

FROM THE SECRETARIAT PRESIDENT

We are well into 2016 and the Lord is revealing what He has in store for us. Cursillo #138 is coming April 21 – April 24: The team is ready and the candidates are being notified about their acceptance. The Rector, Lynn Sarnecki, has done a great job assembling the Team and is doing a great job in leading them to the Mountain. Many people from many parts of the world are praying for this Weekend, the Candidates and the Team. Thank you for your support of this work through your prayers. I am sure the Holy Spirit is ready to do His work.

Please come to the Open Closura at 4:00PM on Sunday, April 24 and welcome the new Cursillistas into the community. It will be a great and uplifting experience.

More effort is being made to promote Cursillo to Clergy and Lay Persons of the Diocese. The purpose of Cursillo is to develop strong Christian lay leaders who will bring Christ into their environments and thereby expanding God's Kingdom. The more we develop strong Christian leaders who are growing in their faith, and sharing the love of Christ in their environments, whether in Church or outside the Church, the better our communities, nation, and world will become.

Please go to the Cursillo Website, sdcursillo.org, and look for the link to our new brief movie, Cursillo: The Face of Our Diocese. There should be links for both English and Spanish versions of the movie on the website soon. Please enjoy and share.

#### **ULTREYA!!**

Ruben Rodriguez President, San Diego Cursillo Secretariat

#### FROM THE DIOCESAN CURSILLO SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

My Easter Sunday at Virginia Theological Seminary

Back in 1984, I was a twenty-something seminarian at Virginia Seminary. I came up with a brilliant idea: I would attend for Easter Sunday the Virginia Seminary Chapel Service where Charles Price was scheduled to be the preacher. Now you need to know something about Charles Price, or "Charlie," as he was called. He was currently a professor of Systematic Theology at Virginia, but previously, and for a long time, had been the Dean of the Chapel at Harvard University and a Professor at Harvard Divinity School. He was one of the most distinguished preachers in the country. My "brilliant" idea was to watch Charlie carefully in the pulpit on Easter morning, taking mental notes that I would later write down so that I could learn to be a better preacher. I was in a preaching class, but why not learn from the best? That Easter morning I was filled with excitement as I watched him climb the stairs into the pulpit. He took out a manuscript and placed it in front of him. His first big mistake! Milton Crumm, the preaching professor, said we should not preach from a manuscript. During the entire sermon, he never looked up at the congregation. If I preached from a manuscript and never looked up at the congregation in the preaching class, I would have earned an automatic "F." I searched for sermon structure in Charlie's sermon. I couldn't find any. Another automatic "F." He did everything wrong, but it's the greatest Easter sermon I ever heard. I wish you could have been there to hear the sermon. I have never felt the presence of the risen Christ so closely. I have never been so moved by Christ on Easter morning as I was that Sunday.

On Monday, I was in the seminary library and I had a special relationship with the librarian of Virginia Seminary, so I went in to his office and told him that I listened to Charlie Price's Easter sermon and he did everything wrong, but it was the greatest sermon I ever heard. I asked him, "How could that happen?" He told me there's something I needed to know; prior to going to Harvard many years before, Charlie had been a faculty member at Virginia Seminary. He lived on the campus in the house that the current New Testament Professor lived in. He said, "You will notice that there is a porch on the house". On the corner of that porch, his son

committed suicide by hanging himself. Ever since that terrible tragedy, Charlie has devoted his life to studying and preaching on the resurrection. He believes in the resurrection with every ounce of his being. I often think of Charlie Price around Eastertime. What hope would there be for him if there was no resurrection? There wouldn't be any hope. There would be only despair. But then I think that we are all dependent upon Jesus' resurrection for hope. If Jesus did not rise from the dead and there were no resurrection, then there's no hope for me as well. There is no hope for you if death is the final chapter. But the truth is: Jesus did rise from the dead. His triumph over death through the resurrection is the hope of the world. The resurrection is the key event that gives hope, meaning, and purpose to every Christian. It is not just a doctrine of the Church, but the one key event in world history that changes everything. The resurrection is something you must believe in if you want to make sense of your life and have a good life. To miss out on believing in the resurrection is to miss out on life—true and eternal life. To believe in the resurrection is not to just believe in something that happened 2,000 years ago in history. It is to believe that the risen Christ is present in us today if we are willing to believe it. It is also to believe that we will be with God in heaven with our own resurrected body on the last day. This full meaning of the resurrection flowed powerfully through the words of Charlie Price that Easter Sunday morning. The chapel was filled with the presence of the risen Christ as he spoke. It is my hope that you will believe in the resurrection so much that you will be filled with the presence of the risen Christ and people will see the risen Christ in you. He is risen!!!

