



# FORWARD



AUGUST 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.sdcursillo.org](http://www.sdcursillo.org)

## ***A WORD FROM THE SECRETARIAT PRESIDENT***

We are well into summer and soon it will be fall. Time marches on whether we choose to participate or not. Now is the time to extend your hand to your new friend and invite him or her to the upcoming Cursillo Weekend, October 20-23, 2016, at Camp Stevens. [As always consult your priest first whether your friend should be approached.] The Rector, Rom Ituarte, has put together a strong core team, and countless prayers are made every day in support of him, the team, and the candidates, known and unknown. Consider joining the team: you will bless and be blessed. As always, your prayers are welcome.

The Ultreya at St. Philip's, Lemon Grove, was held on July 23, 2016. It was very well attended with over 32 participants. The Witness Talk by Joe Gamboa and the Echo by Debbie Kistler were encouraging and given from the heart. I encourage you to attend the upcoming Ultreya at All Soul's, Point Loma, on August 27, 2016. The potluck is at 6 PM, and the Ultreya starts at 7 PM. As it was at the Ultreya at St. Philip's, it is a great opportunity to share ideas and nurture friendships with people from around the diocese. It is also an opportunity to group with other people or perhaps to find a person or two to group with. Hope to see you there.

Remember that you are always witnessing what is in your heart as you live your life. How you act and what and how you speak reflects what is in your heart. Through the Cursillo Method of Piety, Study, Action, Grouping and Ultreya along with corporate worship your love for God will continue to grow and the love of God will shine in your heart. People will be attracted to you. Your actions and the words of your mouth will reflect that love and bring those people closer to God.

Ultreya!

Ruben Rodriguez,  
2016 Secretariat President



living a life by the Holy Spirit and our life is filled with the fruit of the spirit that we are experience the abundant life that Jesus wants to give us. Day in and day out, in little ways, and sometimes big ways, this living by the Spirit creates a miraculous compounding of life. The fruit of the Spirit interacts with other people creating even more fruit of the Spirit. As it does so, we experience more and more life. Thank you Lord, for giving us the gift of being able to live by your Spirit!! Thank our Lord, for the fruit of the Spirit!!

Your friend in Christ,

Father George



## CALENDER YEAR 2016

**AUGUST 20:** CURSILLO #139 FIRST FULL TEAM MEETING, ST. PHILLIP 'S, LEMON GROVE, 9:00AM – 12:30PM.

**AUGUST 28,** ULTREYA, AL SOUL'S, POINT LOMA, 5:00PM CELTIC MASS, 6:00PM POTLUCK, 7:00PM UNTREYA.

**SEPTEMBER 10,** SERVANT COMMUNITY PLUS AND FIRST TIME WORKER TRAINING, ST. PHILLIP'S, 8:30AM – 11:30 AM (**WATCH FOR SC PLUS AGENDA**)

**SEPTEMBER 10,** SECRETARIAT MEETING, ST. PHILLIP'S, 12:30PM – 2:30PM.

**SEPTEMBER 20,** CURSILLO #139 CANDIDATE APPLICATION DEADLINE.

**SEPTEMBER 24,** SECOND FULL TEAM MEETING, ST. PHILLIP'S 9:00AM – 12:30PM.

**SEPTEMBER 30,** CURSILLO FORWARD ARTICLES DUE TO EDITOR.

**OCTOBER 01,** ROLLO CRITIQUES, ST. BART'S, SCHEDULE AS PER THE CRITIQUE SCHEDULE.

**OCTOBER 06,** SECRETARIAT MEETING, ST. DUNSTAN'S, 6:30PM – 8:30PM.

# ULTREYA !

## **CURSILLO CORNER** **AUGUST**

The Fall Cursillo weekend is fast approaching. The deadline to submit an application is **SEPTEMBER 20!** Fall weekends at Camp Stevens in Julian are usually blessed with fine weather, with just a touch of autumn that we often miss in the “lowlands.” If you’d like more information on “how to” sponsorship or getting your Parish “organized”, please see your Parish Cursillo Rep, or any member of the Cursillo Secretariat.

## **FOURTH DAY NEWS**

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.

