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SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S MESSAGE

Deacon Frank Devine, St. James Parish

We all have fond memories of our three days, each one their own. The most important to some: the ease of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the release of years of buried guilt, resentment, mental one-upmanship, or slights real or perceived. Hearing the words of absolution, we remember how the Grace of God rushed in and filled us with love, peace and joy. This new awareness allowed us to see the world in a new light, the vividness of the colors all springing from the Love of God, in whose image and likeness we are, and cast out our indifference to Him.

This awareness, as many know, has also set up the need for testing the Spirits (angels). In Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." St Augustine in *The City of God* Volume II, Chapter 9, states this is the creation of Angels, for the heaven is that which is unseen and the earth is seen. Angels are "messengers and servants"; their nature is spirit, CCC #329. St. Paul states in 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 "every thought (messenger) is our prisoner, captured to be brought into obedience to Christ." It is not enough to just capture the thought, though, it needs to be tested.

The first letter of St. John gives us the method: "Every spirit which acknowledges that Jesus the Christ has come in the flesh is from God; but any spirit which will not say this of Jesus is not from God, but is the spirit of the antichrist." 1 John 4:1-3. The devils call

God a liar. So, one simply holds the thought and asks (demands an answer) if the Word of God became man. We only want one answer: "YES," if not, we cast out the thought. This is also a means of silencing the mind so that in time we will hear, "Yes my child, I did." cf John 10:27-30.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; in all your ways be mindful of Him, and He will make straight your paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6

This testing of the Spirits is so necessary at this point in time, as everything around us, it seems, is in total chaos. Satan and his devils are always tearing out and down institutions that build up the Body of Christ, be they civil (no fault divorce) or religious institutions (debate on the reception of communion). Again the love of God through Truth will win.

Everyone who is active has a love for Church and Cursillo and may think that their way or perspective is the best for each, forgetting in their zeal different ideas from different personalities and spiritual makeups. When these differences go unchecked, without a dying to self, the wedge of Satan will continue to the point that reconciliation becomes difficult, if not impossible.

As we use this simple exercise of testing the Spirits in everything, it is very likely that this marvelous movement called Cursillo will withstand the constant barrage from Hell.

Peace and Joy,
Deacon Frank



July 2017

July 4 8:30 am Mass and Rosary for America
(Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral)
July 9 12:30 pm Ultreya (OLG Monastery)
July 11 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
July 15 9:30 am School of Leaders (St. Agnes)
July 22 9:30 am Ultreya (Ss. Simon & Jude)

August 2107

Aug. 1 6:30 pm SOL (Mt. Claret)
Aug. 8 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
Aug. 19 9:30 am SOL (St. Agnes)
Aug. 25 6:30 pm Ultreya (Blsd Sacrament, Scts)
Aug. 26 9:30 am Ultreya (St. James)

September 2107

Sept. 5 6:30 pm SOL (Mt. Claret)
Sept. 12 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
Sept. 16 9:30 am SOL (St. Agnes)
Sept. 23 Diocesan Ultreya (Mt. Claret)

Upcoming Events

Parish Rep and Sponsor Workshop - October 7
English Weekend Orientation - October 18
Men's English #905 - November 2-5
Women's English #906 - November 16-19
FIESTA! February 3, 2018

— *Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ* —

ULTREYA!

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery
8502 W Pinchot Ave., Phoenix
Mass 10:15 am
Potluck follows
12:30 pm Ultreya

Friday, August 25, 2017

Blessed Sacrament, Scottsdale
11300 N. 64th St., Scottsdale
Mass 6:00 pm
Potluck follows
7:00 pm Ultreya

Mark Your Calendars!

Diocesan Ultreya at Mt. Claret!
Saturday Morning, September 23

Saturday, July 22, 2017

Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral
6351 N 27th Ave., Phoenix
Mass 8:30 am
Potluck follows
9:30 am Ultreya

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Ss. James Church
19640 N 35th Ave, Glendale
Mass 8:30 am
Potluck follows
9:30 am Ultreya

Interested in hosting an Ultreya?

