



Forward

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Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

From the Chair

This will be the last Forward before our next weekend. We seem to finally have the co-ed weekend format down pat. Those who attended the last weekend can attest to that. I personally attended a co-ed weekend back in Western New York and my experience was life changing. If you haven't worked in awhile, it may be too late to work the weekend but Diane could use angels. And as always we can use palanca. Remember that palanca is a gift of love and if you can send palanca for the weekend, that would be wonderful. If you can't, prayers for the team and candidates are always welcome. And remember all are welcome at Open Closura on Sunday, April 26th. Make a day of it in Julian and come to the closing.

We have a number of candidates from churches who would like to attend the weekend. We have sponsors but what they do not have is the money necessary to send the candidate to the weekend. I know that there are many of our Cursillistas who for many reasons can no longer work weekends or sponsor candidates but have the financial means to help another person sponsor a candidate. Can you be a Spiritual Sponsor? We can do it anonymously or we can put you in touch with a sponsor who needs financial assistance and you can be part of the process. I ask you to pray about this.

The Secretariat had its yearly retreat on January 31st. We came up with a number of ideas which we hope will help our community once again become vibrant and grow. One of our ideas was to develop a survey which could be done online. We need your input. We need your participation. We need you. We will soon have a new DVD explaining Cursillo. We hope to have a songfest in May to record the background music. Father George and I met with Bishop Mathes in February. We would like to thank the Bishop for his support of the Cursillo Movement. If you know of Cursillistas who have moved into the Diocese please let us know so we can get them on the Forward list.

Please feel free to email me with your thoughts and suggestions both positive and negative. And remember: God is Good All the Time

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From the Spiritual Director

The Joy of Easter

Easter is not just about a bunny and candy; it is about God's Triumph over Death and all the evil in the world. If God can raise Jesus from death on a cross, He can raise us up from the problems we face, even our own death. God always wins in the end, and we win with God in our lives. The triumph of the Resurrection should bring us great joy. At the end of time, we too will have a resurrected body, if we believe in Jesus.

When we exist in our resurrected bodies, we will have triumphed over every evil and all our problems. Just looking forward to this wonderful perfect state of existence should bring us joy, great joy. This is the Joy of Easter, knowing that we are going to win in the end, knowing that our problems are going to be defeated.

There is also another aspect to the Joy of Easter. We can personally know Jesus. Because He is alive, he can live in us. Jesus pours out his risen presence into all those who are willing to invite him into their lives. Our personal relationship with the risen Christ brings us joy.

I hope this Easter, you will experience the Joy of Easter in both the above ways of joy. First, by looking forward to the triumph of the resurrection of your body, and second, by experiencing a personal relationship with Jesus today. Experience the Joy of Easter; let the Joy of Easter flow into every aspect of your life.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen, indeed!

Your friend in Christ,

Father George

Look for the next Forward in early June
Articles, calendar events and other materials are due
(preferably in Word format)

no later than May 25. Send to:

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SATURDAY, MAY 16 @ GOOD SHEPHERD, BONITA

POTLUCK: 6:00 PM, ULTREYA: 7:00PM

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CANDIDATES – DO NUMBERS MATTER?

At the April 4 team meeting for Cursillo Weekend # 126, we had a discussion about numbers of candidates for our weekend(14 are confirmed for the weekend) and “do numbers matter?” I would like to address the question, and receive inputs to share with all in the next Forward edition.

Numbers from a financial focus: With Bishops Lodge once again available for our use on a weekend, our Camp Stevens cost has returned to a discounted rate of approx. \$4,800 for the four day weekend. With an average weekend cost for everything else equal to approximately \$2,000 including food, the total weekend financial exposure is approx. \$6,800. With a donation of \$110 for each attendee, we need about 68 people attending the weekend, team members and candidates, to break even. We were usually having team sizes of 50, and 15-to 25 candidates(an average of 70) for a weekend, and were basically in a break even situation. We now average 35 team members and 20 candidates for a weekend for a total of 55 leaving us with a financial short fall. You can do the math. We currently have 38 team members and 14 candidates committed to #126, for a total of 52. We have the same situation.

So, from a financial focus, if asked, does it make sense to have more team members and candidates for the weekend, the answer is “yes”.

Numbers from a Godly focus: We firmly believe that God is in charge of the weekends, and it is He that that decides who is ready to come, who will come, and how many will come to the weekend. As for team members and numbers, He has inspired the Cursillo Secretariat to call a Rector, or Rectora, to lead the weekend, and assemble a team in his name. As for the Candidates, He has inspired them to be receptive to an invitation from a friend and Sponsor to attend a weekend. As for the Sponsors, he has inspired them to seek out those He has called to attend a weekend, to prepare the way, and to bring them to the weekend to be in His presence.

So, when we say: There is still time to Sponsor a Candidate to the Spring Weekend, we are not second guessing God on how many he has called to be there. We are asking those with the gift to be Sponsors, and have been inspired to seek out those God has called, to focus, to pray for guidance, and to seek and re-seek those still waiting to be asked to attend Cursillo Weekend #126.

And how do I know all the above is relevant ? On Saturday, at the team meeting, within minutes of an appeal for additional Candidates, Sponsors identified three potential Candidates they believed were waiting to be asked to go on the weekend.

Larry Salvadori, Pre-Cursillo Chair



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

- 2 Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 6:30 PM
- 4 Cursillo Team Meeting, Good Shepherd Bonita, 8:30 AM
- 18 Cursillo Team Meeting, Good Samaritan, 8:30 AM
- 23-26 Cursillo 126 (Coed), Camp Stevens, Diane Blaisdell - Rectora

MAY

- 7 Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 6:30 PM
- 9 Day of Deeper Understanding, TBA, 8:30 AM
- 16 Grand Ultraya, Good Shepherd Bonita, 6:00 PM
- 25 Forward articles due (see p. 2)

JUNE

- 13 Servant Community, Good Samaritan, 8:30 AM
- 13 Secretariat Meeting, Good Samaritan, 12:30 PM