

Forward

Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

From the Chair – October 2003

This is an exciting time in our movement, where much is happening. The National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar (NECS) is just around the corner. This is a great opportunity to attend a fantastic seminar without having to travel great distances. The seminar will help you to better understand the Cursillo method. I highly recommend attendance for all who have been active in Cursillo. I am certain you will not be disappointed.

I am please to announce we will be holding another Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop (ECLW) on the weekend of Feb 27-29, 2004. Larry Salvadori and Pat Camm have stepped up to the plate to be the local coordinators. The Secretariat has agreed to assemble the best possible outside team; and we are delighted to have Stu Simpson, the current President of the NECC, as the team leader. ECLW is for everyone who works a Three-Day Weekend or is otherwise involved in the movement. As stated in the NECC literature, “the purpose of the ECLW is fourfold:

1. “To deepen the commitment to Christ and the living of a life in Christ among the Cursillo leaders in the country.
2. “To clarify the purpose and method of the Cursillo movement as it seeks to work within the Episcopal Church to fulfill the Great Commandment--“love one another”--and the Great Commission--“Go. Make disciples of all nations”.
3. “To help grow new leaders for the Cursillo movement so that it may continue to be an effect instrument in the work of the Episcopal Church and the restoration of all things in Christ.
4. “To help diocesan Cursillo communities assess how they live out the Cursillo method and encourage them to explore how to do it more effectively.”

The ECLW held in 2002 was the catalyst for revitalizing the Servant Community. We can only imagine what the Holy Spirit has in mind for us next.

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We have achieved a major milestone in team training with the development and Secretariat approval of special team training for first-time cocineros, table leaders, and rollistas. The mandatory training will be conducted by experienced members of the Servant Community on a half-day session before regular team meetings begin. This is a great step in achieving consistency in the preparation of team members for new positions and relieves the rector and rectora to focus on team building. Many thanks to Jeanne Salvadori, Lani Woods, and Darrel Peralta for spearheading this effort. This is another fine example of good fruit being borne in the Servant Community.

Ken and Karen Rice have agreed to lead the next Back-to-the-Mountain. BTM is an ideal way to start the New Year. See the announcement elsewhere in this issue of the Forward.

About two years ago, we obtained an electric golf cart for use on weekends to assist in personal transportation. Unfortunately, we have found it unable to carry enough passengers, unsuitable for the hilly terrain at Camp Steven's, and difficult/expensive to transport to Julian. Accordingly, the Secretariat decided to offer the cart for sale and it has been purchased by Good Samaritan. For future weekends, our intention is to use personal vehicles rather than another golf cart.

Although we are not conducting Cursillo weekends this fall, we will be having our Grand Ultreya with Secretariat elections on Saturday, November 8, at St. Andrew's, La Mesa (where there is plenty of parking). The day begins at 1:00 PM with a Parish Representative Workshop for all parish reps and clergy. The pot-luck dinner begins at 6:00 PM, followed by the Ultreya and elections at 7:00 PM. There will be special music by the seminar worship team. We have an excellent slate of candidates who have agreed to serve the community on the Secretariat.

The next quarterly Servant Community meeting will be on Saturday, December 13, from 9:00 to 12:00 at Church of the Good Samaritan, University City. Servant Community is where the action is; come be part of it.

Ultreya, Mike Orcutt

THE NATIONAL EPISCOPAL CURSILLO SEMINAR SAN DIEGO 2003

There is still time to send in your application to attend The National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar, which as you know, is coming to San Diego October 24-26, at The Handlery Hotel, San Diego, CA.

For just \$35.00, you can attend the Pre-seminar workshops on Thursday, October 23rd. The topics for these workshops are Spirituality, Cursillo Speakers Workshop, and Cursillo Music. You can attend just the pre-seminar workshops if you are unable to attend the entire Seminar.

