

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT

FROM BISHOP NEVARES

DEAR CURSILLO FAMILY,

As we have gathered on Thanksgiving Day with family and friends to thank God for His many blessings, we cannot forget to thank God for His Holy Spirit who has come to re-enliven our Cursillo family in so many ways. Thank you to our Lay Directors, in both English and Spanish, who have generously lead their respective teams over the past months.

Thank you so VERY MUCH to each one of you who have served in the different ministries present in the Precursillo, Three-Day weekend, and the Postcursillo. And last, but not least, thank you so VERY MUCH to the Spiritual Advisor Team that has witnessed to their encounter with the Risen Christ through the witness of their lives of service. All of us working together, as the Cursillo Family, have enabled many new men and women to join our life of "DE COLORES".

Let us commit ourselves to PRAY each and every day for one another, and so that the Holy Spirit may continue to heal and to reconcile ANY past hurt that may still exist among some of our membership.

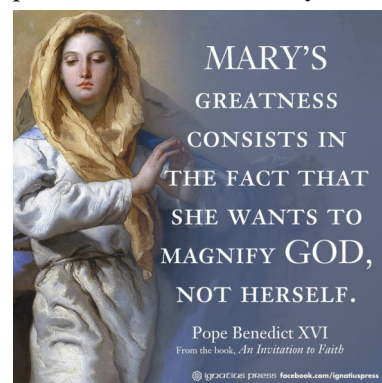
Soon, we will begin our spiritual preparation for the Holy Days of Christmas as we travel through the Advent Season. We unite ourselves in a very special way with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our Spiritual Mother. May we learn from her how to listen to God's Eternal Word; may we develop more and more humility of spirit as we imitate her; may we become more and more obedient to the Will of the Heavenly Father in our lives as she was in her life, and may the Divine Word of God become Flesh in each one of us, as it was in Her, so that we may continue to bring HIM with us in ALL of our families and environments.

Please receive my Apostolic Blessing for each of you and your families.

DE COLORES!

+Eduardo A. Nevares

Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix



Upcoming Weekends

Men's English #929 - January 16 to 19, 2020

Women's English #930 - January 30 to February 2, 2020

ORIENTATION FOR 929 AND 930

January 8, 2020, 7:00 PM at 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.

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

ULTREYA!

Friday, December 13, 2019

Miles Jesu Community

1925 E Baseline Rd, Phx

6:00 pm Holy Hour; 7:00 pm Ultreya

Bring your Pilgrim's Guide!

Confessions available during Holy Hour

Check the website for any new information on upcoming Ultreyas and Events.

Please let Postcursillo Chair Mick Kapanicas know of any upcoming Ultreyas at Postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com.

December 2019

Dec. 2 7:00 PM 50th Ann. Diocesan Mass
(Comerica Theater)
Dec. 3 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)
Dec. 10 6:30 PM Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
Dec. 13 ULTREYA (Miles Jesu)
Dec. 21 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes Cafeteria)

January 2020

Jan. 7 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)
Jan. 8 7:00 PM Mass/ORIENTATION for 929/930
Jan 14 6:30 PM Secretariat Mtg (Mt. Claret)
Jan. 16-19 MEN'S ENGLISH #929 (Mt. Claret)
Jan. 18 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)
Jan. 25 8:00 AM ULTREYA (TBA—Westside)
Jan. 30-Feb. 1 WOMEN'S ENGLISH #930 (Mt. Claret)

UPCOMING THREE DAY WEEKENDS

Date	Number	Title	Location
1/16/2020	929	Men's English	Mt. Claret
1/30/2020	930	Women's English	Mt. Claret
3/5/2020	931	Men's Spanish	Mt. Claret
3/5/2020	932	Men's English	Flagstaff
3/12/2020	933	Women's Spanish	Mt. Claret
3/26/2020	934	Women's English	Flagstaff
4/16/2020	935	Men's English	Mt. Claret
4/30/2020	936	Women's English	Mt. Claret
5/7/2020	937	Men's Spanish	Mt. Claret
5/14/2020	938	Women's Spanish	Mt. Claret
9/3/2020	TBD	Men's Spanish	Mt. Claret
9/10/2020	TBD	Women's Spanish	Mt. Claret
10/22/2020	TBD	Men's English	Mt. Claret
11/5/2020	TBD	Women's English	Mt. Claret
TBD	TBD	Men's Spanish	Flagstaff
TBD	TBD	Women's Spanish	Flagstaff

