

# THE VOICE



June 2018

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

**MAKE A FRIEND,**

**BE A FRIEND,**

**BRING A FRIEND  
TO CHRIST**

The Cursillo is probably one of the greatest ways to help form Intentional Disciples and to help us to evangelize. We all as

Cursillistas know the foundation of our 'Little Course in Catholicism': the tripod of piety, study and action, leading us to the "Great Commission." *"Then Jesus approached and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.'"* (Matt 28:18-20).

Since this is the time following the Ascension and Pentecost, Jesus promised to send us the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, with the greatest gift, which is love. The traditional definition of love is to will the "good" of the other, for the other.

We can wish no greater "good" for the people we know, that they live the Faith, and live the faith in love. Faith is

**FROM DEACON BOB TORIGIAN**

**ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH, SCOTTSDALE**

also a great gift we've received from God and want to share with all our friends. God created us for friendship. Friendship draws us outside ourselves, towards others, so that we can share the goods we have, both material and spiritual. *"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"*.

We must show forth the 'new man' created according to God in justice and true holiness. We become a 'better version of ourselves' through living the Cursillo. Our gift of Faith is an inheritance from God that is meant to be shared with our brothers and sisters in Christ and the key to sharing your faith is living always in the presence of God; living a sacramental life of frequent Holy

Communion and regular confession.

To always remain in communion with God we need an active prayer life – talk to Him and ask, "Lord what do YOU want of me, what do YOU want me to do (at this time, in this situation, etc.)?" Remember, it is when we think we have accomplished the least that God does the most; therefore: "Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ" ... take Christ to a friend!



### PRAYERS NEEDED!

As you offer palanca for the Cursillo movement, won't you please take a moment and record them on the website? These prayers are added together and relayed in a general palanca letter to Dioceses here in the US and also Internationally. You can email your tally to [info@phoenixcursillo.com](mailto:info@phoenixcursillo.com) or add them on the website at [phoenixcursillo.com/general-palanca.html](http://phoenixcursillo.com/general-palanca.html).

## CALENDAR

## June 2018

June 5 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)  
 June 12 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)  
 June 16 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)  
 June 23 9:00 AM Westside Ultreya; Location TBD  
 June 30 8:30 AM Ultreya (St. Anne)

## July 2018

July 4 8:30 AM Mass & Rosary for America  
 (Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral)  
 July 10 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)  
 July 14 TBD Cursillista Retreat  
 July 21 9:00 AM St. Agnes Cafeteria Clean up  
 July 28 9:00 AM Westside Ultreya; Location TBD

## SCHOOL OF LEADERS NEWS

**School of Leaders New Study Book:**  
*His Way, An Everyday Plan for Following Jesus*  
 by Fr. David Knight  
 Copies Available at School of Leaders

There will be **No School of Leaders**  
 the first Monday (July 3)  
 at Mt. Claret due to the 4th of July holiday.



## PLEASE HELP!

**Saturday School of Leaders (July 21):** To show our appreciation to St. Agnes School for allowing us the free use of their cafeteria every month, we will be having a CLEAN UP day—bring your rags and buckets to St. Agnes and join us!

## ULTREYA!

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

*Eastside Ultreya!*

*Saturday, June 30, 2018*

*St. Anne Church*

*440 E Elliot Rd, Gilbert,*

*8:30 am Potluck and Ultreya*

*Westside Ultreya!*

*Saturday, June 23, 2018*

*Saturday, July 28, 2018*

*Locations to be determined*

*Please check the website for updates.*

*[phoenixcursillo.com/calendar-ultreya2.html](http://phoenixcursillo.com/calendar-ultreya2.html)*

*If you are interested in hosting an Ultreya at your parish,*

*please contact Postcursillo Chairperson, Brenda Hope: [postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com](mailto:postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com)*

# FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

## Pockets Of Grace

Greetings, Cursillo Brothers and Sisters!

I hope all is well with you and your families as the start of the hot summer begins in earnest. The month of June brings a change of not only the weather, but also a break from the routine of work. Our children and grandchildren are out of school, and much needed recreation occurs as vacations are planned. It is important to keep God in our lives as we plan where we will vacation, and to see where the local Catholic Church is so we can attend Mass while we are away. We will be taking a family vacation to Kauai at the end of May, and we already have the Church and Mass times on our agenda. I will be interested to see how casual the dress is for Sunday Mass on the island.

It helps me in my spiritual journey if I try to maintain as much as possible the routine that I left at home. That means bringing my books that I use in my morning prayer time, and trying to be aware of those 'pockets of grace' that Christ offers me throughout the day. Cursillo has given me that awareness of Christ in the everyday occurrences of life.

One such occurrence was reflecting on the pool table we have in our house. A pool table? Really? Well, let's take a look at it through the eyes of Cursillo. There are fifteen talks in the Cursillo weekend, ten lay Rollos and five spiritual advisor meditations. There are fifteen balls in the game of pool. The basis of the weekend talks is

formed around the three-legged stool of piety, study, and action. All fifteen pool balls are held together by a triangle. There is a methodology to the Cursillo, where the talks build on each other. In the game of Rotation, the pool balls are sunk in order, one through fifteen. As we ask the Holy Spirit to go before us in every action during the weekend, the same can be seen in the game of pool. The balls are not hit directly, but are sunk by the use of the white ball, or if you will, the intervention of the Holy Spirit. The various 'angles' of play as the candidates are touched by the "pockets of grace" that occur during the weekend are the work of the Holy Spirit working through our talents and abilities. Our talents and abilities as Cursillo leaders are improved through our group reunion, Ultreya, and learning about the movement through the School of Leaders.

