



# FORWARD

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*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 MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO SECRETARIAT PRESIDENT***

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians (12) describes, Christian community in action “as an extension of Christ’s hands into the world.” **We are a Community in Action! Indeed!**

**Fall Weekend: Let Your Light So Shine Before Men**, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16, is the theme chosen by Rector, Pete Casalegno for Fall Weekend #141. He has assembled Cursillistas with many gifts and from many parishes in our Diocese. Please pray for everyone, that God’s light may shine upon them and they will glorify the Father.

**Palanca translated means “sacrifice,”** and Buechner says, “To sacrifice something is to make it holy by giving it away for love.” Do you or your parish enjoy providing special gifts for the team and candidates? Names can be found on the website at [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) Do you know someone special and want to create a special memory? Consider surprising your friends with Mananitas and attending the Open Closura on October 22, 2017.

Have you attended a **Night or Day of Deeper Understanding** with your sponsor? If you have not, please come on November 3, 2017, to St. Phillip’s, Lemon Grove, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and contact Debbie Kistler ([dk.outoflove@cox.net](mailto:dk.outoflove@cox.net)) to answer any questions.

**Do you feel called or curious about taking part in Cursillo Ministry as a member of the Secretariat?** Contact me or any member of the Secretariat listed on the website. Do it right away. Say, “yes” and let God do the rest. The **Grand Ultreya** is November 18, 2017 at St. Andrew’s, La Mesa. A potluck starts at 6 p.m. with elections and Spring Rector Announcement. Everyone welcome, especially new Cursillistas!

**Cursillo ministry is coming to the Diocesan Convention November 10-11, 2017** at St. Bart’s. Our special servanthood will be shared with the approximate 400 guests. Consider joining the serving team by contacting Larry Salvadori ([lasalvadori@yahoo.com](mailto:lasalvadori@yahoo.com)). Or, see the Forward dedicated to Convention planning on the website.

**Pine Valley – A new camp for Cursillo 2018 – Back to the Mountain January 5-7, 2018** – Come and see, Come and see, the new Camp for a relaxing low-key spiritual retreat. Pine Valley is affordable, easy to find, good parking, comfy 2-3 people rooms with baths and no cooking. Everything will be done for you so you can fellowship with a host of Cursillistas among beautiful trees. We think you are going to love the coffee bar, the library/game area, the chapel on the hill and more. Jan Martin and Lyn Sarnecki already have a flyer on the web for sign ups.

**WHY THE CHANGE?** Camp Stevens has a new policy since they added Bergstrom Hall to their camp. Our need for an affordable camp no longer worked with theirs. Camp Stevens could no longer offer us exclusive use of the camp nor could we cook. We found that with new health restrictions we were unable to cook at any of the camps. However, we did find that Pine Valley offered an opportunity to keep our prices lower, better parking, facilities that could work with our program. By keeping the price affordable, more people will be able to participate. Cursillo is about the ministry not the place, but I think you will find Pine Valley is a beautiful place for Cursillo. **Come and See!**

**Grace and Peace, Jill McGrew, 2017 Secretariat President**

## ***FROM THE DIOCESAN CURSILLO SPIRITUAL ADVISOR***

### **What is Spirituality and Why is it So Important?**

We have deep intuitive feelings that there must be some harmonic purpose behind our lives and in the universe around us. We sense we are trying to find our place in the universe. We are convinced that our life could not just be an accident. We are aware that we are more than simply a product of random chance. We believe with Viktor Frankl, the Austrian psychiatrist, that there is meaning to our lives. Frankl says, “Man’s search for meaning is the primary motivation in his life, and not a secondary rationalization of instinctual drives.” We do not live, according to Frankl, simply for instinctual drives for pleasure or power, but for meaning. Human spirituality is our attempt to find meaning in a universe that, on its surface, can appear as nothing more than a meaningless machine. We do not want to be just simply one cog among other cogs in a meaningless machine. To live a meaningless life is not really to live. We must find meaning through some type of spirituality to become a person, to move beyond instinctual drives or the quest for power, or the mere physical causation of the universe. We must transcend these things of the physical world to become fully human—a real person.

