



THE VOICE

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

FROM FR. KILIAN McCaffrey

The Epiphany of the Lord

“And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another way” (Mt 2:12).

Another Way, A Different Way

How do we announce the birth of a child today? “Send pictures! Send photos!” is the first thing we say when a baby is born and we send and receive photos or videos to each other on our cell phones and tablets. Usually the first pictures are taken shortly after the birth, still in the hospital. Then, after a while, there’s the more formal portrait photos with parents and siblings and grandparents. Yet we want to see the first photo above all.

But God had another way, a different way, a better way to be seen all who were watching the night sky all over the world, in the night sky, an amazing sight in the winter sky.

The Heavens Proclaim the Glory of God Day Unto Day Pours Forth Speech; Night Unto Night Whispers Knowledge

as we read in Psalm 19, verses 2 and 3.

Just last month on December 21st, the shortest day of the year, there was a stunning sunrise. The prayer of the day had the Mary Antiphon:

***O Rising Sun, you are the splendor of eternal light and the sun of justice.
O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.***

What an amazing way to see God at work.

We Live Another Way:

We live by the Way of Faith. It is the Way to Heaven.

It is the Way of God.

It is a Way contrary to many things of the world.

It makes all the difference.

Our Lord Jesus is “the Way the Truth and the Life” we read in John, Chapter 14.

So as we begin this New Year in Jesus’ Name, 2022 years after His birth, we make the bold decision to follow Him closely always.

We have to pray, we have to study, we have to watch for the signs of the times and make the right decisions, to keep on the path, God will give us the signs, we must take His advice. We have to be Wise Men and Women and follow.

Deo Gratias, Fr. Kilian

UPCOMING 2022 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

January 2022		
Jan. 8	9:00 am	ULTREYA (St. Mary, Chandler)
Jan. 11	6:30 pm	Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
Jan. 15	9:30 am	School of Leaders
Jan. 21	6:45 pm	ULTREYA (Miles Jesu)

February 2022		
Feb. 8	6:30 pm	Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
No SOL on February 19		
Feb. 19		Cursillo Community Dinner/Dance (Mt. Claret)
Feb. 23		Orientation English Weekends #940 & 941

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)

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND YOU WISH TO SPONSOR?

Applications are available from your Parish
Representative or email Bruce and Debi Wiskirchen at
applications@phoenixcursillo.com.

A list of Parish Representatives can be found at
<https://www.phoenixcursillo.com>

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

ULTREYA!



Ultreya at St. Mary (Chandler)
Saturday, January 8, 2022
230 W Galveston St, Chandler
8:15 am Mass
9:00 am ULTREYA

Ultreya at Miles Jesu
Friday, January 21, 2022
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.



Diocesan Ultreya

January 29, 2022

JPII Room at Mt. Claret

9:00 am – 11:00 am





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

I am Carmela Gonzales the new Lay Director. I hope everyone had a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year! This is my favorite time of year. We as Catholics can say Merry Christmas until January 6th. What a gift we have that we have our Advent

Season in which we were preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ, and after He arrives, we continue our celebration until the Three Wise Men come and visit our Lord.

I am looking forward to the next three years. When I received the call that I had been selected I was very excited. As I thought about my years since 2006 in Cursillo and all those people that helped me to grow and understand the movement I give thanks to them. Without the guidance and leadership of those people who worked the team and attended Leader School I would not have the knowledge and experience that it takes to be the Lay Director. I am honored and blessed and I thank God everyday with the gifts he has provided me.

I want to thank all the outgoing members for all their hard work and dedication. During your time on the Secretariat, I know the Holy Spirit guided you and it

shows by what people have said about you. My prayers are with you.

I am excited to get to know and work with Secretariat and I am grateful for the new team that has come on board as well as those that are still with us. Thank you for being dedicated to this movement.

I want to give thanks to Cecelia Dusold for all her hard work in serving the Cursillo Movement for the past five years. She was responsible for editing "The Voice" and for maintaining the Phoenix Cursillo Website. We are asking for the Cursillo Community to prayerfully consider in assisting with this duty. This is a very important function, and we need someone who would be willing to assist the Secretariat in this important job.

As the new Lay Director there is much learning that I will need to do. I am asking for your prayers. As I am learning I know that I can learn from the community as well. My ultimate goal would be to unite both Phoenix and Northern Arizona. My other goal is to listen and communicate and ensure we are a united team throughout the Phoenix Diocese.

De Colores!!!

Carmela Gonzales (2006)



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)



I've always loved the start of a New Year. I'm not a huge one for resolutions, but I do like the fresh slate a new year represents. In taking an honest look at the state of my piety, study, and action over the last year let me share a few of the highlights, the truth about where I'd like to grow, and my renewed commitment to living my 4th Day as fully as I can.

