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Message from the Chair

Where can someone spend three days sharing ideas, making new friends, and worshipping with fellow Christians who are filled with the joy of the Lord? Why, at a National Episcopal Cursillo Conference, that's where.

The 2011 NECC held October 27-30 in Phoenix, Arizona was a great experience for a first time attendee like me. My Conference schedule was filled with music, daily worship, business sessions, fellowship, workshops and more music. Of all the workshops I attended I found the Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop (ECLW) to be the most informative. Important topics such as "Cursillo and the Mission of the Episcopal Church", "Fourth Day First", and "The Authentic Three Days" were well presented with sufficient time set aside for questions and answers. The additional time allotted for table discussions gave us the opportunity to exchange ideas with other Cursillistas from as far away as Maine, Florida and the Bahamas.

During the discussion period, it was determined that Cursillo, as a Movement of The Episcopal Church, avail itself to the workings of the Church. Other recommendations included asking our Diocesan Bishops what Cursillo can do to help grow the Church, to ask our clergy what Cursillo can do for them, and for our clergy to use the Cursillistas in their parishes to help take Christ's message out into the world.

It was said at NECC that, "*Cursillo exist for the Church, the Church exist for humanity, and humanity exist for God*".

The health of the Cursillo Movement and the health of each individual's "Fourth Day" can be measured by the commitment given to the practice of Piety, Study and Action. This tried and true practice, combined with the support of fellow Christians, serves to strengthen our resolve as we strive to live out our Baptismal Covenant to the glory of God and to the work to which He has called us to do.

"The Authentic Three Days" consists of serving the candidates and the presentation of 15 talks and 5 meditations. Henceforth, if candidates are to be provided with adequate rest periods and time to reflect on the message of the Weekend, careful consideration must be given to any changes and additions made to the authentic three day schedule.

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From the Spiritual Advisor—The Conversation

Oscar Wilde, who was thought to be the master of wisecracks, but not necessarily a master of conversation, is reported to have said to someone at a party, "Come over here and sit down next to me; I am just dying to tell you all about me." We ask, who would want to just sit there and listen to a self-centered person talk about himself?

A real conversation happens when both parties are interested in each other and each is willing to listen to the other person. Such conversations can allow you to express yourself and can be life-giving as you inter-act with another person.

A cathedral in England has a sign over its side door. The sign reads, "You are entering into a conversation that began long before you were born and shall continue long after you are dead." To be a Christian means to be a person who is in the church, who is having a conversation with God, and who is also willing to have a conversation with the people of God in the present and down through history (salvation history). The person who is self-centered and comes into the church only wanting to talk about himself or herself (and to broadcast his/her opinions) is not willing to listen to God or to the people of God; sooner or later, these people drop out of the church.

For the person who is willing to listen to God, who is willing to engage God in a conversation, being in the church is a life-giving and life-transforming experience. In the church, God is constantly inviting you into a conversation, through scripture readings, sermons, Bible studies, youth group activities, Sunday school, Cursillo, and in many less structured ways as well.

Are you willing to listen to God? Are you interested in having a conversation with God? We are so busy talking about ourselves and expressing our opinions, pronouncing, declaring, and declaiming that we are not very good at listening.

We need to come into the church with humble hearts that are ready to listen to God, who mysteriously speaks His Word to us. We should sit silently and expectantly when the Bible is read, listening for God's word to come to us through the words of scripture. God's word is alive, full of the life of God, ready to jump right out of the Bible and engage us in a conversation.

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Another essential part of the Weekend is the role of the team. The call to work a Weekend is a privilege, a sacrifice, an opportunity to give back to God, and a lesson in servant hood. The team, bonded together as one body in Christ, enhances the workings of the Holy Spirit, and creates an atmosphere in which the voice of God may be heard.

The NECC is a valuable tool. Its function is to help the Movement grow. It is a respite with music, worship and praise. It is Cursillistas sharing with Cursillistas from around the country. I pray that you too will have the opportunity to participate in this yearly event and experience the love of God that surpasses all understanding. God bless us all.

In His Service, Barbara Peralta

DeColores My Brothers and Sisters- In- Christ,
"To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven;
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to gain, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace." Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8
It's time to plan for the Spring Cursillo Weekend #131 and it's a time to:
Be born again, plant, heal, build up, laugh and weep with joy; a time to dance,
to gather, to embrace, to gain, to keep; a time to sew, a time to keep silence and a time to speak; to time to love and a time of peace.

