



# Forward

## Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

### From the 2009 Chair

As I sat at my computer trying to decide what my first message would be as Chair of the Secretariat, I drew a complete blank except I knew that I wanted to and needed to thank the following people: Jane Schuler, Ted Parson, and Fr. Wayne Sanders for their continued commitment to the Cursillo Movement as they move off the Secretariat. I also wanted to thank Ted and Judy Anderson for their commitment to Fourth Day and Ultreya's and Larry Salvadori for chairing the Servant Community. To those still on the Secretariat thank you for your confidence in me as your next Chair; and last but not least to Frs. George Calvert and Tom Bond for their presence at each and every meeting. Welcome to Susan Miller, Larry Salvadori and Judy Potter who are all coming on the Secretariat. We have been fractured as a community but with commitment from those remaining we can again become the strong, vibrant community we have been before.

I am seldom at a loss for words; you can ask my husband, Tim. But here I sat a stomach full of Thanksgiving dinner, happy that I got to share time with my family and friends with no words of wisdom to share. Or so I thought...

As we move into the Advent season, a time of preparation and reflection for the coming of our Savior, I would ask that you take the time to see those around you that could need your help. Is there a family in your neighborhood that is having a rough time? Maybe you and your other neighbors could get together and show the love of Christ this Christmas season.

Every Friday, Tim serves lunch to around 80 needy people at our church, St. Andrew's, in Encinitas. The Friday after Thanksgiving was no different except that we served turkey and we served around 125 people. Some homeless, some just come for the company, some come to supplement their meager incomes. They are young, old, single and families.

From November 6<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> we hosted the Interfaith Homeless Shelter at St. Andrews, and I was blessed to be the coordinator this year. I met wonderful people who were down on their luck. Looking around the room during the dinners you could not tell who the guests were and who the members of the congregation were. What is this telling us?

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## From the Chair—Cont.

The food bank at St Andrew's is serving over 80 families a week and the numbers keep growing as more and more people are getting laid off. Donate food to the food banks around the county.

We are having our Christmas Party at Good Sam's on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting items for the people of ECS. Come and enjoy the fellowship and bring a gift to light up someone's life.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."  
Matthew 25:35:36.

This is a mandate from Christ. This is also our Fourth Day. Are you doing your part? Linda Lyons

## **Servant Community Meeting Saturday, December 6 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Good Samaritan Church**

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Some of the discussion topics will be:

1. NEW CLERGY-ORIENTED DVD, ROB CONSTANTINE WILL BE PRESENT
2. ALTERNATE KITCHEN ORGANIZATIONS FROM 2 TO 4 FULL TEAMS
3. WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE "NO ONE LEAVES UNLESS THE HEAD COOK SAYS SO" RULE
4. A NEW RECOMMENDATION ON ATTENDANCE OF TEAM MEMBERS AT TEAM MEETINGS.



*In order to be a Leader of God, you first must be a Servant.  
Taken from Mathew 20: 26 – 28*

This is just a little note to say thank you to all who helped Cursillo #125 be the great weekend that it was. When you get a "Job well done!" from Fr. George Calvert and Bishop Mathis, then you know that your efforts were accepted by our awesome God.

Everyone showed the candidates what it means to be a servant of Christ and I pray that we will continue to have spirit-filled weekends like the one we just had. Thanks again to all.

Your brother in Christ, Frank Orta

## DIOCESAN-WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 13, 6:00 PM

Good Samaritan Church

4321 Eastgate Mall, San Diego



Come one, come all to the Diocesan-Wide Christmas Party sponsored by the Cursillo Community.

This event will benefit the adult clients of Episcopal Community Service's Safe Haven transitional programs. 47 mentally ill and chronically homeless men and women currently reside in two program locations in San Diego and our gifts will again brighten their holiday. Everyone is invited to attend this Christmas Potluck and Party at Good Samaritan Church, 4321 Eastgate Mall beginning at 6 pm on Saturday, Dec. 13. Bring a dish to share and one or more unwrapped gifts from the list below:

Adult socks, men's and women's underwear,  
men's and women's  
Shampoo, conditioner, hair spray and/or hair gel  
Hair brushes and combs  
Toothbrushes and toothpaste  
Bath towels  
Wash cloths  
Soap and/or shower gel  
Deodorant  
Shower shoes (flip-flops)  
Gift cards in any denomination to Wal-Mart, Target, etc.

Invite your friends to join us in celebrating Our Savior's birth. We'll eat, drink, sing Christmas carols and know that our gifts will make a difference in the lives of many less fortunate men and women.

