



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.....

How does a Weekend Happen? Have you ever stopped to think about what has to happen to put together a Cursillo Weekend at Camp Stevens twice a year? Sponsors, Sunday Angels, Fourth Day Support, Priests and Parishes, and team members all teams play a part. Here is just some of what happens between weekends.

>*A year in advance:* A date is decided on by the secretariat, reserved, and a check for the entire weekend sent by the treasurer to Camp Stevens.

>*6 months in advance:* A rector is chosen. It can take a couple of months to identify potential people, speak to them about the position, and get an answer. To be considered, a person should not have been rector before, and have a broad range of experience, both in the Kitchen and the Rollo Room and the spiritual maturity to take on this leadership task.

Shortly before or after the announcement of the next Rector at the Grand Ultreya, a group of experienced Cursillistas, known as the Rectors Support Group, meet with the new rector to answer questions and provide guidance. Secretariat committees Pre-Cursillo and Communications coordinate with the Rector to update applications for team and candidates.

At the Committee level other things take place: Pre-Cursillo Committee members gather all candidate applications, compile the information, and communicate with sponsors and candidates. Each application is prayerfully read through by three persons before a candidate is accepted for the weekend. They use the information to put candidates at tables with others they will feel most comfortable with, give need lower bunks, to those that need them, notify the kitchen of any dietary needs, and the medic/nurse of any special physical needs. The "Shed" is a storage space at Camp Stevens that holds all the physical things we use on the weekend and is inventoried and restocked between weekends. Songbooks are prepared for each Cursillista in time for the weekend. Arrangements are made to make translation available for whoever needs it.

On the team side of things: The new rector chooses a core team which begins to meet right away before any team meetings are scheduled. The core team consists of other leaders: Head Spiritual Advisor and other clergy, Head Cook, Head Cook Camp and Head Cook Kitchen, 2 Experienced Rectors, 2 Assistant Rectors, and Head Musician. The venue for team meetings is secured early in this process. These leaders make the team schedules and rotations, decide on what to serve at meals, buy the food, finalize the weekend schedule and pull together many other details that go into planning the weekend.

As team applications come in to the rector, more positions will be filled in. New workers start out in the kitchen as Cocineros. Some of those will be kitchen team leaders the next time they serve on a weekend. Rollo Room Table Leaders, Nurse/Medic, Palanca Coordinator, Sacristan, Assistant Musicians, and 10 people willing to give a Rollo will also be needed to complete the team roster.



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Only a Real Risk tests the reality of a belief.” C.S. Lewis

In the recent movie, *God is Not Dead*, Josh, a college freshman who is a Christian, takes the risk of trying to argue for God’s existence in an Introduction to Philosophy class taught by a hostile Atheist. His girlfriend, his parents and others urge him not to take this risk. He needs a good grade in the philosophy class because he is a pre-law major and a bad grade would affect his chances of getting into a top law school. To stand up for his faith in the philosophy class would be taking a big risk. Living a life of faith always involves taking risks, stepping out into an uncertain future. Faith means trusting God in the midst of uncertainty.

In the movie, Josh quotes C.S. Lewis. “Only a real risk tests the reality of a belief.” To see what this quote means, we need some more explanation. C.S. Lewis says,

“You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you. It is easy to say you believe a rope to be strong and sound as long as you are merely using it to cord a box. But suppose you had to hang by that rope over a precipice. Wouldn’t you then discover how much you really trusted it? The same with people. For years, I would have said that I had perfect confidence in B.R. Then came the moment when I had to decide whether I would or would not trust him with a really important secret. That threw quite a new light on what I called my ‘confidence’ in him. I discovered that there is no such thing. Only a real risk tests the reality of a belief.” *A Grief Observed* (London: Faber & Faber, 1961) pp. 20-21.

True faith in God takes risks and as risks are taken, discovers the reality of God. Faith is not merely intellectual assent to the idea of God; it is trusting God so much that you are willing to take risks to obey Him, thus seeing the truth and work of God in the real world.

