



FORWARD



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Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

Our Mission Is To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership



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 share the history of the Cursillo Movement with you as written on the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry web site. I believe that it is important to know and understand our roots and relationships as we move forward in faith and trust with our Cursillo ministry. But first and sadly:

One of our most faithful, dedicated, loyal, and wise Cursillistas is Stew Dadmun who is in a time of trial. Stew, and Connie, need our prayers and love at this time, to give them the strength to persevere, and the hope for a God willing recovery. Lord, let them know, with some measure of comfort, that our community is in prayer for them, and with them.

Larry Salvadori

San Diego Cursillo Secretariat Chair - 2015

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CURSILLO

The first Cursillos developed in the Roman Catholic Church in Mallorca, Spain in the late 1940's. Under the leadership of their Bishop, several laymen began to formulate a way to draw active laymen into the work of "Christianizing" the everyday life settings where they lived.

Eventually, the Cursillo Method found interested parties in the United States. The first Cursillo Three-Day Weekend in the United States was held in Waco, Texas, in 1957. At first, these were still held in the Spanish language, and were available only to Roman Catholics. The first English speaking weekend was in 1961 in San Angelo, Texas. In time, a few Episcopalians were invited to participate in the weekends.

The first official Three-Day Weekend in the Episcopal Church was conducted with help from the Roman Catholic sponsors in the Diocese of Iowa in 1970. Soon, weekends were held in various parts of the country. The first Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Seminar was formed in Atlanta in 1979.

A common aspect of the history of Cursillo shared by both Roman Catholics and Episcopalians was the fascination with the Three-Day Weekends. For this reason, in many places, the Cursillo name was associated only with such weekend experiences. However, deeper study revealed that the Cursillo Method involved much more than just "putting on weekends." This has caused considerable development within good ecclesial communities, resulting in a better appreciation for what Cursillo is, and a sharper, clearer understanding of how to apply the Cursillo Method- philosophically and practically.

Today, that development is proceed. Such development is characterized by a return to the roots of the movement, and a more comprehensive attempt to define the purpose of the movement in simple, cohesive terms. Cursillo is emerging as a mature instrument in the hands of committed clergy and lay Christians to empower the "ministry of the laity."

FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

A friend is more than an acquaintance. A real friend cares about you, challenges you, and grows with you. A friend shares your sorrow and joy, and makes a difference in your life. Our friends do a lot for us. We should be concerned enough about our friends to help them enter into a real relationship with God. Our job as Christians is to help introduce our friends to Jesus so that Jesus becomes their friend too. As they come to know Jesus they will come to know God. God will no longer be a strange and distant God, but a personal, powerful, and loving presence in their lives.

We all have non-Christian friends who are not attending a church. By not attending a church, they are living a life separated from God. One way we can open the door to begin a relationship through Jesus to God is by inviting friends to church. Researchers in religion have found that people of mainline protestant denominations very seldom invite friends to church. This is most unfortunate. Bringing others to Jesus is an important tenant of our faith; it defines us as Christians. Our purpose is to bring people to Jesus. If a person opens the door to Jesus and lets Jesus come into their life that will be the most transforming, wonderful thing of all things that could happen to them.

We need to be praying for our friends that they will come to know Jesus and see that Jesus is the best friend that they could ever have. Jesus cares about them. Jesus will help them to grow. Jesus will share their sorrows and their joys and will make the biggest difference in their lives. Pray for your friends.

Also, pray for yourself, that you will be able to talk to your friends and invite them to church. You need to be in God's power when talking to your friend.

In Cursillo we say "Make a Friend" "Be a Friend" Bring a friend to Christ."

Part of bringing a friend to Christ is bringing your friend to church. The church is the community of Christ on earth. It is in this community that most of Christ's transforming work takes place. It is in this community that the love, presence and power of Jesus is available for your friend. We should want to invite our friends to church. It is clear that bringing a friend to Christ involves more than inviting them to church, but inviting them to church is an essential part of bringing them to Christ. Pray that God will lead you to invite a friend to church.