The three-day seminar is \$180.00, which includes three of the nine Educational Sessions, and six delicious meals beginning with lunch on Friday and ending with breakfast on Sunday. Also included in the registration fee is your opportunity to hear Bishop Daniel Herzog of Albany, New York deliver the keynote address on Friday evening. You will also be entertained on Saturday evening with a special musical presentation by local musicians from the San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Community followed by an opportunity for all to join in singing with this terrific ensemble. The seminar will include a Latino emphasis as the services will include bi-lingual readings and music, and, we will be entertained during dinner on Friday by Mariachis.

If you usually attend the Fall Cursillo weekends and are missing the opportunity to be in community with your fellow sisters and brothers in Christ here is your chance. You will not only be in community with Cursillistas from the San Diego Community but you will also meet people from all reaches of the United States and even the Caribbean Islands. So take those pennies that you usually save for participating in the three-day Cursillo weekend and put them towards this amazing seminar.

The seminar officially begins Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. when The Rt. Rev. Gethin Hughes celebrates the Opening Eucharist and ends Sunday with the closing Eucharist starting at 10:30 a.m.

For additional information (registration forms, calendars, etc) and updates please see the NEC website: <http://www.episcopalcurso.org> or our local website: <http://www.sdcursillo.org>. If you do not have web access please contact the NECS Registrar: Barbara Taylor, 1824 Loyola Court, Chula Vista, CA 91913-3021, justataylor@cox.net, (619)421-5612 or your local Parish Cursillo Representative.

WANTED!!

For the National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar

The following items are needed for the NECS in San Diego on October 22-25:

- 10 - Newsprint (flip chart) Easels.
- 4 - Overhead Projectors and Portable Screens.
- 1-Laptop with PowerPoint software, projector, and screen.
- 1-Laptop with printer.

If you have or can obtain any or all of these items, please email Larry Salvadori at lasalvadori@excite.com or leave a message at 858-485-5434.

I will arrange for pick-up on Wednesday, Oct 22 , and return on Sunday, the 26th. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated by the Workshop Presenters and will help to keep the cost to our local community reasonable.

Remember, God loves a joyful giver! (lender!)

Larry Salvadori,
Local Facilities Coordinator, NECS

Look for the next *Forward* in mid-December,
With applications for the February ECLW
and the Spring Weekends.

Articles, calendar events and other materials are due
no later than December 1st.

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**New names, addresses and changes to Barbara Taylor,
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dickmette@cox.net**

WEEKEND COOKBOOK

Our Cocineros have been the prayer dynamos of the Cursillo Weekends ever since our community began in this diocese – they also do the cooking. If you have ever been one, you know that few of them are “experts chefs” In order to have the time and energy to be at their best in their primary job – praying - the Kitchen Team can use all the help we can give them with their secondary job - cooking.

For this reason the Secretariat has charged your Servant Community to come up with a list of Weekend recipes for meals that are attractive, nutritious, not expensive, neither hard nor time consuming for “non-experts” to prepare, and good to eat.

Our community is blessed to have several bona fide expert cooks. Lynda Gibson is one of them. Lynda has graciously agreed to take on the monumental task of preparing a new Cursillo cookbook. It is made up of tried and true recipes as well as some new ones – a combination of “oldies but goodies” and others we have yet to see.

Neither Lynda nor the Servant Community has any sense of “ownership” of this work. For this reason, we are soliciting the input of all who have enough interest in Weekend food preparation to spend the time to carefully look over Lynda’s work and make constructive suggestions.

If you are interested in being a part of this process, please send an email note to Stew Dadmun at sedadmun@att.net. He will send you Lynda’s work as an attachment – containing Microsoft Word and Excel documents.

If you choose to return your suggestions in electronic form please keep them separate from what you receive unless you can send an “edited” version of material in a way that makes it clear which part of what you return is original and which part is from you. The “Track Changes” function of Microsoft Word is excellent for doing this but other ways are possible as well.

