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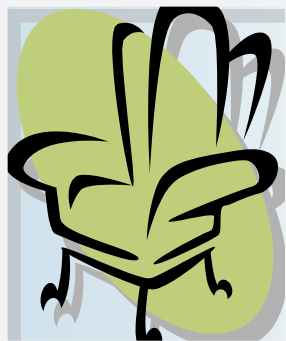


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Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

Our Mission Is To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

From the Chair...

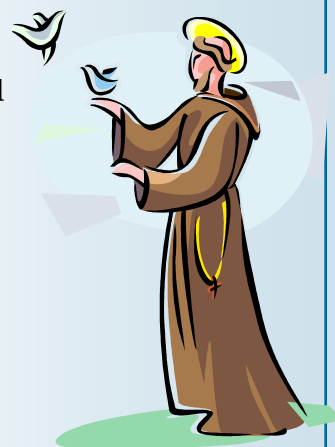


We've heard the words attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel, and when all else fails, use words". It is another way of saying that actions speak louder than words. There is truth there, but they can also be safe and comfortable words in a culture where we are to respect and accept every version of God (or no God), that our peers embrace, so as not to offend or drive them away. We hope that by our example of living a moral life, helping others, being sweet and happy, people will approach us and say: "Whatever you have, I want that! Please tell me about Jesus!"

As it turns out, St. Francis was not merely the meek and mild saint we like to characterize him as nowadays. He might be perplexed to find that he has been relegated to garden statue and protector of bunny rabbits. It is interesting to note that in his day, St. Francis was as much known for his preaching as for his lifestyle of charity and good works. In fact, the oft-quoted words above are not found in any biographies of him within 200 years of his death. He was known as a "fiery" preacher in his day. From Mark Galli, in his article in *Christianity Today*, May 21, 2009, *Speak the Gospel*,* in the early days of his ministry, Francis preached on Sundays at the cathedral, spending Saturday evenings in meditation and prayer for the coming day. "Later, as an itinerant, he often preached five times a day, on the street, climbing up on a box, or a bale of straw to preach." He preached to serfs and nobles alike. His preaching was known for both his kindness and his severity. He could be a bit of a showman, evidently, using poetry and word pictures to get his points across. An early biographer wrote: "His words were neither hollow nor ridiculous, but filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, penetrating the marrow of the heart, so that listeners were turned to great amazement."

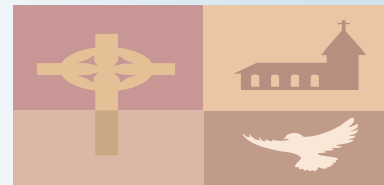
I don't think St. Francis would have us give up using words to preach the Gospel. To be sure, words used carelessly and cheaply are worse than no words. But as we "Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Christ," we should not only expect to, but be equipped and unashamed to use words to communicate the "Good News" and then live out our faith in Christ in the same manner. The great thing about the Cursillo Method, is that we've been provided with all the tools we need to do just that.

Ultreya,
Susan Miller, Chair



*edited to add attribution

FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR



"Then I saw a great white throne and one who sat on it"

(Revelation 20:11)

On our recent vacation to Lake Tahoe, Nancy and I drove into Reno, Nevada to pick up our daughter, Jill, from the airport. We arrived in Reno early, so as to have plenty of time to go through what is left of Bill Harrah's classic car collection. As I walked through the museum, my mind went back to the 1970's when, as a teen, I walked from one massive warehouse to another, spending the entire day trying to see all of what was then the largest classic car collection in the world.

Bill Harrah died suddenly of an aneurysm at the age of 66. In a few seconds, he went from owning more and better cars than anyone else, to owning nothing. He went from living his life his own way to standing before the throne of God. He went from being admired as a highly successful businessman to a man without glory standing before God's judgment. As far as we know, Bill Harrah lived his life pursuing more and more money, beautiful women and classic cars. He seemed not to be interested in being used by God's purposes on earth. He was not interested in fulfilling God's mission, but only in satisfying his own desires.



