

THE VOICE

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SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

FROM DEACON BOB CAREY

LENT is Almost Here!

As we approach the Lenten Season, which begins this year on Valentine's Day (February 14), it might be well to get an early start by reflecting on what areas of our spiritual lives need some attention. In recent years we have been urged to focus on doing positive actions as opposed to denial of pleasures, or giving up something. In that regard, a good positive action is to cultivate the practice of virtue in our lives. But, rather than picking a random virtue, may I suggest first evaluating personal faults or sin and identifying the virtue that opposes that negative quality. Every sin has at least one virtue that it opposes.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church "Vices can be classified according to the virtues they oppose, or also be linked to the capital sins which Christian experience has distinguished, following St. John Cassian and St. Gregory the Great. They are called "capital" because they engender other sins, other vices. They are pride, avarice, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth or acedia." (CCC 1866)

Humility is the virtue that opposes Pride. Having a realistic and uninflated perception of one's self-worth marks the humble person. The humble person is modest, unselfish and respectful for the needs of everyone.

Generosity and Charity oppose Greed (Avarice). Moderation or Temperance can also counteract the excessive appetite for material possessions. Generous people do not seek commendation or recognition for acts of giving.

Kindness or brotherly love for neighbor offset the sin of Envy. Encouragement, Loyalty and Empathy are marks of Kindness. The Kind person does nothing to incite Envy from another.

Patience is the virtue that opposes Wrath or Anger.

Patient people are merciful and quick to forgive. It might also be well to add that it is not possible to be Angry and Grateful for God's gifts at the same time.

Chastity is the virtue opposing Lust. This includes purity in thought as well as actions. The Caste person Trusts that God will provide for all their needs when Lustful temptations cause distractions in life.

Temperance opposes Gluttony for excessive pleasures. Temperate people are able to keep their desires for quick gratification under control. The temperate person is able to abstain.

Diligence and Perseverance offset the sin of Sloth. An Ethical mindset combined with a sense of integrity of heart and soul will prevent a person from falling into Acidity or a Lazy attitude toward work and relationships.

Whatever you choose to enrich your spiritual life during Lent 2018, the goal should be to have that effort add a lasting positive dimension to your relationship with Christ.

*Create in me
a clean heart, O God
and renew a right spirit
within me.*

Psalm 51:10

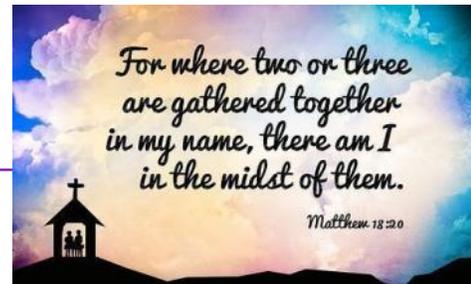
CALENDAR

February 2018

- Feb. 3 11:00 am FAMILY FIESTA
- Feb. 6 6:30 pm SOL (Mt. Claret)
- Feb. 13 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
- Feb. 14 ASH WEDNESDAY
- Feb. 15-18 Women's English Weekend #908
- Feb. 17 9:30 am SOL (St. Agnes)
- Feb. 18 4:25 pm Clausura (#908)
- Feb. 22-25 Flagstaff Men's Weekend #909
- Feb. 24 9:00 am Ultreya (St. Paul, Phoenix)

March 2018

- Mar. 3 TBA Ultreya (St. Luke, Phoenix)
- Mar. 6 6:30 pm SOL (Mt. Claret)
- Mar. 13 6:30 pm Secretariat (Mt. Claret)
- Mar. 17 9:30 am SOL (St. Agnes)
- Mar. 24 9:00 am Ultreya (St. Thomas the Apostle, Phoenix)



ULTREYA!

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

All Are WELCOME!

Saturday, February 24, 2018

St. Paul Church: 330 W. Coral Gables, Phx
 8:30 am Mass
 9:00 am Potluck and Ultreya

Saturday, March 24, 2018

St. Thomas the Apostle, 2312 E Campbell, Phx
 8:30 am Mass
 9:00 am Potluck and Ultreya

Saturday, March 3, 2018

St. Luke Church: 19644 N 7th Ave, Phx
 Time TBA

Interested in hosting an Ultreya? Please contact Brenda Hope at postcursillo@phoenixcursillo.com.



Fiesta!

Feb. 3, 2018

11am - 4pm

Rummage Sale!

Along with the entertainment, food, and games, we will be holding a rummage sale. Do you have gently used items to donate to our rummage sale? Items not sold during the Fiesta will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Charities.

Drop off your rummage items at Mt. Claret in the truck in the parking lot. NO TV's PLEASE! For information contact Rummage Sale Coordinators Jo-Ann and Ruben Trevizo at 480-489-6476.

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

De Colores, Cursillo Community!

I pray that everyone is healthy, or getting better from the onslaught of the recent flu epidemic that has been rampant in the Valley of the Sun. Our recent men's team in January had at least six members out during the overnigher, and a few more that were just getting over it. Fortunately, God uses everything for His purpose, even our illness, for His greater Glory. This became evident as the weekend unfolded. Although the group was small (eight total), they were attentive and going forward will make fine leaders as long as they persevere in their 4th day. We can help them by inviting them to our groups if they are open, and to the Ultreyas that are going on throughout the valley.

As with the last several months, I will continue to dig deeper into the prayer of the Cursillo, the Leader's Prayer.

10.) Help us to maintain at a high level a meaningful supernatural and mutual charity among ourselves so that each one will seek by preference the most humble tasks and will rejoice at the good performed by others.

