



# FORWARD



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*Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego*

*Our Mission Is To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership*



**Greetings to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.**

I hope that all of you are in good spirits and good health. I urge all of us to embrace the following theme for our Cursillo Ministry/Movement for 2015: "SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD, LET OUR SONG BE HEARD FROM THE MOUNTAINS HIGH"

To me, that says it all. I'm full of joy, love, hope, and gratitude for Cursillo and how the experience changed my life for the better, forever. I want to shout out and share my joy and gratitude for Cursillo with others that I think will also benefit from the Cursillo experience. I want to shout out my commitment to our Cursillo community by:

SPONSORING MY FRIENDS TO ATTEND THE SPRING WEEKEND

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS OF CURSILLO TO MY RECTOR AND OTHERS

ATTENDING AS MANY CURSILLO EVENTS AS POSSIBLE

CONTRIBUTING TO THE FINANCIAL WELLNESS OF CURSILLO

SERVING MY PARISH AND DIOCESE IN THE NAME OF CURSILLO

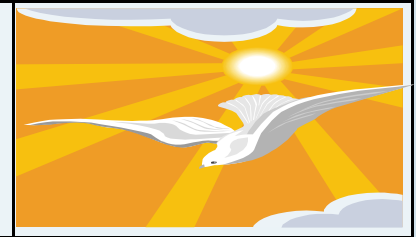
My friends, the following is just some of the good news about your Cursillo Community in action: The January 24 Secretariat Retreat was held at Susan Miller's Home in Jamul. We welcomed the new members: Katherine Gordon, Debbie Kistler, Jill McGrew, Eileen Pierce, and Pete Wolfinger to the table. We started opening prayer with Fr. Ed Busch, renewal of our Baptismal Vows with Fr. Bob Nelson, followed with bible study by Fr. George Calvert (1 Corinthians 12). We then did the 2015 Cursillo Organization Chart (no unemployment here) and finished with a review and update of our pastoral plan. We meet with Bishop Mathes on March 4 to discuss and commit to the plan.

After lunch we held our Secretariat meeting to discuss Cursillo Business:

Judy Brown gave us the Back to the Mountain Report. Twenty-three folks attended and we all had a blessed and spirit filled weekend. Judy and Jeanne Salvadori were excellent and experienced Rectors and led us into the new year with grace and joy. We resolved to have a minimum of 35 folks attend the 2016 BTM weekend. That number will allow us to have the weekend in Blum. So the name of the event for 2016 will be:

**Back to the Mountain – Back to Blum** and to help us achieve this, we will name the Rectors earlier in the year and not wait until late October to get organized. Please mark this event in your Calendar.

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## **Do you Want a Better Relationship with God?**

### Do the Disciplines of Abstinence and Engagement

“Oh no! Lent is here - my least favorite church season!” You might be saying this to yourself. But rather than focus on what you are going to have to give up, why not focus on building a better relationship with God? I am asking everyone to re-think how you approach Lent. If a better relationship with God is our goal, then let’s look at the spiritual disciplines of Abstinence and Engagement with this goal in mind. The Christian philosopher and spiritual writer, Dallas Willard has helped me re-think these two disciplines and is responsible for much of what follows:

Abstinence sounds like a very undesirable thing to do; to abstain means something will be eliminated, a state of deprivation. But, I wonder if we think of the spiritual discipline of abstinence as a period of time in which we withdraw from the world in order to find God in solitude and silence. It would be a life-giving and refreshing experience to become unplugged from our smart phones, computers, TV’s, community activities and even from our families. Simply to set aside some time, even a short period of time to be alone with God in prayer can be very refreshing. To try to shut out the voices of our culture and come before God in solitude and silence, to be alone before God, can be a great way to grow in our relationship with God. We need these quiet times to abstain from the world. In the Gospels, Jesus withdrew from the crowds to be alone with His Father. We need to follow His example. This Lent, how do you plan to spend time alone with God?

Lent also needs to be a time of Engagement. We need to engage with God through study and worship. New ideas about God will enable us to think in a new way, to move out of thinking in the same old ways. If our minds think the same thoughts over and over again, we are in a rut; our lives will not change. But if we study the Bible and theology, and find new ways of thinking about God, we can open the door to changing our life for the better.

Our engagement with God needs to be more than putting new ideas in our minds through study. We need to offer ourselves to God through worship. When we worship God, we are lifted into the life and purposes of God. We are transformed; we engage with God’s grace, His active favor poured into us. Study may teach us that it is good idea to love God; however, worship is the action of loving God.

