

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO SECRETARIAT PRESIDENT

### The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love Galatians 5:6b

I hope you are all having a good Summer. Whether you are traveling, spending time with family as school is out, or just business as usual, I hope you are taking time to enjoy yourself, and stay cool.

As for Cursillo, we are just as busy as always. We have had two wonderful Ultreyas in the last two months. In June at St David's, more than thirty people learned more about Kairos Inside. Kairos is a prison ministry, with a format not unlike Cursillo, but for incarcerated men at Donovan Prison. In July, we had an Ultreya at St Tim's' where more than 40 people learned

about Kairos Outside. This ministry focuses on those women who have, or have had a member of their family at Donovan (et al). Both these ministries are wonderful examples of Apostolic Action, expressing love and forgiveness to all and meeting the needs of others where they are. July was Cursillo Awareness month and most churches held activities to highlight the Cursillo ministry. Hopefully these activities sparked interest in becoming involved. Cursillo 143 is just around the corner in October. As with April's weekend, it will be held and Pine Valley Bible Conference Center. It is a beautiful camp and in late October, the weather should be perfect. Miguel Cosio is putting his team together and there is room for you! Not only is there room for you, but God has given you special gifts that are needed for this upcoming weekend. Susan Miller is ready and willing to accept applications for candidates. Please look at the members of your faith community and identify someone you can visualize as a Christian leader. Applications for both candidates and team members can be found, in both English and Spanish, at sdcursillo.org.

I pray the rest of the summer finds you safe and blessed. Please continue to pray for Cursillo 143, both the team and the candidates. I know the Holy Spirit will be working through everyone involved.

Blessings, Kit

#### MORE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Creative Sponsorship

The heart and soul of the Cursillo Ministry is sponsorship. It is a great responsibility to be a sponsor and it is an honor to be asked to attend a Cursillo Weekend. Everyone who has attended a Cursillo Weekend has done so because someone thought enough of them as a current or potential Christian leader, to invite them to participate on a weekend.

Each of us probably knows someone whom we can visualize as a leader in our faith community. This person, or persons, may be ideal candidates for a Cursillo Weekend. So, what is holding us back? Sponsorship is a big commitment, one not to be taken lightly. It involves prayer, time, finances, and more. Don't let this deter you from sponsorship.

Let's start with prayer. All of us can pray for our own candidates as well as all candidates that are attending the weekend. As past weekend attendees, we know how much prayer goes into a weekend. It starts in identifying candidates, preparing them for the weekend, making palanca for

the candidates and team, and prayer throughout the weekend, whether you are part of the team, or back in your faith community.

Prayer for those whom we sponsor is especially critical. On the sponsorship application, there is a prayer specifically for your candidate.

Besides prayer, there is the application process, transportation to camp, Clausura, Day of Deeper Understanding, and helping to find them a group, if your own group doesn't work for them. Sometimes we need to be creative and partner with others in your parish or group to fulfill all these needs.

The person filling out the application should know the candidate well, even if they are not in a financial position to pay for the weekend. That is usually the same person who brings them to camp and comes to Clausura. But if you plan to work the weekend, another person in your parish, or a grouping brother or sister can take them. What a wonderful way to get to know others. I personally don't know anyone in Cursillo who is introverted or shy.

If you can't attend DODU, partner with other sponsors from your parish to bring your candidate with theirs. Often, new Cursillistas feel a little uncertain about DODU, but once they get there they are excited to see their tablemates. DODU is a very important part of the weekend, so make arrangements early, if you personally cannot attend.

Finances are an entire matter unto themselves. Not everyone who wants to sponsor can afford to pay the cost of the weekend. There are options here as well.

Often people who had been active in the past can no longer work the weekends, or drive. What a wonderful opportunity for them to continue involvement by contributing to a Cursillo fund, either at their parish, or directly to San Diego Episcopal Cursillo. Any contributions will be used to pay for someone who may otherwise be unable to attend, either as a worker or candidate. At one church, the Cursillo community sponsors the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, and all proceeds go to the Cursillo fund for sponsorship. Another church holds monthly bake sales, to raise money for workers and candidates. There are Fourth Day groups that sponsor 1 person per year, or even contribute just an extra \$100. Often, instead of the \$185 for the weekend, people round it up to \$200. Everything helps

with the cost of the weekend and no one should not attend, either as a worker or candidate because of inability to pay.

