

Good Day, People of God and Cursillo,

I hope to find all of you in good spirits, and in good health. For those in a time of trial, I pray for God to be with you during this time, to comfort you, to give you strength, and to give you hope for a swift and complete recovery.

# I would like to address an important issue at this time that has had an important influence on our Cursillo Ministry:

Our special appeal has raised \$11,565 to date through the generous contributions of our members. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to those who were able to financially participate in the appeal. These are tough times financially for many of us, so each dollar received is precious, and will be used to the best of our Secretariat's ability to meet our obligations and further God's Kingdom through Cursillo. Although we fell short of the \$20,000 appeal goal, the Secretariat and I believe it's time to move on to support the many actions and tasks of our Cursillo Ministry that need our attention and focus.

Although the Special Appeal is now over, please remember that all of us can continue to support Cursillo financially in many ways including additional general contributions, sponsorship donations, and weekend worker contributions. On the creative side, having a Diocesan-wide Cursillo fund raiser was discussed as a way to bring all of us together to have fun, raise funds, eat good food, and enjoy our special brand of radical fellowship. One such local event was held at St. Phillip's with a generous check forwarded to our Secretariat by Joe Gamboa, representative for our Hispanic Partners.

#### A few additional comments:

The Back to the Mountain weekend theme is: "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." This theme speaks to me personally, and Jeanne and I will be there. Join us as life -long friends. We need a minimum of 35 Cursillistas to rent Blum. Let's make it happen!

The fall Weekend is just around the corner. Act now! Sponsor a friend!

LOVE - WORK - PRAY - PLAY - SUPPORT - SPONSOR - ATTEND - ENJOY - GIVE - LOVE

MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS US, KEEP US, AND BE WITH US ON OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO BRING OUR FRIENDS TO THE WELCOMING ARMS OF JESUS, THROUGH CURSILLO. ULTREYA!

LARRY SALVADORI, CURSILLO SECRETARIAT CHAIR, 2015

## FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR



### The Miracle of Reconciliation

"...In Christ God was reconciling the World to Himself. (2 Corth 5:19)

One of my professors at Virginia Theological Seminary, Merriam Micks, liked to say that the central message of the New Testament is that "... in Christ, God was reconciling the World to Himself." "God loves us so much that he has sent His Son into our world to reconcile us to Him; that when we believe in Jesus, a miracle takes place; we who have been estranged from God become reconciled to God. We who separated ourselves from God through our sins now become reconciled to God through Jesus' saving work. As we are reconciled to God we experience a loving relationship with God that changes us, making us into a new person.

The exciting and marvelous thing is that God has invited us to come into His church so that in the church we can participate in Christ's marvelous reconciling work. Yes, a miracle happens when we believe in Jesus and serve Jesus. Not only do we experience the miracle of reconciliation but we are used by God to help others experience this miracle. God makes us into ministers of reconciliation, giving us various types of ministries to carry out His reconciling work. The tasks that we do in the church and elsewhere to serve Jesus are not just our work, but God is acting, making reconciliation happen through us, so that His plan for the salvation of the World is unfolding through you. We should be glad and thankful that God has called us to participate in His reconciling work. The miracle of reconciliation is happening and God has made me part of this miracle. Alleluia!!!



Your friend in Christ, Father George

# CALENDAR YEAR 2015

<u>August</u> 14, Friday, 11:00am: John Wickham Memorial

St. Andrew's, LaMesa

August 14, Friday, 11:00am: Catherine Eckmann Memorial St.

David's, Clairmont

September 19, Saturday, 8:30am-12:00pm: Servant Community,

St. Dunstan's: #137 Newbie Training 12:30pm-2:30pm: Secretariat Meeting

September 22, Cursillo #137 Applications Deadline-Candidates

September 25, Cursillo Forward Article Deadline

October 1, Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm: Secretariat Meeting, St.

Dunstan's



# **ULTREYA!**

# SEND US!



#### **CURSILLO 137 TEAM**

Join in ~ extremely rewarding

#### CURSI LLO 137 CURSILLISTA'S

If you know someone that is curiously interested an application can be found on

http://www.sdcursillo.org/

Please ask for prayers for candidates and teams having their weekends as follows:

#### **August**

8/06-8/09 Cursillo WE Lakeside, Camp Allen in Navosata, TX

**8/27-8/30** Cursillo WE #131 Grand Mesa Camp near park

headquarters - Leaders are

Sharon Conrad

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Nancy Hunter

970-260-4484 - Colorado

Thank you, Jill McGrew

Cursillo #137 Weekend: October 22-25, 2015:

The Cursillo #137 Weekend is just around the corner. Thank you for your prayers. Keep on praying, please. The Team is praying, studying, and preparing for their respective roles for the Weekend. The heavens have been raining bountiful blessings. If you feel called to serve, you are welcome. Get an application from the Cursillo website, sdcursillo.org, fill it out and send it in right away to secure your spot.

The first Team Meeting is August 29, 2015 at St. Alban's. Check the Calendar on the Cursillo website for updates.

The Core Team has completed its meetings. All are dedicated to seeing to the needs of the candidates and providing an appropriate setting for the Holy Spirit to do His work.

