



FORWARD

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Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

Our Mission Is To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

FROM THE CHAIR

From the Chair February 2014

My grandmother had a proverb for every situation, after which she rarely neglected to add, “It rhymes in German.” Her favorite was, “Many hands make light work.”

A few years ago, the Secretariat set about the task of “de-mystifying” the Cursillo Weekend and the Cursillo Movement in general. Perceptions that Cursillistas were a clique or Cursillo an exclusive club or a secret society, though mostly unintentional, were understandable and pervasive. With this goal in mind, the emphasis at the end of many weekends has been to go back to our parishes and speak with our actions of service within our parishes and to put ourselves at the disposal of the clergy. Many Cursillistas have left the mountain and gone on to serve in their parishes, in the Diocese, and in their communities in extraordinary ways.

What we haven’t emphasized as much recently is that Cursillo itself can be an apostolate. We’ve found ourselves with fewer folks involved directly in Cursillo, whether working weekends or serving on the Secretariat. The Servant Community in particular has dwindled. Every way we turn we see the same people on the board, working weekends, at Ultreyas, and at the Servant Community meetings. Imagine if from each weekend 3 or 4 people out of 30 felt called to make Cursillo their apostolate and get involved. What energy and vitality they would bring to our San Diego Cursillo.

This year, as chair, I want to take a look at where the Servant Community is and where it could be, and take steps to expand the community. (It was years after making my Cursillo that I was able to figure out what the Servant Community was.) “Many hands make light work”, whether it rhymes or not, is the key to being able to offer this wonderful life-changing experience to more people. Each of us has a part to play.

I look forward to this year as chair of the Secretariat, and I welcome your comments and suggestions.

God Bless and Ultreya!

Susan Miller





How Does God Change Us?

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” ~ Romans 12:2

These words, written by the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome, are one of the greatest passages in scripture. They contain the wisdom and Grace of God, the wisdom and Grace that we need to change us. We should humbly come to these words expecting God to act inside of us, transforming every aspect of our lives.

As the Prayer Book says about all of Scripture, with these words we need to “to hear, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” them. We need to digest these words inwardly until they become a part of us. As these words become part of us, God will transform us.

In this scripture passage, it is clear that the only way to change our lives is to change our thinking. God tells us, “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Real transformation must be from the inside out, and must begin with the “renewal of our minds.” New thinking is the beginning of new actions. In order to let God act in our lives, we must let God’s Word change our thinking. This is why it is so important to read the Bible and ask ourselves, “what is God trying to say to me through this scripture passage?” God’s Word needs to be inwardly digested for transformation to happen.

Your friend in Christ, Father George



If you can volunteer.....

The Diocese has asked the San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Community to help with the Diocesan Convention. They recognize that we are great at hospitality!

They are asking for Cursillistas to be Hospitality volunteers for 2 hour shifts on Friday, February 21st from 8a.m.—5p.m. and on Saturday, February 22nd from 11a.m.—2p.m.

The convention location is the Doubletree Hotel in Hazard Center, which is in the Mission Valley area.

Cursillista will be available to welcome and assist people in getting to their destinations within the hotel; minimal on the spot training will be available as well as maps for the hotel.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give Palanca to the Convention with our presence, and for us to be recognized as a respected part of our diocese.

We will wear our Cursillo garb and baloney's.

It's a great opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones.

Please help when you can.

Contact Jamie Wood at jamiewood2@cox.net to volunteer or for further information.

Thank You



CALENDARS

February 2014

Feb. 21 ~ 22, 2014

Diocesan Convention, POC SD Diocese

Double Tree Hotel

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8:00am ~ 5:00pm ~ Saturday

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March 8, 2014 ~ Saturday

Servant Community, St. Dunstan's
8:00am ~ POC Larry Salvadori

Secretariat, St. Dunstan's
12:30pm ~ POC Susan Miller

March 24, 2014 ~ Monday

#134 Application Deadline
COB ~ Pre-Cursillo

April 2014

April 3, 2014 ~ Thursday

Secretariat, St. Dunstan's
6:30pm ~ POC Susan Miller

April 20, 2014 ~ Sunday ~ Easter

April 24 ~ 27, 2014 ~ Thursday ~ Sunday
Cursillo #134, Camp Stevens
8:00pm ~ Judy Brown

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DeColores,

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” John 14:1. This is the theme for the Spring weekend.

This theme came as I was prayerfully going through Palanca I’ve previously received. Yes, I do keep my Palanca & go through it time and again. It is one of the ways I can refocus my relationship with God & Christ. It continues to lift me up to know others are constantly praying & thinking of us as we work week-ends.

I ask you all to prayerfully consider submitting an application to work on the team.

The Training meeting for first time Cocineros, first time table leaders & first time Rollistas is 8:30 am March 8 at St. Dunstan’s. It is not an entire team meeting.

The first full team meeting is March 8, 2014 at St. Alban’s Church in El Cajon. It will start at 8:30 with gathering & 9:00 for the team meeting.

The Spring weekend is the weekend after Easter so we will have to compress team meetings so we don’t have any meetings during Palm Sunday weekend or Holy Week.

Our objective is to have enough candidates and team members. Again, please prayerfully consider if you are being called by God to work the weekend. I would be honored to have as many applications as possible to put the best team forward to serve God & the new cursillistas.