Candidates often need other types of assistance. It there a young couple with children you are close to? Perhaps you can help with childcare so the parents can focus on the weekend. Can you pet sit for a weekend? Water plants? These are all ways you can help people to feel comfortable enough to break away.

Think back to your own weekend, how you felt, how it changed your life. Know that you can make that same difference for someone else and help change the world for Christ.

**KIT** 

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN CURSILLO SPIRITUAL ADVISOR (repeat)

### Our Happiness Consists in having the Vision of the Divine Essence

The title of this article is the truth. It is how we will find happiness. Yet, we search in all the wrong places trying desperately to find happiness. We try to find happiness in wealth, in honors, in fame, or glory. We try to find happiness in acquiring more power, in bodily health, in pleasure, and all kinds of created goods. Every one of the above listed things is good in some way, but it is incomplete and inadequate goodness. These things always leave us longing for more. We realize that they do not satisfy or fulfill our desires. We have an appetite for happiness and we are left hungry for more happiness. We are wrong in trying to find happiness in these ways.

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) said "It is impossible for any created good to constitute man's happiness. For happiness is the perfect good, which lulls the appetite altogether; else it would not be the last end, if something yet remained to be desired. Now the object of the will, i.e. of man's appetite, is the universal good; just as the object of the intellect is the universal true. Hence it is evident that naught can lull man's will, save the universal good. This is to be found, not in any creature, but in God alone; because every creature has goodness by participation. Wherefore God alone can satisfy the will of man, according to the words of Ps. 10:5: "Who satisfieth thy desire with good things." Therefore God alone constitutes man's happiness. (Suma Theologiae I-II, Q.2).

True happiness is to encounter the ultimate universal and uncreated good which is God. To see God as he really is, in his divine essence, is true happiness. St. Thomas says that true happiness is found in seeing God "as He is." He quotes the following verse of scripture:

1 John 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

The words "he is" probably refer to Jesus Christ, according to most commentators. But to see Jesus in his second coming is to see God in all of His glory and therefore to see his divine essence. To see God in His divine essence is to enter into the state of our completed salvation and perfect happiness. In this state, we will have perfect **obedience**, perfect **purity**, and perfect **love**. There will be no room for any sin that can mar our union with Jesus and deprive us of any amount of happiness.

You might ask, "But wait a minute! This ultimate state of happiness sounds great, but I am still living down here on earth in this sinful world. What does this have to do with me today?" I can't see the divine essence of God as we will know Him at the end of time. So it sounds like happiness is beyond my reach. In John 1:18, it says "No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart who has made him known." We cannot now see God directly, but we see something of the divine essence when we see God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we see as much of the divine essence as we can possible see in our current life. When we participate and experience the love of Jesus we are coming as close as we can to the divine essence in this life. And we must be clear what this love is and what it is showing us. Karl Barth (1886-1968) says "According to Holy Scripture the love of God has nothing to do with mere sentiment, opinion or feeling. On the contrary, it consists in definite being, relationship and action. God is love in Himself. Being loved by Him we can, as it were, look into His "heart". The fact that He loves us means that we can know Him as He is." (Church Dogmatics Volume I, Part 2, page 377).

When we are supernaturally, miraculously participating in the love of Jesus Christ, we are being filled with the essence of God and therefore filled with a happiness that is not of this world. Again, as Karl Barth says about God, "We can look into His "heart." and "The fact that He loves us means that we can know Him as He is."

Pray and think of ways that you can participate in the love of Jesus Christ and you will be moving toward perfect happiness. What the psalmist says will become true for you: "Happy are the people whose God is the Lord." Psalm 144, verse 16

Your friend in Christ,

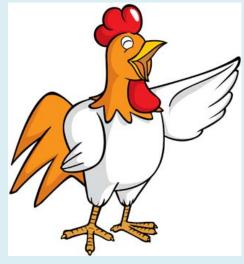
Father George

## **FOURTH DAY GATHERING**

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## St. Philip-the-Apostle

2660 Hardy Drive, Lemon Grove



**SATURDAY- August 25 6 PM** POTLUCK ULTREYA **7 PM** 

Our three legged stool is prayer, study and action. At this Ultreya you will hear the first two legs of the stool—prayer and study.

