



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...

Is Cursillo a Ministry or a Movement? Recent proposed changes to the by-laws of the NEC would change the classification of Cursillo from a Movement to a Ministry. This aroused my curiosity. Just what is the difference between a Movement and a Ministry?

Ministry (noun) is defined as: *“the work or vocation of a minister of religion, or the spiritual work or service of any Christian or a group of Christians, especially evangelism.”* Or *“The act of serving; ministrations.”*

Movement (noun) is defined as: *“a group of people working together to advance their shared political, social or artistic ideas.”* Or *“a series of organized activities working toward an objective; also: an organized effort to promote or attain an end.”* Or *“A group of people with a common ideology; especially a political or religious one.”*

In researching the topic, I came across an article by Eric Swanson for a [campus organization addressing the same question†](#). I’ve included parts of it below and I encourage you to read the entire piece if you are interested. I was particularly challenged (and a bit perplexed?) by the paragraph on “Lifecycle of a Movement” near the end of the piece. Here is some food for thought from Eric Swanson:

CLASSIC CHARACTERISTICS OF MOVEMENTS:

- *Organized action.*
- *Differing levels of commitment.*
- *Dedication and sacrifice.*
- *Unity.*
- *Developing leadership.*
- *Committed to a single purpose.*
- *Always seeks to bring about change.*
- *Always asks for commitment of those involved.*

As you read through the list below, by the same author, try substituting Cursillo or San Diego Cursillo in place of ministry or movement. I asked myself these questions, “What is happening now? Are there improvements to be made (within our control)? Have we passed from Movement to Ministry?”

SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MINISTRIES AND MOVEMENTS:

- *A ministry is the sum of its parts. A movement is greater than the sum of its parts.*
- *Ministries are controlled from the top-down. The leaders dictate the action and activities. Movements seek to direct and channel the energy at the grass roots level.*
- *Ministry leaders control. Movement leaders empower.*
- *A ministry is controlled by structure and content. A movement is built through communication, relationships and purpose.*
- *Ministries may be comprised of mules (hard workers who won’t multiply). Movements are comprised of rabbits (multipliers who have fun).*



(Con’t on Pg. 6)



Are you Praying for the Lost?



We often pray for ourselves and for people who are sick, but do we pray for the lost? In today's politically correct society, we don't like to hear the word "lost"; we would like to think of everyone as spiritual, if not actually religious. But Jesus is clear in Luke, Chapter 15, that people are lost who have separated themselves from God. To be lost is to live in a state of estrangement from God, a most serious problem.

In Luke, Chapter 15, Jesus tells of three parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. Each of these parables describes the state of being lost, God's tremendous love for the lost and the imperative to find those who are.

If God loves the lost, shouldn't we also love the lost and therefore at least pray for them? Shouldn't we be concerned that the lost be found and want to pray for them?

Peter Wagner, one of my professors at Fuller Seminary, said that people who are outside the church are lost. He also pointed out that to say that they are lost is not to take the place of God and judge whose name will be written in the Lamb's Book of Life at the end of time. A person's final destiny is not contained in the word, "lost," but rather it describes their present state of being separated from God, a sheep outside the flock. If the flock is the church, then those outside of the church, the lost, are separated from God and are like sheep outside of the flock.

We all have family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers around us who are lost. We need to be concerned that they are leading lives separate from God and separated from Christ's church. They are missing out on the abundant life that Jesus wants to give them. Their lives are centered on a false god, that is robbing them of life. They are suffering because their false god is leading them into a false life that leaves them empty and hurting.

However, there is a big problem. Many of those who are lost don't even know they are lost; they are so thoroughly deceived by Satan into living for a false god, that they do not see their need for a real relationship with the true and living God. The level of deception is so deep that it takes the supernatural power of God to break down this deception. We can help release God's deception-breaking power by praying for those who are lost.

Praying for the lost can enable God to open the eyes of the lost so that they can see that their god is a false god and that they need the true God found in Jesus Christ. We, in Cursillo, are called to be the ministers of Christ out in the world. To answer our call, we must certainly be focused on reaching the lost. A good place to begin is with prayer for the lost. When we pray, God will break down deceptions and resistance that we ourselves cannot break down. As we pray, God will work both in those for whom we are praying and in us. God will show us what to do.

Your friend in Christ,
Father George



CALENDARS

August 2014

Aug 16 Saturday, 8:30am-noon (Glenn Parrish)

Cursillo #135 Team Meeting with a potluck lunch

St Phillip's Lemon Grove

Aug 16 Saturday, 5pm-6pm

Ultreya, St John's CV

5pm Potluck 6 pm Ultreya



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Sep 1 Labor Day



Sep 13 Saturday, 8:30am-12pm, Larry Salvadori
Servant Community Meeting, Cursillo #135 Newbie
Training, St Dunstan's

Sep 13 Saturday, 12:30pm, Susan Miller
Secretariat Meeting, St Dunstan's

Sep 23 Tuesday, Cursillo Candidate Applications
Deadline

Sep 28 Sunday, 3pm, Alex Tuttle
HAPPENING, Closing Ceremony



October 2014



Oct 2 Thursday, 6pm Brown Bag—6:30pm Meeting
Secretariat, St Dunstan's

Oct 4 Saturday, Time TBD, Rollo Critiques,
St Bartholomew's, Glenn Parrish

Oct 11 Saturday, Cursillo #135 Team Meeting
Location & Time TBD, Glenn Parrish

Oct 16-19 Thursday to Sunday,
National Episcopal Cursillo Convention, Charlotte, NC