Please contact Brenda Hope
at postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! *The Fiesta committee, led by Terry McDonald from St. Anne's Parish, is in the process of organizing this community event for every Cursillista in the Diocese; English and Spanish. It will be February 3rd at Mt. Claret. If you would like to volunteer to be part of this event, please call Terry at (602) 920-5161 or email info@phoenixcursillo.com.*



Independence Day Prayer for America

Tuesday, July 4

8:30 am Mass; Rosary follows

Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral

Bishop Nevares will celebrate the 8:30 am Mass, followed by the Rosary for the United States of America. Our country is in dire need of prayer and yours are powerful! Please help our country's leaders by joining us as we pray for God's healing Grace in our nation. Start your holiday as a family united in prayer that we remain One Nation Under God!

SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

As you may recall from working teams or when you lived your Cursillo, there is a talk given on Sunday called the "Sermon on the Amount." The Cursillo Movement continues to call Mt. Claret its home primarily from fundraisers and from your generous contributions. There are two ways to donate; automatically at easyfithe.com/Cursillo or make checks out to the Cursillo Movement and mail it to Mt. Claret Retreat Center, 4633 N 54th St, Phoenix, AZ 85018. Just think: if every Cursillista living in the valley could give just \$5.00 a month, the Cursillo Movement would run debt free!



Parish Representatives and Sponsor Workshop

Saturday,

October 7, 2017



De Colores, Cursillo Community!

I hope everyone is keeping cool in some way or fashion during what seems to be a record setting heat spell (at least for this year). I know it is easy to stay calm, cool, and collected when it is actually cool. When it is hot, we can get edgy and temperamental. We must always ask Our Lady to help us focus our attention on her son Jesus when we feel the heat is getting to us.

Speaking of focus, some of the goals we set in place are near completion:

*The Secretariat, along with the School of Leaders (SOL), have been working on the Apostolic Plan that the National Cursillo movement and Bishop Nevares have asked us to develop. It is awaiting the Bishop's approval after six months of gathering information from the Bishop's pastoral plan, the SOL, the Leaders Manual, and National's own guide for formulating the plan.

*Also awaiting the Bishop's approval is an updated Articles of Operation. The last one was written in 2011 and since then changes have necessitated an update (one of which was a separate English and Spanish Secretariat). They will be posted to the website as soon as we get the approval from the Bishop.

*Terry McDonald and her committee are also trying to secure a place and date for a Fiesta planned for late fall or early next year. Please contact her to volunteer - you are needed! Terry's email is mismcdonald@gmail.com, and her cell is (602) 920-5161.

Don't forget that the National Encounter will be held on July 27-30, 2017 at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. Bishop Francisco Senra Coelho, OMCC (World Body of Cursillo) Spiritual Advisor, will deliver the keynote address. If you are interested in attending, please go to: <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/encounter2017/>.

There is a Retreat for the Secretariat on Aug. 11-13 at Mt. Claret. Fr. John Hannigan, Deacon Frank Devine and Deacon Bob Carey are graciously giving of their time and talents for this retreat. We thank them for their generosity!

Speaking of giving of our time, it is important to note that the primary charism of the Cursillo is that of friendship. Friendships take time to develop and they take

time to nurture. When we sponsor someone to live their Cursillo, we are saying that this person is someone we know and someone who will make a difference; changing their environment into something more Christian than it was before they lived their weekend. Group reunion is the Cursillo's formula for developing friendships.

The sponsor of a candidate should make sure that the candidate has a group to go into after they live their weekend. We don't sponsor someone for the sake of making sure a Cursillo is a success in numbers. I am sorry to say that I have fallen into this mindset in the past. A recent SOL discussion reminded me of a time that I was not a good sponsor. Back in the day when I was a parish representative at Christ the King in Mesa, a number of candidates were rounded up to make their Cursillo. Our deacon had several candidates he was sponsoring, and needed help. He asked if I would step up and sponsor one of them. I said of course I would. He told me his name; I should have written it down! I made him a banner, but instead of putting his name, which was Francisco, on the banner, I had put Fernando! Of course, I heard everyone at



the Cursillo was looking around for a Fernando, but through process of elimination it was decided that this was his banner. Francisco was a good sport about it. He just lived his Cursillo, why wouldn't he be a good sport? The deacon was

not happy with me though, and rightfully so! This taught me a good lesson to get to know my candidate better. We became good friends afterwards, but I should not have sponsored someone I did not know. Direct TV has those commercials with the line, "don't be like this guy"; well, don't be like me, get to know your candidate through friendship before you sponsor, and walk with him/her on their 4th day!

Ultreya!