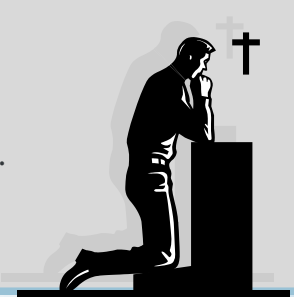
A Christian is first called to discern the will of God through Bible reading, prayer and the guidance of the church, and then to take risks of faith: the risk of turning your life over to Jesus, the risk of reading the Bible and learning new ways of living, the risk of doing ministry, the risk of living a life of stewardship. All of these risks of faith test faith in the real world and prove that faith is true. These risks of faith prove that God is true and what He promises in the Bible is true.

It takes courage to take the risks of faith. Faith is not passive, but involves doing courageous actions. Look at the great people of faith in the Bible: Abraham, Moses, David, Esther, Mary, Jesus, Peter and Paul. They all did courageous acts. For us today, our faith may ask us to do courageous actions too. It may be a small but important courageous act, such as reading the Prayers of the People in church, or a big act of courage like leading a Cursillo weekend. But, as we take the risks of faith, doing what God has called us to do, our faith grows and we grow into the person that God created us to be.

In the movie, *God’s Not Dead*, Josh takes a big risk when he argues for God’s existence in his philosophy class. He tests the reality of his belief in God. It is not easy; it is not comfortable, but it changes his life and the lives of the students in the classroom. And, not just those in the classroom, but those outside the classroom. God uses Josh’s faith to change the lives of many people. We should believe that when we step out of our comfort zones to perform a courageous act of faith in God, the lives of many people will be changed for the better.

Ask God in prayer to help you take risks for Him, so that your faith may be proved to be true, so that your faith will be real and so that you may see God working in your life.

Your friend in Christ, Father George



CALENDARS

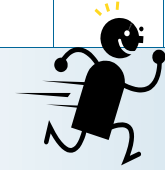
June 2014

June 14, 2014 ~ Saturday ~ 8:30 am
 "Meet Your Secretariat" Servant Community,
 St. Dunstan's

June 14, 2014 ~ Saturday ~ 12:30 pm
 Secretariat, St. Dunstan's ~ POC: Susan Miller

June 28, 2014 ~ Saturday ~ 5pm ~ Pot Luck
 6pm~Ultreya
 St. Philips, Lemon Grove POC: Judy Anderson

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July 4, 2014 ~ Independence Day ~ 238 years

July 5, 2014 ~ Saturday ~ 10am ~ Memorial for
 Tom and Julie Dowell ~ Church of the Good
 Shepherd, Bonita ~ POC: (619)479-0943

July 24, 2014 ~ Thursday ~ 6pm ~ Brown Bag
 6:30 pm ~ Meeting
 Secretariat, St. Dunstan's ~ POC: Susan Miller

July 30, 2014 ~ Wednesday ~ POC: Sharon VB
 FORWARD deadline

August 2014

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Slumber

Tranquility

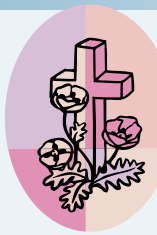


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A memorial service for the Rev. Susan Tobias occurred on Saturday, May 31 at 11 a.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, San Diego, CA. A reception followed in the parish's Mission Center. The Rev. Tobias was rector of St. David's from 1991-2000. She died on Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

AND

Tom Dowell passed away on May 23 at the age of 92 and his wife, **Julie**, passed on May 30, 2014 at the age of 81. They were the wonderful hosts for many years of the Good Shepherd, Bonita and other church's Cursillo Candidate's who always gave a Spirit-filled send-off to Camp Stevens. Prayers of strength and guidance are asked for their family. A service for both will be at Good Shepherd, Bonita at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 5th**. For additional information please call the church @ (619) 479-0943. **De Colores Tom & Julie**, we all love you guys and will miss you terribly.



DeColores,

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” John 14:1. This was the theme for the Spring weekend and boy was it amazing to just Trust in God and watch what happened.

We welcomed 25 new cursillistas into the community . Thanks Be to God. It was a God filled weekend. It was great to see God working the entire weekend.

It was great to see friendships and possible groupings develop. I was honored and blessed to be the Rector for the weekend and look forward to seeing many of the new cursillistas getting involved with future weekends or other Cursillo related activities like Ultreyas, Servant Community and Secretariat.