Bill Harrah's life should serve as a warning to us; true life is not about collecting more cars, or other things, than anyone else. The person who dies with the most toys does not win in the game of life. The person who wins at the game of life is the person who offers one's own life to God, seeking to fulfill God's purposes and not just one's own desires. We can only have real life when we are living within the purposes of God.

We know what God's purposes are for our lives when we seek to serve Jesus Christ. In the person and work of Christ, we find God's purposes for our live and then, life itself.

As we come to Jesus Christ, we become the agents of His mission out into the world. We see ourselves as his missionaries to a world that needs to find life in His name.

Someday, you will stand before the great white throne and the One who sits on it. What you have done with your life is important in the eyes of God. Have you lived your life only for your own desires, or have you lived your life for God's purposes?

Your friend in Christ,

Father George



CALENDARS



October 2014

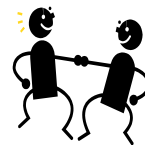
Oct 2 Thursday, 6pm Brown Bag—6:30pm Meeting Secretariat, St Dunstan's
Oct 4 Saturday, Time TBD, Rollo Critiques, St Bartholomew's, Glenn Parrish
Oct 11 Saturday, Cursillo #135 Team Meeting Location & Time TBD, Glenn Parrish
Oct 16-19 Thursday to Sunday, National Episcopal Cursillo Convention, Charlotte, 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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Nov 6 Thursday, 6:30pm—Secretariat, St Dunstan's
Nov 8 Saturday, 8:30am-3:30pm—Day of Deeper Understanding, St Dunstan's
Nov 22 Saturday, 5pm—Grand Ultreya, Good Shepherd Bonita
Nov 29 Saturday, COB—Forward Articles due



December 2014

Dec 6 Saturday, 8:30am—Servant Community
Dec 6 Saturday, 11am—Secretariat
Dec 6 Saturday, 1pm—Christmas Party (Tentative)
Dec 23 Tuesday, COB—Last day to Register for Back to the Mountain
Dec 25 Thursday, The Lord's Day, Christmas
Dec 31 Wednesday, New Years Eve



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NEC Conference 2014 Contest!

The National Episcopal Cursillo Committee is launching a new contest to develop a theme and logo for the 2014 National Episcopal Cursillo Conference.

Cursillistas from all dioceses are invited to submit conference theme and logo design ideas. The winning entry will be used on all 2014 NEC Conference printed and promotional materials. Each entry will be judged based on:

- Originality
- Graphic Quality

Theme Integration

The contest winner will receive a free registration for the 2014 Conference!



Cursillo #135 Fall 2014 Candidate List

12 Men:

Ryan Beck
Allan Dorsey
Michael Frank
Gene Generillo
Jose Godinez
Blair Lawson
Michael McCormick
Fernando Medina
David Nicholson
Jose Perez
Ron Pitcher
Andy Waters

13 Women:

Kassandra Adame
Cinthya Garcia
Margarita Godinez
Rachel Landry
Megan McKinnon
Louise Lawson
Mary Manesis
LaRae Moore
Esperanza Morales
Maria Morales
Celeste Rangel
Meredith Riffel
Lyn Webb

DID YOU KNOW????

Sleeping without a pillow reduces back pain and keeps your spine strong.

A person's height is determined by their father, and their weight is determined by their mother.

People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.

No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

Try to make at least three people smile each day.

Life is too short to waste time hating anyone; forgive them for everything!

Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

Don't take yourself too seriously; no one else does.

Make peace with your past so it won't spoil your present.

Time heals everything.

Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.

Drink green tea and plenty of water.

Eat blueberries, broccoli, and almonds, and more foods that grow on trees and plants; and less food that is manufactured in plants.

And finally, when you wake up in the morning, pray to ask God's guidance for your purpose on this day; sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day; then at night before you go to bed, pray to God and thank Him for what you accomplished on this fine Cursillo day !



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.

Face-to-Face Ministries

On August 15, eleven of our Walk to Emmaus Community members attended a training session put on by a Nashville Upper Room Pastor, Doc Hall. The training session was to familiarize our Community about a new Upper Room program called Face to Face.