Your friend in Christ, Ruben Trevizo



**Make a friend,
Be a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ.**

Witness of Piety - Study - Action

"The Gospel is not truly lived if it does not produce in the disciples of Christ a transformation of their way of living in society." (St. John Paul II)

So how do we live out our piety, study and action? When asked this question I thought, "Have I? Do I?" Well sure, when I say my daily prayers, my rosary, and meditate on the mysteries of our Lord I am practicing my piety. And my study ... well, my daily readings of course, I am studying the word. And for action; sure, taking care of family, doctor's appointments for dad and taking him to mass, picking up grandkids and making sure they say their prayers, making sure to group with my sisters as much as possible to get encouragement to persevere ... etc.



The list goes on, right? I'm sure we can all relate. But you know it took writing this witness to make me realize I was just being a robot - I was being a "Routine Rita." So I finally turned off the noise, the

distractions, I stopped what I was doing and just said, "Hi, Jesus. Hi, my Lord. I love you Lord and I need you and I am so thankful to you! Help me to walk with you better - to just soak Your Love and Grace in me." And then just quietly listened. My heart was full!

I chuckled when I was through because I thought what a bongo head - I had let this busy, crazy, summer of kids out of school, preparing for outings and vacation, squeezing in whatever while still working. I let all that make me forget what was most important in my journey - in my piety, study and action - it was spending REAL TIME with Jesus.

Whether it's first thing in the morning, in the car, whenever. And most importantly real time in our beautiful celebration of Mass: when we pray "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof..." (Piety), and when we ponder on the words of the Gospel (Study), and of course when Jesus commanded "Go into all the world and preach the Good News" (Action).

So you ask, how am I living out piety, study and action? By remembering first and foremost an oldie but goodie Cursillo phrase, "Without Me you can do nothing." Putting God first daily and not doing it "routinely."

In Proverbs 4:25-26 it says,

*"Let your eyes look straight ahead,
fix your gaze directly before you,
Make level paths for your feet
and take only ways that are firm."*

May our eyes be fixed on the Lord!

De Colores, friends!

Tisa Williams (Cursillo in 1981)

Your Voice!

A Call for Articles for the Voice: Every month we would like articles from Cursillistas sharing their piety, study, or action! How are you living your 4th day? What has been your closest moment to Christ? What was your experience of the weekend you lived? How has Cursillo made a difference in how you live your life? Articles up to 750 words will be eligible, email them to info@phoenixcursillo.com, or mail them to the Center and include your contact information.

Question and Answers: On our website (www.phoenixcursillo.com) there is a contact form. Fill out the form with your questions and they will be answered by the appropriate committee by personal response or in an upcoming Voice. Or just drop an email to info@phoenixcursillo.com.

HELP WANTED!

Parish Reps Needed: To see if your parish is one of those not covered, please go to our website: phoenixcursillo.webs.com. If interested, please contact Brenda Hope at (Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com) or Nancy Kijewski at (Precursillo@phoenixcursillo.com).

Ultreya! Please get in touch with Brenda Hope, 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. Please contact Three-Day Chair, Sharon Matson at (threeday@phoenixcursillo.com).

PRAYERS NEEDED!

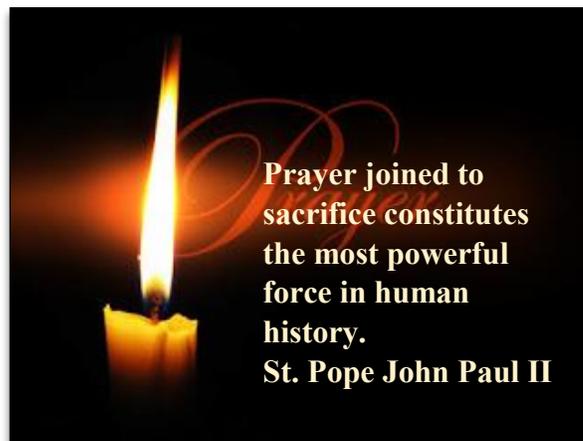
Record your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses. On the new website there is a form for General Palanca. Palanca will be gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Besides online, you may also send a record of these by email to info@phoenixcursillo.com, or by mail 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 Cursillo Movement all over the world.

GENERAL PALANCA

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is now a prayer list on the website that will be updated weekly 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.