Your friend in Christ,

**Father George Calvert** 

### **CALENDER YEAR 2016**

APRIL 21-24: CURSILLO #138, CAMP STEVENS

APRIL 24: OPEN CLOSURA, CAMP STEVENS, 4:00PM

MAY 5: SECRETARIAT MEETING, ST. DUNSTANS, 6:30PM

MAY 7: DAY OF DEEPER UNDERSTANDING, ST. ALBANS, 8:30-3:00PM

MAY 14: GRAND ULTREYA, ST. JOHN'S, 5:00PM POT, 6:00PM ULTREYA

MAY 20: ULTREYA, ST. PAUL'S, YUMA, 5:50 REFRESH, 6:00PM ULTREYA

MAY 27: JUNE FORWARD ARTICLES DEADLINE

JUNE 11: SERVANT COMMUNITY, ST. DUNSTANS, 8:30AM – 12:00NOON

JUNE 11: SECRETARIAT MEETING, ST. DUNSTAN'S,12:30 PM

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### <u>CURSILLO CORNER</u> <u>APRIL</u>

Cursillo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called a small group of potential leaders (pre-Cursillo); he trained them by word and example, and inspired them with a vision(Cursillo three day weekend); He linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to Him(post-Cursillo, or the Fourth Day). If you would like more information, please see your Cursillo Parish Representative, or Rector.

#### **CURSILLO NEWS/NOTES**

#### FROM JUDY ANDERSON-4th DAY CHAIR



There will be a Cursillo Grand Ultreya at St. John's, Chula Vista, on May 14. Remember, you don't have to be a Cursillista to attend an Ultreya. As a matter of fact, it's a great way to introduce prospective candidates to Cursillo. If you'd like more information, please see any Cursillo Person at your Parish.

(Note: If you haven't had an Ultreya scheduled in your church in a while, just contact Judy Anderson, the Cursillo Ultreya coordinator at: jmanderson38@sbcqlobal.net 619-286-1208)

# FYI – SEE BELOW FOR THE FACE OF CURSILLO AT AN ULTREYA. ARE THESE FOLKS HAPPY AND ENJOYING FELLOWSHIP, OR WHAT?



#### NEWS FROM THE EPISCOPAL CURSILLO MINISTRY



# Winnie Varghese to Speak at National ECM Conference

The keynote address at the National Conference of Episcopal Cursillo Ministry will be delivered by the Rev. Winnie Varghese, who is Priest and Director for Justice & Reconciliation at Trinity Church in New York City. A native Texan, her family has roots in the ancient Mar Thoma church of southwest India (State of Kerala).

Active in peace and justice work as a board member of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Winnie often writes for such outlets as *The Witness* magazine and the Huffington Post. She is also featured in the *Via Media* and *Living the Questions* teaching series.

Winnie is often sought out by journalists for her thoughts on the struggles for equality for all underrepresented people. For instance, Huffington Post recently quoted her on the role of women in the church:

"As a Christian, feminism is a reality check on the gospel message of equality among all people in the eyes of God. If we believe we are equal in the eyes of God, we have to work to make that equality a reality in the world we live in. This has implications both for how girls and women understand their full humanity and dignity and how people of all genders understand the worth and dignity of women, which the church has historically profoundly influenced negatively."

The conference will be held at the Long Island Marriott on October 20-22.

EDITORS NOTE: THESE NATIONAL CURSILLO CONFERENCES ARE TOTALLY AWESOME!!! PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING THIS YEARS CONFERENCE ON LONG ISLAND. MANY SIGHT-SEEING EXCURSIONS ARE PLANNED, AND YOU WILL HAVE THE PRESENSE OF A SECRETARIAT MEMBER TO SERVE YOU.

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#### **Palanca Requests**

Please pray and email Palanca for the following Cursillo weekends:

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April
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4/7-4/10, Cursillo weekend lipmonm@gmail.com Alabama

4/7-4/10, Cursillo WE, <u>bcraner@fflib.org</u> New York

4/7-4/10, Men's Cursillo, thomas@lucasvalley.net Marin, CA

4/7-4/10, Coed Cursillo, abburton@sympatico.ca, Northern Ontario

4/14-4/17, Cursillo weekend, vtmaryhunter@gmail.com East Tennessee

4/14, Women's, palancacoordinator@cursillodsv.org Southeast Virginia

4/14-4/17, Men's, dseils.ds@gmail.com Southern Virginia

4/16, Ultreya event, "Onward: Proclaiming God's Kingdom through Study," 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Chapel of Our

Savior, 8 Fourth Street, ColoradoSprings, CO, http://faith.episcopal.co.