We lift up in prayer the six men of #911 who lived their Cursillo May 3-6, and the seven women of #912 who lived their Cursillo May 17-20. Welcome to the Cursillo family! We also lift up in prayer the Rediscover Cursillo weekend, held May 24-27. In addition to great articles in this month's Voice, posted to the website are links to the Apostolic Plan and the Articles of Operation.

Mark your calendars for July 14, 2018, for a day of retreat for Cursillistas. We hope to see everyone there! Ultreya! Ruben Trevizo, Lay Director



### **Independence Day Mass and Rosary for the United States of America**

**Wednesday, July 4, 2018**

**8:30 am Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares**

*Our country is in dire need of prayer. Your prayers are powerful.  
Please help our country's leaders by joining us and Bishop Nevares  
as we pray for God's healing grace for our nation.*

*Start your holiday as a family united in prayer that we remain*

***One Nation Under God!***



## Witness of Piety - Study - Action

Really Lord? REALLY??? When I was approached to write this article, it was humbling and challenging. My heart was a “yes” however the “stinking-thinking” started and I was trying to find a way to say no. Thankfully, my heart won out.

Interestingly enough, in the beginning of this year during our morning prayer time, I told my wife Cynthia that I was led to enhance my study by means of actually reading more. You see, it was easy to see my tripod was a bit off balance. I’m not saying my Piety and Action are in great shape, but there was a noticeable difference in my lack of Study. Even though for several years now we have been very involved in RCIA giving talks, it’s still easy for me to get complacent and stick with things I already know...I like being comfortable.

I believe the problem I had in the past when reading was, I would attempt to read more than one book at a time and I couldn’t finish any of them. So after I declared to my wife that I was going to read different books this year, I HAD to do it. Because if anyone can hold someone accountable, a wife can. (Ha, Ha.)

One of the lessons we taught in RCIA this year was about Saints and if I was going to speak of Saints I sure better be walking the talk. So the first book I began to read this year was a book about Padre Pio called *Meet Padre Pio* by Patricia Treece. The book I am currently reading is on St. John Paul II. I have found I enjoy reading about our recent or current Saints. Don’t get me wrong, it’s beautiful to be amazed by the past saints we have. If not for them we would not have the rich tradition

we have today. I guess that is the reason I enjoy the more recent saints because we need them for our future descendants, to keep our faith alive and current.

In reading more this past year, I have developed a deeper and a more personal experience in the Holy Mass and Holy Eucharist. Throughout the day I notice myself thinking about these saints more. This has made me more aware of my words and actions.

It is very clear to me that as I read (study) about our wonderful Communion of Saints my Piety has increased throughout the day and I have become much more aware that I can always work harder at being a servant to and for others.

DeColores, René Robles

### Some Modern Day Saints

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
St. Katherine Drexel  
St. Teresa of Calcutta  
Pope St. John XXIII  
Pope St. John Paul the Great  
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)  
St. Maximillian Kolbe  
St. Faustina Kowalska  
St. Andre Bessette



*“Pray, hope, and don’t worry.*

*God is merciful and will hear your prayer.” Padre Pio*

**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 600 words will be eligible, email them to [info@phoenixcursillo.com](mailto:info@phoenixcursillo.com), or mail them to the Center and include your contact information.

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

**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](mailto:threeday@phoenixcursillo.com)).

**Christ is  
Calling You!**

## NOTICES AND PRAYER

### SUPPORT CURSILLO AT MT. CLARET

Give online at [www.easytithe.com/Cursillo](http://www.easytithe.com/Cursillo) or make checks out to the Cursillo Movement.

For the 2017 Financial Report go to page 6 & 7 of the September 2017 Voice at [phoenixcursillo.com/news.html](http://phoenixcursillo.com/news.html).

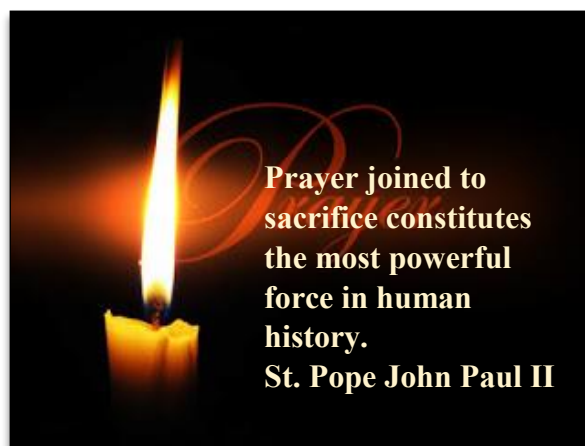
Record your prayers and sacrifices for upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses either on the form below or on the website. Palanca is gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Send 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 PRAYER PALANCA REQUESTS

There is 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](mailto:info@phoenixcursillo.com). People will remain on the prayer list and on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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