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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PHOENIX CURSILLO DATABASE

A significant amount of volunteer time has been spent maintaining and updating the database of Cursillistas. If you know someone who is not getting the Voice, please have them contact the Cursillo office.

Please help us keep the Cursillo records up to date. If you change your address, email, phones, etc., please email the updated information 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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A note about this article: This is the second of three installments of Mr. Chris Doran's recollection of how the Mt. Claret Cursillo Chapel was built. Mr. Doran (Cursillo # 139) contacted the office because he was looking for assistance finding Cursillo numbers for the men who helped plan and construct the chapel.

Part 2 by Chris B. Doran (Cursillo #139)

Construction Begins, An Exercise In Faith

We resume our story with construction beginning for the Mt. Claret Chapel in November of 1968.

Paul began looking for ways to save costs. His first effort involved tapping the local Navy See Bees (of which he was a veteran) to do the demolition of the pool and excavation of the site to create a building pad. They came on a "drill weekend" with all the tractors and graders needed to create the "building pad." It should be noted that the pool was buried with its walls being pushed in to fill the hole and to save the cost of hauling the heavy concrete off site. (Future builders should be advised that this debris is still buried below the lawn on the east side of the main building. The exact location is shown on sheet A1 of the Plans.)

Next, Paul set a pipe in the center of the pad for the lay out of the building, footings and walks. He secured it by placing a mound of cement around it so it could not be moved or damaged by a careless worker.

Paul rented a back hoe and had Eddy, a recent Cursillista, dig the footings and septic tank holes. However, due to the curved walls, Eddy made the footings slightly wider than required which would add to the cost with more concrete. Paul and I built temporary wood forms at the larger places and extended the reinforcing steel to keep the loads centered on the larger footings.

After pouring the footings, we troweled the tops and etched the names of various saints in the damp concrete to dedicate the openings to the protection of our heavenly allies. The names are shown on the "Foundation Saint Plan" attached (next page).

Amile Herscher, structural inspector for Walsh and Oberg, took several concrete cylinder samples and buried them in a pile of dirt "to cure just like the footings."

The following week was spent trenching the plumbing pipes and setting the underground electrical conduits. Bill Holeman laid the concrete block stems (walls below grade) and, after grouting them full of concrete, the trenches were back-filled up to 8 inches below the floor

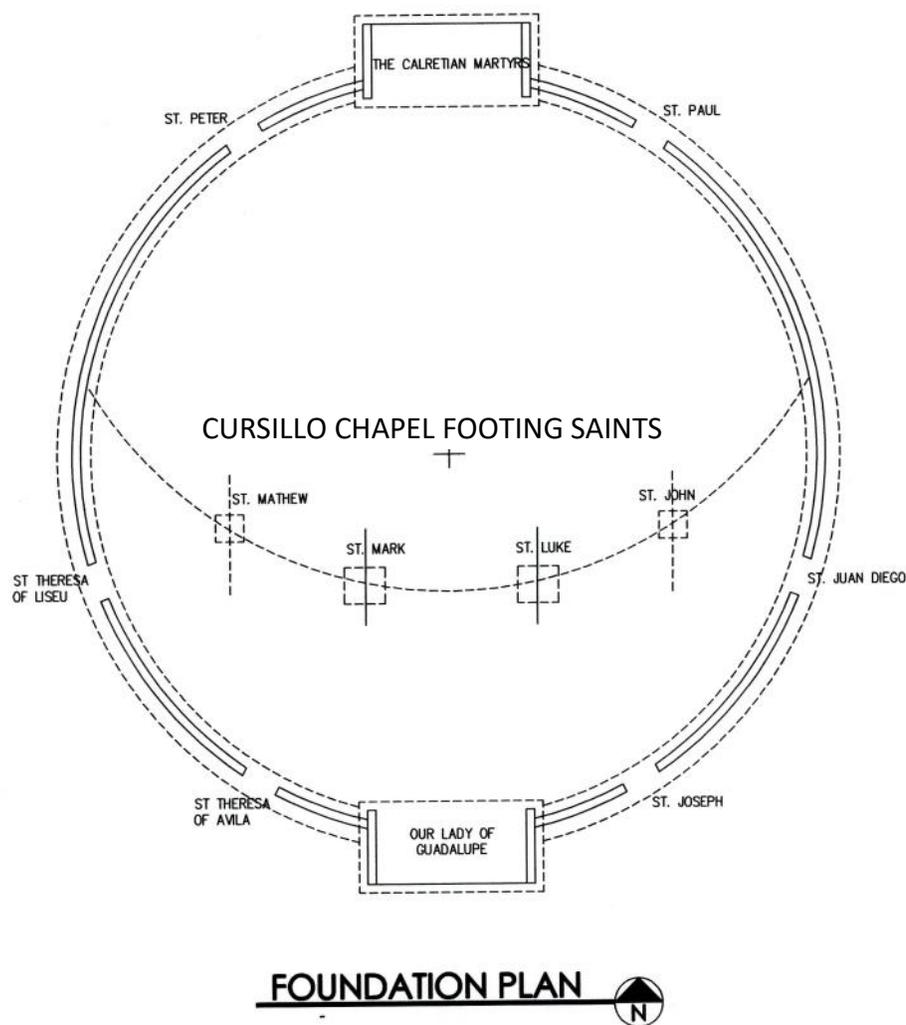
*The architect of the chapel was Cursillista Paul Murphy (#105) who was declared Servant of God after the cause for his canonization was opened over 15 years ago. Mr. Doran also happens to be one of the men who built the Chapel. The first installment can be found in the June edition of **The Voice**.*