4/21, "Be Still and Know I Am God," dodiesking@gmail.com Western North Carolina

4/21-4/24, Women's Cursillo, thomas@lucasvalley.net Marin, CA

4/21-4/24, Co-Ed Cursillo, jmcgrew2014@gmail.com San Diego

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4/28-5/1, Cursillo WE, <u>kathynpete@comcast.net</u> Massachusetts

4/28-5/1, Women's, dseils.ds@gmail.com Southern Virginia

4/28-5/1, Men's Cursillo, palancacoordinator@cursillodsv.org Southeast Virginia

4/28-5/1, Anglican Cursillo, lindabet@pacbell.net Oakland, CA

4/28-5/1, Men's Cursillo, dramirez1007@yahoo.com San Francisco/San Mateo, CA

4/29-5/1, Spring English Cursillo, <u>wmlambert@hotmail.com</u> Oklahoma

#### May

5/12/16, Cursillo, palancacoordinator@cursillodsv.org Southeast Virginia

5/12/16, Cursillo, johnd@arvakinsurancegroup.com, West Texas

5/19-5/22, Women's Cursillo, <a href="mailto:ctoph84@comcast.net">ctoph84@comcast.net</a> San Francisco

5/19-5/22, Coed Spanish Cursillo, Palanca@dfwCursillo.org Dallas/Fort Worth

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5/20-5/22, Women's Cursillo, winniecarey@ymail.com Wilsonville, OR

#### PALANCA NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

AS THE CURSILLO #138 WEEKEND APPROACHES, IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF MY CURSILLO # 65 WEEKEND AND THE WONDER OF WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN AND WHAT THE WEEKEND WAS ALL ABOUT. I WAS GETTING INTO THE SWING OF THINGS: MEDITATIONS; ROLLOS; TABLE TALK; MEETING NEW FRIENDS; AND EATING LOTS OF GOOD FOOD. THEN, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, IT HIT – PALANCA. THE FULL BAG WAS BEYOND MY IMAGINATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE. I WAS STUNNED – AND CONFUSED. HOW COULD ANYONE PUT THIS BAG OF LOVE TOGETHER FOR ME? WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS? I DWELLED ON EVERY PIECE OF PALANCA IN THE BAG. I SAVORED EACH MESSAGE AND READ, AND REREAD EACH PIECE. I SAW THE NAMES OF ST. BART'S LEADERS IN THE NOTES OF ENCOURGEMENT AND THE ST. BART'S GROUP PALANCA WAS LIKE A LIST OF WHOSE WHO. I STARTED TO REALIZE THAT I WAS IN GOOD COMPANY. A PLACE OF LOVE AND MERCY WAS BEING OFFERED TO ME, A PRODICAL SON.

LARRY SALVADORI, CURSILLO FORWARD EDITOR

(PLEASE PASS THE GIFT OF PALANCA TO THE CURSILLO #138 CANDIDATES)

#### **CURSILLO #138 CANDIDATES**

James Ambasing	ST. MATTHEWS
Marina Badol	ST. MATTHEWS
Eddie Chavez	ST. PHILLIPS
Debbie Deissler	ST. PAULS, YUMA
Elizabeth Gastelum	ST. PHILLIPS
Lilli lwagoe	ST. DUNSTANS
Isabel Lynne	ALL SOULS, PT. LOMA
George Marston	. GOOD SHEPHERD, BONITA
Lidia Mendoza	ST. PAULS, YUMA
Reynaldo Mendoza	ST. PAULS, YUMA
Jim Munger	ST. PETERS, DEL MAR
Robin O'Donnell	ALL SOULS, PT. LOMA
Ramon Ojeda	ST. PAULS, YUMA
John Prust	ST. BARTHOLOMEWS
Lauren Prust	ST. BARTHOLOMEWS
Enrique Rosales	ST. PHILLIPS
Steve Schmidtke	CARLTON HILLS LUTHERAN
	CARLTON HILLS LUTHERAN
Tim True	ST. PAULS, YUMA

11 men / 8 women