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# CURSILLO FORWARD



Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego  
Our Mission is to Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership  
Please visit our Cursillo website for more information at [www.sdcursillo.org](http://www.sdcursillo.org)

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO SECRETARIAT PRESIDENT***

The Theme this year is “Friends of Jesus love one another, just as He loves us (John 15: 12–13, 17).

Summer is now half over or half full for you optimists. Fall is around the corner and that means the Fall 3-Day Cursillo Weekend. Our Rector for fall is Rachael Ambasing and she still has need for team workers as well as sponsors bringing forth candidates. Applications are on the Cursillo website ([sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org)) for Team, Candidate and Sponsor for download. Our Cursillo community is known for supporting each other through the 4-day groups and our action to the Cursillo community during the 3-day weekends. Start checking the Cursillo Website in mid-September for team and candidate Palanca lists and any changes.

We had an Ultreya at St. Bartholomew’s on June 29<sup>th</sup> and there were over 60 people attending with lots of food, fellowship and great talks. Last Saturday was another Ultreya at St. Andrew’s La Mesa and though I had to be in Hawaii for a family wedding, I am sure it was another great event. The next Ultreya is scheduled for August 31 at Church of the Good Shepherd, Bonita and I hope you will attend. I won’t be there as I will be in Iowa for the month of September followed up by attending the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry (ECM) Convention in Kansas City, MO October 2<sup>nd</sup> - October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Until the next newsletter, keep Living the Fourth Day (L4D).



Secretariat President  
Craig Noble

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

### *The Four Marks of the Church*

We can be suspicious when we hear the words, “the true church.” No one likes to be told what is true and what is not true about the church. We are so suspicious because of religious conflicts in the past that have claimed things to be true that are obviously false. Also, some people immediately become uncomfortable when one church claims that it is the true church. It seems like a very arrogant claim. But there must be some criteria to distinguish between a false church and a true church. There are such criteria. They are found in the Nicene Creed. There are four marks of the true church. The true church is **One**. It is **Holy**. It is **Catholic**. It is **Apostolic**. We need to be clear on why these four criteria are so very important. Oftentimes these marks of the true church are misunderstood or not understood at all. They are simply said every Sunday morning by millions of people all over the world without any understanding.

**One:** In the Baptismal liturgy, the following verse of scripture is quoted, "There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." [Eph. 4:5–6] Jesus also prayed for his church to be one in his prayer in the Gospel of John. It is Christ’s intention that the church be one. Paul the Apostle also says: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). In 1 Cor. 15:9, Paul spoke of himself as having persecuted "the church of God", not just the local church in Jerusalem but the same church that he addresses at the beginning of that letter as "the church of God that is in Corinth" (1 Cor. 1:2). In the same letter, he tells Christians: "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:27), and declares that, "just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Cor. 12:12).

The reason why the church is not *One* is because of huge sins committed by church leaders and others in the church for many years. The breakup of the church during the reformation was the result of hundreds of years of corruption during the Middle Ages. Martin Luther was not the first to realize that there was something seriously wrong with the church. A number of people and even high-ranking cardinals complained about the corruption. One reform attempt after another had been thwarted before Martin Luther finally succeeded. But Martin Luther’s reformation only succeeded at the cost of breaking up the church. Today we have the Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian churches as well as the Catholic church. No one church is the true church. Each church to some extent is false because it only represents part of the truth of the Gospel. Yes, even the Episcopal Church is to some extent a false church. Other churches teach things that are true that we ignore and so our teaching is inadequate and cannot prove that we are the true church. The existence of many different churches is a scandal that is the result of human sin. The lack of one church is not the will of Jesus. It’s the will of hard-hearted and small-minded humans. When the different churches try to look beyond their divisions and see the truth in the other churches, then we see the oneness that exists despite our divisions. And there is a real oneness that does exist among the churches. There is a “Church of God” that exists in and through the divided churches. God’s one true church shines through the human divided church.



**Holy:** The word holy means to be set apart for the special purposes of God. As Karl Barth says, “The church is not holy because the people are holy, it is holy because Christ dwells within it.” Christ is present in the church through His word and sacraments, no matter how sinful the church is. Because Christ is present in word and sacrament, Christ’s holiness is also present. Ideally, the people in the church should strive to be as holy as possible. We want Christ’s holiness to dwell not just in the word and sacrament, but also in the hearts of the people. The people need to be set aside for the special purposes of God in the church. A true church shows Christ’s holiness to people both inside and outside of the church. A true church is one where Christ’s holiness is being manifest to many different people. A false church is one where there is no manifestation of Christ’s holiness. Or to put it another way, a church is false to the extent that it fails to manifest Christ’s holiness. When people see holiness in the church, they see the church as being authentic and true.

