Now THANK we all our GOD!

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

ROSARY FOR AMERICA - MT. CLARET - NOVEMBER 2, 7:00 PM The night before the Election! (limited attendance with COVID-19 guidelines)

FROM DEACON MARTY POGIOLI

VOICE

When Cecelia asked me to write this article, I immediately said yes. Then as I began, I realized how unusual the timing is. I am writing the article in October to be read in November. I can only speculate what our lives will be as we are reading this issue of Voice.

Our lives are in constant flux. Some things we can control and many others we cannot. On my refrigerator is a large magnet with the words "Jesus, I trust in You." Jesus is with us every moment of every day. Whether we like the way our lives are going or not, God is a part of all of it. One of the most useful exercises I have found is at the end of the day to take a moment to reflect on where we saw God. Sometimes it can be in the smallest of things. If we fail to see God in our day it doesn't mean that He wasn't there. It means that we weren't looking for Him with eyes of faith.

November is the month in which we remember those who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. We



Jesus, I Trust in You

begin with All Saints Day, honoring those canonized by the Church, followed by All Souls' Day, where we remember all the faithful departed. On November 11 we celebrate Veterans Day, a day to honor those who have served their nation in the military, both living and dead, and a day to commemorate the end of WWI. In the British Commonwealth it is known as a Remembrance Day.

Looking back and remembering is natural and good. Remembering our Cursillo experience is important in sustaining our lives of Faith.

Remembering our departed loved ones can give us comfort. For most of us the temptation to look back and remember is exacerbated by the events of 2020. We are nostalgic for the pre-Covid past.

It is dangerous to dwell on the past and the "what

ifs" in our lives. Doing so keeps us from doing what God is calling us to today. Nothing can change the past. We can, however, learn from it. We can also develop an attitude of gratitude. I long for the days when I was able to play tennis and ski. I desperately miss holding my grandchildren (thank God



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for Facetime). My solution is to thank God for the times I had and to pray for His Grace to guide me today.

We must look to the future as we trust in God's plan, sustained by His providence. Excessive worry can indicate a lack of faith. Today, this moment, must be our focus as we call upon God's wisdom to direct us moment by moment.

At the end of this month we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Even in the worst of circumstances we have much to be thankful for, our lives, our Faith, our beautiful Cursillo Movement. Focusing on today, let us put into practice the tools of Piety, Study, and Action. Doing so will create a better tomorrow for ourselves and our world.

Have Faith!

Happy 4th Day and Happy Thanksgiving, Deacon Marty

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

November 2020

Nov. 2 7:00 PM Rosary for our Country (Mt. Claret)
Nov. 10 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
Nov. 10 6:00 PM ULTREYA (Flagstaff)
Nov. 21 9:30 AM SOL (Virtual)

December 2020

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



2021!!! Cursillo Weekends and Events

Please note:dates are still tentative due to covid!Mar. 4-7Men's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)Mar. 18-21Women's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)June 3-6Men's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)June 17-20Women's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)Nov. 4-7Men's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)Nov. 18-21Women's English Weekend (Mt. Claret)(Weekend numbers to be assigned as Spanish and
Flagstaff weekends are scheduled.)

Other Important Dates

Feb. 20	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 ON STREAMING ON FACEBOOK



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

*At times the Mass will be at other parishes, Check the Website and the Facebook page each week for changes!



As Parishes begin to open up, please watch the Newsletter and the website for Ultreya locations. If you know of an Ultreya happening, or are interested in holding an Ultreya, please contact the Postcursillo Chair, Mick Kapanicas at

Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com.

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

CALENDAR/EVENTS

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

Sponsor Workshop

Dear Cursillistas,

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

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



Who should attend this seminar?

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

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

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

More details to follow in next month's Voice and on the website.

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

James Diaz, Precursillo Chair De Colores!

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



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

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

Join Zoom School of Leaders:

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

Meeting ID: 886 5854 1324 Passcode: 338064

SECRETARIAT ELECTIONS WE NEED YOU!!!

