



# FORWARD



JUNE 2016

*Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego*

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

Please visit our Cursillo website for a ton of information at: [www.sd cursillo.org](http://www.sd cursillo.org)

## ***FROM THE SECRETARIAT PRESIDENT***

Cursillo #138 was a resounding success: The new Cursillistas not only received knowledge about the Cursillo Method but experienced the transformative love and power of the Holy Spirit! The Day of Deeper Understanding helped build on the foundation that was laid during the Weekend. Continuing practice in Piety, Study and Action and participation in Church, Group Reunions, and Ultreyas will assure your continued spiritual growth in becoming a better Christian Leader who changes your environments for Christ.

Congratulations to Lynn Sarnecki, who served as Rector of Cursillo #138, for a job well done. Lynn, you are an Old Rec now. Congratulations also to the lay and clergy Team Members who were the body of Christ as a Christian Community in Action and ably provided an environment for the Holy Spirit to do its work during the Weekend.

The first of two Grand Ultreyas for this year was held at St. John's Chula Vista on May 14. Susan Miller gave a witness talk centered on her discovering that her Christian ministry is the Cursillo Ministry in our Diocese and shared some of her actions taken in furtherance of that ministry. Some of you may be called to that ministry also. In any event you are welcome to serve on a Weekend and share the blessings of that sacred event that way, and/or sponsor a candidate, provide palanca, provide financial support, or share your Cursillo experience with others. Of course, anyone can provide prayer support, and your prayers are gratefully appreciated. Congratulations to Rom Ituarte, who has been selected as the Rector of the 2016 Fall Weekend, Cursillo #139! God has blessed Rom with many talents and a servant heart. He will do an outstanding job in forming and leading The Team for the upcoming Fall Weekend.



Jesus Christ in us is the inward key to having a successful life on earth and eternal life ever after.

2. Commitment to Christ's Church, Corporate Conversion.

A person that is going to be a real Christian will not just have an inward conversion to Jesus Christ, but will be outwardly converted to being in Christ's community on earth—the church. The church is full of sinful and eccentric people. In spite of all the flawed people and problems in the church, Jesus Christ is present and working in His church. The church has channels of grace within it. Grace is God's active favor—unearned and undeserved poured out upon us. In the church, we experience God's grace through sacraments through the reading and the preaching of God's word, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are present and are working in the individuals in the church. All these are channels of God's grace that pour God's active favor into our lives helping make us be successful. To separate yourself from the church is to separate yourself from these channels of grace. A person unwilling to attend church believes that they can lead a better life on their own rather than by receiving God's grace. A true Christian is someone who wants to live their life by the grace of God and therefore wants to be in the church. The people in the church become channels of God's grace to guide us, to lift us up when we fall; to heal us, to show us Jesus' vision for our future. It is essential that a Christian be both converted to Jesus and to His church. You must experience both individual and corporate conversion to be a real Christian.

3. Commitment to Christ's Work, Become like Christ by Doing the Work of Christ

The third and last conversion is when you no longer want to only receive Grace from Jesus and His church, but want to be used by Jesus to be a channel of Grace to others by doing the work of Jesus Christ. This work may be small or big, but it is life changing for you and for those whom you are helping. As we are used by Jesus we become like Jesus. As we build up others we are also built up. This process of building up is called edification—like in building an edifice. Many people want the Lord to build them up, but are so self-centered and selfish that they do not want to do the work of the Lord. They do not realize it's only in giving that we receive.

To be a real Christian we need three conversions: to Jesus, to His church, and to His work. When we have all three conversions then the rest of our life comes together—because we are living in God's plan for our life. In other words, our conversion to Christ is real and not just an idea or emotion that can fade away. When we are real followers of Jesus, we are successful.

Your friend in Christ,

Father George

# CALENDER YEAR 2016

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

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

JULY 17: CURSILLO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FALL WEEKEND- ALL PARISHES

JULY 28: SECRETARIAT MEETING, ST. DUNSTAN'S, 6:30 PM.

JULY 28: FORWARD ARTICLES DUE TO FORWARD EDITOR.

**AUGUST: PLAN TO BE A SPONSOR FOR THE FALL WEEKEND CURSILLO #139, OCTOBER 20-23. MAKE A FRIEND – BE A FRIEND – AND SPONSOR YOUR FRIEND TO THE FALL WEEKEND TO MEET OUR CC TEAM IN ACTION, AND LEAVE THE WEEKEND WITH A DEEPER LOVE FOR OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST!**

# ULTREYA !

## **CURSILLO CORNER**

### **APRIL**

YOU MAY HAVE BEEN TOLD BY SOME WHO HAVE ATTENDED A WEEKEND THAT YOU CAN'T TELL ANYONE WHAT CURSILLO IS ALL ABOUT, OR WHAT GOES ON DURING A CURSILLO WEEKEND.

THIS IS NOT CORRECT!

EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON DURING THE WEEKEND MAY BE SHARED WITH ANYONE. TALK TO A FRIEND THAT YOU KNOW COULD ENJOY THE WEEKEND. DON'T MISS OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR JOYFUL EXPERIENCE WITH A FRIEND.

## **CURSILLO NEWS/NOTES**

### **FROM JUDY ANDERSON-4<sup>th</sup> DAY CHAIR**

An Open Letter to the New Cursillistas,

What is the Fourth Day? You've been on a three day weekend and on the following day (or perhaps on the evening of the third day) you realize that though you may have been changed by your three day weekend, your world is pretty much as you left it. Your Fourth Day is the rest of your life and it's up to you what you make of it. On your weekend you were given the tools, on the Day of Deeper Understanding these tools were reinforced, but until you use the tools—really use them—your weekend will be only a fond memory, not a life changing experience.

The tools are piety, study and action, and the method we proclaim is through grouping and Ultreyas. In grouping you share with your grouping brothers or sisters your life of piety, study and action. This is the small group setting whereby you share your innermost feelings and are upheld in prayer and love. The larger group—the San Diego Cursillo community—is experienced through ultreyas and working on the weekends. Not all of us are able, for one reason or another, to work weekends, but we are all able to receive the reinforcement and joy of Ultreyas. At Ultreyas we share a meal, listen to others share their action, sing and receive reinforcement to go on shining our Christ light on our environment.

Ultreyas are scheduled monthly, except in April and October when we hold weekends. The dates and locations are listed on the website [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org), and your parish representatives receive fliers to distribute to the Cursillistas in their parishes. If your parish has not had an ultreya scheduled for a while, ask your parish representative to schedule one.

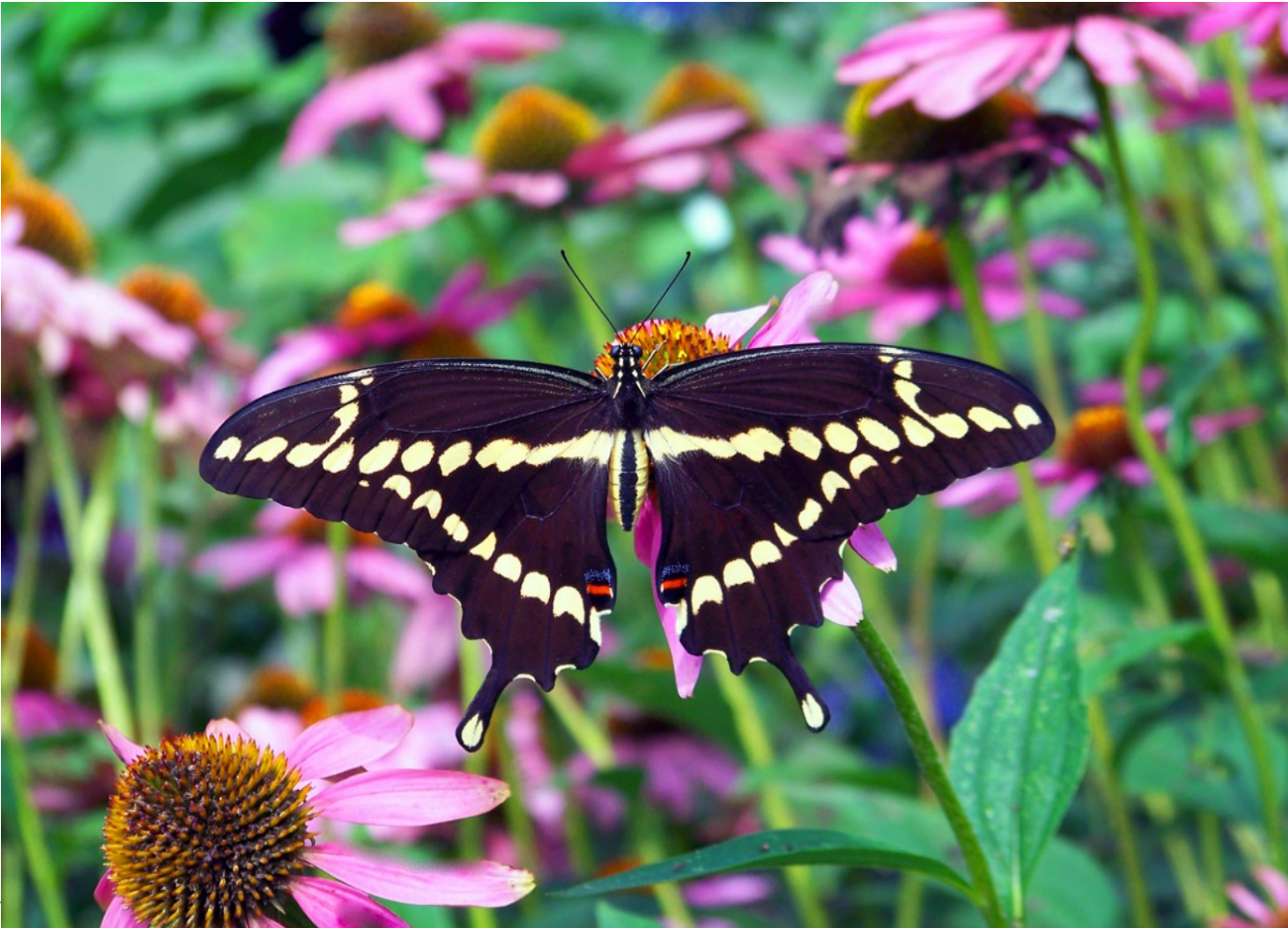
Judy Anderson, Ultreya Coordinator and Fourth Day Chair  
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### **ADDITIONAL FOURTH DAY NEWS – GRAND ULTREYA**