**Catholic:** The word "catholic" is derived from the Greek adjective καθολικός (katholikos), meaning "general", "universal." It is associated with the Greek adverb καθόλου (katholou), meaning "according to the whole", "entirely", or "in general", a combination of the preposition κατά meaning "according to" and the adjective ὅλος meaning "whole". A catholic church contains the wholeness of the Christian faith. Every church should try to be catholic, to contain within it the whole of all Christian faith. The church is called to believe what all believers have believed from down through the ages, not just the part we want to believe in our own particular time and situation. To the extent that a church fails to believe the whole faith, it is a false church. To the extent that a church reflects the whole faith, it is a true church.

**Apostolic:** Apostolic describes the Church's foundation and beliefs as rooted and continuing in the living Tradition of the Apostles of Jesus. A church is apostolic as it recognizes in practice the supreme authority of the apostolic scriptures. The church must be faithful to Apostolic teaching if it’s to be a true church. When the church cuts itself off from its new testament foundation, it becomes false. The more it can show Apostolic teaching and practice, the truer the church becomes. The word apostolic does not just refer to teaching and practice. It also refers to a continuity of the organized church. This continuity is referred to as the apostolic succession of bishops. The Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican, and some Lutheran churches, such as the Lutheran church of Sweden, believe that the word Apostolic refers to the succession of Episcopal ordination as well as to teaching and practice. The organization of the church must be faithful to the way it was organized by the apostles if it is to be a truly Apostolic Church. The true church needs to be Apostolic in teaching, practice, and organization.

In summary, we need to be a church that reflects the **one**-ness of the church, the **holiness** of Christ, the **catholicity** of the church, and the **apostolic** teaching, practice, and organization of the church. I believe that Cursillo reflects the four marks of the true church.

Your friend in Christ,

Father George

Diocesan Cursillo Spiritual Advisor



## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR, CURSILLO WEEKEND #145***

De Colores! And peace be with the whole community.

I think it's safe to say that it has been a difficult season for this Cursillo Community. We have had to say good-bye to many of our Cursillo brothers and sisters in recent months, and many members of our community are in need of healing: physically, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, or all of the above.

One thing I have been blessed to witness this summer is how so many people, including those who have been directly affected by the loss of a loved one or by an unexpected medical development, etc., even in the midst of grief and uncertainty, are still dedicated to serving God through the Cursillo ministry. What a blessing to be part of such a community! And I am humbled to be able to serve this community as Rector of the upcoming Cursillo #145 (God willing)!

Of course, there is no Cursillo weekend without a Team. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to serve during the Fall weekend, whether it's as a member of the weekend team or as a sponsor or other special volunteer. If you feel called, please contact myself or your Parish Rep.

With love,  
Rachel Ambasing  
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## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT – PARISH REPS.***

And Who Is **Your** Parish Rep???

De Colores to all!

Most parishes in the San Diego Diocese have a parish representative for the Cursillo community. Parish Reps have the awesome job of maintaining contact with Cursillistas in their parish, passing along information about upcoming Ultreyas, and Cursillo weekends. Parish Reps are key to identifying potential candidates and assisting in creating grouping opportunities. They work closely with the clergy, and encourage sponsorship of new candidates.

If you don't know who your parish rep is, just go to **[sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org)**, and look for Parish Representatives in the left-hand column on the home page. If you don't know the person listed, find them and introduce yourself. Make sure you are on their email distribution for Cursillistas at your parish.

Is a rep missing from your church? Perhaps you would like to volunteer for this fun position. If you have questions, please email me at [kmsopsinger@yahoo.com](mailto:kmsopsinger@yahoo.com). I will respond as soon as I can, but will be out of range for most of the month of August, returning 8/29.

Blessings, Kit Chevalier

## ***FOURTH DAY EVENTS***

“They continued steadfastly in the Apostles’ teaching and in fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.” Acts 2:42.