Positions open: Precursillo, Postcursillo, and Secretary

Nominees should attend November School of Leaders Election: December School of Leaders

Responsibilities of each position can be found on the website Secretariat Page in the Articles of Operation and the Apostolic Plan documents.

Please be assured:

The Secretariat works together - and with help from other Cursillistas. You are never alone!

For more information, please contact any Secretariat member. (Contact info on website page)

LAY DIRECTOR

ARTICLES

As we come into the early days of November, the word elect has been on everyone's mind a lot lately. By definition it means to make a choice, or it can be used as a noun for one who is chosen. Political elections have important consequences, so I encourage everyone to exercise their civil duty to understand each candidate's policies, especially

bearing in mind how those policies will affect the issues of life and religious liberty, and to vote your moral conscience. As important as the election is, in these months leading up to Election Day, we've been subjected to a barrage of political campaign ads, phone calls, and text messages that have, quite frankly, not brought us much joy.

The harassment level and divisiveness has been so high that in some ways "Election" can feel like a dirty word, and we can't wait for it to be over. In a religious context, elect is a beautiful word. Throughout the Old Testament the people of Israel are referred to as "The Elect", the chosen people to whom God reveals himself. The concept also appears frequently in the New Testament, and Saint Paul often addresses his epistles to those who are "called to be holy." As Catholics we celebrate the Feast of All Saints on November 1st, and we should allow the example of the Saints in Heaven to remind us of our calling. In the sacrament of baptism, those who are to be baptized are known as the Elect because they have been chosen by Christ to enter into and be joined to His Holy life.

In some ways, elections in politics are quite the opposite of elections in Faith. In the political realm we often find ourselves choosing the lesser evil between imperfect people, in hope that they will do a good job. In our overly secularized culture today, partisan political convictions can resemble the worship of false messiahs, which will always bring some level of disappointment. In stark contrast to this, Christ tells us in John 15:16 "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

In our Christian election the one true Messiah, who is all good and all loving, chooses us and then gives us a job to do. In the very next line of John's gospel Jesus gives us the means to carry out the mission and fulfill our hopes by His commandment to "Love one another".

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, diaken down, and overflowing. Luke 6:38 While our sanctity can only be accomplished through the grace of God, it also requires our cooperation. Yes we have been called, but we have to willingly elect to answer the call. Sometimes we are called in ways that we don't expect, and they turn out to be the most grace-filled experiences. Two years ago I was blessed to serve on the core team on Cursillo 915. It was a wonderful

weekend in which Bishop Nevares was present for almost the entire time and we had an opportunity to get to know one another in that special way in which friendships are built on Cursillo weekends. As we were saying our goodbyes after the Clausura, Bishop put his hand on my shoulder and said, "Joe, I think that you should run for the Secretariat."

I'll have to admit at that moment I probably looked like one of those innocent people on Candid Camera. I was a little in shock, wondering where the camera was hidden. My wife, Angie, however stood across from me with that "See, I told you so" look. She had told me the same thing several times, but I always resisted. I was just fine with rainbows, roosters, and rosaries, but I wanted no part of what I perceived to be governing the movement. I said that I would pray about it, and after a few weeks and many hours in Adoration, my prayers evolved from "Why me?" to envisioning how we can best serve the Lord through Cursillo. My "yes" to the call has brought nothing but joy and grace. Serving the Cursillo Movement is so unlike what serving in a divided government must be like. Our Secretariat is a team built on love of Christ, love of the Cursillo movement, and most importantly as Christ

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commanded, love of one another. Perhaps the greatest inspiration for me has been seeing how you, my fellow Cursillistas, continue to step up and serve the Lord with gladness whenever an opportunity arises.

This was beautifully witnessed in how so many of you responded with joy to the recent "Gathered Together" event. It was a wonderful success measured not only by the funds that we raised, but most especially by the smiles and laughter of all of you who attended either at home or in person. The committee who put the event together want to thank you with all of our hearts.

There are always many ways to serve the Lord, and each of us must discern His will for us and how we are

being called. We have three positions opening on the Secretariat soon. See page 3 for details.

