

DECEMBER 2021  
CHRISTMAS EDITION



# 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)

***SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION***



***FROM THE SAN DIEGO CURSILLO SECRETARIAT***

**A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO PRESIDENT**

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as president this year, and I am pleased that Sunny Landry has agreed to be president in 2022. She is an asset to Cursillo, and I look forward to working under her leadership.

If 2020 seemed like a decade to me, 2021 has flown by. So many things have happened. We had our first Cursillo Weekend in two years, which seems like the pinnacle. So much planning, then postponement after postponement, disappointments, more preparation, starts and stops, unexpected changes to deal with, and finally a fantastic weekend that has set the tone for the future of Cursillo in San Diego.



A lot of progress has been made toward the goal of getting everyone who wants to be in a group the opportunity to do that. Thanks to Larry, Craig and the Grouping Central Committee for spearheading the effort. We launched the new Database/Saints Roster this year. Thank you, Kit for updating it with current information and thanks to everyone who has updated their information recently. A new Saints Roster is due out shortly. Also, we celebrate the successful Cursillo Shed funding, and the assembly of the Shed on Judy's land. Blessings to all those who contributed to this much needed facility.

Our new website will be online soon. It will have a friendly presentation for those who want to know what Cursillo is and how (and why) to attend a weekend. It will still have lots of information for Cursillistas who want to know more, a place to ask for prayer, and to tell your story about Cursillo. There is a page for anyone who would like to find their niche in the Cursillo ministry. I'm excited to see it up and running.

Thank you for your support and love. Farewell as your president (and back to work!)

Susan Miller

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**WE HAVE BREAKING NEWS AT THIS TIME FOR YOUR  
SERIOUS ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION!**

**BTTM AND OPEN ZOOM GROUPING**

**Back To The Mountain** will be held at the Pine Valley Bible Camp on January 21-23, 2022. The gates are open wide for those being called to a special weekend with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We will have the opportunity to suspend our world cares for a brief time to center our minds, our bodies, and our souls in comfort, relaxation, companionship, and community, with love for all.

Your **TWO GALS AND A GUY** hosts will be:

Kit Chevalier: Parish Rep. Coordinator, Data Base Manager

Judy Brown: Treasurer, Diocesan Leader, Pine Valley Liaison

Larry Salvadori: Forward Editor, Servant Community, Publicity

We invite you, for a blessed weekend, to be in the Lords presence, to pray, to celebrate, to renew old and make new friendships, to heal, to share, to learn, to grow, to dream, and perhaps even experience a moment closest. Then, leaving Pine Valley with increased faith, hope, and love, you will be ready for the opportunities, challenges, and joys God has in store for you in 2022. Let us gather together at BTTM in the New Year! Come and be blessed.

Larry Salvadori

**(BTTM Publicity and Application in back. Apply now, pay after Christmas)**

From Kit,

I don't know about you, but after the holiday season I need a break. As soon as the Thanksgiving weekend is over, it seems Christmas is here. No matter how prepared, shopped out, or decorated I am, I always feel a sense of urgency and stress. I have little time for my favorite hobbies, reading, or just visiting with friends. When I am home, no matter what time of year, I feel guilty taking the time, as there is always something else to be done around the house.

That is why I love Back to the Mountain. It's a time to go back to a comfortable, peaceful place that holds warm memories in my heart. During the course of the weekend, there are three talks with discussion, and a movie night. But unlike the 'Cursillo Weekend', there is free time to take a nap (*a what?*), read, walk, meditate, or just converse with others. There are always activities, maybe coloring or painting, maybe yarn craft, who knows? People have been known to bring their own little projects.

This year the theme is "Where Two or Three are Gathered". Gathering in community is something we have not had much of the last couple of years. Even so, Jesus calls us to community, to share with each other, help each other, and get to know each other. This is a great way to start the year.

I invite you to join us for this wonderful time of gathering to rest, talk and be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. I know I am looking forward to it. Come and see. Come and join me.

Kit Chevalier

From Judy,

Back to the Mountain (BTTM), what it means to me:

An opportunity to slow down after the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Reset, spend some quiet time as well as reuniting with others who have participated in a 3 Day weekend like Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, etc.

There are 3 talks during the weekend, & we are getting an opportunity to participate in a mini 3 day weekend, except it starts Friday night & ends Sunday after breakfast & Eucharist.

I love the slower pace so I can reflect & spend more time with Christ as I begin another year of service to our Lord & our Christian family.