Your friend in Christ,

Father George

CALENDAR YEAR 2015



BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN

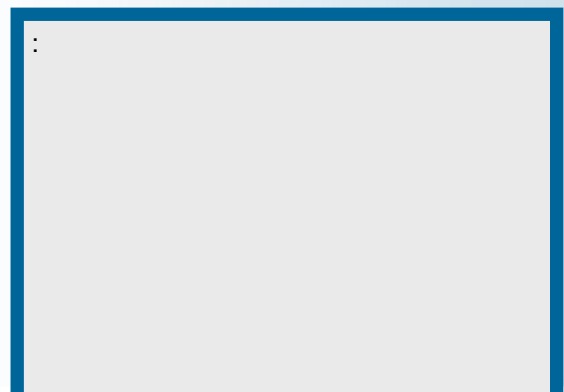
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PERSEVERE !



ULTREYA !



CURSILLO 137 TEAM

READY TO SERVE

CURSILLISTA'S

PLEASE ATTEND OPEN CLAUSURA
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 4:00PM
AT CAMP STEVENS

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

The Cursillo #137 Weekend is just around the corner. We have been receiving Candidate applications and more are expected. The Team is praying, studying, and preparing for their respective roles for the Weekend. The Team will be ready to see to the needs of the Candidates and provide a setting for the Holy Spirit to do His work.

Thank you for your continuing prayers. The heavens have been raining bountiful blessings!

The last Team Meeting before the Weekend is October 10, 2015 at St. Alban's. Check the Calendar on the Cursillo website for updates. (www.sdcursillo.org)

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

Come, let us serve the Lord together!
Ultreya!

Ruben Rodriguez,
Rector, Cursillo #137

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.

Lord prepare me – to be a sanctuary – pure and holy – tried and true – With thanksgiving – I'll be a living – sanctuary - for you.

CURSILLO





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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:

October

- 10/01-10/04 Spanish Men's Cursillo WE Los Angeles
at the Cursillo House in Pomona
- 10/01-10/04 Cursillo WE #44 East Tennessee
Grace Point Episcopal Retreat Center, Kingston, Tn
- 10/01-10/04 Cursillo Co-Ed WE #103, Ossing, NY
- 10/08-10/11 Women's Cursillo WE San Francisco/San Mateo
- 10/08-10/11 Spanish Women's WE Cursillo Los Angeles
at the Cursillo House in Pomona
- 10/08-10/11 Men's Cursillo WE #134 Florida
- 10/15-10/18 Women's Cursillo WE #134 Florida
- 10/15-10/18 Albany Women's Cursillo WE #72, Greenwich, NY
- 10/22-10/25 Cursillo Fall WE #137 Co-Ed San Diego
Camp Stevens, Julian, California
- 10/22-10/25 Cursillo WE #177 South Carolina
- 10/22-10/25 Cursillo WE #73 Tennessee
- 10/22/10/25 LIEC #100, Bayshore NY
- 10/23-10/25 Cursillo WE Co-Ed, Morrilton, Arkansas
- 10/29-11/01 Cursillo WE #132 Upper South Carolina