I hope that you will pray about whether Jesus is calling you to serve him in this way, or perhaps in another. For now I'll close with these words from the third letter of Saint John; "I have much to write to you, but I do not wish to write with

pen and ink. Instead, I hope to see you soon, when we can talk face to face."

Peace be with you, Joe Fairlie



Secretariat Elections -A Special Request From JOE

De Colores, Cursillistas!

If you have a servant's heart and a love for sharing in the Gospel good news, the Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement needs your help. We have three positions on the Secretariat that are opening up for elections this year. If elected you would be asked to serve for a three-year term in a lay leadership role working with our Spiritual Directors to forward the Cursillo message and enrich our Community. Please prayerfully consider the ministry of the Diocesan Secretariat, or nominating another Cursillista who you feel would be right for one of the available

positions. Nominees will come at the October and November School of Leaders, with the final election in December.

Thank you to our current Precursillo Chair James Diaz, Postcursillo Chair Mick Kapanicas, and Secretary Pam Diaz for their dedicated service in putting their love for the Cursillo Movement into action

these past two years. Thank you and may God bless you. Joe Fairlie, Lay Director

Below are brief descriptions of the three positions. Please go to the website to the Secretariat page to read full information in both the very detailed Apostolic Plan and the Articles of Operation.

The Secretariat Chair of the Precursillo will ensure the selection and preparation of candidates who will live a Cursillo within the Diocese. The Chair will ensure that the Secretariat person, or group delegated by the Secretariat, receives an application for each candidate that is properly filled out and submitted in a timely manner, as well as providing the necessary support according to the candidate's particular circumstances. To ensure that this process and the necessary follow-up exists for each candidate, the Chair, with his/her committee, will ensure that the sponsor/sponsors know the candidate, and has established a sincere friendship, so as to facilitate a smooth transition from the Precursillo to the Postcursillo by way of the 3-day weekend.

The Secretariat Chair of the Postcursillo ensures that Cursillistas within the Diocesan Movement have the opportunity to grow in their Fourth Day. This is accomplished by assuring a link between the School of Leaders and the Ultreyas within the Diocese. Furthermore, the Chair of the Postcursillo ensures that each Ultreya maintains its essence; its living and sharing of the love of God and of neighbors in the environments. The Chair of the Postcursillo is also responsible for determining and scheduling Diocesan, Regional, and National workshops. The Postcursillo Chair working with a liaison in the School of Leaders is to maintain a schedule of all existing Ultreyas.

The Secretariat Secretary will keep the minutes of all Secretariat meetings and see to it that they are distributed promptly to all who should receive them. The Secretary will see to it that their language mailing lists are up-to-date, and will assume responsibility for all mailings sent out by the Secretariat as well as other duties usually associated with this position. The Secretary will record all attendance turned into them from the Chair of the Cursillo School of Leaders. This record of attendance is important and must be kept current at all times; it will be used for the selection of future Three-day team members.

PIETY, STUDY, AND ACTION

ARTICLES

November stirs my soul. Memories of my mother stream through my mind as her birthday is celebrated November 4th. She would be turning 90. November 1st we celebrate All Saints and then All Souls November 2nd. November 3rd is Election Day, which my mother was always enamored with, especially if it fell on her birthday and, if her candidates won. Thanksgiving is a day of gathering the family and filling the house with

gratitude for all we have and hold dear, for all the wonderful food, good health and for God as our Provider. This year, especially, we give thanks for all we've been through in the World and our Country. I miss my mother's efforts to create special memories at Thanksgiving dinners and gatherings. She died in 2012 and I was so blessed to be with her at that time, singing and praying throughout the night before she passed on in the early morning.

My name is Mary Hauer and I lived my Cursillo in Advent of 1991 at Mt.

Claret. My husband, Artie, and I have lived our Fourth Day for 29 years! Group Reunions have been my saving Grace; helping me stay on the path and steadying the tripod of Piety, Study and Action. These past 8 (!) years with my present group sisters have challenged me to build upon the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit. We haven't met often during the pandemic but we text and keep each other in prayer.

