

Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.



The VOICE

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**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DIOCESE OF
PHOENIX CURSILLO MOVEMENT**

FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR

“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.”

A Catholic scholar recently called this quote from Saint Augustine “one of the greatest sentences ever written.” In many ways it captures the essential purpose of our lives. We have an inherent longing for God that can never be satisfied by any other pursuits, attractive as they may be, which draw our attention away from Him.

This reality has been clearly displayed to me during these first few days of Lent. As I observed the capacity crowd at mass on Ash Wednesday, I began to ponder why so many unfamiliar faces, who may not even attend mass on Christmas and Easter, come to Church on Ash Wednesday. It occurred to me that perhaps the ashes on our foreheads symbolize two realities that relate to everyone; sinfulness and mortality. While people may choose to stay away from Church for a number of reasons, the ashes acknowledge a simple truth, we are all sinners and we’re all going to die.

Since the ancient times of the Old Testament, covering oneself in ash had been a sign of repentance and humility. There’s no need to be in a state of grace to receive ashes, or even Catholic for that matter. On the contrary, one could never feel unworthy, nor view anyone else as hypocritical, for humbling ourselves to acknowledge our imperfections. Perhaps the reason that Ash Wednesday is so popular is that whether we are devout church goer, or sacrilegious heathen, we have a desire to be right with our Creator. The first consequence of our fall into Original Sin is self-awareness. After Adam and Eve had taken a bite of forbidden fruit “their eyes were opened and they realized that they were naked” and for the first time they were

ashamed. Yet there is something liberating about unashamedly wearing the blackened sign of the cross on our foreheads like a badge of honor stating, I know that I’m not perfect, but I am perfectly loved by a God who is willing to die for my salvation.

I witnessed further evidence of man’s desire for God this Saturday as the Cursillo Movement hosted a one day Lenten Retreat. When the members of the Secretariat decided to put on the event, we really didn’t know what to expect. We thought that we may get 25-30 people to attend, but lo and behold nearly 100 people from throughout the Valley, from Northern Arizona, and even some Cursillistas from as far away as Nebraska joined together in our hunger to grow closer to Christ in prayer and meditation.

What a blessed day it was journeying into scripture with Bishop Nevares leading us in Saint Ignatius’ method of meditation, placing ourselves within the Gospel. In the Temptation narrative on the first Sunday of Lent, the fasting Jesus rebukes the devil saying, “man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” In this respect, we were very well fed while immersing ourselves in the sacred Word. It was a wonderfully moving and fulfilling experience. Just for good measure though,



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CALENDAR AND EVENTS

ULTREYA!

Saturday, March 21, 2020
 St. Thomas the Apostle
 Parish Hall
 2312 E Campbell Ave, Phoenix
 8:30 am Mass
 Potluck and Ultreya to follow

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



**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.
 A list of Parish Representatives can be found at
<https://www.phoenixcursillo.com>

UPCOMING THREE DAY WEEKENDS

Date	Number	Title	Location
3/5/2020	931	Men's English	Flagstaff
3/26/2020	932	Women's English	Flagstaff
4/16/2020	933	Men's English	Mt. Claret
4/30/2020	934	Women's English	Mt. Claret
5/7/2020	935	Men's Spanish	Mt. Claret
5/14/2020	936	Women's Spanish	Mt. Claret
8/16/2020	937	Men's Spanish	Flagstaff
8/27/2020	938	Women's Spanish	Flagstaff
9/3/2020	939	Men's Spanish	Mt. Claret
9/10/2020	940	Women's Spanish	Mt. Claret
10/22/2020	941	Men's English	Mt. Claret
11/5/2020	942	Women's English	Mt. Claret

March 2020

March 2 7:00 PM Rosary for our country (Mt. Claret Chapel)
 March 3 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)
 March 5 MEN'S ENGLISH #931 (Flagstaff)
 March 10 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
 March 21 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)
 March 21 8:30 AM Mass & ULTREYA (St. Thomas the Apostle)
 March 26 WOMEN'S ENGLISH #932 (Flagstaff)
 March 28 8:00 AM ULTREYA (Westside—TBD)

April 2020

April 1 ORIENTATION (#933 & #934)
 April 6 7:00 PM Rosary for our country (Mt. Claret Chapel)
 April 7 6:30 PM SOL (Mt. Claret)
 April 12 EASTER
 April 14 6:30 PM Secretariat Meeting (Mt. Claret)
 April 16-19 MEN'S ENGLISH #933 (Mt. Claret)
 April 18 9:30 AM SOL (St. Agnes)
 April 30-May 3 WOMEN'S ENGLISH #934 (Mt. Claret)



Save the Date!