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

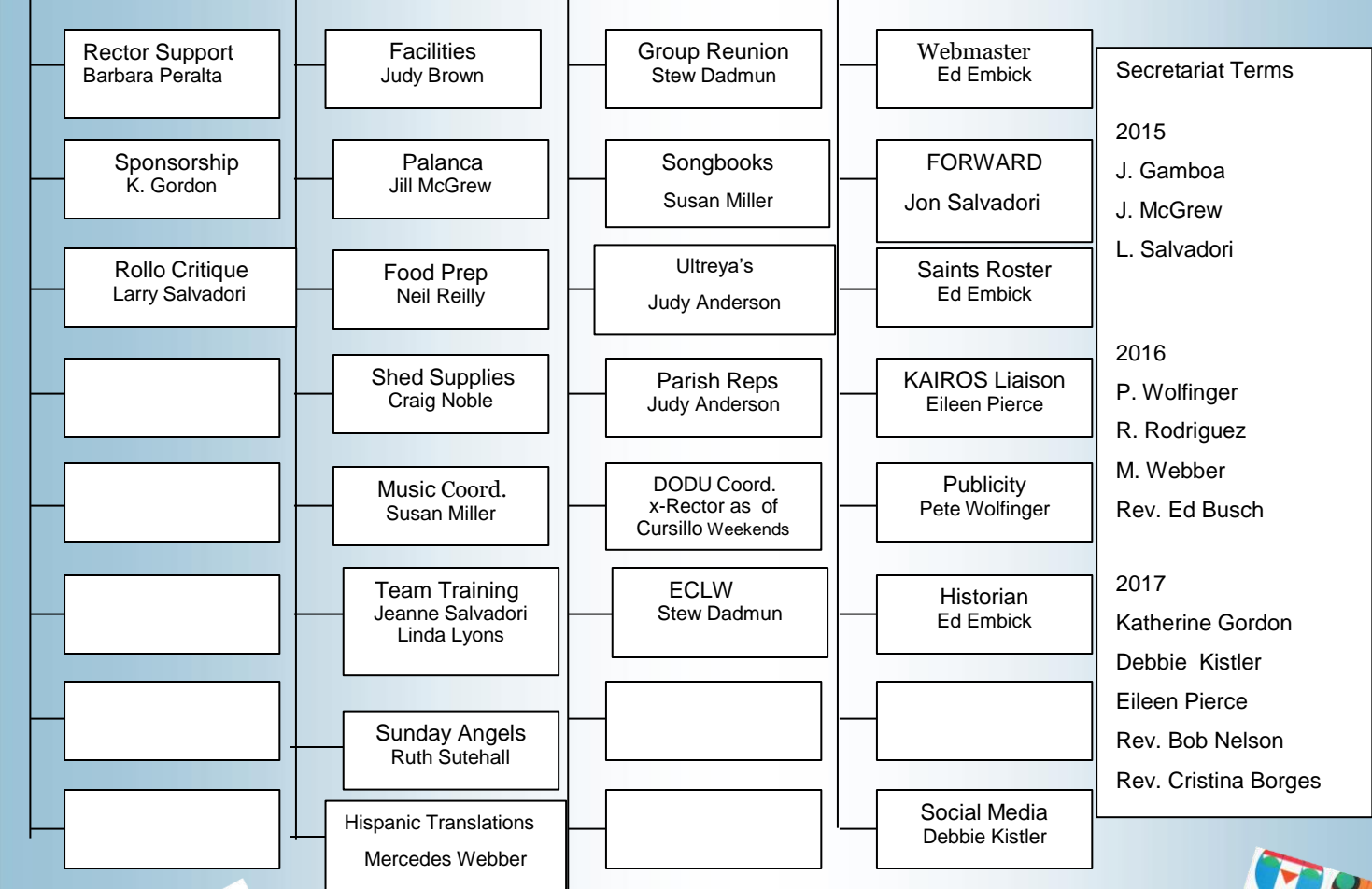
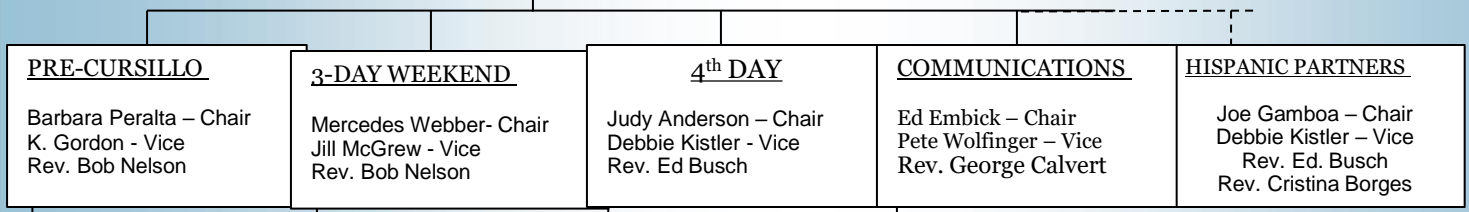
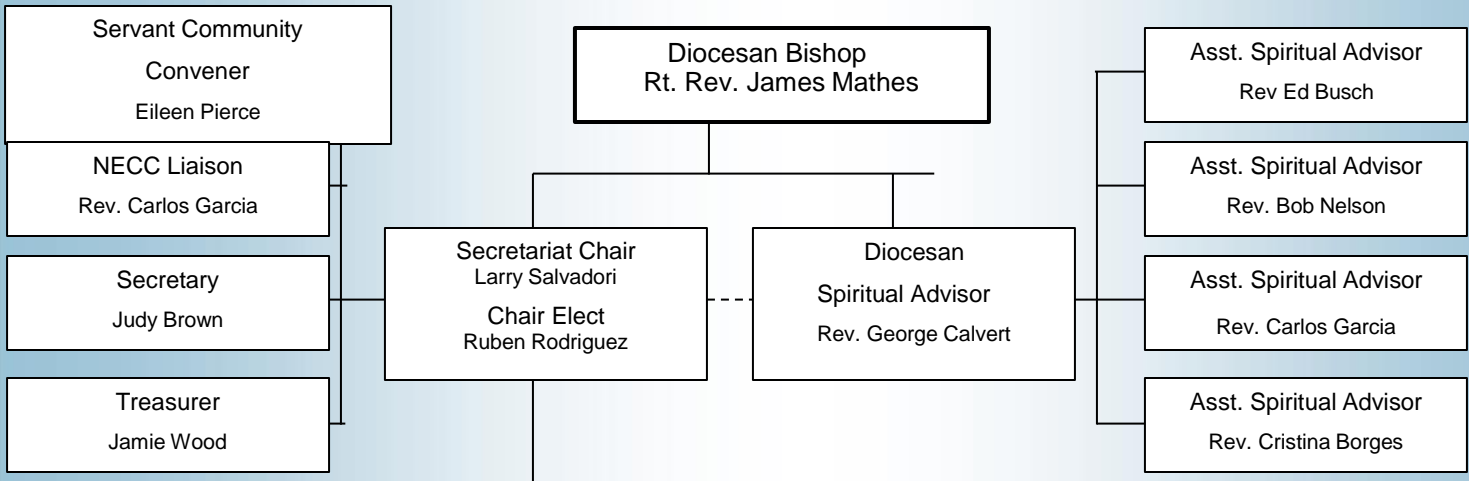
Hello to all,