The Grand Ultreya on May 14 was a resounding success. More than 60 people gathered in the parish hall of St. John's Chula Vista for a bountiful feast. We had to use three tables for all the food and it was delicious! Twelve groups shared their walk with Christ. Susan Miller gave a heartfelt recitation of all the work she has done in Cursillo for her

apostolic action. Judy Anderson outlined what she is doing with Daughters of the King. Fr. George spoke about the value of Cursillo and reaching out into the community under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Fr. George summed up by saying the church is not a dictatorship of the clergy, or a democracy of the members, but a living breathing organism led by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is alive in the San Diego Cursillo community!!

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## Palanca Requests

Please pray and email Palanca for the following Cursillo weekends

### **PALANCA EVENTS AROUND THE GLOBE:**

Our Cursillo weekend #139 is coming up soon, and other states and countries will be supporting our team with prayer and Palanca greetings as we will.

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

#### **June**

06/02-06/05 Men's Cursillo #26, Bahamas  
06/09-06/12 Coed Cursillo, Dallas/Ft. Worth  
06/09-06/12 Cursillo, Alabama  
06/10-06/12 Lakeside 2-Day in Step, Texas  
06/23-06/26 Cursillo at Toddhall, Columbia, IL, Springfield  
06/23-06/26 Cursillo Weekend, Rio Grande

#### **July**

07/14-07/17 Co-Ed Cursillo WE, Arizona  
07/20-07/23 Rio Grande

#### **August**

08/11-08/14 Lakeside Cursillo WE Texas  
08/12-08/14 Fall Cursillo WE in English, Oklahoma

Please pray for spiritual encouragement for their Teams and Candidates

### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

### **PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TAKEN FROM THE CURSILLO NATIONAL NEWS NOTES**

## **2016 Episcopal Cursillo Ministry National Conference**

The 2016 Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Conference 2016, October 21–22, is a chance to connect with Cursillo leaders from all over the country, worship

together, and grow in our abilities to bring Christ into our environments through the Cursillo Ministry.

Building on its theme — **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY** — the Conference will offer workshops to expand our ministry to others and enrich our worship. There will be time to share with each other, time to learn, time to sing, and time to Praise the Lord!

The keynote speaker is the **Reverend Winnie Varghese**, Priest and Director for Justice and Reconciliation at Trinity Church in New York City. Through her fifteen years experience as a priest and writer, the Reverend Varghese has become a prominent voice for justice within the Episcopal Church. The keynote speech will be entitled "**Creating a Climate of Welcome.**"

Come, join us! Don't miss this unique opportunity for renewal, education and empowerment as we celebrate the joys of being in Christian community.



#### Details

*The 2016 Episcopal Cursillo Ministry National Conference will be held in the Long Island Marriott meeting rooms.*

*The Diocese of Long Island will be the 2016 National Conference hosts.*

- Those who register for the Full Conference by July 31, 2016 will pay the early bird rate of \$225. From August 1st on, the Full Conference rate will be \$275.
- Conference registration is not complete until payment is received.
- There are no refunds for cancellations.
- Payment can be made online by credit card/PayPal *OR* by check mailed to: *P.O. Box 460506, Aurora, CO 80046*
- Cursillo Logo Shirts and Tote Bags are available for purchase with your registration. They will be ready to pick up when you check into the Conference.
- Special pins with the Conference Logo will be available at the Conference.
- Conference registration fees **include** lunch and dinner for Friday and Saturday

- Conference lunches will be served buffet style and should accommodate most dietary needs.
- Conference dinners will be plated. Please select one of three menu options -- chicken, fish, or pasta\*\* -- when registering. With advance notice, effort will be made to accommodate individual health-related dietary needs.

*\*\* At this time, menu details are not available from the hotel. They will be published when the hotel makes them available and you will be notified in case you would like to change your selection.*

*The Conference Hotel is the Long Island Marriott, Uniondale, New York.*

- To receive special room rates for the Long Island Marriott, make reservations through the link below.
- Recommendations for transportation can be found on the "Transportation and Shuttle" page.
- So that you can see more of the area, the reduced Conference rates are available from October 16 through October 24 for registrations made by August 1 (or as long as contracted rooms remain).