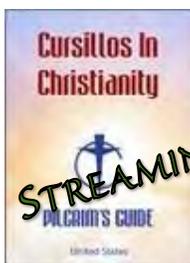
*****Originally scheduled March English weekends are postponed.**

- 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.)

Other Important Dates

- Feb. 13 Lenten Retreat (Conference Center)
- Aug. 14 Parish Rep Workshop (Conference Center)
- Sept. 18 Diocesan ULTREYA (Conference Center)
- Cena de Colores date to be determined

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



STREAMING TO A DEVICE NEAR YOU!

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Join Zoom School of Leaders:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88658541324?
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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 January 16, February 20, and March 20.



ROSARY FOR AMERICA - MT. CLARET - 7:00 PM - 1ST MONDAYS



ULTREYA!

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, Veronica Lucas 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**

The Cursillo Movement of Phoenix invites you to a virtual event!

Join us for our 2nd Annual



Lenten Retreat

"Up to the Summit"

with Bishop Eduardo Nevares

Saturday, February 13, 2021

9:00 am until 1:00 pm

**Cursillistas and friends are invited to a special
morning of meditation, prayer, and fellowship
in preparation for Lent.**

The retreat will close with Holy Mass from Mt. Claret.

To Join the Zoom Meeting go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84027543278?pwd=MzZVQjZ0eUFXVkUyRkJrTG92VHJtZz09>

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commandment He gave us to “love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34). And how did He love us? By laying down his life for us and showing us how to live... to love God with all of our heart, mind, and soul and to love our neighbor as our self.

And now as we approach another Lent, let us fully enter into our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to grow closer to and more in love with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

And then let us use the Cursillo model “make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ” to share the Kerygma and all the love that the Lord has given us to a world that so desperately needs it.

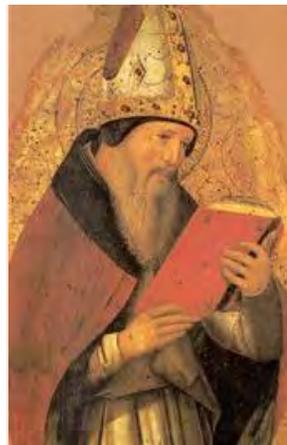
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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

LAY DIRECTOR

“A CUP OF JOE” (or a couple of Joe’s)

De Colores! I hope that this message finds you all well. On February 2 we mark the secular holiday, Groundhog’s Day, signifying the coming transition from the cold of winter to the bloom of spring. After nearly a year into life during a pandemic, you may at times have felt like we are stuck in the Bill Murray movie “Groundhog’s Day”, repeating the same cold day over and over again.

As for myself, February 2nd has another significance and will conclude a deep personal encounter experienced through Father Don Calloway’s book and the 33 day “Consecration to Saint Joseph.” I began on January 1st so as to be completed on the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. It’s been a wonderful spiritual journey, growing in love and appreciation for Joseph as the most holy of all men, and a model of Faith, Courage, Strength, and Virtue. I highly recommend this devotional to every Catholic, especially in this year which Pope Francis has consecrated as a “Year of Saint Joseph.” (If you begin on Valentine’s Day, you can conclude the 33 days on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, March 19th).



Saint Joseph, who was chosen by God as the strong provider and defender of Jesus and Mary as head of the Holy Family, ranks in holiness above all of the prophets and saints other than our Divine Lord and our Holy Mother, and is a powerful intercessor for our needs. When faced with troubled times like we find ourselves in now, it is wise to follow the advice of our Holy Father and so many saints before him to “*Ite Ad Joseph*”- go to Joseph.

This January was certainly full of great turmoil and was a time of transition. At the center of it all was another

Joseph, as Joe Biden took office as only the second Catholic elected as president of the United States. As a matter of fact, there is a disproportionate number of leaders in public office on both sides of the political divide who were raised Catholic, including the Speaker of the House, the House Minority Leader, two thirds of our Supreme Court Justices, Arizona’s Governor and many more. Perhaps this is due to the Catholic sense of social justice that draws many to the law in a desire to bring about change for the good.

Unfortunately, public policy is all too often merely a reflection of our deeply divided culture, and politicians as well as private citizens alike tend to follow the political party line rather than the dictates of a conscience that is

“In essentials,
UNITY;
in non-essentials,
LIBERTY;
in all things,
CHARITY.”
St. Augustine

well-formed in the moral teachings of our Faith. I was given a glimmer of hope as I turned on my car radio in the middle of President Biden’s inauguration address and was surprised to hear the new president quote Saint Augustine in a well-prepared speech with a central message of unity. I felt that despite many obstacles to overcome, the seeds of Faith have been planted, and there is a

window of opportunity for the light of the Gospel to shine through.

The quote mentioned is from St. Augustine’s second most famous work, *The City of God* which appropriately, in light of the siege on the Capital, was his reflection inspired by the sacking of Rome by the Visigoths in 410 AD. Saint Augustine classified a people as a “multitude of rational creatures bound together by a common agreement as to the objects of their love.” He recognized

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that while people may have a difference of opinion as to what constitutes justice in the temporal world, true justice and eternal peace comes through the love of Christ alone and is achievable only in the eternal City of God that is the Church.

