

*This is My beloved Son,
with Whom I am well-pleased.*



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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX
CURSILLO MOVEMENT



Dear Cursillistas,

On this first day of the New Year and the Solemnity of the Mary, the Mother of God, I offer a special prayer for you for the phenomenal service you give to so many people through the Cursillo Movement in Phoenix and beyond. Your friendship, grouping, support, hope, and prayers mean so much to so many.

When the going gets tough, go to Mary and St. Joseph. They know a thing or two about challenging times and having complete faith and trust in God. They lived the key moments of Salvation History. We are living in amazing times.

I always love to ask people: what is your favorite parable? Jesus taught us more through His parables. And there are so many great ones. So get a cup of coffee or tea, get a tasty snack and break open your Bible to Matthew Chapter 13, 20, or 25, Luke Chapter 10 or 15, John Chapter 10 or 15, or to any favorite parable of yours for

FROM FR. KILIAN MCCAFFREY

some Good News, fresh from Heaven. Study, ponder, listen, wonder, dialogue, and learn from The Word of God, always living, teaching and inspiring.

My dear Cursillistas, to me you all are exemplars of the face of Christ in our Diocese through the beautiful, mysterious workings of the Holy Spirit.

For well over sixty years now, we have seen all sorts of things come and go. We have seen the Spirit move in incredible ways in Phoenix: trends, fashions, wars, politics, friends, challenging times, and even greater times, but we have made it through every time and we will continue meet every challenge and to make it through.

I cherish you all and thank God for you.

Wishing a wonderful, safe Octave and a Holy New Year to you and all of your families and parishes.

God will take care of things. He always does.

De Colores...
Fr. Kilian



POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS “YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH”

With the Apostolic Letter “*Patris corde*” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph.”

Resources: *Patris Corde* (Apostolic Letter)

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

News Release December 8, 2020

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

Information about Plenary Indulgence

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/apostolic-penitentiary-plenary-indulgence-year-st-joseph.html>

Other books, documents about the Protector of the Holy Church:

Consecration to St. Joseph, Fr. Don Calloway

“Redemptoris Custos,” St. John Paul II.

St. Joseph and His World by Mike Aquilina

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Happy New Year!

2021!!!
CURSILLO WEEKENDS

January 2021

- Jan. 3 7:00 PM Rosary for Our Country (Mt. Claret)
- Jan. 12 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
- Jan. 12 6:00 PM ULTREYA (Flagstaff)
- Jan. 16 9:30 AM School of Leaders (Virtual)

February 2021

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

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)
- 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!**

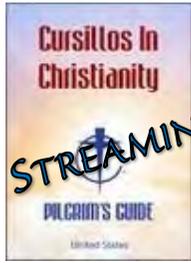


As Parishes begin to open up, please watch the Newsletter and the website for Ultreya locations.

If you know of an Ultreya happening, or are interested in holding an Ultreya, please contact the Postcursillo Chair, 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

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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88658541324?pwd=d1U4OHkxek0zZlNnR0ZvSUZjMIJCZz09)

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Meeting ID: 886 5854 1324 Passcode: 338064

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 - JANUARY 4, 7:00 PM

LAY DIRECTOR

De Colores! Another year has come and gone, and I don't have to tell you what a year it was. This time last year the Cursillo movement in Phoenix was experiencing an incredible renewal and there was a great of spirit of optimism for the future. Things were looking good, but that soon changed. I recently heard someone quoted as saying that the most useless item that they purchased in 2019 was a 2020 planner.

If you've watched any of the usual end of year recaps on news programs they have all focused on the incredible loss and sadness, along with political and social unrest of 2020. On a personal level the last few weeks leading up to Christmas were very challenging for me as I was trying to resolve several stressful work issues, compiled with the uncertainty of whether or not we can safely hold Cursillo weekends just a few short months from now while the Covid pandemic is seemingly raging today. I found that while I tried my best to focus on our Savior's coming and hear joyful Christmas tunes, the song that kept replaying in my mind

was Ringo Starr's "It Don't Come Easy". Well Ringo, I understand that you've got to pay your dues, but what if we don't want to sing the blues? What's an optimist to do in these crazy times that we find ourselves in?

It's interesting that if you Google "optimism in the pandemic" many of the articles that pop up speak of optimism as a dangerous thing. I suppose that's a reflection of our society today where we may view those who appear to be less worried about the pandemic than we are with anxiety, reminiscent of the disciples addressing Jesus on the stormy sea; "Do you not care that we are perishing?" Our concerns over the global health crisis are certainly valid.