We can only grow and continue this ministry by everyone getting involved. I look forward to seeing many of you working with us as we move forward and get ready for our Fall weekend.

Blessings,

Judy Brown, Rector Cursillo 134

July is “Cursillo Sunday” Month

One Sunday every January is designated as “Cursillo Sunday.” We want to encourage every parish to choose one Sunday in July, as well, to have an “unofficial” Cursillo Sunday. This will help with recruitment for the Fall Weekend, which often lags because of summer-time routines. We are calling it:

Cursillo Is For You—October 23-26, 2014

Choose a date, then consider how to highlight Cursillo in your parish. Here are a few ideas: host the coffee hour, give a testimony, wear your baloney, ask all Cursillistas present to stand up at some point, put a Cursillo handout in the bulletin and an article in your newsletter.



**CURSILLO GROUP REUNION
"SERVANT COMMUNITY MEETING"**

*GET CONNECTED, LEARN ABOUT SECRETARIAT, SING SONGS, GAIN EXPERIENCE, WORK SHOPS,
WANT A JOB?, LARGER COMMUNITY, AND MORE!*

MEET YOUR CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEMBERS

**WHERE: ST. DUNSTAN'S
6556 PARK RIDGE BLVD.
SAN DIEGO, CA.**

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 8:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

AGENDA

8:30 AM REGISTRATION: COFFEE, JUICE, GOODIES, FELLOWSHIP
MUSIC, SINGING – BRING SONG BOOKS

9:00 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - OPENING REMARKS, MEDITATION

9:30 AM **MEET YOUR CURSILLO SECRETARIAT MEMBERS**

**MOTIVATION TO SERVE ON THE SECRETARIAT

***WHAT DO THEY DO ?

****WANT TO BE INVOLVED? JOBS LIST, SIGN UPS

10:30 AM BREAK, MUSIC

10:40 AM WORKSHOPS

*****HOW CAN WE IMPROVE FALL WEEKEND CANDIDATES NUMBERS

*****HOW CAN WE IMPROVE FALL WEEKEND TEAM MEMBER RECRUITING

*****SUMMARY REPORTS

11:35 AM ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPEAL, AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST, PRAYOUT

11:45 AM LIGHT LUNCH – SALAD PLUS, DRINKS

**NOTE: ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL
SECRETARIAT MEETING AT 12:30 P.M.**

*******Important Dates Coming Up*******

Fall Weekend – October 23-26, 2014

Spring Weekend – April 23-26, 2015

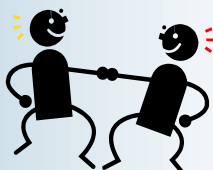
*****Quarterly Servant Community Meetings*****

June 14, 2014

September 13, 2014

December 6, 2014

March 14, 2015



(From The Chair on Pg. 1)

Practice, Practice, Practice: Team formation happens during the three to four team meetings in the weeks before the weekend. Team meetings allow everyone to get to know each other and know what is expected of them and what to expect on the weekend. First time team members, or anyone doing a job new to them attend an extra meeting on Saturday morning in either September or March, during the regular Servant Community meeting.

Rollistas prepare and then practice their Rollos in a group setting before they go up the mountain. Team members will be preparing themselves and their Palanca through prayer and sacrifice in the weeks leading up to the Weekend.

The team meets on Thursday afternoon of the day the Weekend. Set up for the Weekend begins and ends before the first candidates and sponsors arrive in the evening. There is Eucharist, Commissioning of the Team, and Blessing of the Crosses, Bibles, and other items, and a quick supper for the team.

The preparation is done, and we put ourselves and the next three days in God's hands.

Ultreya,
Susan Miller

FROM THE "CURSILLO WEEKEND 134"

At the Day of Deeper Understanding, My Fenton shared a prayer she wrote after attending the Spring Weekend. She has recently published a book about her life as a young woman in Vietnam entitled "Luom's Journey", available on Amazon, and a worthwhile read.



Dear Jesus

When I was young I had many struggles in my life. But your voice always whispered in my ear and guided through and to where I am now.

I always wondered if that is your voice or my imaginations. But on 4/26 you answered to me you are real; you are in my heart, in my soul and my mind. Because of your super natural powers, your angels have carried out your work and made a difference in my life.