level. The septic tank was also dug, placed, inspected and buried in the east parking lot.

After passing the "underground" inspection, the trenches for the pipes were back-filled up to below the floor level and compacted with a gas powered mechanical compactor which was nick-named the "elephant foot" as it hopped up and down on a single steel foot to compress the loose soil.

Next, the aggregate base course was placed and raked out to provide a four inch layer under the floor concrete slab. 2x6 redwood dividers were placed radiating out from the center of the building to provide crack control. A steel circular collar was placed at the center to hold the ends in place (just as shown on sheet A2 on the plans). Then the concrete was poured, an event we all came to watch and help screed the concrete out level with the tops of the 2x6's. Once the concrete had been evened, a "bull float" four feet wide was used to push the aggregate down and to bring the fine particle sand up to the surface. Lastly, the top was "rough troweled" by hand. We all helped since Reyes Ruiz, who was scheduled to come and do the finish troweling was delayed on another project. He called Paul and said "just keep it wet until I get there and I can finish it." So we troweled and sprinkled the floor concrete for two hours until Reyes arrived after dark. With headlights from several vehicles, armed with two steel trowels and knee pads, he personally finished every inch of the exposed floors (except for the storage and bathroom floors). The bathroom room floors were depressed one inch for the ceramic tile finish to be installed later.

MT. CLARET CURSILLO CHAPEL, A JOURNEY OF FAITH



A layer of plastic was placed on the wet concrete with two inches of sand to keep the slabs wet for curing as it was spring and getting warm.

Paul used the old '58 Chevy pick-up the Center owned for errands, picking-up parts and supplies. Occasionally, he would have Joe (?) the Center maintenance man run errands for "rush items" which were needed urgently. These included running short of things like nails, caulking, paint, etc. However, using "the Center Truck" was problematic since it had an old six volt system and frequently needed to be jump started. When all else failed, Paul would loan his '63 Ford Galaxy to a designated driver to run errands.

Among the other people who assisted with the building project, Mary Francis Magana, the Center Receptionist, was a big help to Paul with messages and deliveries. In the days before cell phones, only a live person could answer a phone and take a message. She took messages and arranged all manner of deliveries

and events to complete the Chapel. Paul left answers to inquiries and messages with her and she forwarded them accordingly.

Paul showed up each morning with a written list of tasks to do for the day. This was a result of his time after morning Mass being spent in both prayer and thanksgiving for the success of the Chapel. He would dash off the list during breakfast and be on the job by 7 A.M. ready to supervise the day's activities.

The masonry walls were also erected by Holeman Masonry. Bill Holeman supervised his crew himself when they arrived on a Saturday to start the first four foot high portions of the walls. Paul set the metal door frames for the side doors so they could work directly against the frames to save time. Bill devised a simple method of checking the slope of the walls: he screwed a piece of wood to his level with the slope cut into it. Thus, the level in the vertical position would show the correct slope for the block walls. Four foot high lifts were used to not require "special structural inspection." Paul and Joe Stark (Cursillo #93) built the curved "false work" form for the big arches out of

wood studs and plywood which were used to build the north and south window arches. The south "Our Lady of Guadalupe" window was done first. After curing for several days, the wall above the arch was completed to eight feet high and grouted. After two days to harden, the form was removed and relocated to the north window for repeat service. Smaller forms were built by Paul for the arches over the two restroom doors. Holeman's crew worked on weekends to reduce cost. We do not know if they donated any labor or materials.

