Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement Secretariat Minutes December 12, 2017

Members Present: Ruben Trevizo, Marty Sprinzl, Brenda Halpain, Sharon Matson, Nancy Kijewski, Brenda Hope, Cecelia Dusold, Vince Johnson

Spiritual Directors: Fr. John Hannigan, Deacon Bob Carey, Deacon Richard Kijewski, Deacon Frank Devine

Meeting opened at 6:44 pm with Leader's Prayer and Group Reunion

Minutes of November 2017: Sharon Matson motioned to approve minutes as read; Nancy Kijewski seconded, minutes were approved.

New Business

Discussion of Father Hannigan's Letter regarding Adoration

Additional 30 minutes to add to Sunday of the Weekend Retreats for future Rector/Rectoras; Core teams

Section Reports

Precursillo (Nancy Kijewski) No report

Three Day (Sharon Matson)

20 Women were on the November weekend; weekend went well – evaluations will be collected Brenda Halpain mentioned there were no donations after the Sermon on the Amount

At this time, Fr. Hannigan and Deacons Bob and Frank arrived and the meeting turned to the discussion of Adoration and other items in the attached letter by Fr. Hannigan.

Respectfully submitted, Cecelia Dusold

December 6, 2017

To: Phoenix Cursillo Secretariat

Fm: Fr. John Hannigan

Subject: To let you know Spiritual Director concerns for the upcoming Cursillo Weekends.

After being asked by Bishop Nevares to be the Spiritual Director, after meeting with your lay director and after reflection and prayer, and after consultation with Deacon Bob and Deacon Frank, whom I have chosen to be my associate Spiritual Directors, I would like ahead of time to let you know what I see as important to this upcoming meeting on 12 December.

1. Regarding Adoration:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:30 pm on Friday evening in the Chapel at the main altar
- At 8:00 pm Friday the Blessed Sacrament will be moved from the altar and placed on top of the tabernacle
- Community Adoration will then begin at 8 pm Friday and continue until 7:00 am Sunday morning except from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm Saturday, when Community Adoration will be suspended to accommodate decuria visits
- Only candidates and team will be present for the closing Benediction at 7 am Sunday morning

During chapel activities (Morning meditation, Saturday Mass, etc.) the sanctuary doors will be closed thus not allowing view of the Blessed Sacrament to those in the chapel nave (pews). At other times on Saturday, the sanctuary doors will be open to allow team and candidates to participate in adoration from the nave of the chapel only, but not from the sanctuary (the area inside the doors nearest the tabernacle). This separation will create an environment which allows access to all without violating the cloister aspect of the weekend.

Please also note, that it will be the responsibility of the Community to cover all hours of Adoration outside of the Saturday afternoon break. Between the decuria visits, the team will be responsible for coverage.

2. Regarding Humor and Skits and Kitchen crew participation:

Humor is part of the weekend. It can be used creatively as an icebreaker at times. The kitchen crew is part of the team. I encourage skits and humor to play a significant part of the weekend.

3. Regarding Marian Devotion:

To Jesus through Mary. How important it is that we emphasize the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our lives. The Rosary, and other prayers and remarks highlighting our Blessed Mother are very needed. The Saturday evening Marian supper with floor lights and team dressed up and roses given and a meal much different than the other meals on the weekend certainly highlight the importance of Our Lady in our lives as well as this evening celebration marks a turning point of spiritual growth in the weekend.

I see the Spiritual Directors, myself along with Deacon Bob and Deacon Frank, as well as other priests and deacons assisting us as being primarily responsible as to how the weekend runs.

I see the Secretariat as primarily responsible for:

- Bringing friends to Christ
- Making sure we have responsible rectors and rectoras and teams
- Building the School of Leaders

Hopefully this gives you an idea of what I have in mind for this meeting on 12 DEC.

In Christ,

Fr John

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