I was privileged to be a part of the last men's team, # 907. This group of men came together with a single vision; that of being there for the candidates. Formation is about the study and technique of the weekend, but most important, it is about developing friendships that allow the Holy Spirit to work through us during the three days. The real test comes after everyone, team and new Cursillistas alike, come down from that mountain into the everyday life of being a witness for our faith and our Lord.

“No work of Christ can be accomplished without supernatural charity. It is only with the power of the Spirit that we can work together to carry out Christ's mission. That means we cannot allow our petty concerns to interfere with the task at hand. We as leaders must work together with a common purpose.” *Whom Shall I Send? P65*. Supernatural charity is a work done in us by the Holy Spirit, but He requires our cooperation by the

use of the three qualities we ask of the candidates in the preliminary Rollo, our idealism, self-surrender, and our spirit of charity. There is an acronym used in Cursillo that clarifies what our attitude should be: JOY. Our focus should be on Jesus first, others second, and yourself last. If we are authentic Cursillo Leaders, who place God first, others second, and ourselves third, then all will rejoice at the good performed by others. There will be no envy or jealousy among us. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, p. 1889: “The path of charity is the love of God and of neighbor. Charity is the greatest social commandment. It respects others and their rights. It requires the practice of justice, and it alone makes us capable of it. Charity inspires a life of self-giving.”

11.) So that all our spirits united in a common purpose will have one single spirit, yours Jesus,

“The Cursillos in Christianity are ‘spirit’ and they move in a spiritual plane, to produce a ‘hunger’ for God. Things of the ‘spirit’ move at the level of unity in service. ... While Cursillo is ‘spirit’ its experience in the world needs an organizational structure because the development and growth of this ‘spirit’ in the world requires some service bodies working to preserve its essence and purpose ... This ultimately translates into a single function: service.” *The Cursillo Movement: Study of the Charism, (pp. 129-130)*

When we are disposed to the working of the Holy Spirit by our service to others, He allows us to see His manifestation in the 'God-instances' during the weekend. For everyone who was able to attend the last men's Clausura, this was apparent in the new Cursillistas' witness of the Holy Spirit in a personal and powerful way.

In John 3:34 we read: “God does not ration His gift of the Spirit.” This is why we as Cursillistas can say with confidence “Christ and I are an overwhelming majority.” This gives us a single spirit as we are united in a common purpose with Jesus.

Ultreya!
Ruben Trevizo
Lay Director

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen. St. Augustine

Resources for Daily Study and Devotions during Lent right to your email box or phone

Diocese of Phoenix: Text holyent to 84576 from your phone to subscribe

Bishop Barron (Word on Fire): <http://www.lentreflections.com/>

Dynamic Catholic: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>

Witness of Piety - Study - Action

The Tripod of Piety, Study, and Action

We all as Cursillistas know the foundation of our group reunions: the venerable tripod of piety, study and action. I had the opportunity to be a team member for this past men's Cursillo #907 and the rollos on piety, study and action deepened my understanding of these legs of the tripod. I offer my brief notes as a point of reflection to you.



Piety: Our relationship with God will be tested throughout our lives in ways we do not expect. Our Lord may call us at times, because we have nurtured a deep

relationship with Him in prayer and acts of piety, to stand for Him and His Church in ways that may cause division in our very families. And just when we think that a stand we take may prove too much for any hope of family healing, forgiveness and even simple communication and contact to occur, God uses a seeming tragedy or illness to bring forth that very healing and forgiveness needed to restore our trust in Him and his mysterious plans.

Study: The Bible is not the first book God "wrote" to convey His message to humanity. The first book God created for us to know Him was creation itself. So, study is not only reading books and attending lectures but also experiencing God's creation and what He is saying to each of us through its beauty and awesomeness. If we allow ourselves to study the created world we will hear Him if we only see and also listen. De Colores!

Action: As Cursillistas, we must think outside of our comfortable boxes when it comes to our call to Christian action. God works on a much larger scale and has such higher hopes for us when it comes to how we act in the world. Sometimes, He offers the actions of others who are not noticeably Christian but whose actions are definitely Christ-like. A Rollista told us the story of an American chef who went to Puerto Rico to serve food for those who were hungry but he had no plan or understanding of what he was going to do and how. He ended up taking over an abandoned school cafeteria and made and served hundreds of thousands of meals to many desperate people. This was Christianity in action (CIA).

Alfonso Castillo

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, 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. 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. (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).

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Calling You!

SUPPORT CURSILLO AT MT. CLARET

Give online at www.easytithes.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.

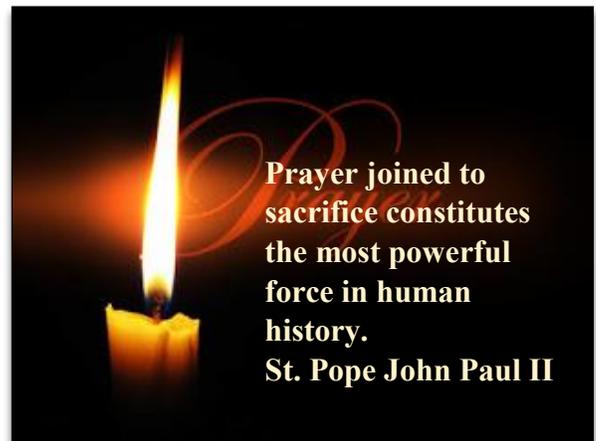
Record your prayers and sacrifices for upcoming Cursillo weekends both in our Diocese and other Dioceses either on the form below or on the website. Palanca is gathered cumulatively, recorded, and relayed in a general palanca letter for those weekends, both locally, in the US and Internationally. Send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