Everyone in the Cursillo Community is a part of the Servant Community. If you are so inclined, this is a way you can serve both communities – AND our Lord.

May God bless all cooks!

GRAND ULTREYA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LA MESA

1:00 P.M. PARISH LEADERS
WORKSHOP

6:00 P.M. POT LUCK DINNER

7:00 P.M. ULTREYA AND
SECRETARIAT ELECTIONS

SECRETARIAT NOMINEES

The following Cursillistas have been nominated to and consented to serve on the Secretariat. Election will be held at the Grand Ultreya, Saturday, November 8, at St. Andrews' Episcopal Church, La Mesa. Please note that absentee voting is not permitted by our by-laws; you must be present to vote. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. If you wish to nominate someone, please have their consent in advance. We will elect four lay members and two clergy members.

Rev. Tony Baron, St. Anne's Oceanside

Cursillo has been a life changing movement bringing thousands to a closer relationship to Jesus Christ. As a rector, I have encouraged my parish to seriously consider this avenue for spiritual growth and leadership development. Participating as a candidate and clergy spiritual advisor, I have personally been moved by the demonstration of Christ-like love during the weekend. It is with thanksgiving and humility that I am being considered to serve with fellow servants of Christ on Secretariat. It is my prayer that I can utilize my gifts to enhance the team, increase our visibility in the Episcopal community, and bring greater glory to God.

Father Tony completed his Anglican studies at the Episcopal Theological School at

Claremont and holds graduate and advanced degrees in theology from Talbot Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity with honors) and Dallas Theological Seminary (Master of Sacred Theology with high honors). He also holds a M. A. in Marriage and Family Therapy and a Doctor of Psychology degree with emphasis in Pastoral Care and Counseling from United States International University. Father Tony and his wife, Bobbi, are both very active in the healing and Cursillo ministries, and are committed to enhancing spiritual growth through small groups, discipleship, and prayer. Father Tony is currently serving as the Southern California Chaplain for the Order of Saint Luke.

Frank Durham, St. Paul's Yuma

I am humbled and honored to be asked to serve as a member of the Secretariat. I do not take this lightly, nor do I bring any special agenda to the table. I can truly say that I will try to bring a sense of Yuma to the monthly meetings!!!!

I am a member of St. Paul's, Yuma. I have been very active in the Church over the past 20 something years. I have served on numerous committees, been on the vestry, served as junior warden, and am still singing in the choir. I made my Cursillo at Pala Rey, number 31, when Mike Orcutt was the Rector and have never been the same since. Over the years, I have worked many Cursillos and served in many areas, but mostly in the music end of the weekend. I was privileged to serve as Rector of Cursillo 97. Needless to say, the Cursillo Movement has made a profound and deep impact on my life.

I am married to Motty and we have two married sons who are now contributing members of society (currently four grandchildren). I have been in education since 1965 and am currently a counselor at Kofa High School. I love our Lord Jesus Christ, I love our Church, I love the Cursillo Community and I just can't get enough of any of them. Thank you for putting my name into consideration. Here I am Lord! Send me!!

Ed Embick, St. Timothy's San Diego

I am a member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and an active member of a group reunion. My involvement at St. Tim's includes singing in our choir; leading music for Sunday school; and participating in a variety of learning, ministry, and fellowship opportunities in the

COME BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN

Begin 2004 with a refresher course, a very special time of retreat, for spiritual renewal, prayer, singing, walks, and fireside chats. Relax, read, or journal and have fun! See old friends and meet new ones.

Theme for the weekend....
"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD..."

What is "Back To The Mountain"?

A spiritual retreat at Camp Stevens which will include talks, discussion, music, and plenty of free time. It is a great time to regroup one's self after the Holiday Season, and focus on where our Lord is calling us to serve.

Food is provided by Camp Stevens staff, so bring yourself, a sleeping bag, your Bible, and Song Book. Casual, layered, warm clothing is needed - - it can get pretty warm inside, but be very cold outside - - rain or snow, even!!!!