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



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DIOCESAN EVENTS

*For these events, and many more, go to:
<https://dphx.org/events/>*

Honor Your Mother

Family-friendly procession celebrating

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 7, 2019

10:00 am Procession; 12:00 PM Mass

For more information, including participating in the procession, go to: <https://dphx.org/event/hym/>

Rosary for Our Country

Every First Monday at 7:00 pm
Mt. Claret Chapel

Christmas Eve Rosary for Life

December 24, 2019; 11:00 AM
Eugie Planned Parenthood Clinic

For information:

<https://dphx.org/event/christmas-eve-rosary/>

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

"A long December and there's reason to believe maybe this year will be better than the last." (Counting Crows)

Time passes so quickly. It doesn't seem possible that it's approaching a full year that I've been blessed to serve you as Lay Director of our Diocesan Cursillo Movement, along with the dedicated and holy servants of the Lord who make up our Secretariat. By all accounts, I think that it's been a wonderful year, and I'm optimistic that there are even better times to come.

December presents an intriguing paradox, both physically and spiritually, between old and new; darkness and light. As we mark the conclusion of the calendar year, we celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical year with the onset of Advent. The word Advent means coming or arrival, and we await the arrival of the Incarnate God at Christmas, as well as His second coming at the end of time. The readings for the first Sunday of this season seem especially relevant to recent events in my life.

My wife Angela and I are both in formation as Rector and Rectora of the next Cursillos in January, and the prophet Isaiah seems to be speaking to the teams or to potential candidates when he says "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may instruct us in His ways, and we may walk in His paths." That sounds a little like what happens to us when we come to Mt. Claret on a Cursillo weekend doesn't it?

December is also the month when we have the least amount of daylight, and this week I've been acutely reminded of another form of darkness. I was summoned to spend several days just prior to Thanksgiving on jury duty, going through a laborious vetting process to find jurists for a particularly disturbing criminal case that would illustrate the ugliest depths of human behavior. In contrast to this however, when we broke for lunch on Wednesday I was able to walk to St. Mary's Basilica to attend daily mass. After finally being released late Wednesday afternoon, I was able to spend a beautiful Thanksgiving with my family.

On Saturday morning as I loaded the pilgrim image of Our Lady of Guadalupe into my truck to head off for team formation, I discovered that my vehicle had been broken into, and the thieves had done damage to my steering column, making it inoperable at least for a few days until an insurance adjuster can see it and

authorize the necessary repairs. I could easily have gotten down or angry, but fortunately I was able to take Angie's car and spend time in formation reflecting on a beautiful meditation and sharing with my brothers in Christ.

It's not unusual to incur obstacles during spiritual formation, and we often blame the trickster for trying to discourage us from doing the Lord's work. But perhaps there's another way to look at it. Perhaps when we engulf ourselves in seeking beauty and Truth, we need a reminder that there are those who are not so fortunate to be exposed to the same goodness that we are. It can be easy to allow ourselves to build such a comfortable shelter in the light of our Piety and Study that we can forget that darkness exists, and that we are called into Action to bring others to the light of the world.

The holidays can be tough for many people. Constant reminders that they should be feeling joy and happiness can be especially challenging to those who are living with sadness. In St. Paul's letter to the Romans from the First Sunday of Advent we are instructed that *"the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."* Light plays an integral role in our Advent observance, and Chanukah, the Old Testament Festival of Light, falls within Advent.