I pray that during this Lent, you will look for ways to both Abstain and Engage, so that you will grow in your relationship with God.

Your friend in Christ, Father George

# CALENDAR YEAR 2015

**Feb 13–14 Friday, 8am & Saturday 8am**  
41st San Diego Episcopal Diocesan Convention

**Feb 14 Saturday,**  
Valentines Day

**Feb 27 Friday, 6pm Potluck; 7pm**  
Ultreya

*We trust you had a HAPPY VALENTINES*



**Mar 14 Saturday, 8:30am–12pm**

1<sup>st</sup> Time Cocinero & Rollo Room Training, St. Dunstan's

**Mar 14 Saturday, 12:30pm**

Secretariat, St. Dunstan's

**Mar 17 Tuesday, all day**

St. Patrick's Day

**Mar 23 Monday, COB**

Cursillo #136 Applications Deadline, Cursillo Applications

**Mar 27 Friday, COB**

Forward Deadline



**Apr 2 Thursday, 6pm brown bag–6:30pm meeting**

Secretariat, St. Dunstan's

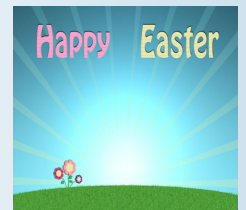
**Apr 5 Sunday, all day**

Easter

**Apr 23–26 Thursday thru Sunday, 7pm Thu - 5pm Sun**

Cursillo #136 (Coed), Thu, dinner 7pm &

Open Clausura, Sun 4pm @ Camp Stevens



### 2015 Secretariat Lay Members

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### — HELP WANTED —

Historian—Alternate Webmaster

*If any of these sound interesting, contact a secretariat member for more information.*

Don Bareham, an active member of the San Diego Community for many years, has passed on. A Cursillo Mass was held on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 2 pm at Holy Spirit Anglican Church (in Bethel Seminary), 6116 Arosa Street, San Diego 92115. Fr. David Montzingo invites all Cursillistas to attend.



One of its founding members of the San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Movement passed through the gates to the larger life on February 18. Fr. David Barclay with his wife Joan and four others brought Cursillo to San Diego in 1975. His daughter Debbie Berglund and her husband David are also members of our Cursillo community. Thanks be to God for the courageous life of this man. What a marvelous example he was to all of us. The funeral will be March 14, 2015, Saturday at 2:00 pm at:

[St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church](#)  
6556 Park Ridge Blvd  
San Diego



From The Chair (cont.)

We will continue to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to the wellness of Cursillo in 2015. Our checking and savings balances total \$11,234.89 as of 1/24/15. Donations in 2014 totaled \$10,340 which is included in the \$11,234.89 total. It is plain to see that without the donations in 2014, we would be broke. Therefore, we will continue to appeal to you to contribute to the goal of \$20,000 announced last year. To help us financially, \$1,250 was approved for Cursillo (Scholarships) in the Diocesan 2015 Budget. This is a financial blessing for us at this time and we hope it will not be needed in 2016. If the above financial reality for Cursillo moves you to contribute at this time, please send your contribution directly to:

CURSILLO: c/o JAMIE WOOD  
4552 POINT LOMA AVENUE  
SAN DIEGO, CA. 92107

Other business conducted included our presence at convention, annual reports, and developing improvement goals for each of the Cursillo functions and activities to be reviewed at our March 14 Servant Community Meeting.

We hope that all your Parishes had a celebration of the Cursillo Ministry on Cursillo Sunday, January 18, 2015. We hope that many parishes were able to meet and discuss the upcoming Spring Cursillo Weekend with potential candidate and are currently working on the applications to fill up the weekend. Team formation has gone very well although some positions are still needed to be filled.

Rev. Cristina Borges has agreed to join the Secretariat Clergy and is welcomed with open arms to continue to her support to Cursillo. Praise God. Please see the Cursillo Organization Chart elsewhere in this publication.

In closing, let us sing a new song unto the lord about Cursillo. Pray for the teams, pray for our leaders, pray for our candidates, pray for our movement, pray for our ministry, pray for our good health and good spirits to do the work that God has given us to do thru Cursillo.