It is inevitable that the human search for meaning will lead human beings to form systems of spirituality that will try to explain the meaning of our lives. The history of mythology, religion, and philosophy is full of human attempts to create these systems that make connections, find harmony, and explain meaning. The human attempts to try to explain meaning, while partially true, always contain falsehood that leads us away from God,

the true source of all meaning and spirituality. False human spirituality is not a good thing. It is used as a channel of demonic deception. True spirituality must proceed from the source of life, the creator of life, none other than God himself. God must be the source of meaning. All true spirituality must be based upon God's divine action. The God who reveals himself to us in and through Jesus Christ acts in our lives through the Holy Spirit; God's actions reveal his plan and purpose and, therefore the meaning of our lives. Human mythology, religion, and philosophy do not bring God's actions into our lives. Our culture does not understand that a true spirituality must be based on God's actions. Our culture wants a Walmart of spiritualities that we can choose from. Our culture is very consumerist. Spirituality is a product to be consumed. You prefer one product; I prefer another. In this manner, spirituality is not true or false; it is a matter of what I prefer. It's about my preference, not about God's actions.

Christianity rejects our culture's Walmart of spiritualities. Spirituality is not a product to be consumed but the presence and action of the Holy Spirit. Spirituality is the mysterious and miraculous moving of the Spirit in us and among us. All true spirituality must be the presence and work of the Holy Spirit.

Some Christian definitions of spirituality:

- The whole of human life viewed in terms of a conscious relationship with God, in Jesus Christ through the indwelling Spirit and within the community of believers. Philip Sheldrake.
- Lived experience of God in Christ through the Spirit and reflection on this experience. Barney Calken
- The art of living with Jesus or the "with God" life. Richard Foster

Looking at the above definitions of Christian spirituality is like looking at different facets of a diamond. Christian spirituality cannot be captured in one simple statement, but "the whole of human life viewed in terms of a conscious relationship with God" tells us a lot. The phrase, 'the "with God" life' is also a beautiful definition because it gets us to the core of what spirituality means. True spirituality must be with God. It must be the Holy Spirit present and working in us.

Let's directly answer the questions:

What is Spirituality?

***It is the Holy Spirit giving us the "with God" life, which gives us meaning, helps us make connections, and brings harmony to our lives.***

Why is Spirituality so important?

*It is the Holy Spirit's work in us that makes us into the true and real human beings God created us to be.*

Your friend in Christ,

Father George

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING MEMORIAM TO THE SAINT WHO  
DESIGNED THE SAN DIEGO CURSILLO CROSS**

**IN MEMORIAM**

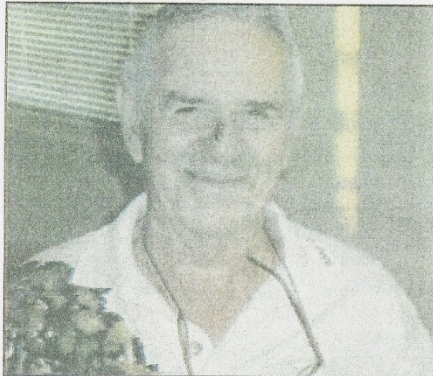
**John Ashton Wilmes**

John Ashton Wilmes passed away as gracefully as he lived watching the U.S. Open on Sept. 5, 2017. Healthy to his last breath, John lived a wonderful life. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and companion. Born April 16, 1927, John was one of three children born to Betty and Gary.

In 1947, John married Ruth Cochrane. Ruth said it was love at first sight. The couple settled in Los Angeles, California, where they had two sons, Bruce Christopher and Brian John. Being a LA fireman was John's career and passion. He spent a large portion of his career on Fireboat #2 in the LA harbor. He retired to Canyon Lake in 1978, but being a fireman and all it meant stayed with

him until his last breath. Ruth, the first love of his life, passed in 2011. It left a huge void in his life. Coming to his rescue was Laverne Cann, his cherished companion for the remaining years of his life. A truly blessed man was John.

John was known for many attributes and talents. He was a devout Christian



who had the voice of Jim Nabors. He sang with the St. Stephens Episcopal Church choir and the Canyon Lake Choraleers. John had a special relationship with the Lord. He was an accomplished woodworker and could fix

anything that was broken. He also loved golf and devoted time to the Tuesday Work Group whose volunteers work

tirelessly to keep the Canyon Lake Golf Course beautiful.

John is best known as the ultimate grandfather to Jordan Ashton and Brett Christopher Wilmes. Summers in Canyon Lake with nana and grandpa, swimming, fishing and exploring, will live on in their memory. John was also blessed to know and love his great-grandchildren, Malia, Leighana, Kaylin, Ashton and Avery. He is also survived by his loving son Bruce, daughter-in-law Marti and granddaughters Karen and Andrea.

A Celebration of Life will be held for John on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 26704 Murrieta Rd., Menifee. A second Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, Oct. 2, at 3 p.m. at the Canyon Lake Country Club, 32001 Railroad Canyon Rd, Canyon Lake.