Witness Talk Janet Shaw

Echo Pete Casalegno

Clergy Response Fr. Carlos Garcia

**Head Musician** Alex Tuttle

Join us in praising the Lord and reconnecting with your Cursillo brothers and sisters. A dish to share is always welcome; your songbooks are a must and your musical instruments add to the enjoyment.

BRING A FRIEND

#### CURSILLO EVENTS CALENDAR

- 8-25-18: ULTREYA, ST. PHILLIPS, 6:00 PM POTLUCK, 7 8:30 PM ULTREYA
- 8-25-18: #143 TEAM MEETING, ST. PHILIPS, 8:00 AM NOON
- 9-8-18: SERVANT COM MEETING, TRAINING, ST. DUNSTANS, 8:30 NOON
- 9-8-18: SECRETARIAT MEETING, ST. DUNSTANS, 12:30 PM TILL DONE
- 9-22-18: #143 TEAM MEETING, ST. PHILIPS, 8:00 AM NOON
- 9-25-18: #143 CANDIDATE APPLICATION DEADLINE
- 9-29-18: ROLLO CRITIQUES, ST. BARTS, 8:00 AM NOON
- 9-29-18: ULTREYA, ST. PETES, 12:00 NOON POTLUCK, 1:00PM 2:30 PM, ULTREYA
- 10-4-18: SECRETARIAT MEETING, ST. DUNSTANS, 6:00 BAG IT, 6:30 PM MEETING

#### PALANCA

#### Hello Dear Friends!!!

Let me invite you to send Palanca, and keep praying throughout the weekend when our brothers and sisters gather on their Cursillo Weekends on the following dates:

#### **AUGUST**

- 8/9-12, Cursillo, Austin, SRyder@JsrSys.com
- 8/9-12, Cursillo #254, Texas, ellenpanchot@gmail.com
- 8/10-12, Co-ed Cursillo, Oklahoma, eh@knightsbridgeusa.com
- 8/11, Holy Conversation, Western North Carolina, wnc\_cursillo@skybest.com
- 8/23-26, Hispanic Co-ed Cursillo #1, Southeast Florida, pam.laws.clark@gmail.com
- 8/25, Los Angeles Grand Ultreya, nancywiebenstock@outlook.com

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 9/13-16, Alabama #214, jpoole@pooleandcompany.com
- 9/20-23, Cursillo Weekend, Heartland, donna.thebishopswife@gmail.com
- 9/20-23, Women's Cursillo #990, San Francisco, <u>pwandersen@mac.com</u>

- 9/27-30, Men's Cursillo #140, Florida, roni.a.kelly@gmail.com
- 9/27-30, Southern Virginia, palanca@cursillodiosova.org
- 9/27-30, West Texas, <a href="mailto:ltempleton254@gmail.com">ltempleton254@gmail.com</a>

#### **OCTOBER**

- 10/4-7, Spanish Men's Cursillo, Los Angeles, colin48stewart@gmail.com
- 10/4-7, Women's Cursillo #141, Florida, roni.a.kelly@gmail.com
- 10/3-7, Women's Cursillo #113, Southeast Florida, pam.laws.clark@gmail.com
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De Colores!

Isabel Lynne

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## **CURSILLO CORNER – DONATIONS\***

The Cursillo community accepts donations year-round. These donations allow us to set up "scholarships" to help defray the cost of sponsoring new Cursillistas and workers, pay our bills, support ministries, and the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. If you'd like to make a Donation/Gift to Cursillo, please sent it to:

Jamie Wood – Treasurer 4554 Point Loma Avenue San Diego, Ca. 92107

Checks made out to: Cursillos in Christianity

\* FROM THE EDITOR: AUGUST IS USUALLY A SLOW MONTH. WE SIT AROUND THE FAN/AC BLOWERS AND COMPLAIN ABOUT THE WEATHER. I HAVE A GREAT IDEA: WHEN WE'RE NICE AND COOL AND COMFORTABLE, LET'S MAKE OUT A CHECK TO CURSILLO, GET INTO OUR A/C CARS, AND MAIL IT TO JAMIE. SHE'LL BE SO STARTLED AND SURPRISED, I CAN JUST SEE THE LOOK ON HER FACE. AND HER SHOUT FOR JOY OVER THE GENEROSITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE WHO GATHER ROUND, AND SUPPORT CURSILLO!