**ULTREYA,**

Larry Salvadori

Cursillo Secretariat Chair - 2015

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**Congratulations** to those who were elected to the Secretariat at the Grand Ultreya last month. Six were elected, 5 lay and 1 clergy, to a variety of terms. A full term is three years. Two of our members moved recently, and the shorter terms fill the remainder of their terms.

Elected to 3 year terms: Clergy-**Rev. Bob Nelson**, Deacon at large; Lay-**Eileen Pierce**, St. Columba's, Santee; **Katherine Gordon**, St. James, La Jolla; **Debbie Kistler**, St. Phillips, Lemon Grove

2 year term: Lay-**Pete Wolfinger**, St. Bartholomew's, Poway

1 year term: Lay-**Jill McGrew**, St. Mark's Lutheran, Chula Vista

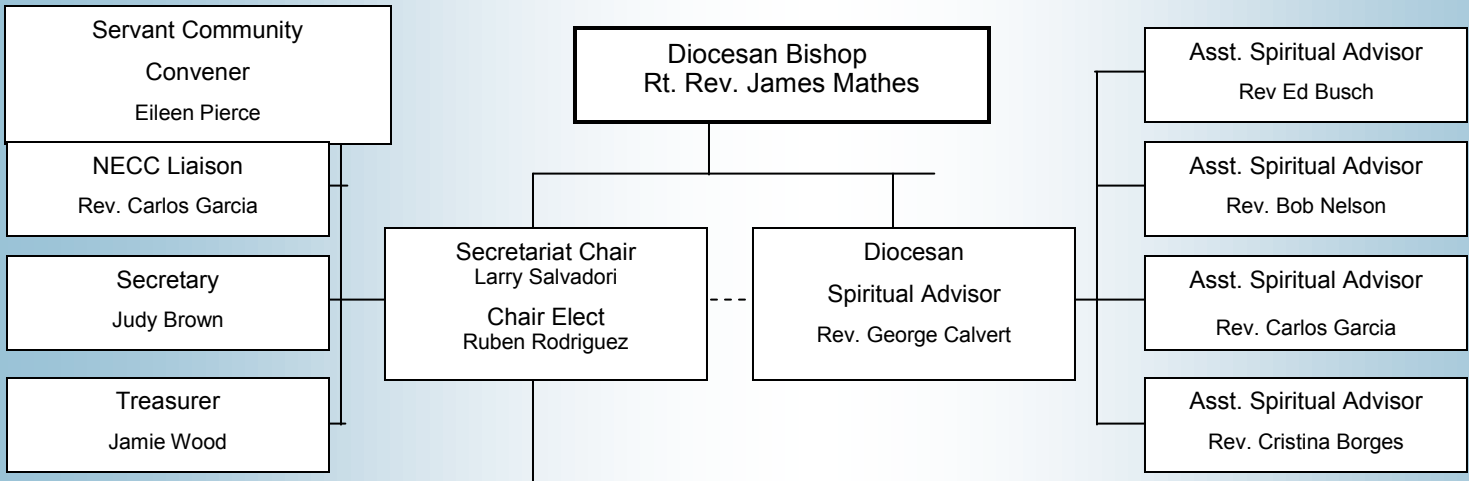
Thank yous are due those who are leaving the Secretariat after serving their terms. Retiring from the Secretariat in 2014: **Rev. Babs Meairs**, St. Timothy's, Rancho Penasquitos; **Ed Embick**, St. Timothy's, Rancho Penasquitos; **Judy Anderson**, St. Dunstan's, San Diego; **Susan Miller**, Good Shepherd, Bonita

Corrected Team Application for Cursillo 136:

Corrected applications in PDF and Rich Text Format are available at [http://www.sdcursillo.org/cursillo\\_applications.htm](http://www.sdcursillo.org/cursillo_applications.htm). We're sorry for any inconveniences this may have caused.

The Applications for Team Members for the Spring 2015 San Diego Cursillo weekend contained an incorrect email address for the Rector, Rochelle Thompson. The correct email address is [rthomp9713@msn.com](mailto:rthomp9713@msn.com). The PO mail address is correct.