***READ-REREAD-REMEMBER-ACT-VOLUNTEER-DO IT-WITH LOVE***  
**CURSILLO IS COMING TO CONVENTION=-A REMINDER**

*CURSILLO HAS BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE HOSPITALITY SERVICES AT THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL CONVENTION AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S ON NOVEMBER 10-11, 2017. WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH THE DIOCESAN AND ST. BART'S CONVENTION TEAMS AND FOLLOWING IS THE GAME PLAN FOR CURSILLO. WE INVITE YOUR INPUTS FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES CURSILLO CAN PROVIDE TO MAKE THE 2017 CONVENTION AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER.*

### **Hospitality offerings and responsibilities:**

1. Beverage Bars – Coffee (regular; iced; etc.), Tea, Water – Start Friday and Saturday @7:30 AM.
2. Comfort/Necessities Stations : Start 10:00AM Friday- through Saturday
  - a. Create Comfort Station at strategic location
  - b. Snacks: Bars (protein, energy), Chocolate, Nuts, Fruit.
  - c. Telephone Charging Area.
  - d. Face Wipes, personal items, etc.
  - e. Note Writing, Passing (encouraging, love, engaging, etc)
3. Std. Box Lunch for Friday lunch. Serve 400: (crew of 8)
  - a. Box Lunch (sub sand, chips, pickle. cookie, palanca note).
4. Continental Breakfast (fruit, muffins, etc.) for Saturday Morning – start @7:30 AM.(crew of 4)
5. Chili (make for 400 = 35 gallons)(crew of 8) for Saturday Lunch with all the fixings: small baked potato; butter; onions; sour crème; cheese; chili powder; hot pepper sauce; Brownies.
6. Provide music for Friday night dinner: Cursillo Musicians.(sing-a-long)
7. Provide serving people for Friday Night meal as necessary (crew of 8).
8. Cursillo will organize a continuous prayer vigil for all Convention attendees from 7:00 AM Friday through 4:00PM Saturday. Prayer request boxes will be placed at strategic locations.
9. Cursillo will provide palanca for all attendees including brownies, muffins, and cookies.

*LARRY SALVADORI (PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR AND PEST)*

## **VOLUNTEER NEEDS AS OF 10/1/1017: GOPHERS AND GENERAL SUPPORT PEOPLE**

Let Larry Know!

**CALENDER YEAR – 2017**

**PALANCA**

Dear friends,

One of my favorite parts of getting ready for a Cursillo weekend is making palanca – and no, I'm not just saying that because I'm the Palanca Chair.

The past two Cursillo weekends my dad and I have folded origami peace cranes for each team member and candidate, writing different scriptural passages on one of the wings, praying for each individual as we create their crane, and only occasionally stopping to debate who should get what color crane and why. It's a lot of work, and takes a lot of time, but it's joyful work and time well spent.

To all who are preparing prayers, sacrifices and/or physical palanca, whether it be individually or with your parishes or grouping buddies, I pray that your time and efforts bear fruit, both for yourselves and for those you are preparing the palanca for.

As we pray for the team and candidates of Cursillo #141, may we also keep the following Cursillo weekends in our prayers:

#### October 2017

10/5 - 10/8, Cursillo weekend #276, West Texas  
10/5 – 10/8, Spanish language Men's Cursillo, Los Angeles  
10/5 – 10/8, Cursillo #210, Alabama  
10/5 – 10/8, Cursillo #137, Southwest Florida  
10/5 – 10/8, Cursillo #126, Central Florida  
10/5 – 10/8, Women's Cursillo weekend #138, Florida  
10/12 – 10/15, Spanish language Women's Cursillo, Los Angeles  
10/19 – 10/22, Cursillo #183, South Carolina  
10/26 – 10/29, Cursillo #105, New York  
10/28 – 11/01, Men's Cursillo #94, Southeast Florida

#### November

11/2 – 11/5, Cursillo #96, East Carolina  
11/2 – 11/5, Cursillo #277, West Texas  
11/3 – 11/5, In Step (2 Day), Texas

Finally, I am forcing Mr. Larry Salvadori to dedicate an entire page to sharing the Palanca flier I have been sending to different Palanca Coordinators serving in diocese all over the globe. Please accept this flier, along with my prayers that wherever and however God has called you to serve this fall, His words be written across your heart in all that you do.

De Colores,  
Rachel Ambasing

Dear Rachel,

First of all, I wish to thank you for all you do for the San Diego Cursillo Community: Secretariat; Weekend Musician, Weekend Rollista; Palanca Gatherer/Sender; Prayer Warrior; and more. Truly a "WONDER WOMAN" for Christ.

Below is the full page Palanca Flier you send out to others. Thanks for twisting my arm!

Mr. Larry Salvadori



# De Colores from the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego Cursillo Community!



“...and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human heart.” 2 Corinthians 3:3

May the good news of God’s redeeming, transformative love be written across your heart, this day and always!