### **News about the Ulyreya held on June 29, 2019, at St. Bart’s, Poway:**

Depending on who you asked, the count for the evening was from 68 to 80 something. Fr. Carlos was the guest speaker giving the witness talk, and many St. Philips Curillistas showed up to support their Rector. Fr. Carlos talked about the time our Bishop Mathes challenged our ministry to fully integrate our Spanish and English speaking Cursillo Communities into one Diocesan level Cursillo Community. Fr. Carlos gave us pause to remember the hundreds of hours, the compromises, the concessions, and especially the love it took to accomplish the objective. But we did it, we transformed our ministrys into one fully integrated ministry, and almost beyond belief, at the same time, we were transforming our weekends from separate men’s and women’s weekends to co-ed weekends.

Fr. Carlos’s witness was confirmed and affirmed by Echo Speaker Kit Chevelair, and Clergy Responder Rev. Allisyn Thomas. In summing up all three inspirational talks, I refer to:

***Matthew 19: 26 - With God, all things are possible.***

Thank you all for helping make these transformations happen. Our weekends are now identified by the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry publications as “Coed Bilingual”. That says it all!

Larry Salvadori

### **News about the Ultreya held on July 27, 2019 at St. Andrew’s, La Mesa:**

Thirty-four Cusillistas and guests came together for fellowship, food, and encouragement and Spiritual inspiration, all of which was abundantly provided by our Lord Jesus Christ. Though many came with heavy hearts as they grieved for the recent loss of scions of the Cursillo Ministry of the Diocese of San Diego, all were refreshed by the loving fellowship from their friends in Christ and the joyous music they experienced with and from the seven musicians led by Pete and Jill Casalegno.

A wonderful witness talk was given by Rachel Ambasing. Rachel, the Rector of the upcoming Cursillo Weekend #145, shared how her Cursillo Weekend #137 experience led her to develop her gift of music so that she could lead others in worship through music at St. Matthew’s as well as in Cursillo events all to the glory of God. In Lynn Sarnecki’s Echo Talk Lynn shared how though she was inclined to say “No” when prompted to step out of her comfort zone God provided her with ability and confidence to act for God when she said “Yes.” In the Scriptural Response Mother Cristina Borges read from the Gospel of John 1:12 where Jesus described his disciples as having become “children of God” and remarked that the Witness Talk evinced that Rachel has become a child of God too.

The evening concluded as the gathered saints held hands, prayed for mercy, healing, strength and grace for Amber Garcia, her husband, Humberto, and their children, and sang The Lord’s Prayer.

The next Ultreya will be held on August 31, 2019, at Good Shepherd, Bonita. Come. Join in the loving fellowship, enjoy the abundant and delicious food, and learn from and become inspired by the witness talks and teaching. Check the website: [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) for the latest information.

In Christ,

Ruben Rodriguez

## ***REMEMBERING THE CURSILLO SAINTS***

***YOUR MEMORY IS OUR KEEPSAKE,  
WITH WHICH WE'LL NEVER PART.  
GOD HAS YOU IN HIS KEEPING,  
WE HAVE YOU IN OUR HEARTS.***

Let us remember the Cursillo Saints who recently have passed on to be with the Lord:

Mary Maud Sadler  
Thad Baker  
Jetti Angelone  
Dennis Tuttle  
Judy Anderson  
Bruce Wier  
Bill Redelings  
Bob Prah  
K-Ellen Cleary

### ***BILL REDELINGS***

William A. Redelings ("Bill") March 14, 1922 and was called home by our Lord April 2, 2019. He was 97 years old.

Bill and his wife Margret ("Mardie") were two of six Cursillistas asked to be part of a steering committee who worked with Rev. Fred Bartlett under the auspices of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Robert Wolterstorff to establish the San Diego Episcopal Diocese Cursillo organization in 1972. Bill was very active in the Cursillo, served on many weekend teams including as Head Cook Kitchen of Cursillo 11 in the days when we held weekends at Pala Rey Youth Camp where he had complete responsibility with rotating Cocineros for meal preparation for about 100 team and candidates.

It was at San Diego State College that he met Mardie; their wedding was at All Saints Episcopal Church. They were married from 1948 until her death in 2001. He later met Joan; their wedding was at St Dunstan's. They were married from 2005 until her death in 2016. He was a 50-year member of St Dunstan's Episcopal Church, where he had been a vestry member, and later a leader in Cursillo, "Faith Alive", and children's church. He was an avid camper with his family and a Boy Scout Leader for many years.