Early scientist debated whether light was a particle or a wave, much in the same way that early Christians debated whether Christ was human or divine. As it turns out for light, as well as for Jesus, both are true. While God is truly and wholly other than and beyond the realm of creation, He chose to come into the nitty gritty of our physical existence. Darkness does exist, but it is merely an absence of light. As we light the four candles of our Advent Wreath's we dispel the darkness with the symbolic light of Hope, Faith, Joy and Love. Saint John eloquently states at the beginning of his gospel: *"What came to be through Him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*

My brother and sister Cursillistas, may your light shine before others as we await the coming of Our Lord during this wondrous Advent season. I wish you and all of your families a blessed and joyous Christmas.

De Colores!
Joe Fairlie

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

...THAT WE MAY
BE ENCOURAGED
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FAITH...



Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It's Sheila & Jerry Drumm here. We made our Cursillos in the Fall of 1995 and Spring of 1996. We would like to share with you our current journey in living Piety,

Study and Action and how it is guiding us in the formation of Small Christian Communities (SCC).

We were asked by our deacon and pastors to be part of a team to launch SCC in our parish at Our Lady of Joy in Carefree. It was decided early in the formation of a team, a parish-wide retreat would be the best method or platform of delivery. There was no structure for the retreat, so drawing upon our Cursillo roots; we used Piety-Study-Action as the foundation to begin.

With prayers to the Holy Spirit for guidance and enlightenment as we continue our planning, we began to **STUDY** and research great sources for SCC formation. In one discovery, there was much information available especially through Matthew Kelly's talks and writings.

The most effective delivery is through the **PIETY** of personal witnessing and examples of the spiritual journeys of fellow parishioners. The need for fellowship is a strong driver in bonding SCC together. Everyone has their own unique story to share in their walks with Christ. Coming to know our fellow parishioners stories encourages others to likewise engage in sharing.

One of the key focuses as a result of the growth of SCC is to pull members out of the silos of the ministries that are self-contained; and to open and encourage expanding the feel of community across all ministries within the parish.

Another focus is for the participants is to come together through fellowship and share the God-given talents and gifts He uses through them to serve others: **ACTION**

As it states in Romans 1:11-12: *For I long to see you,*

WITNESS OF PIETY - STUDY - ACTION

that I may share with you some spiritual gift so that you may be strengthened, that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith, yours and mine.

SCC may also springboard and identify candidates and leaders toward participation in the Cursillo Movement. Cursillistas should be attracted to Small Christian Communities ...after all this really is **grouping** on a parish-wide level.

A final focus we share is that Small Christian Communities grow together spiritually in serving as the Body of Christ. With life's challenges, our coming together can offer prayerful support and renewed hope and strength; to educate and learn together how our faith must be lived and shared in our families, communities and environments, especially those who do not know Christ. We ask for your prayers that the Holy Spirit will open hearts and minds of all of us to grow to a deeper level of commitment for Christ.

The Cursillo method has become a part of our lives in general. Cursillo set up a desire between both of us to say the rosary and pray with each other daily. **Piety, Study and Action** are not just words used to describe what we learned. They are a road map for how to conduct our daily lives as a Catholic Christian.

All of us have times of prayer where we wonder if God is listening to us. Our urgency does not seem to cause a need to move quickly on God's part. Remembering to stay the course, using our piety for prayer helps keep us in the boat. Reading good Christian material occupies our minds and helps slow down our thinking; we stop questioning why God is taking so long to respond. Action stirs a desire to attend daily Mass, to join ministries and to get busy making things better for ourselves and others, all for the glory of God. We have a saying around our house. If you want to smell like a flower, hang out in a garden. If you want to live your Cursillo experience, hang out with other Cursillistas and find leaders to bring to the table.



We wish all of you a Blessed Advent, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

De Colores,
Sheila and Jerry Drumm

Understanding the Structure of Worldwide Cursillo Movement

When the general palanca letters are opened on Friday afternoon of the Cursillo weekend, we begin to get a picture of how we are part of a much larger Movement. Italy, Spain, Brazil, Mexico, Australia — we receive letters of prayers, sacrifices, and good works from six continents; other Cursillistas praying for each and every one of us. Over the next couple of months, Vince Johnson (San Francisco de Asis) will give us an overview of how our Diocese is connected to the Region, National, and World Cursillo Movement. We truly are a worldwide community of Christians who wish to bring the love of God to every corner of the earth!