Please join us,

De Colores,

Judy Brown

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***A WILD IDEA: HOW ABOUT INVITING YOURSELF, AND ALL YOUR GROUPING MATES, BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN, TO RECONNECT AND RENEW THE BLESSINGS OF CURSILLO IN YOUR LIVES. WANT TO HAVE YOUR OWN TABLE - GIVEN. WANT TO MINGLE WITH NEW FRIENDS AT TABLE - GIVEN. THE CHOICE IS YOUR'S. HAVE FUN EXPERIENCING PINE VALLEY FOR MAYBE THE FIRST TIME.***

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*zoom*

The San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Secretariat announces the formation and availability of open Zoom Grouping for registered members of the ministry and requested friends. If you have attended a Cursillo Weekend at Camp Stevens, or the Pine Valley Bible Camp, you already are a registered member in the Cursillo Database. Open Cursillo Grouping is available for all members who are not already Grouping, and for those who are currently Grouping, to add another Grouping format to your Fourth Day activities. The access number to Zoom Grouping requires you to RSVP and send an Email to Grouping Central, Craig Noble, [craignoble@cox.net](mailto:craignoble@cox.net), with contact information including, Name, Church, and Telephone Number. This information will be treated as confidential for safety and security reasons.

**Cursillo Zoom Grouping Format**

WHEN: The first Sunday of every month starting January 2, 2022.

WHAT TIME: 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM.

LEADER: Grouping Central will provide the Group Leader

START: \* The Leader will start the meeting with an opening prayer and introductions.

\* The Leader will provide the latest Cursillo News (local and National), followed by the opening Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

GROUPING: The Leader will start the Grouping and follow the Grouping Card format. The Leader will give further instructions. It's okay to pass. **The access code, and electronic Grouping Card will be sent to each attendee before the session starts, along with the Study topic for discussion.**

CLOSING: Announcements, Requested Prayers\* Next meeting,

THE LORDS PRAYER

- Attendees to send Prayer Requests to Grouping Central for inclusion in the Cursillo Prayer Chain.

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**IF YOU'RE NOT CURRENTLY GROUPING, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO GROUPING CENTRAL, CRAIG NOBLE, WITH NAME, CHURCH, AND TELEPHONE NO. FOR ASSISTANCE, AND JOIN IN THE FIRST ZOOM GROUPING JANUARY 2, 2022.**





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**MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN CURSILLO SPIRITUAL ADVISOR***THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR**WHAT IS IT? HOW DOES IT WORK? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?*

THE CHRISTIAN LITURGICAL YEAR BEGINS FOUR SUNDAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THESE FOUR SUNDAYS ARE THE SEASON OF ADVENT AND THEY ARE THE BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR. EVERY YEAR THE CHURCH EXPLORES AND LIVES INTO THE GREAT THEMES OF CHRISTIANITY IN ITS WORSHIP SERVICES.

1. What is the Liturgical Calendar?

The Liturgical Calendar is a one-year cycle beginning in Advent and ending with the Feast of Christ the King at the end of November. This calendar designates particular themes to our worship. All churches prior to the Reformation used the Liturgical Calendar to allow for their worship services to be filled with a large selection of Christian content. Over the course of a year the major themes of the Bible and creeds were woven into the worship services. The worship services and the content are organized by the liturgical calendar so that the whole story of Salvation is told over the course of a year.

2. How does the calendar work? It is organized around the two greatest Christian holidays: Christmas and Easter. Of the two, Easter is the greatest Christian holiday because Easter is about the Resurrection, the central act of Salvation. In fact, resurrection is salvation; to be resurrected is to be saved. Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, that God has come to us in a person—Jesus of Nazareth. And because Jesus is God among us, He is the ultimate revelation of God. With the foci of Christmas and Easter, the calendar is organized around a nativity cycle and a resurrection cycle. Each cycle has a preparatory season, a content season, and a consequential season. For example, the Nativity cycle has Advent as the preparatory period, Christmas as the content season, God becoming incarnate in Jesus, and the consequence season is the Epiphany, the revelation or manifestation of the incarnation out into the world. The Three Wisemen story is the prime example of Jesus being revealed to the world. The Resurrection cycle has Lent as the preparatory season, Easter as the content season, and Pentecost as the consequential season. Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit comes and pours out into the world the risen life of Christ.