Look for the next Forward in early February. Articles, calendar events and other materials are due (preferably in Word format) *no later than January 30.*

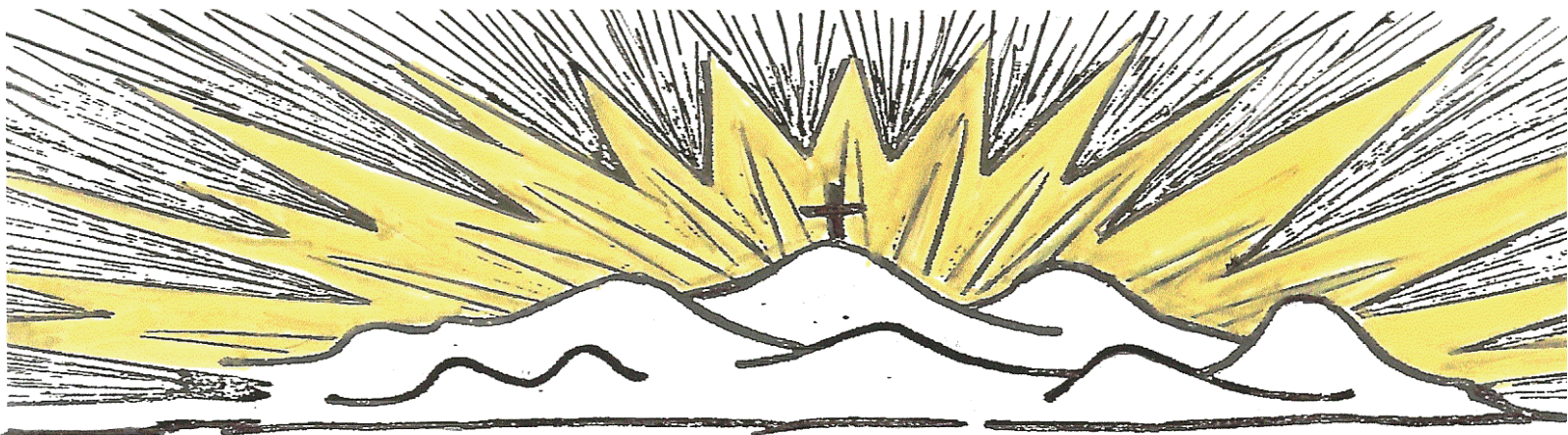
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**Back To The Mountain 2009**

Jan. 9,10,11, 2009

**"PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF LIGHT"**

*Romans 13:12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here, so let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

You are invited to join us for a special weekend with our Lord as He prepares us for the challenges and joys of our life with Him in 2009. This past year has been a time of uncertainty as many of the institutions that we assumed to be rock solid have crumbled.

But we as Christians know that we have a Rock that will not crumble--Our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Light of the World! Come to Camp Stevens and spend a weekend of fellowship, singing, praying, enjoying God's presence in this beautiful and holy place He has created, as we explore what it means to each of us to put on "the armor of light."

We will sing some songs, say some prayers, listen to a few talks, enjoy refreshments (those physical and spiritual), and spend time in discussion as well as meditation as we seek God's direction for us in the New Year.

The weekend will start Friday evening January 9<sup>th</sup> with a brief introduction to the theme of the weekend as well as time for fellowship.

Saturday we will have an opportunity to hear three talks, share Holy Eucharist, have from free time to experience the beauty of God's world, and enjoy a time of refreshment and fellowship. The weekend will conclude on Sunday morning as we come again to God's table and experience His grace as He sends us down the mountain to share His Light in the world.

We will be able to accommodate 35 people for the weekend so get your applications and registration fee in early!

**Who can attend?** Adults who have attended an Episcopal Cursillo Weekend, or equivalent.

**When is it?** 7:00 PM on Friday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> though Sunday noon Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>

For an added cost of \$7.50 for Fri. dinner your weekend can begin with a 6:00 dinner

**What does it cost?** \$120.00 per person for the weekend

Payment is due by 12/15/08 after that date cost will be \$130.00

Checks should be made out to: Episcopal Cursillo with "Back to the Mountain" on the memo line.

Questions (858-277-1872), applications and payment should be sent to:

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Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations: male ( ) female ( ) Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday dinner # \_\_\_\_\_ Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

- 4 Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 6:30 PM
- 6 Servant Community Meeting, Good Samaritan, 9:00 AM
- 13 Cursillo Christmas Party, Good Samaritan, 6:00 PM
- 25 *"And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace..."*

### JANUARY, 2009

- 8 Secretariat, Good Samaritan, 6:30 PM
- 9-11 Back to the Mountain, Camp Stevens, Steve & Sally Nichols
- 30 Deadline for Forward articles (see P. 2)
- 31 Secretariat Retreat, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

### FEBRUARY, 2009

- 6-7 San Diego Episcopal Diocesan Convention, Good Samaritan
- 21 UItreya, All Soul's, 6:00 PM