Local and Regional Leadership

As many of you know, the local level of Cursillo is led by the Diocese of Phoenix Secretariat and the School of Leaders. Joe Fairlie is our Lay Director. Northern Arizona has a leadership team and School of Leaders, led by John Stalker. They coordinate the Movement and Weekends in the Flagstaff area, but “report” to the Phoenix Secretariat. Bishop Eduardo Nevares is our Spiritual Director.

What you may not be aware of is the larger Cursillo Movement. The next level of leadership is Regional. The Phoenix Diocese is in Region X covering Arizona, New Mexico, and also the Diocese of El Paso, Texas. There are twelve Regions in the U.S.

Region X has a Secretariat, a Service Team, and a Spiritual Director. The Secretariat is made up of the Lay Directors of each Diocese in the Region. The Service Team has up to five members and a Coordinator (made up of Cursillistas from the various Diocese in Region X). The

Service Team is here to serve the Dioceses in Region X with workshops and local support. For instance, right now, as needed, they are helping the Diocese of Tucson Movement to re-establish Cursillo there.

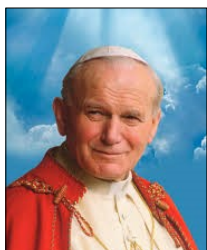
Interested in joining? Members of the service team apply through their Diocesan Secretariat. More information on that will follow in the next couple of months. I will also be writing articles for the Voice so you can keep up to date about what your Region X Service has done in 2019 and will be planning in 2020. Additionally, I will address how the Diocese Secretariat and Regions work with the National Secretariat.

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas Season.

Vince Johnson (San Francisco de Asis)

Region X Coordinator

Encouragement from our Popes ...



Dear brothers and sisters, be the courageous witnesses of the “*service of the Truth*” and work ceaselessly with the “*strength of communion*”. In relying on your rich spiritual experiences, which are a treasure, take up the “challenge” that

our time raises to the new evangelization and fearlessly give it your own response.

Faced with a culture that often denies the very existence of an objective Truth of universal value and frequently loses its way in the “shifting sands” of nihilism (cf. *Fides et ratio*, n. 5), the faithful must know how to show clearly that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. *Jn* 14: 6).

St. John Paul II, to Cursillistas, 2000

[The] pioneers of your Movement were authentic missionaries: they did not hesitate to take the initiative and courageously approach people, engaging them in the journey of faith with respect and love. This is important: geniality, fellowship.... One thing I would like to say to your Movement: you have not proselytized! This is a virtue. “The Church does not grow through proselytism, but through witness” — Pope Benedict said this to us... By following their example, today you too want to proclaim the Good News of God’s love, by being close to friends, acquaintances, classmates, and coworkers so that they too can live a personal experience of the infinite love of Christ who liberates and transforms life.

Pope Francis, to Cursillistas, 2015



Official website of the Worldwide Cursillo: <https://www.cursillosdecrisandad.net/about-us>

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)



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



Parish Reps Needed!!!: 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).

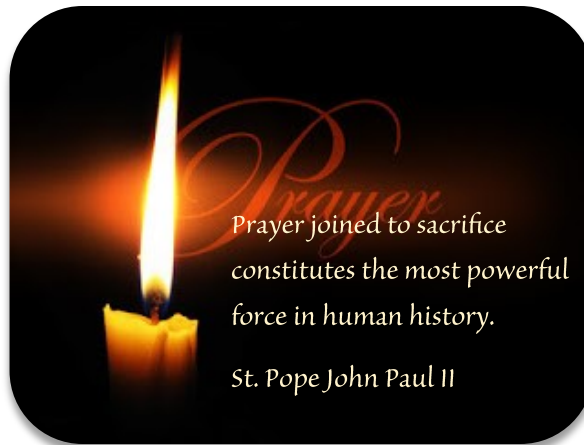
Ultreya! It just takes a place and some friends to rejoice together in the graces we receive as we live our piety, study, and action throughout our 4th day. Please get in touch with the Postcursillo Chair, if you are interested in helping with or hosting an Ultreya in your area.

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).

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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