Who can attend?

Any adult who has been on a three day weekend that models the Fourth Day concept like Cursillo or Walk To Emmaus.

When is it?

7:00 p.m. Friday, January 9, 2004, through noon on Sunday, January 11th.

What does it cost?

\$85.00 if paid by 12/30/03; \$95.00 after 12/30/03. The cut off date for registration is 1/2/04. Reservations filled up early last year so don't wait till the last minute to register. A non-refundable \$40.00 deposit is due by 12/19/03. Some scholarships are available on a confidential basis.

Questions, applications and payment (or deposit) should be sent to:

Ken and Karen Rice, 155 Millan Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910
619-407-4311 ktkrice@msn.com

Checks should be made out to: *Cursillos in Christianity*
with "Back To The Mountain" on the memo line.



Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ email _____

Parish _____

Number of Reservations: (M) _____ (F) _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Special dietary needs: _____

Could you offer a ride? _____ Do you need a ride? _____ Do you NEED a lower bunk? _____

parish. I was appointed to a vacated position on the Secretariat in June 2003 and am sharing responsibility with Jane Schuler for coordinating the 4th Day program. My wife, Sue, and I agreed to take on the responsibility of Historian for the San Diego Cursillo in Spring of 2003.

I attended San Diego Roman Catholic Cursillo No. 68 in May 1975. I've had the privilege of being a team member of the first San Diego Episcopal Cursillo, serving on our Secretariat, and serving as Rector of SD Cursillo No. 17. I've attended and been a team member of Cursillo Leader's Workshops, and have attended National Episcopal Cursillo Seminars. Beyond San Diego Episcopal Cursillo, I have been an active participant in several Cursillo and Walk to Emmaus communities over the past 28 years.

I have taught Sunday school and Bible studies, been Acolyte Master, member of choir, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and lead and support musician for folk masses and retreats. I have served on Vestries and Rector Search committees in three different parishes and been a delegate to Diocesan Conventions. I am a Lifetime Member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. I welcome the possibility of continuing serving our Lord as a member of the Secretariat if elected.

Lauree Jordan, Good Shepherd Hemet

Ephesians 5:19 - "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." This scripture seems to sum up a few of the things about me. My name is Lauree Jordan and I made Cursillo #76 in 1994. I have been involved in youth ministries including Sunday school and youth group, music ministries, and served on the vestry. I live in Hemet, CA with 3 of my 4 children, and have a career as an insurance underwriter. I enjoy playing guitar and volleyball, and spending time with my family, both biological and my grouping family. I am very thankful for my life with Christ and am always striving to make a difference in all I do. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Lord as a member of the secretariat for Cursillo, and am thankful for everything God has provided.

Tammy Norcott, Good Shepherd Hemet

I have attended Good Shepherd Church in Hemet for 15 years. During this time I have been active with vestry twice, Calling Committee, feeding the homeless ministry, Sunday School, Youth, Altar Guild, Daughters of the King, Lay Ministry, Cursillo, Lay Reader, Director of Sunday School, and Acolyte training. I made Cursillo #64 in the fall of 1990 and it was a spiritual awakening for me, transforming my life. My Christian walk really began at that time and continues to grow each year. I have the spiritual gift of serving and would like to serve the Cursillo movement as a member of the Secretariat.

Ted Parsons, Good Shepherd Bonita

Ted serves as chalice bearer, LEM II, intercessor, and lector. In addition, he gives children's sermons each month. For most of the last two years he taught Sunday School for 4-6 grades. Ted has been active in our Cursillo community since 1986. He has served on about 25 weekends, having been a cocinero, rollo room member, and rector. Also, he has served on the Secretariat as secretary, communications chair, and Chair. As a long time and initial member of the servant community, he has organized and led Christ in the Workplace seminars, been a team member of the Day of Deeper Understanding, parish leaders' workshops, and co-organized two spiritual direction workshops. In addition, he has given talks and been active on various servant community teams. Part of his activity has been in coordinating and writing portions of the two editions of the parish leaders' handbook. For about 10 years he was parish rep for his parish.