So how do we overcome so much division in our government, our society, and even within the Church? If you research the foundational charism of Cursillo, there's a phrase that comes up often: "Unity of Purpose." Bishop Juan Hervas, one of the principle figures in the founding of the Cursillo Movement, tells how he was summoned by the Pope in 1955 to answer for calumnies made against him amidst disagreements in his diocese of Mallorca.

While in Rome, Bishop Hervas took the opportunity to visit with another Joseph, his old friend Josemaria Escriva. The future Saint's calming advise to the Bishop was, "*Don't worry, they are benefactors, because they help to purify us. We have to love them and pray for them.*" He spoke very forcefully when he insisted on the need to love those who did not understand us, to pray for those who judged us without wanting to get at the truth. And he insisted on the need to pay attention only to the voice of the Church and not to the rumors of the street, and, with God's help, to keep our heart free of bitterness and resentment."

The unifying purpose of Cursillo and the mission of all of the baptized is to bring others to Christ. Saint Joseph provides a perfect model for us. His whole life is a witness of perpetual adoration gazing upon the body of Christ both in his physical presence and even more so now in the glorious communion of the saints in Heaven. Together we will successfully evangelize our culture if like Saint Joseph, we keep our eyes on the prize of eternal reward. We must pray continually for the conversion of those in a position to effect change.

While we need to pray for our national leaders to protect the most vulnerable and build a culture of life, the lesson of Cursillo is that we can effect change at the smallest of local levels in our own environment. This morning at mass Father Dan, who runs Andre House servicing the homeless population, pointed out that while many of us were excited to see hail and even snow in the valley last week, there are 500 people sleeping on the streets in his neighborhood downtown. Father Dan asked for prayers for members of the Phoenix City Council who

will vote this week on whether to allow Andre House to provide beds to house some of these poor souls.

We can influence society at the parish level too. Two days after the inauguration was the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. I was inspired to put together a Rosary for Life on very short notice and with little time for promotion and we were blessed that 25 parishioners, including a number of young adults coming into the Catholic Faith through the RCIA program, gathered to pray for the sanctity of life. Politics are a product of the culture, and we most immediately effect the culture by setting the example of living our Faith publicly and unashamedly in our families and among our friends, so that those in the public trust understand that their Faith should govern their politics and not the other way around.

One of the most beautiful features of Cursillo is that it is more than just a retreat led by one charismatic individual. The most gratifying thing as a Rector or team member is seeing a community of God's love form on the weekend, and then continue to grow in group reunion and Ultreya. Admittedly I did not hear all of the president's speech, because, by what I accredit to Divine Providence, the broadcast was interrupted by a call from Bishop

Nevares regarding some matters pertaining to the Cursillo Movement. I took it as reminder that while politics is of importance, our mission is to work together in union with our clergy to promote the Kingdom of God by focusing our attention on Christ, just as blessed Saint Joseph did.

I hope that you will join us for an opportunity to do just that: focus

attention on Christ! "Up to the Summit" is our second annual Lenten retreat on Saturday, February 13th at 9:00 am. This year's retreat will take place virtually, so look for a Zoom invitation link on pg 5. We are extremely blessed that Bishop Nevares will once again lead us in lifting our hearts and minds to God through Saint Ignatius' method of meditation on scripture. Feel free to "Bring a friend to Christ" by inviting someone who hasn't lived their Cursillo yet. After all, a civilization bound together with God as the common object of our love shall realize the promise in Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."

Saint Joseph, Patriarch of the Holy Family and Protector of the Church; Pray For Us!

Your Brother in Christ, Joe Fairlie



The Great Gift

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped. Psalm 28:7

This verse is true for me and about the only one that I truly remember, and it was given to me in Palanca.

My heart is in grouping and I am helped. It has been proven repeatedly, in our group (of over 15 years), that we are helped. How do we live a life without girlfriends or sisters in Christ? I do know that we women were created to be social, caretakers, wives, mothers, daughters, all of which relates to our Virgin Mother Mary. This is a gift that we get to open every time that we meet to group.

There are so many barriers that keep us from becoming what God has willed for us and the three amazing ideas of Piety, Study, and Action are so simple yet so complicating! All I can verify is that when we are asked to share these truths, with our Catholic brothers and sisters it puts us on the spot for our Lord. Therefore, a healthy and loving habit is formed to be aware, *daily*, of your Piety, Study and Action.

Yes, there are other ways to grow in faith, love, and hope but for the lay person this method, although uncomfortable at times (if you are being truthful), keeps our Catholicism alive. Recently our pastor here at St. Anne in Gilbert, Fr. Sergio, asked us as a parish how we could gather more as families because many families have inquired to him that they want to be more of a community, and also be able to visit with our priests. It is built into us by God to be community!

When I lost my brother tragically, at this time last year, well - you all know the drill when someone passes because of the arrangements that need to be made, and the deep sadness, and the meeting with family, etc. But for one of

the few times in my life I really felt being lifted up during this tragic event. And that was because of our community, this community!