Cursillo Movement of Phoenix

**CENA
 DE
 COLORES**

An Evening of Friendship,
 Dinner and Dancing

JUNE 6, 2020 5:30PM -
 MT. CLARET RETREAT CENTER



*Did you know? Ultreya is for everyone, not just Cursillistas! Invite a friend!
 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.

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we completed the event with a delicious lunch and a joyful spirit of fellowship.

The Grace continued on Sunday when I was blessed to accompany Catechumen from our parish and the entire Diocese for the Rite of Election at SS. Simon and Jude Cathedral. Every seat in the Cathedral was filled with Catechumen and their sponsors, who formally started their journey this autumn to be baptized and receive their Sacraments of Initiation this year at the Easter Vigil and come into full communion in the Catholic Church. For these new Elect, this is a major step towards a lifelong journey to find meaning in life, through the Truth and beauty of a closer relationship with God, the fullness of which can only be found in our Catholic Faith.

Our longing for God is not limited to our quest for lasting joy, but just as importantly to comfort us in times of sorrow. The reality of the second characteristic of Ash Wednesday, our mortality, hit many of us hard last week when our brother from Cursillo #901, James Zuniga, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away of natural causes.

In the shock of it all, within 24 hours of his passing, the community gathered to pray a rosary at Nippers Clippers, the Barber shop that James owned. The diverse turn out on such short notice was a testament to how many lives this man touched. I would estimate there were over 150 people filling the shop and spilling into the parking lot and back alley. There were Low Riders and Cursillistas, Bikers and Knights of Columbus, as well as the St. John Paul II High School Girls' Basketball team, teachers, and Dominican Sisters. There wasn't a dry eye in the house as one of the Sisters led the rosary in both English and Spanish. All were united in our love for James and our dependence on God in time of need.

James taught me an important lesson about not judging by appearances. I remember an incident in the chapel on his Cursillo, it may have been the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday night. One of the new Cursillistas was moved to step out into the aisle and kneel. As he knelt there alone he turned his eyes to his new brothers behind him and James and Sergio both got down on their knees on each side of him. I thought to myself "What a great leader, teaching these guys to pray." Later I found out that the brother was in a painful

emotional place and they were holding him up. This was typical James, reaching down to help a brother up.

Tonight I attended a second rosary at the formal viewing for James at Holy Cross Funeral Home. Afterward there was plenty of moving testimony from people who had known James from his early life in Southern California and they were so proud of the man he had become. I knew that he had come from humble beginnings and turned his life around when he fell in love with his beautiful bride Judy, and embraced Christ while always holding onto and honoring his Chicano culture. A lifelong friend told of how the lives of he and James took different turns and he ended up in prison, but James never judged him and offered to help him get on the right track. I asked James one time who made the elaborate drawings displayed in his shop, and he told me they were drawn by prisoners in Chino.

James would often make use his talents as a barber to

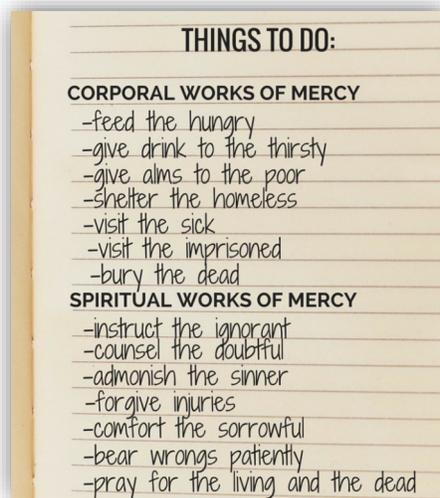
cut hair for the homeless. He organized car shows for charity, including recently to benefit cancer patients. I loved going to the barber shop not only because James was an excellent barber, but that he was a genuinely good man who cared for everyone he encountered. I remember one time I was happily talking with a group of Cursillistas waiting for our haircuts when a guy came in and asked how long the wait was, James gleefully said with a big smile on his face, "it's gonna be about an hour, but if you don't mind waiting, these guys are going to have mass here in a few minutes."

During Lent we are called to the exercises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. What better form of prayer is there than to pray for each other in times of sadness, and to pray for the souls of the faithful departed. As for almsgiving, James was a model, taking it to another level. He followed the teachings of his namesake, Saint James, and proclaimed the Word of God by his works. Saint Irenaeus said that "The Glory of God is a human being fully alive." This Lent, let us use our prayer, fasting and almsgiving in our desired to grow closer to God and give Him glory as our brother James did, by living a life well lived.

De Colores,

Your Brother in Christ,

Joe Fairlie





“DE COLORES!”