The Air Conditioning units and ductwork were provided by Don Haskins' Mechanical. Tom Swisher (Cursillo #142) (now a Deacon) was an employee and arranged the purchase. The two units for the Chapel were equipped with special economizer dampers so 100% outside air could be used on the cooler spring/fall evenings. Paul spent the next five years training the various people who ran evening events on how to turn on the economizers. Over the years, they were used less

and less. They are still in operation with timers in the sacristy. Tom also donated his time and materials for the construction of the sheet metal "crown" which was suspended two feet below the sky light above the central altar (it was removed in 2004). It was twelve inches high in black paint with eight inch high copper crosses about eighteen inches apart around the perimeter. Three black chains held it in place three feet below the wood ceiling.

The expression of faith in action in building the Chapel was most apparent in the countless materials donated and the hours of time so freely donated by the Cursillistas. Truly, this was what Bonnín, the Cursillo Theologian, envisioned in his writings about "Formed in Action."

No one seems to remember who did the electrical conduit work. Don Murphy (Cursillo #59), Paul's older brother, did some of the low voltage wiring and some of the light fixtures. Bill Keller helped with some electrical but there is no record if his father's electrical company, Keller Engineering, did any of the high voltage electrical work.

After the walls were "topped out," the four steel columns were erected and the glue-laminated wood beams were installed. Joe Stark and I installed the wood roof system working evenings and weekends. The roof is 2x10 joists at 16 inches on center with 2x3 wood strips nailed one to another between. Thus, we started on the low (south) end and worked north. Joe always asked when he arrived to start work "have we dedicated the day to the Lord yet?" If not, he would lead a short prayer of dedication and also ask that no one be seriously hurt.

At the same time, Paul and Tony Santa Cruz (Cursillo #1!) began building the wood stud walls for the restrooms and sacristy below. Jim Quinnell, Paul's foster son, did odd jobs and the clean up on Saturdays.

During this period, I suggested to Paul we add some kind of a sky light over the altar to add to the natural light in the daytime (the Rollo "Sacraments" takes place on Saturday afternoon). In the same week, Omar Reed, a Lutheran Dentist and associate of Frank Fernandez (Cursillo #135), visited the construction. While walking around, Omar asked Paul if he needed anything else for the project.

Paul promptly answered "Chris has been after me to add a sky light for over the altar but we don't have funds for it."

Omar asked "how much would you need?"

Paul answered "500 dollars or so."

"That's only a crown and a bridge," Omar replied, "send me the bill."

Thus the sky light was born as an act of faith. It was

the only major design change during construction which Paul authorized.

Joe Stark and I left an irregular hole in the roof framing as we worked our way north of the center of the chapel for the sky light.

Coincidentally, Pat Reddy (Cursillo #550), a teacher from Tempe (and my future wife) and friend from the Newman Center, came to see me and the progress on the chapel one evening. While giving her a tour of the construction by moon light, she asked "what's that?" looking at the irregular hole in the roof (it had not been trimmed into a circle yet). I told her it was "the beginning of Omar's Skylight. We prayed for a donor and God sent Omar Reed to help us."

As we worked on the roof deck, Joe was tested to the limit of his self-control. While nailing one of the strips, he hit his left thumb with his 24 ounce framer's hammer and crushed the nail quite badly. However, remembering the Rollo "Study of the Environment" he grit his teeth, held the crushed thumb with his right hand upward into the sky and said "Praise God..." Thus the specification for no cursing was faithfully, although painfully, upheld. We dutifully finished the roof, in spite of his injury. Together, we also helped with other work like hanging the interior doors and doing finish trim in the chapel. I did the wood valances for the lights on the bottom of the beams.

We finally did cut the roof deck into a neat circle with a saber saw. The five foot diameter sky light was soon delivered and installed with no problems.

Once all the three air conditioning units were set and the roof hatch, the roof was installed and the chapel was watertight.

Thus the progress for completing the Cursillo Chapel proceeded with many hours of hard labor and the support of "mucho palanca."

Next month, the work continues toward the finish line.