Ed Embick

### ***DENNIS TUTTLE***

Dennis Tuttle never worked a Cursillo weekend but he was present at almost all Mañanitas. He would don his colorful poncho, grab a glass of orange juice, and drive up to Camp Stevens with his wife, Sandia, and many times with his kids, Greg and Alex. He and his wife sponsored many Cursillistas over the years and he made sure to come to every closing Eucharist for those Cursillistas.

Dennis designed and/or remodeled many of the structures Cursillo used while at Camp Stevens. Cursillo San Diego enjoyed the space and spaciousness, long beds, cubby holes, and built in sacristy, and intentional design of Blum Lodge. Big on light and air, his work utilized the terrain of camp to optimize these natural gifts. In Wolterstorff Lodge, the view of Vulcan mountain remains the favorite space and vista by those who stay there.

At his funeral last month, Come and See. was sung during communion; a song that he helped write while at Cursillo #45.

Alex Tuttle

### ***CURSILLO EVENTS CALENDER***

DATE	Description	Location	POC	Time/Day
Aug-24-19	Cursillo #145 1 <sup>st</sup> Full Team Meeting	<u>St. Andrew's, La Mesa</u>	<u>Rachel Ambasing</u>	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Aug-31-19	<u>Ultreya [flyer]</u>	<u>Good Shepherd Bonita</u>	<u>Ultreya Committee</u>	6:00 PM Pot Luck 7:00 PM Ultreya
<b>September 2019</b>	More Information <a href="#">Click Link</a>	<a href="#">Directions</a> <a href="#">Click Link</a>	<a href="#">Click Link</a> to e-mail POC	<a href="#">Return to top</a>
DATE	Description	Location	POC	Time/Day
Sep-07-19	<u>Servant Community</u> Cursillo #145 Cocinero & Rollo Room Training	<u>St. Dunstan's</u>	<u>Larry Salvadori &amp; Rachel Ambasing</u>	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Sep-07-19	<u>Secretariat</u>	<u>St. Dunstan's</u>	<u>Craig Noble</u>	12:30 PM
Sep-14-19	Cursillo #145 2 <sup>nd</sup> Full Team Meeting	<u>St. Matthew's</u>	<u>Rachel Ambasing</u>	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Sep-24-19	<b>Cursillo # 145 Applications Deadline</b>	<u>Cursillo Applications</u>	<u>Pre-Cursillo Chair</u>	COB
Sep-26-19	<b>Forward Deadline</b>		<u>News Letter Editor</u>	COB

**PALANCA**

Cursillo #145 is around the corner and it is time to start planning and practicing our creativity, to make the Palanca for our candidates. It is a wonderful way of supporting and keeping our Candidates in prayer throughout the weekend. Remember the first time you received Palanca?. Pray about it and unleash your imagination.

Also, please keep the following up coming Cursillo events:

**AUGUST**

8/8-11, Cursillo #226, Texas, [ellenpanchot@gmail.com](mailto:ellenpanchot@gmail.com)

8/9-11, Coed English Cursillo, East Bay Anglican (Oakland, CA), [joannah@aceweb.com](mailto:joannah@aceweb.com) or [danielbucket@aceweb.com](mailto:danielbucket@aceweb.com)

**SEPTEMBER**

9/12-15 Cursillo #219, Alabama, [lipmonm@gmail.com](mailto:lipmonm@gmail.com) or [jpoole@pooleandcompany.com](mailto:jpoole@pooleandcompany.com)

9/14 Music Workshop, Alabama, [lipmonm@gmail.com](mailto:lipmonm@gmail.com)

9/20-22, Heartland Cursillo Weekend, West Missouri and Kansas, [hobbyses@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hobbyses@sbcglobal.net)

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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, maintain our Database, and the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. If you’d like to make a small, medium, or large gift to Cursillo, please sent it to:

Judy Brown – Treasurer  
 51 Viejas Grade Road  
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## **Cursillo Job Opening**

- **Cursillo Storage Saint**
  - Looking for one or more Cursillo Saints to provide any of the following:
    - Indoor, safe storage for Cursillo weekend equipment and stuff, mobile or stationary
    - A trailer for the above
    - Transportation of stuff to and from Pine Valley twice a year

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