We've all suffered through illness and loss of loved ones this year and our world has changed. I don't think that we can be irrational Polyannas like Eric Idle's character in Monty Python's Life of Brian,

whistling a cheerful ditty from the cross while singing, "always look on the bright side of life." We've now become conscious of danger in the simple things that we

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

once took for granted, like visiting an older relative or whether to make physical contact when greeting a friend. Make no mistake, like the disciples in the storm our Faith is being tested. But our Faith can also allow us to exhibit what I would call a rational optimism. Our Faith in God's love inspires us to love our neighbor and take appropriate precautions for everyone's safety. At the same time, especially in this blessed season of Emmanuel, "God is with us," we can be confident that together we will weather the storm.

The patron of the Cursillo movement, Saint Paul gives a great example of rational optimism in the shipwreck story told in the Acts of the Apostles (Chapter 27). In the midst of a squall as the crew prepares to lower the lifeboats and abandon the ship and their prisoners, Paul warns them that unless they stayed with the ship, they cannot be saved. He then goes on to calm their fears and assure them of their safety, because he was visited by an angel who told him that he will see Rome, and then he gives thanks to God and shares the Eucharist with them.

Like Paul, our journey has been interrupted and at times we've been tossed on the rocks by the waves of a pandemic. We won't arrive at our planned destination of new Cursillo weekends this March as scheduled, but there is still reason to be thankful. While in normal years we have to have our dates at the retreat center reserved two years in advance, due to the unfortunate effects to other ministries schedules, we have some flexibility to delay our weekends until just a bit later in the spring. Just as Saint Paul was confident that he would see Rome, we can rest assured that we will not abandon the ship, and we will come together to have Cursillo weekends in the months to come.

I may not have seen an angel like Saint Paul did, but I have felt the presence of God in how our Cursillo community has responded in times of trouble. I'm comforted by viewing our Wednesday mass for the Cursillo community on Facebook from Mount Claret. I'm thankful for our Holy Spiritual Advisors and clergy who have made it possible. I'm comforted by the prayers of Palanca that we lift one another up with when our families are struggling. I'm inspired by the innovative ways that the Holy Spirit has guided us to use technology to build community. Our "Gathered Together" Cena de Colores/

Evening Under the Stars event was a wonderful success, providing for financial needs of the Cursillo Movement and Mount Claret, but more importantly providing a much needed joyful celebration of brothers and sisters in Christ.

I'm excited that we have three new members of our Diocesan Secretariat; Tisa Williams (1981), Veronica Lucas (#602), and Dave Daniels (#677), whose Cursillo experience and love for Christ will ensure devoted leadership in our movement throughout the years to come. Indeed, we have much to look forward to. For instance,

please plan to join us in our spiritually uplifting annual Lenten retreat on February 13th that will be in a live virtual format this year. I'm also very grateful to our retiring secretariat team members Mick Kapanicas, James Diaz, and Pam Diaz for their leadership in navigating the movement through challenging times.

Today I was reading the words of Saint Therese as she was bedridden her last days and could barely breath due to tuberculosis. While she longed for her suffering to be over, the Little Flower

accepted that if it was God's will that she should have to suffer another day, she willingly offered her suffering so that other poor souls may be one day closer to Heaven.

We are not out of the woods yet and the struggles of the world will not go away overnight. Perhaps we can offer up the afflictions that we encounter each day for the souls that we've lost this year and remember through all of our struggles, we Christians are a people of hope. As Saint Paul says in Romans 5:3-5, "we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance proven character, and proven character hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

This coming year I pray that although plans may not go as we anticipate, we will remain rationally, faithfully, and hopefully optimistic in the knowledge that God is with us.

And GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!

Wishing you and all of your families a blessed New Year.

Joe Fairlie,
Lay Director

St. Paul, Pray for us!



"Therefore, keep up your courage; I trust in God that it will turn out as I have been told."
(Acts 27:25)

Happy New Year ...!

I love the Christmas season and I'm glad it doesn't end the Epiphany. It's a great reason to keep those decorations up for another week! The season brings such joy to me and my family as we celebrate the birth of Christ and begin a new year. Each new year brings hope and an opportunity to refresh and reflect on changes I've made and those I'd like to make in 2021. I made my Cursillo many years ago and each year I'm afforded the opportunity to live my fourth day in so many ways.

This year during the advent season, much time was spent on preparations, adoration visits, reconciliation, shopping, etc., but for me I was uplifted by the readings about John the Baptist. John had such a burning passion always pointing others to Jesus. He was filled so much with the Holy Spirit he challenged others to change and prepare for the coming of our Lord. John called for the people of Israel to repent and to a complete change of mind and heart – which we call Metanoia. I was reminded how we, as candidates on our Cursillo weekend, were invited to a similar change of mind and heart. I often think about how I am doing with this ongoing plight to become ever closer to Christ.

When I look at the world around me, it is a world searching for hope. People are looking for a light amidst the darkness of our society, culture, and current events. I know the brothers that I group with and I am continuously seeking to encounter Jesus who is the only solution to today's challenges.