3. Why is the liturgical calendar important? The liturgical calendar transfers the Bible's story of Salvation into the church. Every year we relearn this story and so go deeper into it. We pray, study and act upon and become part of the story. This Advent we have begun a new church year, but perhaps now that you know about the two liturgical cycles you can start thinking and praying about the Nativity cycle and how Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons all fit together. How does looking forward to the coming of Jesus in Advent fit together with the Incarnation at Christmas and the manifestation or revelation of the incarnation at Epiphany?

We need to think, pray, and live into the Nativity cycle in the coming weeks. How is Jesus coming to us? How is the fact that God has come to us in Jesus changing our life today? How is God using you to manifest or reveal Jesus to others?

Your friend in Christ,  
Father George

## Fourth Day News/Activities

### THE SECOND “LIVE” GRAND ULTREYA OF 2021

By: Ruben Rodriguez

Just when you thought that “Brown Bag” Ultreyas may be catching on Fr. Carlos says “NO! My cocineros and I will cook a hot and delicious dinner for everyone! Come to St. Phillip’s on Friday night and we will have a Grand Ultreya!”

On Friday night, November 20, 2021, only six days after the Day of Deep Understanding, another “live” Ultreya was held and this one was indeed grand. A hot pozole was the bill of fare that provided us with food that nourished our bodies, while prayer, music, Grouping, excellent witness talks and an engaging scriptural response provided us with spiritual food that enlightened our souls.

Rachel Ambasing gave an inspiring Witness Talk of how she answered the call to act for Jesus and lead the flock at St. Matthew’s as a lay leader in a staff position. This action required her to let go of the self-centeredness of her fear and embrace the peace and power of trust in the Lord. Her talk flowed freely from the heart.

Jeanna Timan’s Echo was also delivered from the heart. This was Jeanna’s first Ultreya witness talk, but it evinced the freedom of expression that is only possible when an otherwise severely shy person completely places her trust in Jesus.

The power of Jesus’ love permeated the entire room. All those things that first appeared as obstacles to Jeanna’s ability to taking a leadership role in what had been her mother’s ministry, just melted away. Jeanna became the leader whom Jesus needed to lead the ministry.

The Ultreya talks demonstrated how two young Christians can grow to become leaders in the ministries of God through the Cursillo Method and by trusting in Jesus in answering His call.

There were 44 Cursillistas who signed in. Three new lay Secretariat Members were elected by acclamation: Debbie Kistler, Jill Mora, and Giovanni Nunez. Four Secretariat members were termed out with thanks and blessings: Judy Brown, Susan Miller, Mike Jewett, and Ruben Rodriguez.

All were thrilled by the Announcement that Michael Jewett is the Rector of the next Spring Cursillo Weekend #147, April 28-May 1, 2022!

Announcement: Next “Live” Ultreya: Saturday, January 15, 2022, Brown Bag 6 PM, Ultreya 7 PM @ St. Alban’s, El Cajon. Watch for further information at [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org).

The Grand Ultreya closed with the singing of the Lord’s Prayer.

## **PARISH REPS.**

With the new year ahead, starting with a season of hope and anticipation, Cursillo also, is looking forward to a new year. We had a wonderful Cursillo weekend 146 and are looking with excitement and anticipation to 147 on April 28- May 1.

The Cursillo ministry has, as a support, the parish representatives. These giving people are the primary contacts for the Cursillistas at each parish. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to these people, for their work and support.

Some parishes don't have a parish representative. If you are don't know who your parish rep is, please contact me, or check out the parish rep list at [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org). If your church doesn't have one, please consider accepting that role. If you want to know what a parish rep does, give me a call and I would be happy to answer your questions.

May all of you have a blessed Advent and a healthy year ahead.