“WHAT’S HE SAYING?”



In the opening part of the Rollo, *Study of the Environment*, the Rollista is supposed to include something about the phrase, “De Colores”. The sample rollo says “Everyone’s probably feeling De Colores this morning.” That, to me, is a very poorly built statement, so I decided to say it in my own way. (Imagine that! Jim Yarbrough disagreeing.)

To begin with, “De Colores” is a greeting, not unlike what a Mexican might say to his friend “que tal, compa?”, an Hawaiian might say, “Aloha!”, my Navajo friends say “yá’át’ééh!”, and my grandsons just say “duuude”. To me, “De Colores” is a greeting just like that. But when I say “De Colores” to another Cursillista it means so much more, and to explain it we have to go back to the readings we will hear on March 25, the Annunciation.

At the Annunciation, the Angel Gabriel greets Mary with “Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you.” (Luke 1:28) Later at the Visitation (the first, undocumented group) when Elisabeth hears Mary’s voice from a different room and the child in her womb leaps, she hurries to greet Mary like this: “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” (Luke 1:42)

Now when I greet another Cursillista with “De Colores” I’m saying something very similar to Gabriel

and Elizabeth. I’m saying in unspoken words, “Hey Joe, I see and know that you are blessed by the mere fact that I am blessed, too.” When he responds “De Colores,” he is saying “I get it,” and we both recognize that by that common bond we should share our lives with each other. Singing the song usually implies we’re with a group but it means the same thing.

That is my short, happy explanation of the greeting, but there’s more. To explain this interpretation we need to go to scripture again. In the Ideal Rollo we were reminded of earth’s creation, but it doesn’t cover the creation of the Heavens and its inhabitants, the Angels and Archangels. We learn, in Genesis, that one of the Archangels, rebelling against the Creator, decided he could become God and rejected his place in the Kingdom to wreak havoc and destruction upon the earth and display his powers in that way.

This is where the other aspect of “De Colores” shows up. God invites us to join Him in the battle against evil and Cursillistas everywhere rally to the cause with chants of, or the singing of, the battle cry, “De Colores!” Pretty heavy stuff, huh, but if you really want to understand the full extent of the battle against evil, read Bishop Olmsted’s exhortation, “Into the Breach.” If that doesn’t wake you up, have someone check your pulse.

My intent here isn’t to contradict the teachings of our Catholic faith or the Cursillo Movement, it’s just my way of putting down an idea with pen and paper.

DE COLORES! Yarby
(Jim Yarbrough, 1984)



**WE ADORE YOU,
O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS
YOU, BECAUSE BY YOUR
HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE
REDEEMED THE WORLD.**

The Fascinating History of “We Adore You, O Christ...”

Excerpted from Aleteia, March 15, 2019

“St. Francis, who gave us this prayer, is best known for his love of the poor and an intense love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Whenever he caught sight of a Catholic church in the distance, St. Francis was known to kneel down and give praise to God. Often he would say the following words that he passed on to his friars. ‘We adore You, O Lord Jesus Christ, in this church and all the churches of the world, and we bless You, because by Your holy Cross You have redeemed the world. Amen.’

“Franciscans were instrumental in spreading this devotion throughout Europe and the United States and so it should come as no surprise that this prayer of St. Francis has become the main prayer for this devotion. Typically the prayer is shortened and is said at the beginning of each Station and is usually prayed while genuflecting. The next time you pray the Stations of the Cross, remember St. Francis and his passionate love of Jesus.”

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?**
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.
- 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).

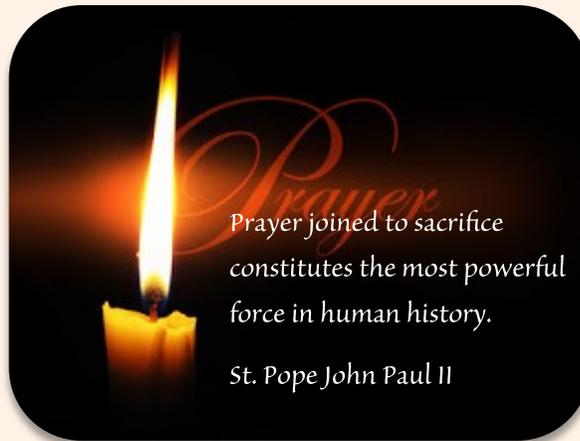
Ultreya! It just takes a place and some friends to rejoice together in the graces we receive as we live our piety, study, and action throughout our 4th day. Please get in touch with the Postcursillo Chair, if you are interested in helping with or hosting an Ultreya in your area.

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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