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### FROM NATIONAL CURSILLO HQ

# Early Bird Registration for October 19-20 ECM Houston Conference Is Now Live

The Diocese of Texas will host the 2018 annual conference of the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry in Houston on October 19-20. Plans include a number of insightful, hands-on workshops to enhance not only the Cursillo weekend but also deepen the Fourth Day experience. Watch this space for more details.

Early Bird Registration is live now, offering a \$40 discount. Conference attendees will receive a special early bird rate (until September) of \$139 a night at the Sam Houston Hotel, just a three-minute walk from the Christ Church Cathedral where the conference will be held. Most airport shuttles service the hotels downtown.

Go to <a href="http://www.cvent.com/d/5gq300">http://www.cvent.com/d/5gq300</a> to register.

### READ-REREAD-REMEMBER-ACT-VOLUNTEER-DO IT-WITH LOVE

## **CURSILLO IS COMING TO CONVENTION=-A REMINDER**

CURSILLO HAS BEEN ASKED AGAIN TO PROVIDE HOSPITALITY SERVICES AT THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL CONVENTION AT ST. DUNSTAN'S ON NOVEMBER 9-10, 2018. WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH THE DIOCESAN AND ST. DUNSTAN'S CONVENTION TEAMS AND FOLLOWING IS THE APPLICATION TO WORK FOR CURSILLO AND THE DIOCESE. WE INVITE YOUR INPUTS FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES CURSILLO CAN PROVIDE TO MAKE THE 2018 CONVENTION AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER.

### Hospitality offerings and responsibilities:

- 1. Beverage Bar- Coffee (regular, de-caf.), Tea, Lemonade, Water Start Friday and Saturday @7:30 AM.
- 2. Comfort/Necessities Station: Start 7:30 AM Friday-through Saturday close.
  - a. Create comfort Station on front patio
  - b. Snacks (protein, energy, sweets, chocolate)
  - c. Telephone Charging Area
  - d. Face Wipes, personal items, first aid, etc.
  - e. Note Writing, Passing (encouraging, love, engaging, etc)
- 3. Special Box Lunch for Friday lunch. Serve 350: (crew of 8)

- a. Box Lunch (chicken salad croissant, chips, pickle. cookie, palanca note)
- 4. Continental Breakfast (fruit, yogurt, muffins, etc.)) for Saturday Morning start @7:30 AM.(crew of 4)
- 5. Baked potato, cheezy/broccoli soup, brownie, for Saturday Lunch.
- 6. Provide entertainment and music for Friday night social: Cursillo Musicians(tentative).
- 7. Provide serving people for Friday Night Social (heavy appetizers) (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 notes, brownies, muffins, and cookies.

IT IS OKAY TO SIGN UP FOR MORE THAN ONE OPPORTUNITY AT THIS TIME. WE ARE ASKING FOR INDIVIDUAL SIGN-UPS NOW.

CAN YOU BAKE COOKIES, SERVE COFFEE, PRAY, MAKE SANDWICHES, PACK A LUNCH, STIR SOUP, PLUG IN A CELL PHONE? WE NEED YOU FOR CONVENTION SERVICE!!!!!!!!!!!

**ULTREYA**,

LARRY SALVADORI
SERVANT COMMUNITY, FORWARD EDITOR, AND EVENT CO-ORDINATOR
FOR CURSILLO

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OR: GIVE IT TO ME THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE ME

**CURSILLO VOLUNTEER / REGISTER FOR 2018 CONVENTION- FORM** 

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NOTE: YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, ETC. WILL BE CONVERTED INTO AN OFFICIAL REGISTRATION

**NOTE**: ALL OPPORTUNITIES ABOVE WILL BECOME PART OF A TEAM OF CURSILLISTAS WITH BACK-UPS, UNION HOURS, GOOD FUN, AND GOOD FOOD. WE WILL WEAR OUR BALONEYS AND APRONS (OPTIONAL) TO LET ALL PRESENT KNOW THAT CURSILLO CAN PROVIDE HOSPITALITY SERVICES AS ONLY CURSILLO CAN. WE DO THIS SERVICE BECAUSE WE WERE ASKED, AND BY SAYING YES, WE FULLFILL TWO OF THE COVENENTS IN OUR 2018 ANNUAL PASTORAL PLAN WITH THE BISHOP.