# San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Organizational Chart—2015



<u>PRE-CURSILLO</u>	<u>3-DAY WEEKEND</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> DAY</u>	<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>	<u>HISPANIC PARTNERS</u>
Barbara Peralta – Chair K. Gordon - Vice Rev. Bob Nelson	Mercedes Webber- Chair Jill McGrew - Vice Rev. Bob Nelson	Judy Anderson – Chair Debbie Kistler - Vice Rev. Ed Busch	Ed Embick – Chair Pete Wolfinger – Vice Rev. George Calvert	Joe Gamboa – Chair Debbie Kistler – Vice Rev. Ed. Busch Rev. Cristina Borges

Rector Support Barbara Peralta	Facilities Judy Brown	Group Reunion Stew Dadmun	Webmaster Ed Embick	<b>Secretariat Terms</b>  2015 J. Gamboa J. McGrew L. Salvadori <span style="color: red;">Open</span>  2016 P. Wolfinger R. Rodriguez M. Webber Rev. Ed Busch  2017 Katherine Gordon Debbie Kistler Eileen Pierce Rev. Bob Nelson Rev. Cristina Borges
Sponsorship K. Gordon	Palanca Jill McGrew	Songbooks Susan Miller	<b>FORWARD</b> Sharon Vanden Bosch	
Rollo Critique Larry Salvadori	Food Prep Neil Reilly	Ultreya's Judy Anderson	Saints Roster Ed Embick	
	Shed Supplies Craig Noble	Parish Reps Judy Anderson	<b>KAIROS Liaison</b> Eileen Pierce	
	Music Coord. Susan Miller	DODU Coord. x-Rector as of Cursillo Weekends	Publicity Pete Wolfinger	
	Team Training Jeanne Salvadori Linda Lyons	ECLW Stew Dadmun	Historian Ed Embick	
	Sunday Angels Ruth Sutehall		Prayer Chain <span style="color: red;">Open</span>	
	Hispanic Translations Mercedes Webber		Social Media Debbie Kistler	

## A LETTER FOM YOUR RECTORA, ROCHELLE THOPSON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

As I contemplate the formation of **Cursillo Team #136**, I think back when I first began working on a cursillo team as a Cocinera. What a wonderful unexpected experience. I loved my weekend and felt very strongly that I should “give back,” therefore, I would sign up to work the next weekend. What a blessing it was, and still is, to be on the “other side” seeing others experiencing Christian love in the Cursillo way.

My theme for this Spring weekend is from Matthew 6:20-21 , **“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal: For where your treasure is , there will your heart be also.”** (KJV) I chose this passage because of the many blessings I have received I count Cursillo as one of my treasures.

The core team is beginning to come together nicely. Father Paul Gambling has agreed to be the Head Spiritual Advisor and is working on getting his clergy team together. Petra Orta is serving as the Experienced Rector and Ruben Rodriguez will be an Assistant Rector. Petra and I are meeting for lunch weekly as I look to her for valuable advice and moral support, of which she is a natural.

We still need to flesh out the core team with the following positions: another Assistant Rector, Head Cook, Assistant Head Cook Kitchen, Assistant Head Cook Camp, and Head Musician. This is just the core team. In addition, there is a need for all the other worker positions that make up a weekend team of servants. Applications are on the Web site and I urge you to prayerfully consider joining us on this awesome team.

Core team meetings are scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at my place in Pacific Beach. Full team meetings are scheduled for March 7, 21, and 28 and April 11. Locations to be determined. March 14 there will be a team meeting for all first time team members at St. Dunstans.

I ask your prayers that God will bless this weekend with workers and candidates as I recall our response, “Here I am Lord, send me.”

De Colores,

Rochelle Thompson  
Rector Cursillo #136

### Back to the Mountain Report

Judy Brown

Relax, Refocus and Rest in the Lord was the theme of the weekend January 9–11, 2015.

We had 21 folks attend the weekend. We had good fellowship & three wonderful talks. There was great table discussion. During the Saturday afternoon personal time, Father Ed Busch provided spiritual guidance to those who asked for it, Mimi Goodman had arts and crafts & several folks participated in that activity. Several folks went for walks, others rested, and many just sat & spent time catching up with fellow Cursillistas.

Next year’s Back to the Mountain has already been booked with Camp Stevens. It will be January 8-10, 2016. Please put it on your calendar & start looking for applications soon.

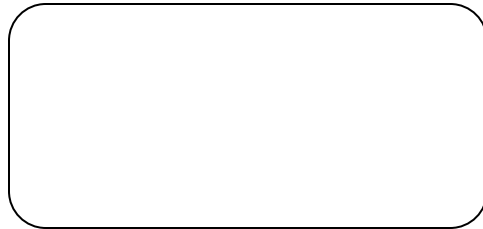


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# *Cursillos in Christianity*

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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