Ted has attended two ECLWs. He was an active participant in the last NECS when it was held in San Diego, plus, he has attended other NECS meetings, serving as a delegate. This year he is leading an all-day workshop on spirituality for the October NECS meeting.

His passion is in the 4th Day. He has been grouping virtually every week since 1986 and been under spiritual guidance for 10 years. For a time he was a spiritual guide for another. At various Ultreya's and 4th Day meetings, he

has been MC, given the grouping talk, and the talk on Fundamentals of being a Christian. In addition, he has written numerous articles on spiritual guidance and witnesses for the *Forward*.

Ted's interests in being nominated and serving, if elected, are to continue serving Christ and our community through 4th Day related activities. Our Christian purpose is to love God... and make disciples...embodied in our Cursillo slogan of make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ (with the help of the Holy Spirit).

Rev. Ed Renner, St. John's Fallbrook

I made Cursillo #7 in April, 1978. On my weekend I decided that Cursillo would be my primary Apostolate. I worked every men's weekend from then until April, 1981, when I served as Rector of Men's weekend #21. I also served as a member of the Secretariat. I left the Diocese for Seminary at CDSP and, following my ordination as Deacon in San Joaquin in August 1983, I returned to work a weekend as a Clergyman. After serving as Rector of Redeemer Parish in Delano and working a number of weekends in San Joaquin, in August 1990, I was called to St. Thomas' in Temecula. I worked a number of men's and women's weekends, served on the Secretariat and filled a vacancy on the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee. I retired from full time Parochial Ministry in January, 1998 and I presently assist at St. John's - Fallbrook.

Jane Schuler, All Saints Vista

I was living in Mississippi in 1991, when I made my Cursillo; it changed my life. I served on staff a couple of times and was active in a Group reunion there, and also served as Parish Rep for a year, before returning to California in 1997. I found a Group reunion here, and was encouraged to become active in the Three Day Weekends, and have enjoyed serving on staff here. I group every week, which helps me to stay centered. I am co-Parish Rep at All Saint's, Vista, and have started a Prayers and Squares ministry there this year. I was asked to become a member of the Secretariat this spring as a replacement, and it has been an honor to serve the Cursillo community.

BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN—2004

It's that time of year again, and I don't know about you, but Ken and I are in dire need of some away time to focus on our needs, our goals, our desires. Oh, and some good music, food and fellowship with Christian friends.

We are honored, blessed and frankly a bit nervous, having answered God's calling with "Here am I. Send me!", and accepting the invitation of leading the upcoming Back to the Mountain.

What great timing, holiday visitors will be heading home, excess sugar highs from small fries will have dissipated, laundry (sort of) caught up, and schedules slowed down. No more gifts left to wrap, last minute shopping to do, BUT...if you have been eyeing your calendar wondering when you can pencil quality time between yourself and God for more than a few hours, may we suggest...

BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN?

If you are new to the community, and know little or nothing of this, it is a short bite of time spent over the course of a weekend singing, praising, lifting each other up in prayer, a few itty-bitty-tiny talks (honest!) and lots of time for visiting/walks/and of course, eating. No surprises such as people showing up at the crack of dawn banging on pots and pans, no Palanca (darn!)

The theme that God has directed us towards is ...David's **Psalm 23**, The Lord is my Shepherd...(verses 1-6). Yep, the whole thing.

We yearn for quiet time, wind whispering through the pines, the flutter of the Blue Jays wings, the surprise of an occasional snowflake imprinting its God-given individual pattern into the ground. Prayerfully consider your place on *this* mountain at *this* time, and join us in fellowship.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

Ken and Karen Rice

Apply next page!!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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