With the pandemic in its ninth or tenth month now, I continue to pray for the gift of Fortitude as we go to Mass and sing with all our energy in the choir. I also support our Parish of St. Paul leading a weekly Monday Rosary for the USA, inspired by Manny Yrique's ministry at Mt. Claret. We are grateful our Parish administration has allowed us to continue to meet in the Church in person. Our Country truly needs this special prayer prayed as a community.

I am very grateful to be fully employed despite the pandemic. Working from both home and the office has kept me busy and feeling useful. With no co-workers around and my house so quiet, I take advantage of the quiet time by playing podcasts from EWTN and Relevant Radio, "attending" Mass around the World via YouTube, singing with favorite Christian artists, listening to Scott Hahn's daily messages along with those of Bishop Robert Barron and many more. I cancelled that gym membership I wasn't using and put the money toward a membership with the Word on Fire Institute. I find it helpful to study the daily readings and catch homilies during online liturgies. I feel so blessed to have time to read and listen; whereas, before the pandemic began, I found it difficult to find time to study. This uncertain time is helping me draw closer to God. Glory to God!

Our family life draws me out of my home office to serve as well as I can in Faith, Hope and Charity. Our oldest is back living with us at 36. He needs direction and we offer all we can,



depending totally on our faith in the Holy Spirit to guide us with the right words to say. Artie and I have matured in our trust with one another enough to know what not to say or how not to act or react with him. We have our faith communities with us through prayer that our son will find his way. It reminds me of the Ideal Rollo. He is trying hard to command by himself when giving his life to the Lord would lead to a

bright new path. I encourage his friendships with those who are Christian. I pray as St. Monica teaches us, along with the many other Saints who didn't give up hope that their families would know Jesus' Love.

Our daughters are also away from the Church and live their lives how they see fit. Our oldest daughter announced her pregnancy at our 38th Wedding Anniversary family gathering. Our granddaughter is almost one year old. She was born New Year's Eve! She was due Christmas Day. Our daughter is raising her daughter on her own but with our full support. We offer babysitting when we're able. Whatever we can do to help raise this beautiful child as one who knows love from all who surround her, that's what we'll do.

Our youngest is cohabitating with her boyfriend and, like her siblings, disinterested in returning to her faith. Again, we act in Faith, Hope and Charity in our relationships with our children. These souls are so loved by their Creator. They see us live our daily walk with the Lord. We just need to continue to invite them to join us and see the light. Nothing is impossible with God.

I hear our Blessed Virgin Mary telling me to be strong and listen to her Son. My joy comes in the morning, yes. I rise and pray the Morning Offering, my heart song: "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works joys and sufferings of this day. In union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the World, and, in reparation for all our sins, I pray for the intentions of your Most Sacred Heart and those of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Amen."

Yes, November stirs my soul as I remember my amazing mother raising the six of us rambunctious kids in the Catholic



Church in the Deep South. I remember my dear father, also, and ALL the souls who have gone before me, marked with the sign of Faith. I pray for them, especially this month as we recall those special to us on November 2nd. They and all the Saints

have shown us the way. Now, we are entrusted in showing our children and those put in our path.

Have Mercy on all the souls in Purgatory, O Lord.

Jesus we trust in You!

Mary Hauer, (1991)

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.

• <u>WHY?</u>

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.

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.

• <u>HOW?</u>

Simply go to the Easy Tithe link on the Cursillo website (<u>www.PhoenixCursillo.com</u>) or go directly to <u>www.Easytithe.com/Cursillo</u>.

<u>PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION</u>

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!



<u>Parish Reps Needed!!!</u>: To see if your parish is one of those not covered, please go to our website. If interested, please contact the Postcursillo Chair at (mickkapanicas@gmail.com) or Precursillo Chair at (jdiaz.theocentric@gmail.com).

<u>Ultreva!</u> 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 Ultreva 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).

The Voice

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:	
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 Bonnín 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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