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Cursillo *forward*



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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION



FROM THE SAN DIEGO CURSILLO SECRETARIAT

A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO SECRETARIAT PRESIDENT

The only thing that counts is Faith expressing itself through Love Galatians 5:6b

Cursillo #143 was a joyous, spirit-filled weekend. 11 candidates, shepherded by 40 servants were brought into the Cursillo Community. Miguel Cosio and his team worked and prayed before and during the weekend and God certainly answered the prayers. Thank you to all who worked the weekend as well as those who stayed home to pray.

On November 17th, more than 40 Cursistas gathered at St Andrew's in La Mesa for the Grand Ultreya. There was good food, lively music and wonderful fellowship.

At this gathering we also said thank you to the 3 members of the secretariat who have completed their 3 year commitment: Jill McGrew, Miguel Cosio and Jon Turley. They have served faithfully and we appreciate their service.

Welcome to our 5 new members of the secretariat. Deacon Pam Rieger and Fr Peter Sickles join us as clergy, and Ruben Rodriguez, Judy Brown and Mike Jewett as laity. Welcome! We are blessed to have these 5 new members.

My term as president is coming to an end, and I cannot express enough the gratitude I feel for the opportunity to serve you. This year has been an overwhelming blessing. The biggest challenge this year was to transition our weekends to Pine Valley Bible Conference Center.

Debbie Kistler and Miguel Cosio were our inaugural Rectors, and laid the foundation for Pine Valley Procedures. Although we still need to 'tweak' some of the logistics, the experience their leadership gave us, will be invaluable. I hope many of you will take the opportunity to participate in a weekend, either as a servant, or on Sunday attending Open Closura. You will find Pine Valley welcoming and very accessible.

At the Secretariat meeting on Dec 1, Craig Noble was unanimously voted in as the President for 2019. He will lead you with the blessing of the Holy Spirit, and continue to grow Cursillo in our Diocese.

Up next, is Back to the Mountain! There are still a few (very few) vacancies for participants. The 3 Amigos, oops, I mean leaders, are Larry Salvadori, Ruben Rodriguez and Jon Turley. I know they have some interesting activities for us and we will come back refreshed. We are also blessed to have Ft George Calvert and his lovely wife Nancy joining us. Welcome.

Cursillo #144 will be held on March 28- March 31. Applications are being accepted for the team already.

Applications for both Back to the Mountain and Cursillo #144 are on the front page of the website at www.sdcursillo.org.

I pray for you all to have a Holy Advent, filled with the anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May your Christmas be joy-filled and peaceful. And may the coming year bring you health and prosperity.

Blessings, Kit



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN CURSILLO SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

ADVENT—THE SEASON OF BOTH REPENTANCE AND EXPECTATION

If you had the choice between an old clunker of a car, one that only worked sometimes, its engine often stalling and leaving you stranded, or a brand-new beautiful Ferrari, with lots of reliable horsepower, which car would you choose? What's amazing is that we try to live an old clunker of a life. Trying to live your life without God in it, is like living a clunker of a life. A life powered by sin is always going to lead a life that stalls, leaving us stranded. Why choose a life that's not going to work? Instead, there is an exciting option that has more power than a Ferrari—**God!!!**

The church season of Advent is when we make a choice between sin and God, in this respect it is like Lent. But in Advent, it is also an exciting season filled with expectation, the expectation that Christ is coming, both His first coming at Christmas and His second coming at the end of time. In between these two comings, Christ comes to us through the power of the Holy Spirit. So, the season calls for us to both repent of our sins and expect Christ to come to us.

Now here's the interesting thing about Advent: just as it would be exciting to give up an old clunker for a Ferrari, it should be exciting and joyful to repent of our sins when we are filled with the expectation that Jesus is coming to us. We say with expectation and excitement during Advent, "Maranatha--Come Lord Jesus, Come."

Your friend in Christ,

Father George

Cursillo events calendar

DEC 28, 2018	BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN APPLICATION DEADLINE, LARRY, RUBEN, JON.
JAN. 11-13, 2019	BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN, FRIDAY 4:00 PM, SUNDAY 11:30 AM

PALANCA

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving, and ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like to thank everyone who prayed and gave Palanca, for our Cursillo #143, led by our Rector Miguel Cosio.

Thanks to the effort of every single cursillista that served, and Kudos to the Palanca team, we had a very successful cursillo.

As we gear up for the Christmas celebrations, I would like to encourage you to make time to pray no matter where you are either at the stores, post office, airport you will be surprise how many opportunities we missed to be in touch with the Lord and pray. Please include in our prayers present Cursillistas, the future ones, and for all of those that are attending the Back to the Mountain on January 11-13, 2019 at Pine Valley coordinated by the Tres Amigos: Larry Salvadori, Ruben Rodriguez & Jon Turley. You may find the application in our www.sdcursillo.org.

May you have a very blessed Christmas, and a happy New Year

De Colores!
Isabel Lynne

2018 SECRETARIAT LAY MEMBERS

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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 Christmas 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

**PLEASE CONSIDER CURSILLO AS A MEMBER OF YOUR
FAMILY WHEN PRAYING
ABOUT THE MAGNITUDE OF YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT
DONATION TO CURSILLO**



****BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN APPLICATION IS ON THE LAST PAGE****



CHRISTMAS MEDITATION:

I SAW A STRANGER TODAY, I PUT FOOD FOR HIM IN THE EATING PLACE, AND DRINK IN THE IN THE DRINKING PLACE, AND MUSIC IN THE LISTENING PLACE. HE BLESSED ME AND MY FAMILY, AND THANKED ME FOR NOTICING HIM.

THE STRANGER WAS CHRIST.

***THE CURSILLO SECRETARIAT WISHES ALL OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
A VERY BLESSED MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR***

FROM:

FR. GEORGE CALVERT; FR. PAUL GAMBLING; FR. CARLOS GARCIA; FR.. RICK SHOWWALTER; DEBBIE KISTLER; JILL McGREW; RUBEN RODRIGUEZ; LARRY SALVADORI; JUDY BROWN; JAMIE WOOD; JUDY ANDERSON; ISABEL LYNNE; ED EMBICK; SUSAN MILLER; SHELL PIERCE; JON TURLEY; MIGUEL COSIO; KIT CHEVALIER; CRAIG NOBLE; RACHEL AMBASING; HUMBERTO GARCIA; AND MANY OTHER PRAYER WARRIORS; SUPPORTERS; DONATORS; AND FRIENDS.

Back to the Mountain

January 11 –13, 2019

HOSTED BY THE THREE AMIGOS:

JON TURLEY RUBEN RODRIQUEZ LARRY SALVADORI



Weekend Theme: *Friends of Jesus love one another, just as He loves us.*
(John 15: 12–13, 17)

Saturday Night Entertainment –The Movie: “*The Three Amigos*”

- Where:** Pine Valley Bible Conference Center, 8668 Pine Creek Road, Pine Valley, CA 91962
When: 4:00pm Friday, January 11 – 11:30am Sunday, January 13, 2019
Who: All Cursillistas (and adults who have been on an equivalent three-day weekend)
Cost: \$130 per person before 12/28/2018 or \$135 after 12/28/2018. Last day to register is January 4 (No refunds after January 4 if you are unable to attend).

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

Mail applications and payments to: Larry Salvadori, 11434 Duenda Road, San Diego, Ca. 92127
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Attach application below and mail with payment (please make out checks to: Cursillos in Christianity)

Name(s):	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	# of Reservations: Male [] Female []
Total Amount Enclosed:	I /we will attend Friday dinner: Yes [] No []
List any special dietary, or accommodation, needs:	