Piety – One of my favorite parts of each week is the hour I've committed to spending in Adoration. No matter what's going on in my life or what's on my mind, I always leave Adoration better off than when I entered. Sometimes I'm laser-focused and sometimes I beat myself up for how many times my mind wanders off, but my time spent in Adoration is always, always time well spent. In looking at my piety, I also love that it's become a habit to have ongoing conversation with God throughout the day. It's like chatting with a friend. But if I'm honest, one part of this that is lacking is an intentional morning offering and intentional evening examination of conscience each day. Although I love walking with God throughout the day as my friend, I'm often resistant to let Him take the lead. I am recommitting to adding these touchpoints of prayer to start and end my day and surrendering my day to him as my Guide, not just as my companion.

Study – This is admittedly the weakest leg of my tripod. I listen to several Catholic podcasts pretty regularly and I've gotten pretty good about stopping to research an answer when a faith question occurs to me. At one point this past year I even took a pretty deep dive into better understanding intercessory prayer. But, my study is sporadic and certainly not disciplined. One thing I'm committing to doing this new year is learning more about the saints. It's been several years since I've picked a saint for the year to learn about and pray to. I found a random saint name generator online and I chose St. Faustina (or rather, she chose me) to study this year.

Action – I had a cool experience on the final day of 2021. I was flying from Iowa back to Arizona after visiting my parents. I'm a very nervous flyer and my coping strategy for airplanes usually involves going into my 'zone' and not talking with

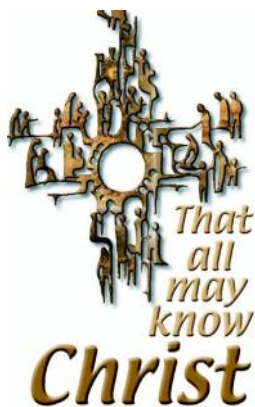
anyone. This travel day was an especially tough one – filled with overbooked flights, mechanical problems, and a winter storm. I was an anxious mess.

After sitting on my airplane for nearly two hours waiting to see if we'd take off or not, having barely said a word to the people around me, we finally deplaned. I was now forced to wait out five more hours of a delay in hopes of making it out on the last flight of the night. I walked into the only restaurant open in the airport and the woman who had been sitting next to me on the flight invited me to sit down at the table she'd managed to find. I did. And then something amazing happened.

We started to talk. We'd been perfect strangers just hours before and I barely acknowledged her existence sitting shoulder to shoulder for two hours, but when we finally connected the Holy Spirit went to work. Over the next several hours we shared all about our lives. We were both vulnerable and honest. My new airplane friend was returning home after coming to Iowa to bury her father and before I knew it we were crying together as she shared her grief with me. I listened and comforted her, but mainly just gave her space to say all the things she needed to say out loud. And in all of it, the Holy Spirit was so very present. She thanked me for being a new year's blessing to her, but honestly, I was just as thankful for the blessing she was to me. What a perfect reminder for me of the power there is in being truly present with someone. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ. It happens in those raw, vulnerable moments. And I'm committed to continuing to open my eyes and my heart for opportunities to be present like this as I head into the new year.

So there you have it ... my continued commitment to growing in my piety, study and action. So here I go, charging into the new year with God not only as my friend but as my guide, with the intercession of St. Faustina, and with a desire to be truly present with people. 2022. Let's do this!

De Colores, Karen Wiebel, #736



SAVE THE DATES!

Diocesan Ultreya
January 29, 2022
Mt. Claret—JPII Room

Cursillo Dinner/Dance
February 19, 2022
Mt. Claret



Cursillo Lenten Retreat
March 5, 2022
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?**
 - o 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.
 - o 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).

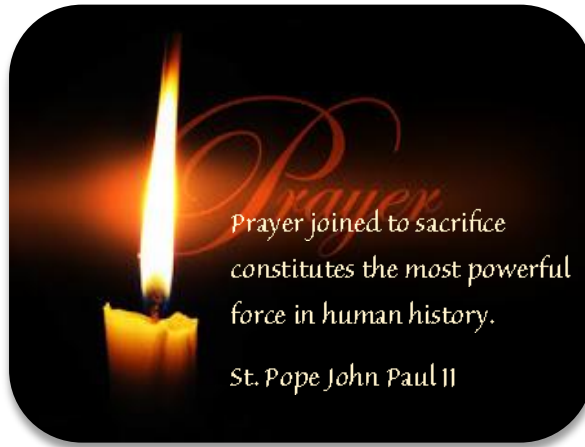
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



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.

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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