Ultreya are scheduled monthly, except in April and October when we hold weekends. The dates and locations are listed on the website [www.sdcursillo.org](http://www.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  
[jmanderson38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmanderson38@sbcglobal.net), 619-286-1208.

## **ADDITIONAL FOURTH DAY NEWS**

### Ultreya

Our new Ultreya start time is 6 pm potluck and 7 pm Ultreya. 34 people attended the July 23 Ultreya at St. Philip's to hear talks by Joe Gamboa and Debbie Kistler. Fr. Carlos did the scriptural reflection. Susan Miller was ably accompanied by Kit and Duane Chevalier. The August Ultreya will be held at All Soul's Point Loma on the 27<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to the Celtic Mass at 5 pm. Speakers will be announced by flyers sent to your Parish Rep/Contact and the information will be posted on the website. If you would like an Ultreya scheduled in your parish, please let Judy Anderson know—619-286-1208, [jmanderson38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmanderson38@sbcglobal.net). Let's make it happen!!

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## 2016 Secretariat Lay Members

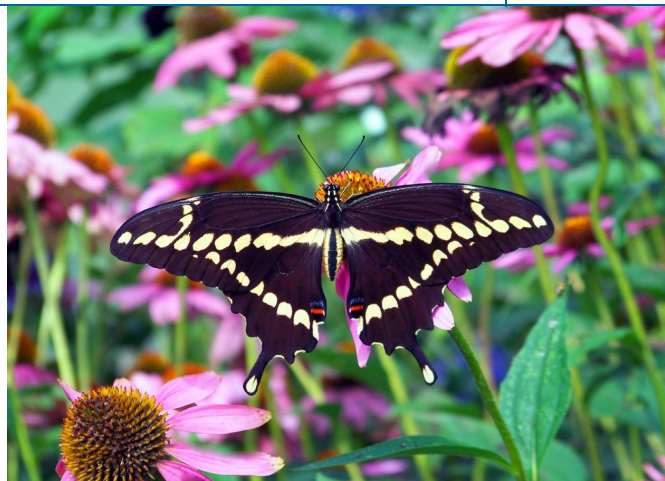
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## Palanca Requests

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:

#### **August**

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

#### **September**

09/08-09/11 Cursillo Alabama  
09/08-09/11 Cursillo Heartland  
09/15-09/18 Co-Ed Cursillo WE – Oregon - Molalla Retreat Center, Molalla  
09/22-09/25 Cursillo #131 - Mississippi  
09/23-09/25 Fri-Sun Cursillo – Colorado  
09/29-10/02 Men's Cursillo WE #136 – Florida  
09/29-10/02 AWC #8 – Jamaica/Cayman Islands  
09/30-10/02 Cursillo WE in Spanish – Oklahoma

#### **October**

10/06-10/09 Cursillo – Alabama  
10/06-10/09 Coed Cursillo #123 – Central Florida  
10/06-10/09 Women's Cursillo WE – Florida  
10/06-10/09 Men's Cursillo WE – Southeast Florida  
10/06-10/09 Cursillo WE – West Texas  
10/06-10/09 Cursillo #46 – East Tennessee  
10/07-10/09 Campsite 2-day in Step – Texas

Please pray for spiritual encouragement for their Teams and Candidates for the above weekends and for our Rector.

Grace and Peace, Jill McGrew

### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

**PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TAKEN  
FROM THE EPISCOPAL CURSILLO MINISTRY NEWS NOTES**

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*Pam Anderson, Daniel Ross, Sonia Blake, Deborah Stevens, Bob Webster, Veronica Francis, Jill Ross, Bob Anderson, The Rev. Tony Holder, The Rev. Jeremy Froyen, Erna Cunningham, Jose Weiss and Dion Phillips-Scotland.*

## **S.E. Florida Cursillistas Join Belize Mission**

**By Pamela Anderson**

We went on mission in Belize with the Friends Reaching Friends folks from Holy Sacrament Episcopal Church.

We were a team of 37 and spent a week partnering with the Diocese of Belize to conduct clinics—medical, pediatric and dental—as well as construction on a diocesan school and vacation bible school for middle schoolers.