We are reminded in the "Study of the Environment" talk that our faith starts with us and then gets extended, projected to others....perhaps simply by saying "yes". How many times have you been invited to be a part of an activity, a group, volunteer, or service? I have been working on "extending" my reach to help others through prayer and action and have found there are so many opportunities that I find myself saying "yes" more and more; Knights of Columbus, That Man Is You (TMIY), Adoration, St Vincent de Paul, Ultreyas, Group reunions, and the list goes on. Participating in these groups broadens my view and I see Jesus' face in those around me. I also know that I am the "environment" for others and my positive, prayerful actions may help someone else find their way to Him.



At certain times in my life I found that those around me were deeply involved in groups, activities, and ministries and I made a great effort to put my study into action. My group brothers provided an extensive network of guys having common goals of Christianity. We had great discussions and shared our day to day experiences providing compassion as each faced challenges and joy in their lives. I jumped in full speed and began attending the annual Catholic Men's Conferences which were really enlightening and educational and other groups like the Knights of Columbus and TMIY. Again I said "yes." TMIY was a great way to stay grounded with weekly educational materials via video and small group discussion afterwards via Zoom. We would discuss those weekly passages and correlate it to current times of today.

The Knights of Columbus is a true service organization that prayerfully supports the church, members, and clergy. I've been active for years and now have taken a position as Secretary and help to organize our participation as a council in weekly adoration.

My closest moment to Christ was that of the chapel visit during my weekend. It was my "BAM" moment! Six years ago our Church underwent a remodel and built a chapel with Perpetual Adoration. Our family signed up for an evening hour at the request of our son. Spending time together in the presence of our Lord has brought us closer to Him and provided our family a unique opportunity. We spend time in the Mary Garden prior to the start of our hour and while our time in the chapel is spent in quiet, individual prayer, we are experiencing this gift of Adoration together. With the busy pace of our lives, we greatly appreciate this time to refocus on keeping Jesus at the center of our family.

As Cursillistas, we have the unique opportunity to share our own story with others, to tell them how we were once and where we are now; still figuring it out amidst the changing times of our world and how we found purpose in our own deep personal encounter with Christ. Just as John the Baptist shared his story with the people of Judea, we have the chance to share our story by living our Ideals in today's environment and invite others by making a friend, being a friend, and bringing that friend to Christ.

De Colores!

Brian Kelly #547 (Blessed Sacrament)



Please join us at one of two informational gatherings as Tom McGuire and our campaign leadership share the vision and plans for the *Honoring Our Past, Investing in Our Future* Capital Campaign.

We look forward to visiting with you as we introduce the campaign along with the architects and present the chapel renewal plans for your review and questions.

IN-PERSON GATHERING*

Mount Claret Retreat Center
 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Sunday, January 10, 2021
Brunch will be served

VIRTUAL GATHERING

Zoom Happy Hour
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, January 14, 2021

RSVP Please respond by January 6, 2021 to Tom McGuire at (602) 840-5066 or tmcguire@mtclaret.org

**The in-person option will be held provided that the current health and safety conditions permit. If not, a second virtual option will be held instead.*



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

Please join us at one of two informational gatherings as our campaign leadership shares the vision and plans for the *Honoring Our Past, Investing in Our Future* Capital Campaign. The first gathering is in-person next Sunday immediately after Mass and the second will be hosted over Zoom on Jan. 14 at 6:00 p.m. The in-person event includes a complimentary brunch followed by presentations introducing the campaign. The architects will also be on hand to share the chapel renewal plans for your review and questions. Please RSVP by January 6 to Tom McGuire 602-840-5066 tmcguire@mtclaret.org. ***Please note, we have adjusted the start time for the January 10th event to 11 am instead of Noon as noted on some copies of the invitation.** Your attendance at the brunch gathering and capital campaign presentation is greatly recommended and appreciated.

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.

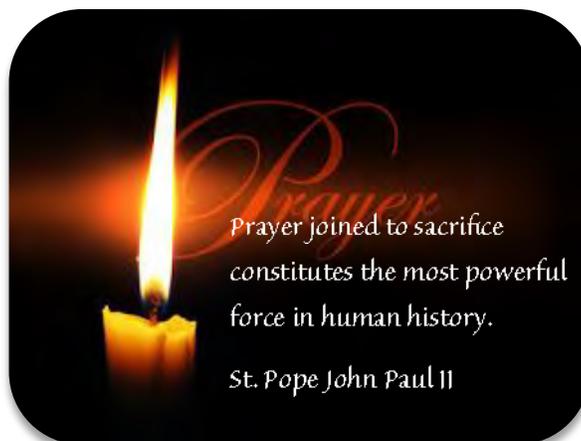
Palanca Chair: The palanca chair is responsible for requesting General Palanca for Phoenix, and sending General Palanca for other Diocese's weekends, and downloading and printing the General Palanca for our Weekends. This can be done from your home! Please contact Three-Day Chair at (zeldagraham@yahoo.com).

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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