Standing among your angels is an answer to my prayers. Through you, through them I will get to know you better as a follower of you.

Love you Jesus Christ Amen

UPDATE FROM DARRYL PERALTA (just in case you haven't seen his latest update)

On May 14 Dr. G informed me that he thought there is sufficient medical evidence to justify stopping the oral chemotherapy treatment plan that I have been on for over three years. He explained that the greatest risk in doing this is that the cancer could come back. I nonetheless concur with him; I would like to get away from some of the side effects I have suffered over the past three years, which will be a major increase in the quality of life for me.

The new plan is for me to meet with Dr. G every two months. Prior to each visit, I will undergo a PET scan. The idea is to monitor my condition closely and, as time passes, to increase the time between visits if successive PET scans reveal no cancer activity. Dr. G believes that the risk of a recurrence becomes extremely remote once the plan reaches the 1-year point. Should this occur, then subjects like remission and post-cure plans are on the table for discussion. Bottom line: this is a risk/reward, double or nothing, all in treatment plan. Is the cancer gone or just being kept in check by the chemo? Tune in next week on the same bat channel!

There are no guarantees in this so all must be prepared should this plan fail. Cancer is an insidious and unpredictable disease that defies logic. The fallback position is to resume the oral chemotherapy, hoping that it will again be successful in holding the cancer at bay. Guess we will cross that bridge when we get to it. In the interim, please continue to keep me in your prayers. Barbara and I are embarking on a new direction in our journey and your well wishes have always been a comforting blessing since we began over 4-years ago. This is about God's grace and my obedience to His will so my intentions are to sail the course set before me.

May God continue to bless us all! *Darryl*

Appeal to the San Diego Cursillo Community

Dear Cursillistas,

Your financial support is needed at this time. Our financial reserves have been slowly depleted over the years, and although we canceled the last fall weekend, we had to pay Camp Stevens for the weekend. That really put us in the position of having only about one weekend of resources left. We then had a very limited local appeal that raised about \$3,000, putting our account at \$8,000.

We are now seeking an account goal of **\$20,000** by opening the appeal to all Cursillistas to help and participate in our recovery. While this is a large amount, the Secretariat believes that this amount will take care of our needs for the foreseeable future, and allow us to concentrate on rebuilding our community and changing our environments for Christ. Please remember, this is the only general financial appeal, needed to support our community, in the last 10 + years.

We need each one of us to prayerfully consider Palanca in the form of a financial contribution to be given at this time in a number of ways:

- ◆ *The cost of a candidate or worker for a weekend (\$120)*
- ◆ *Contribute \$_____ /month to support Cursillo in San Diego*
- ◆ *A one- time gift of \$_____ to Cursillo (large or small)*
- ◆ *A commitment to our Treasurer to give at a later date*

Please remember that only our Treasurer Jamie Wood keeps a record of giving. Please strongly consider a contribution to Cursillo at this time. Make checks out to: **Cursillos in Christianity**, and mail to: **Cursillo, c/o Jamie Wood, 4552 Point Loma Avenue, San Diego, Ca. 92107.**

On a personal note: *I was on the Secretariat years ago when our treasurer reported at a meeting that our down payment check to Camp Stevens for the next fall weekend had bounced. I was humbled. One member paid what was owed the next day out of his own pocket. We appealed to our community and raised \$20,000+. This was our last appeal. We did it then, I believe that together, we can do it again.*

Ultreya with Love, Faith, Sharing, and Caring,

Larry Salvadori

Cursillo Secretariat Member

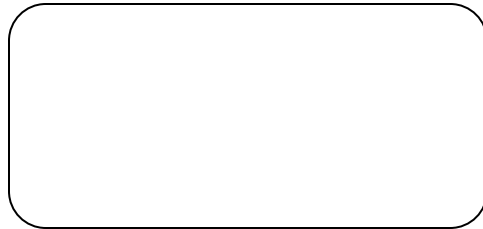
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Cursillos in Christianity

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO
2083 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92107

SEND TO: SHARON VANDEN BOSCH
27259 MURRIETA RD. SPACE 157
SUN CITY, CA 92586



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