Kit Chevalier

Parish Rep Coordinator

858-382-8332

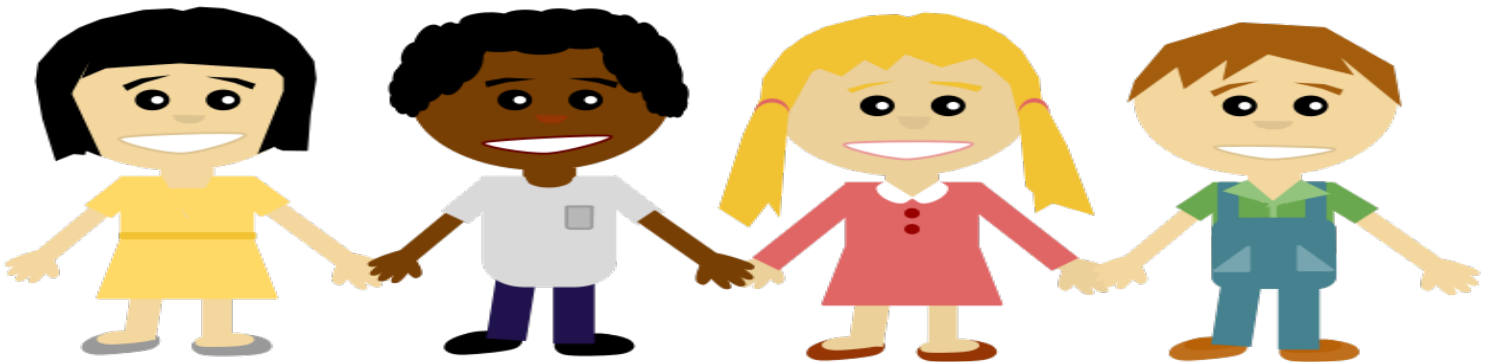
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### **Make a friend—Be a friend**

#### **Date to Remember**

- **January 16—Cursillo Sunday** at your parish. Take advantage of this day to promote the ministry, create interest and curiosity, and make a friend, and be a friend. And if you haven't already—**START NOW!**

**Make a Friend, Be a Friend – It's Easy!**



**THEN, SPONSOR YOUR FRIEND TO CURSILLO WEEKEND #147. APPLICATIONS ON  
CURSILLO WEBSITE: [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org)**



## Cursillo Events Calendar

<b>Jan.2022</b>	More Information Click <a href="#">Link</a>	Directions Click <a href="#">Link</a>	Click <a href="#">Link</a> to e-mail POC	<a href="#">Return to top</a>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>POC</b>	<b>Time/Day</b>
Jan-06-22	<a href="#">Secretariat Meeting</a>	<a href="#">St. Alban's</a>	<a href="#">Sunny Landry</a>	6:00 PM Brn Bag 6:30 PM Meeting
Jan-21-22 thru Jan-23-22	<a href="#">Back to the Mountain</a> Save the Date	<a href="#">Pine Valley Bible Conference Center</a>	TBA	6:00 PM start
Jan-24-22	Forward Deadline		<a href="#">News Letter Editor</a>	All Day
<b>February 2022</b>	More Information Click <a href="#">Link</a>	Directions Click <a href="#">Link</a>	Click <a href="#">Link</a> to e-mail POC	<a href="#">Return to top</a>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>POC</b>	<b>Time/Day</b>
Feb-05-22	Secretariat Retreat	Home of Cursillista	<a href="#">Sunny Landry</a>	9:30 AM- 3:00 PM



## **Send Palanca to Support Cursillo Weekends**

As Cursillo activities slowly begin to resume (careful -- the variants of the Covid-19 virus are causing infections to rise again, so get vaccinated and keep those masks handy!), it is worth remembering how important it was for you to see Palanca from around the country when you experienced your own Cursillo weekend. Take a moment and email a note or wall poster to any Secretariat that is organizing a weekend in the near future. (See list below.)

You may never get to know how much it meant to a roomful of people you might never even meet in your lifetime, but you will be a blessing to them:

December 11, Ultreya, Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City, MO, Roberta Coons, [rcoons9@hotmail.com](mailto:rcoons9@hotmail.com)

February 17, 2022, Cursillo #146 (Spanish), Southwest Florida, Kristina Hodge, [hodgeak@hotmail.com](mailto:hodgeak@hotmail.com)

February 24-27, Men's, Southeast Florida, [info@sef-cursillo.com](mailto:info@sef-cursillo.com).

March 3-6, Cursillo #109, North Carolina, [thamiii@att.net](mailto:thamiii@att.net)

March 4-6, Women's Cursillo, Central Florida, Chuck Pierce, [CAP128154@yahoo.com](mailto:CAP128154@yahoo.com)

March 10-13, 2022, Cursillo #257, Texas, Peggy Ryder, [Piggity@JsrSystems.info](mailto:Piggity@JsrSystems.info)

March 17-20, Cursillo # ,142, Upper South Carolina, [jjendronjanet@gmail.com](mailto:jjendronjanet@gmail.com)

March 17-20, Cursillo weekend, West Texas, led by Greg Kirkland, <https://www.dwtx.org/what-we-do/adults/cursillo-resources>.