Our theme for Cursillo #131 is: "For I have plans for you, "declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." To live by this scripture is to live a joyful, fruitful life because we are always in God's Hands. He loves you very much and always wants the best for you! Please join us in sharing HIS LOVE with others to lead a joyful, fruitful life. God Bless you all and have a Merry CHRISTmas! **Bryan Chan, Rector #131** <>

Anyone interested in working on the planning committee for hospitality for the Church Convention in February please contact **Dotty or Gary Baty at cctdotty@san.rr.com or cctgary@san.rr.com.**

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I hope you will want to be a part of the conversation that has transformed people's lives down through history, and is still transforming people's lives today. Listen to what God is telling you to do and you will experience a life-changing conversation.

Your friend in Christ, Father George

Back To the Mountain 2012 "Come to the Water"

After the hectic holiday rush, wouldn't be nice to have some time to just relax and get refreshed. Join Susan Miller (Rectora) and Craig Noble (Rector) and you can.

This year's Back To the Mountain (BTM) is from Friday night January 6, 2012 through Sunday morning January 8. Our theme this year is "Come to the Water" and we invite you refresh in the Living Water. You will have free time interspersed with three Rollo talks on Saturday. Saturday night we will have fellowship around the snack table including wine and cheese.

Applications are available at the website "<http://sdcursillo.org/btm2012/btm12apl.pdf>". If you submit your paid application by December 17 you save \$10.00. The last day for applications is December 31, so don't delay.

See the application for specifics and if you have any questions, you can email or call me.

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2012 Secretariat Nominations: Nominees for Clergy positions--the Revs. Ed Busch and Babs Mears. Nominees for lay positions--John Bendos from St. Peter's, Del Mar and Susan Miller from Good Shepherd, Bonita. Jamie Wood has declined to run. At least two more nominees are needed.

Cursillo Shed—Larry Salvadori: Within 2 weeks a new shed (8' x 12') will be in place behind the swimming pool. Camp Stevens will provide electricity to the site, and Cursillo will need to cover the cost of interior shelving, lighting, and a sign. A donation to Camp Stevens was discussed and agreed on. A motion to donate \$200 to Camp Stevens will need to be introduced and approved at the next meeting to finalize the decision.

DIOCESAN-WIDE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AND CAROLLING PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6 PM

For the benefit of ECS Safe Havens Adult Programs

EPISCOPAL CHURCH CENTER

(Formerly Holy Trinity Church)

2083 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. (Ocean Beach)



This event will benefit the adult clients of Episcopal Community Service's Safe Havens transitional programs. 48 mentally ill and formerly homeless men and women currently reside in two program locations in San Diego and our gifts will again brighten their holiday.

Bring a dish to share and one or more unwrapped gifts from the list below:

Adult socks, men's and women's underwear
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.
Checks payable to ECS in any amount

Invite your friends to join us in celebrating Our Savior's birth. Attendance at a Cursillo weekend is **not** a requirement to participate. 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.

If you cannot attend the party and want to donate gifts, please give them to any Secretariat member, leave them in your church office, or take them directly to ECS.

For further information, contact Judy Anderson, 619-286-1208, jmanderson38@sbcglobal.net

Parking is available in the lot behind the church on Brighton and on the street.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

10 6:00 pm Cursillo Christmas Party, Episcopal Service Center

JANUARY

5 6:30 pm Secretariat Meeting, Good Sam

6-8 Back to the Mountain, Camp Stevens

15 Cursillo Sunday

27 February Forward articles due

28 Secretariat Retreat, St. Timothy's

FEBRUARY

10-11 Diocesan Convention, Crowne Plaza Hanalei
8:00am-5:00 pm Daily

MARCH

10 8:30 am Servant Community Meeting, Good Sam
12:30 pm Secretariat Meeting, Good Sam

23 April Forward articles due

APRIL

3 Cursillo #130 applications due

5 6:30 pm Secretariat Meeting, Good Sam

26 Cursillo #131 Weekend

Please check the Cursillo website www.sdcursillo.org for updates and Directions to churches.

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