Sharing my piety is a check: Did I try to go to a daily mass? Could I say thank you one more time for God's mercy? Could I take just 30 minutes from TV to rest in silence and listen to Him? Did I even have a close moment to our Lord? Did you? Why not? Did I focus on heaven?

Sharing my study is the most enjoyable because I have favorites that I listen to daily and I love study and apologetics. But what if you don't like study... hmmm? Can you listen to Relevant Radio? You might be gifted more for Action!

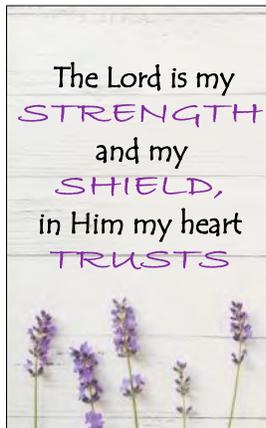
Action is a bit more difficult for me, but Good Lord, I try daily, especially with my family, to be what God wants me to be for my children, grandchildren, Godchildren, and husband and siblings. Those that have left the church seem to, mainly, tug at my heart. But Lord I am open to your command.

All of us need to be accountable for our actions in order to live for Christ, period!

I would be lost in a material world, doing things that wouldn't allow me to see Christ in others, or me, if I did not belong to a Christian group of Catholic women who have the same love in their heart and want to meet Jesus, and

all the saints and angels in heaven. Thank you my sisters in Christ, you know who you are. God put you in my life to love, support, and not judge me, but to encourage me to live the truth.

Terry McDonald, #594



Ash Wednesday
is
February 17, 2021



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 (postcursillo@gmail.com) or Precursillo Chair at (precursillo@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).



HONORING OUR PAST
INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE
Mt. Claret Chapel Renewal

Dear Friends of Mt. Claret,

We are excited to announce that we are proceeding with design plans and the campaign effort for our Chapel Renewal project! Our Chapel marked its 50th anniversary in 2019. It continues to be the focal point of our campus in supporting the many ministries that call Mt. Claret home. On the dedication plaque in the chapel, it is named the “Cursillo Chapel”, at that time the Claretian Fathers had brought and developed the Cursillo Movement to Phoenix. As the years went on, Mt. Claret expanded to the beautiful facility we have today and embraces all of the parishes, schools, and ministries that regularly come to Mt. Claret for spiritual renewal.

Very little has been done to the Chapel over 50 years – carpeting and some painting are about all. As you can see by the renderings, we want to update the Chapel with a “Mission style” look that reflects the rest of the architecture of Mt. Claret, while at the same time being sensitive to Liturgical improvements to the interior. As the case statement points out the project will address many aspects of the Chapel including two confessionals, a narthex/ lobby for an entrance, an expanded sacristy, and remodeled bathrooms as well as a wall behind the altar that will have the Tabernacle installed. The Adoration Chapel will remain the quiet, intimate space for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic Adoration.

Mt. Claret is recognized as a “gem” in our diocese. Weekly, hundreds of people utilize our facilities – throughout a year, thousands will have attended meetings, retreats, Liturgical celebrations, or just a day of quiet reflective prayer. We are reaching out to all our ministries to ask for the gift of prayerful support for the project. We also want to invite all who can to help support the project financially. Many people make a three-year pledge and sign up for automatic payments of \$20, \$30, \$50, or \$100 per month to fulfill their commitment.

This is an opportunity to help shape Mt. Claret’s Chapel for the next 50 years! So, we ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to Mt. Claret for the Chapel Renewal project. Your gift will have a lasting impact on the Chapel and Mt. Claret! Please feel free to contact me personally with any questions you may have at tmcguire@mtclaret.org or (480) 371-4676.

Your brother in Christ,



Tom McGuire

Director, Mt. Claret Retreat Center



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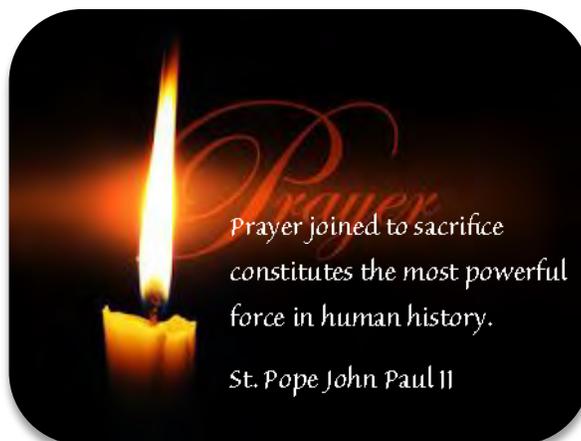
CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP Tom McGuire, *Director* | HONORARY CHAIRS Most Rev. Eduardo A. Nevares, Barry Youn and Kim Komando |
CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS Grace Cooper, Steven and Amy Jerome, Mick and Melissa Kapanicas | DEVELOPMENT COUNSEL Steier Group

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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