March 18-22, Women's Cursillo, Central Florida, [grammiefor4@gmail.com](mailto:grammiefor4@gmail.com).

March 24-27, Cursillo #143, Florida, [roni.a.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:roni.a.kelly@gmail.com)

## **2022 SECRETARIAT LAY MEMBERS**

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VOLUNTEER?	SERVANT LEADER	WANTED	2024
Kit Chevalier	<a href="mailto:kmsopsinger@yahoo.com">kmsopsinger@yahoo.com</a>	Parish Reps, Publicity	2023
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## **2022 SECRETARIAT CLERGY MEMBERS**

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Rev. Paul Gambling	gfrpaul@gmail.com	Assistant Spiritual Advisor	2022
VOLUNTEER?	SERVANT LEADER	PRIEST/DEACON WANTED	OPEN
Rev. Peter Sickles	psickles@msn.com	Assistant Spiritual Advisor	2021 ext.

## **2022 SPECIAL CURSILLO SERVANTS**

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Mike Jewett	hdbg90@hotmail.com	Hospitality
Judy Brown	Jbrown3944@aol.com	Treasurer, Pine Valley Liaison
Shell Pierce	roaminchristian@mindspring.com	Prayer Chain

## ***CURSILLO CORNER – LOVE 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 send it to:

Judy Brown – Treasurer  
51 Viejas Grade Road  
Alpine, Ca. 91901-1605  
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**

***MERRY CHRISTMAS – 2021***

***FELIZ NAVIDAD – 2021***





***THE CURSILLO SECRETARIAT WISHES ALL OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS  
A VERY BLESSED MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FELIZ NAVIDAD Y PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO***

FROM:

FR. GEORGE CALVERT, FR. PAUL GAMBLING, FR. CARLOS GARCIA, FR. PETER SICKLES, DEBBIE KISTLER, MIKE JEWETT, RUBEN RODRIGUEZ, GINNY RODRIGUEZ, LARRY SALVADORI, GIOVANNI MUNOZ, JUDY BROWN, JILL MORA, ED EMBICK, SUSAN MILLER, SHELL PIERCE, JON TURLEY, MIGUEL COSIO, KIT CHEVALIER, CRAIG NOBLE, RACHEL AMBASING, JAMES AMBASING, HUMBERTO GARCIA, CHRIS McKELLAR, AND MANY OTHER PRAYER WARRIORS, SUPPORTERS, DONATORS AND FRIENDS.



# Back to the Mountain

January 21 –23, 2022

**HOSTED BY TWO GALS AND A GUY**

*JUDY BROWN*

*KIT CHEVALIER*

*LARRY SALVADORI*



**Weekend Theme:** *For Where Two or Three are Gathered.....(Matthew 10:18)*

**Saturday Night Entertainment – The Movie:** *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

- Where:** Pine Valley Bible Conference Center, 8668 Pine Creek Road, Pine Valley, CA 91962
- When:** 5:00pm Friday, January 21 – 11:00am Sunday, January 23, 2022
- Who:** All Cursillistas (and adults who have been on an equivalent three-day weekend)
- Cost:** \$160 per person before 1/07/2022 or \$165 after 1/07/2022. Last day to register is January 14 (No refunds after January 14 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**

(858- 485-5434)      [lasalvadori@yahoo.com](mailto:lasalvadori@yahoo.com)

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:	



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*(Matthew 10: 18)*

**Weekend Theme Song:** *Shall We Gather at the River?*

### Friday-Jan. 21

4:00 pm	Team Arrives to Set Up-CORE	7:30pm	Singing & Fellowship
5-6:00	Check-in / Stow Gear- LARRY	9:30	Evening prayer- KIT
<b>6:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	10:00	Quiet Time & Bed
7:00	Ice Breaker in Main Room- JUDY		

### Saturday- Jan.22

7:30 am	Morning Prayer- KIT	12pm	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	1:00	Free Time – Kit/Judy
9:00	Gather and Sing	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
9:15	Talk #1 – JUDY	6:00	Gather and Sing
9:30	Table Discussion	6:15	Talk # 3 – LARRY
10:00	Gather and Sing	6:30	Table Discussions
10:15	Talk # 2 – KIT	7:00	Social Time- Movie
10:30	Table Discussion	9:30	Evening Prayer-KIT
11:00	Break	10:00	Quiet Time & Bed

### Sunday- Jan. 23

<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	10:30am	Clean Up & Pack- All
9:30	Eucharist Service- Fr. George	11:00	Depart