## **CURSILLO FOURTH DAY NEWS/NOTES**

**St. Timothy's Ultreya Sept. 16, 2017.** What a glorious time 40 of us had at St. Tim's on Saturday Sept. 16! We hadn't held an Ultreya at that church for several years because they rent the parish hall to a dance group (their way of paying off the mortgage.) We dined al fresco in their breezeway (and it was breezy), then moved to the sanctuary. Seven musicians-singers played to our joyful singing and the witness talks were inspiring. Sandi Lanzarotta told of her fulfilling work with the Diocesan Property Committee on their Mission Action Parish team, which helped invigorate St. Philip's into the vibrant parish it is today. Jill McGrew outlined her journey from the Lutheran church to the Episcopal, the opportunities to serve the Cursillo community at her new church, St. Peter's Del Mar, and the challenges and joy of serving as President of the San Diego Cursillo Secretariat.

Join us on November 18 at St. Andrew's La Mesa for the Grand Ultreya and Secretariat Elections. Potluck at 6, Ultreya and Secretariat Elections at 7.

Judy Anderson, 4<sup>th</sup> Day Chair

### **MUST ATTEND SPECIAL EVENTS OCCURRING EARLY NEXT YEAR, 2018**

#### **BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN (BTTM) – JANUARY 5-7 AT PINE VALLEY**

*PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED FLIER FOR WEEKEND DETAILS. THIS WEEKEND WILL BE THE FIRST WEEKEND AT PINE VALLEY FOR CURSILLO. COME AND SEE OUR NEW FACILITIES: EXPLORE THE VAST PREMISES; EXPERIENCE THE PINE VALLEY CHEF'S FOOD; PARK CLOSE TO BUNK HOUSES; NO HILLS TO CLIMB; THICK MATTRESSES; ALTHOUGH IT'S A VALLEY, THE ALTITUDE IS 3,700 FEET, ALMOST LIKE JULIAN; PRAY IN THE CHAPEL; ENJOY-ENJOY-ENJOY. WORKING THE SPRING WEEKEND? HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO GET A HEAD START IN KNOWING ALL ABOUT OUR NEW WEEKEND FACILITIES.*

#### **EPISCOPAL CURSILLO LEADERS WORKSHOP – FEBRUARY 3 AT ST. ANDREW'S LA MESA**

*CAN'T ATTEND BTTM, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON? PLAN TO ATTEND THE ONE DAY, LOCAL ARRANGED ECLW, AND GET THE LATEST CURSILLO INFORMATION ON EVERYTHING FROM THE SECRETARIAT MEMBERS AND SPECIAL SERVANTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: WELCOME TO PINE VALLEY; VIDEOS; BTTM TESTIMONIES; FACILITIES; PARKING; FOOD; AN AGAPE LUNCH INCLUDING PIZZA, WINGS, CAKE, AND MARTINELLI'S; AND "THE PATH TO BECOMING A CURSILLO RECTOR".*

*YOU CAN HAVE ALL OF THIS, AND MORE, FOR A \$20 BILL. WHAT A DEAL!! WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ECLW, AND THE FLIER.*



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Maddie Beck

Alma Bernal

Elaine Coke

Michael Crowley

Dan Garcia

Kirstan Hanson Garcia

Jacky Hernandez

Greg Hout

Terri Jewett

Carlene Johnson

Marcyn Lord

Beau Malsbary

Jen Malsbary

Kate McKone-Sweet

Mark McKone-Sweet

Judy Messer

Alicia Munoz

John Pulsingay

Nancy Jean Raymond

Santiago Rodriguez

Emili Soto

Maria Esther de la Torre

Pepe Torres

## Back to the Mountain

January 5-7, 2017



- Where: Pine Valley Bible Conference Center, 8668 Pine Creek Road, Pine Valley, CA 91962  
When: 4:00 pm Fri., January 5 – 11:30 am Sun., January 7, 2018  
Who: All Cursillistas (and adults who have been on an equivalent three-day weekend)  
Cost: \$145. per person before 12/22/2017; and \$155. after 12/22/2017. Last day to register is December 29 (No refunds after Dec. 29 if you are unable to attend)

There will be singing, activities, talks, laughter, and lots of free time to enjoy the beautiful new camp and each other. We hope you'll join us!

**Mail Applications & Payments to: Jan Martin, 9937 Delia Ln, Santee, CA 92071**  
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Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	# of Reservations: Male [ ] Female [ ]
Total Amt. Enclosed:	I (we) will attend Fri. Dinner: Yes [ ] No [ ]
List any Special Dietary or Accommodation Needs:	