I was part of the Vacation Bible School team that visited four schools during the week. The children were wonderful and the work rewarding and exhausting. Long full days of constant prayer, preparation, work and activity fed and sustained us. Quite spectacular and a testimony to Cursillo bringing folks closer to Christ and empowering Christian leadership. Belize has a strong Cursillo community as well.

My Cursillo weekend showed and taught me an ideal Christian community in action—a place where I was accepted and loved for who I was and a place where I felt safe and honored and could serve others. Cursillo was a steppingstone to mission work for my husband Bob and me. We have been blessed to serve in Jamaica, Navajoland, Costa Rica and now Belize. And we wonder where God will call us next!

The Sufi tell a story about a spiritual seeker who was distracted by the sick, crippled and beaten down who continuously passed by as he tried to pray. Finally he cried, “Great God, how is it that a loving creator can see such things and do nothing about them?” Out of the silence God said, “I did do something about them. I created you.”

*From K. Killian Noe, **Descent Into Love: How Recovery Cafe Came to Be.***

So where is God calling each of us and how will we respond? “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!**” *Isaiah 6:8.*

*(Pamela Anderson is the Lay Director of Cursillo in the Diocese of Southeast Florida. This article was stolen—er, borrowed—from Counting On You, the newsletter of the Southeast Florida Secretariat.)*

## The Twain Meet

### Alabama

The Diocese of Alabama will offer training for Cursillistas who wish to become staff for future Cursillo weekends on Saturday, October 8. Email Cherie Ann Smith at [stafftraining@cursilloalabama.org](mailto:stafftraining@cursilloalabama.org). The training class will be held at the same time as Cursillo Weekend 205.

### East Tennessee

Cursillo "Fourth Day" groups meet as follows:

- Tri-Cities area: Second Sunday of each month, Contact Anthony Peters, [anthony.peters@sullivank12.net](mailto:anthony.peters@sullivank12.net)
- Knoxville area: Ultreya meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Ascension, 800 South Northshore Drive, Knoxville. Contact Allen or Pam Douglass, [panda8005@gmail.com](mailto:panda8005@gmail.com).
- Cleveland/Athens area: Interested persons should contact the Rev. Robert Childers at [Robert@gslookout.com](mailto:Robert@gslookout.com).
- Chattanooga/Ft. Oglethorpe area: Ultreya meets at 5 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December) at St. Peter, 848 Ashland Terrace, Chattanooga. The coordinator for the Chattanooga Area Ultreya is Rena Stansbury, [423-842-7052](tel:423-842-7052).
- Lookout Mountain: Ultreyas meet regularly. Contact Rev. Robert Childers at [Robert@gslookout.com](mailto:Robert@gslookout.com)

### Fond du Lac

The July Ultreya will be held on July 14 starting at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mark's, Waupaca. The Secretariat's webmaster notes, "I'm sure it's a coincidence, but the Sep-Oct-Nov Ultreyas (which all begin at 2:00) are on Sundays when the Green Bay Packers play away games at 7:30 p.m."

### Heartland

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: Jim Swaney, of the Heartland Cursillo Diocese, has been hospitalized for tests related to a possible heart blockage. We ask for prayers for his swift return to good health. Jim is a former president of the ECMC and has been active in Cursillo at both the national and local level for many years.

### Maryland

Maryland is looking for team members for its November 4-6 Cursillo. Team members should be Cursillistas who have attended a Fourth Day workshop and regularly attend Ultreyas, participate in group reunions, and attend Las Mañanitas and Clausura when possible.

### Mississippi

Mississippi Episcopal Cursillo is recruiting for its Fall Cursillo, September 22-25. Contact Ken Ruckstuhl at [kruckstuhl@bellsouth.net](mailto:kruckstuhl@bellsouth.net)

### Northern California

The Sutter Creek/Amador Ultreya gathers on the fourth Saturday of each month with a potluck lunch. 10:30-12 noon, Trinity Episcopal Church, Janes Hall, 430 S. Highway 49, Sutter Creek. Contact Gerry Moore 209-267-5182 or Janet Kendig 209-296-5158.

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