You may not be able to serve on the Weekend at this time, but you still can contribute to this Weekend's experience and impact in one or more of many ways, by: praying for the Candidates and the Team; asking a friend or acquaintance to go to the Weekend; sponsoring a candidate; sending palanca for the candidates; bringing flowers and coming to maňanitas; coming to open closura; inviting a new cursillista to a grouping; and, supporting the ensuing ultreyas.

Come, let us serve the Lord, together!

De Colores,

Ruben Rodriguez



Jesus said: "Abide in me as I abide in you. As a branch cannot by itself bear fruit unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5.







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#### **Palanca Events Around the Globe:**

Many at our Cursillo weekend #136 enjoyed reading and hearing the Palanca greetings from around the world in support of our team and candidates.

We also wish to support other teams and candidates who will be participating as follows:

#### **August**

8/06-8/09/15 Cursillo WE Lakeside, Camp Allen in Navosata, TX
8/13-8/16/15 Anglican Church of Kenya, Diocese of Maseno South Co-Ed
8/27-8/30/15 Cursillo WE #131 Grand Mesa Camp near park headquarters
Leaders Sharon Conrad and Nancy Hunter – Colorado

#### **September**

9/17-9/20/15 Oregon Co-Ed Cursillo WE Oregon, Molalla Retreat Center 9/24-9/27/15 Women's Cursillo WE #111 Southeast Florida

9/24-9/27/15 Men's Cursillo WE #92 Southeast Florida

Please pray for spiritual encouragement for their Teams and Candidates for the above weekends and for our Rector as he forms a team and candidates are selected. Grace and Peace, Jill McGrew

#### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

The Cursillo Forward publication is under new management as of this issue. We give our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Sharon Vanden Bosch for her time and talents publishing the Forward to date, We also thank Susan Miller for her proof reading skills and abilities, and helping to get the Forward out on time. Please forgive our lateness in your receiving this issue. Transfer of the computer programs, software glitches, and familiarization with the format all resulted in a longer than expected first time publishing experience. We'll do better in the October Issue. Thank you for your patience. Larry Salvadori - Cursillo Secretariat chair 2015

Jon Salvadori - Forward Editor and Publisher

It is common on publications of this kind to include advertisements from it's recipients. Please let us know if there is any interest to place ads in the Forward for a nominal fee to help to defray publishing costs. Please mail interest to: lasalvadori@yahoo.com. Circulation is over 1,000 households across San Diego and beyond.

#### San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Organizational Chart—2015 **Servant Community** Asst. Spiritual Advisor Diocesan Bishop Convener Rt. Rev. James Mathes Rev Ed Busch Eileen Pierce **NECC Liaison** Asst. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Carlos Garcia Rev. Bob Nelson Secretariat Chair Diocesan Secretary Larry Salvadori Asst. Spiritual Advisor Spiritual Advisor Chair Elect Judy Brown Rev. Carlos Garcia Rev. George Calvert Ruben Rodriguez Asst. Spiritual Advisor Treasurer Jamie Wood Rev. Cristina Borges HISPANIC PARTNERS PRE-CURSILLO 4th DAY COMMUNICATIONS 3-DAY WEEKEND Joe Gamboa – Chair Barbara Peralta - Chair Judy Anderson - Chair Ed Embick - Chair Mercedes Webber- Chair Debbie Kistler - Vice Debbie Kistler - Vice K. Gordon - Vice Pete Wolfinger - Vice Jill McGrew - Vice Rev. Ed. Busch Rev. George Calvert Rev. Bob Nelson Rev. Ed Busch Rev. Bob Nelson Rev. Cristina Borges Rector Support Facilities Group Reunion Webmaster Secretariat Terms Barbara Peralta Stew Dadmun Ed Embick Judy Brown 2015 Sponsorship Palanca Songbooks **FORWARD** J. Gamboa K. Gordon Jill McGrew Susan Miller Jon Salvadori J. McGrew L. Salvadori Ultreya's Saints Roster Rollo Critique Food Prep Larry Salvadori Ed Embick Neil Reilly Judy Anderson 2016 **Shed Supplies** Parish Reps KAIROS Liaison P. Wolfinger Craig Noble Judy Anderson Eileen Pierce R. Rodriguez M. Webber Publicity DODU Coord. Music Coord. x-Rector as of Susan Miller Pete Wolfinger Rev. Ed Busch Cursillo Weekends 2017 Team Training **ECLW** Historian Jeanne Salvadori Stew Dadmun Ed Embick Katherine Gordon Linda Lyons Debbie Kistler Eileen Pierce Sunday Angels Rev. Bob Nelson Ruth Sutehall Rev. Cristina Borges Social Media Hispanic Translations Debbie Kistler Mercedes Webber





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





# JANUARY 8 - 10, 2016 BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN "COME. TO ME., ALL WHO LABOR AND ARE. HE.A YY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST." MATT 11:28 RSV

Begin the New Year with a weekend retreat. Come listen, talk, sing, pray, learn, grow, love, have fun, and renew your commitment to our Lord.

There will be planned activities and lots of free time to enjoy beautiful mountain scenery, plants, and animals such as deer and wild turkeys that wander onto the grounds.

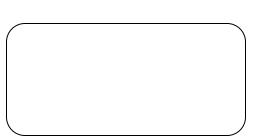
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