Applications are on the SD Cursillo website www.sdcursillo.org . You can reach me at jbrown3944@aol.com or on my cell, 619-925-0173 if you have any questions. I am excited about what God has planned for this weekend and who all will be there to experience and those who will be on the team.

In His Service, Ultreya,

Judy Brown



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the faith of the earth.
Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen**



Father Frank Maguire, the first Rector of the Church of Good Shepherd, Bonita passed on to our Lord Jesus Christ in the early morning on Thursday, January 23, 2014. Father Frank served Good Shepherd for 36 years and retired in 1997. The Memorial Service will be at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, February 17, 2014 at Saint John’s Episcopal Church in Chula Vista. Bishop Mathes will celebrate the Eucharist and Father George will deliver the sermon. Father Frank will be buried at All Saints Cemetery in San Luis Rey.

*“Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever”.*

~~ 23rd Psalm

Dear Lord, purify my heart and guide my steps today so that I may be a faithful witness for you; that someone out in the world can see your light shining in me and be drawn to you. Amen.

Review of BTTM (Back to the Mountain) 2014

This weekend was truly a fine experience equal in many respects to retreats at monasteries such as Our Lady of Guadalupe in Pecos New Mexico which were very important to us in the past. As usual the retreat began with the logistics of preparation of the spaces for fellowship, prayer, worship and “teaching” and reflection. After a community supper we went to the common room where we sang and then had a reflection on the theme for the weekend. The preparations and motif for the weekend were chosen by and accomplished by Eileen Pierce and Laurie Mumford. The theme was “The Holy Trinity” and the reflection was on Rublev’s Icon of The Trinity. Prior to the weekend booklets were prepared with multiple items including a copy of the icon for all the Retreatants. Uses for this icon were proposed as sourced from Henry Nouwen’s book about icons. In addition readings from the Book of Common Prayer on the Trinity including items from the Catechism, Athanasian Creed, and a short excerpt from De Trinitate were in the booklet prepared for the weekend.

A talk on God the Father was given, Compline was read, a period of fellowship followed, and then off to bed. Accommodations were strained as the camp was pretty full due to use by what seemed to be hundreds of youth from the Bishops School, all great kids. All activities were in the area of Lax Sadler.

Saturday’s studies included talks on God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services, music and fellowship accounted for most of the day and a lovely party took place in the evening.

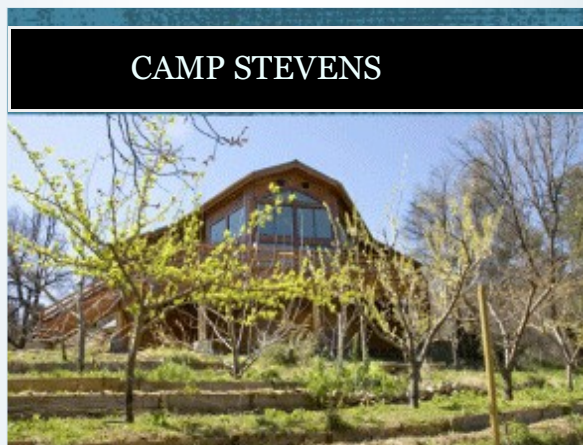
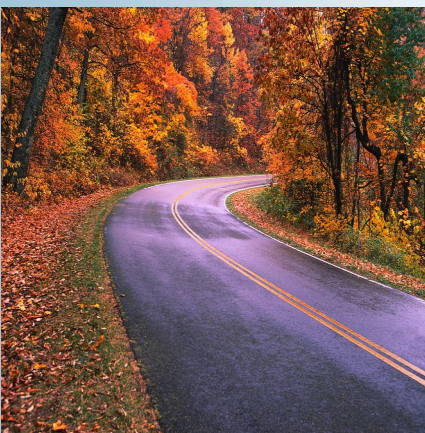
Sunday’s worship was Holy Eucharist with the propers for Trinity Sunday, which was mainly a wrap up of the weekend and then followed by cleanup and departure for our homes.

Our overall impression was that the people who gave the Talks and led the services were highly trained Lay Readers and were excellent in every way. The responsiveness to preaching and worship was a little bit of heaven; being in a smaller meeting room with people singing at their best was a grand experience, owing largely to the talents and resiliency of our wonderful musicians, Laurie Mumford and Susan Miller.

The 28 people who attended the weekend were from many local congregations as well as two from Massachusetts, and two from Arizona. While focused on the Cursillo movement to a slight degree I believe this form of retreat which is clearly Benedictine in origin would be helpful and inspiring for many of the Christians in the Diocese of San Diego or any other place.

Camp Steven’s staff were very supportive and prepared nourishing meals for our retreat.

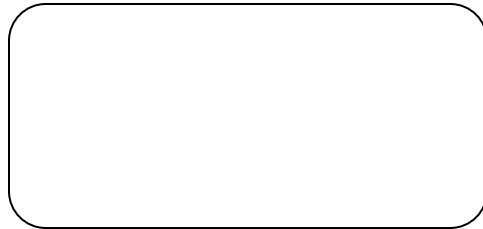
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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? And *who will go for us?*"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ISA 6:8