Well, I have new news on the Forward publication. I am now the editor of the Forward by default. It will be obvious as time goes by, that being a publisher is not my forte. You will note in this issue, the several disconnects and weird locations of important news but believe me, this is the best I can do with what I have to work this, and my limited abilities. Oh well. I will accept your pity without malice.

I will be attending the national Episcopal Cursillo Ministry in Seattle weekend after next. I am a presenter representing the Cursillo success story in the San Diego Diocese. I'm excited to share our history with other Cursillo leaders and how we recovered after 2003 to bring us to where we are today. In addition, I will be nominating our own Judy Brown to be the West Coast Women's Cursillo Lay Leader. This is a great honor, and if Judy is elected, she will work with the national Cursillo folks to promote Cursillo in the Western Region. Kudos to Judy!

SPECIAL NOTE: WE NEED CURSILLO PEOPLE TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR A THREE YEAR TERM STARTING 2016. IF INTERESTED AND FEEL CALLED, PLEASE CONTACT LARRY, JILL, OR JOE FOR DETAILS. THANK YOU. IT'S A WONDERFUL AND REWARDING POSITION WITH MANY BENEFITS.

San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Organizational Chart—2015



JANUARY 8 - 10, 2016
BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN
"COME. TO ME., ALL WHO LABOR AND ARE HEAVY 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.

Camp Stevens, Julian California
Friday January 8, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to Noon January 10,
2016. Friday Dinner is available for an extra \$7.50, or you can
dine on your own before arriving
Cost: \$140 per person when paid by 12/21/ 15 and \$150 after
12/21/ 15. Last day to register is 12/31/ 15.

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Make checks payable to "Cursillos in Christianity" BTM in memo line. No refunds after
12/31/15

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Name(s) _
Address _
City, State, Zip _
Phone (Day) Phone (Eve) _
Parish e-mail _
No. of Reservations male () female () Amt. Enclosed _

Friday Dinner? (add \$7.50 per person) yes () No ()
If "Yes" how many () will pay at camp?
Special Dietary Needs? _



Cursillo #137

Team Members (Including Angels)

Male (22)

Female (28)

Roberto Araujo	Yara Barrientes
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Ron Goodman	Cathy Jackson
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