By now some of you have heard about the program, which falls under the umbrella of the Walk to Emmaus. The program is called "Face to Face" ~ where you encounter Jesus, face to face. It is a version of the Walk to Emmaus 72 hour program which has been designed specifically for Seniors. Instead of spending the night at the retreat facility, the 72 hours are spread over several days. For instance, you might have the program one day a week for four weeks. Other differences are that men and women attend the encounter together but are seated at different tables, with men at one table and women at another. The program, which is called an "encounter," is held at a church or even a senior facility.

The structure of the encounter is very similar to the Walk, with 14 talks given by both laity and clergy. There are the same chapel experiences, agape and candlelight. We are asking for prayers for our Board as we discuss and vote on whether or not to pursue this program. I can tell you this: Those of us who attended were very excited about this program. We will keep the Community informed about its progress. If the Board is as positive as we were, we would have the first encounter in the late Summer or Fall of 2015.

Mary Beth Klauer

Checkout <http://facetoface.upperroom.org/>

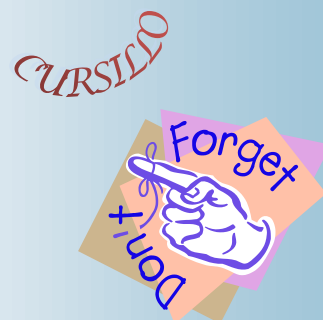
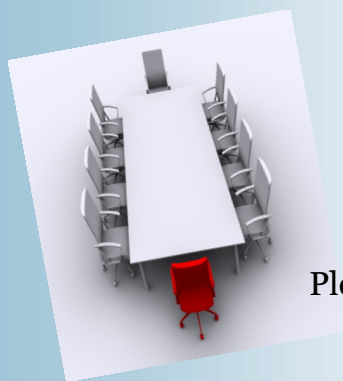
Servant Community Quarterly Meetings

December 6, 2014

March 14, 2015

June 13, 2015

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



A Conversation with God

Awesome Conversation between God And a Human...

Human: God, can I ask You a question?

God: Sure.

Human: Promise You won't get mad?

God: I promise.

Human: Why did You let so much stuff happen to me today?

God: What do you mean?

Human: Well, I woke up late.

God: Yes.

Human: My car took forever to start.

God: Okay.

Human: At lunch they made my sandwich wrong and I had to wait for a new one.

God: Huummm.

Human: On the way home, my phone went DEAD, just as I picked up a call.

God: All right.

Human: And on top of it all, when I got home I just wanted to soak my feet in my new foot massager and relax. BUT it wouldn't work!!! Nothing went right today! Why did You let all that happen?

God: Let me see, the death angel was at your bed this morning and I had to send one of My Angels to battle him for your life. I let you sleep through that.

Human (humbled): OH.

GOD: I didn't let your car start because there was a drunk driver on your route that would have hit you if you were on the road.

Human: (ashamed)

God: The first person who made your sandwich today was sick and I didn't want you to catch what they had, I knew you couldn't afford to miss work.

Human (embarrassed): Okay.

God: Your phone went dead because the person that was calling was going to give false witness about what you said on that call, I didn't even let you talk to them so you would be covered.

Human (softly): I see God.

God: Oh and that foot massager, it had a short that was going to throw out all the power in your house tonight. I didn't think you wanted to sit in the dark.

Human: I'm Sorry God.

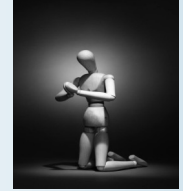
God: Don't be sorry, just learn to Trust Me.... in All things, the Good and the bad.

Human: I *will* trust You

God: And don't doubt that My plan for your day is Always Better than your plan.

Human: I won't God, and let me just say, Thank You God for Everything today.

God: You're welcome child. It was just another day being your God and looking after My Children...



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Joe Selman

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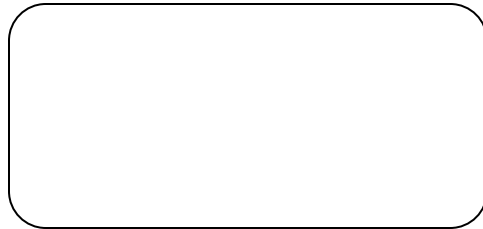


**Don't forget your
PALANCA!!!!!!**

Cursillos in Christianity

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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