Oct 23-26 Thursday to Sunday, Cursillo #135,
Camp Stevens, Glenn Parrish

Oct 26 Sunday, 4pm, Open Clausura, Cursillo #135
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Save the Date! September 13, 2014
Servant Community Meeting
St. Dunstan's 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Program to include:

1. "Newbie Training"

This is an essential team meeting for first time kitchen and Rollo Room Team members serving on Cursillo #135.

2. Timeline for Weekend Preparation

We've been asked to come up with the tasks that need to happen before the weekend—in timeline form—to make it easier for the rector and core team to plan each weekend.



Servant Community Quarterly Meetings

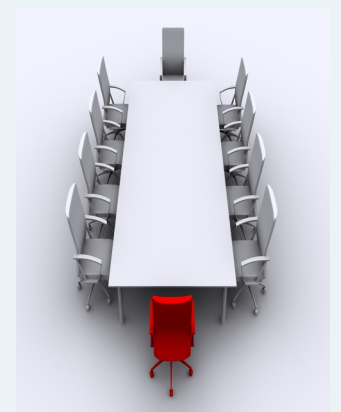
September 13, 2014

December 6, 2014

March 14, 2015

June 13, 2015

Please mark your calendars, invite a friend and join us.



(Con't. From the Chair; from Pg. 1)

- *Ministries attempt to build energy and momentum. Movements attempt to direct the energy and momentum.*
- *Ministries may be concerned about growth. Movements are concerned with bringing about change.*
- *Ministries are trying to find the right methods and programs. Movements are concerned with the desired results.*
- *Ministries "push." Movements "pull."*
- *Ministry focus is inward. Movement focus is outward.*
- *Ministries maintain. Movements expect to bring about change.*
- *Ministries reflect the faithful work of people. Movements reflect the work of God.*

†Cru Press, Eric Swanson, 2013

This final point: Cursillo reflects the faithful work of people. Cursillo reflects the work of God, particularly rings true. Using the definitions above, Cursillo is both Ministry and Movement. Many of us have made Cursillo our ministry, but Cursillo fits into the definition of a movement because it is bigger than the sum of its parts. There are Cursillistas serving their parishes, their communities, their diocese, and the world as a result of their weekend. Cursillo started as an idea, became a ministry, grew into a movement, and continues with attributes of both.

Ultreya,

Susan Miller

Living Your Fourth Day

As participants conclude their Cursillo weekends, they are introduced to the concept of the Fourth Day -- a symbol of the days of Christian pilgrimage that follow the three-day Emmaus experience. The Walk to Emmaus is a unique opportunity to reflect on one's faith journey and make a deeper commitment to Christ. In fact, "the whole reason for The Walk to Emmaus is to make you a more faithful disciple and active member in your church." (Bob Wood, Day Four) Thus, the Fourth Day is central to the Emmaus experience, as it extends each individual's experience beyond the weekend and into life in the world.



In living their Fourth Days, participants are encouraged to continue to grow in relationship with Christ and live as faithful disciples in all of life. An important and necessary foundation for faithful Christian living is a vital connection to the Christian community for support, guidance, and challenge. This is most available through local church communities, reunion groups, and the Emmaus/Chrysalis Celebrations. Another way to be connected to the support of the Christian community is through studying the writings of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

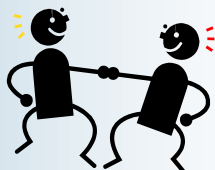
If you are currently living your Fourth Day, you may find some helpful suggestions for faithful discipleship in the categories of Piety, Study, and Action.

Greetings from Cursillo #135!

I am humbled to be the rector for the coming fall Cursillo weekend at Camp Stevens, 23-26 October. We have a fantastic team put together combining some brand new cursillistas, some regulars, and some returning veterans. There are still a few openings for table leaders and Cocineros, so if you've been waiting to be invited, here you go! Get on the website and fill out an application!

But what we really need are candidates. You'll remember that we had to cancel the last fall weekend due to lack of candidates. We're no better off this year, other than we are recognizing it in time to do something about it. If you know someone who is ready to make a Cursillo weekend, please talk to their clergy and talk to them. Don't assume someone else is going to round up the candidates - it's every cursillistas responsibility to help our ministry grow.

Ultreya!
Glenn Parrish



Appeal to the San Diego Cursillo Community

Dear Cursillistas,

ONE MORE TIME:

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

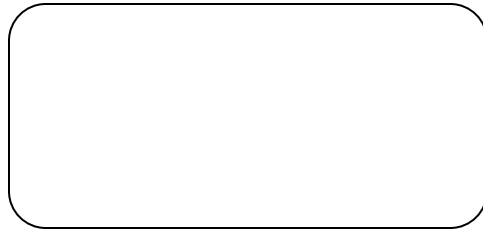
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San Diego, CA 92107

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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

