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*From our Cursillo President*

Jill Mora

## **The Role of the Rollo in the Cursillo Weekend**

The Secretariat is pleased to announce that planning for the Cursillo #150 Weekend at Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center on February 22-25 is well underway. The Weekend is guided by the Holy Spirit through the leadership of God's servants Darryl and Barbara Peralta, our Rector and Rectora partnership. It is appropriate in our planning for the Weekend to reflect on the key components and roles of clergy and Team members as we prepare to share the message of Cursillo. One important role on the Weekend for lay persons who are Team members is to prepare and deliver the lay talks, called "Rollo" in the Cursillo lexicon. The term "Rollo" in Spanish means a scroll, like the ancient parchment scrolls used for sacred writings. However, in the common vernacular in Spanish-speaking communities, the word has also come to mean a personal story or narrative. These two definitions of the word fit perfectly

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with the Cursillo Method, which is often described as one grand narrative in fifteen parts. This is because there are ten lay person Rollos and five clergy Rollos on the Weekend that together enable us to live out our baptismal covenant by developing a deeper relationship with God as faithful Christians.

The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry website has resources for lay persons to prepare a Rollo for the Weekend according to guidelines that ensure the theological integrity of each Rollo through the personal witnessing of each Rollista. The Lay Talks booklet explains the purpose and core idea of each talk and then outlines the important points that the Rollista can illustrate by giving personal examples of how God has called him or her to say “yes” to God’s revelation. For example, the Rollo on Piety’s purpose is “... to offer a living witness to a life of grace...” and that “... living life as a committed Christian is something available to all, with the Grace of God.” The guidelines provide a number of quotations from the Bible that the Rollista can use to affirm how Scriptures expresses the ideas and purpose of the Rollo, which makes God’s Word come alive through the witness talk. The Rollo generates table discussion that leads Candidates to explore how the message of God’s love and our need to respond unfolds gradually over the Weekend. The Candidates are inspired to trust the message and want to experience it for themselves. Each Rollista commits him or herself to a loving critique by experienced Team members in preparation for the Weekend to ensure that the Rollo fulfills its role in the message of the whole Weekend.

The Secretariat encourages new and experienced Team members alike to prayerfully consider contributing a Rollo to the Weekend. Becoming a Rollista is, in fact, in accordance with the three elements of spiritual growth of Cursillo: Piety, Study and Action. Giving a Rollo is an act of Piety to share our journey with Jesus Christ and our deepening relationship with God through witnessing about our Christian faith and God’s Grace in our lives. Composing a Rollo involves Study because it requires discipline and reflection to find verses from the Bible that illustrate how Jesus’s teachings illuminate our path with truth and love. The commitment to writing and delivering a Rollo is Action because of Rollistas’ willingness to share themselves with humility, honesty and courage to further God’s kingdom and serve the Christian community. We ask for your prayers for the Rollistas who are preparing to serve our Lord Jesus Christ through their witnessing on the Cursillo #150 Weekend and we ask the Holy Spirit to lead these blessed Rollistas to join us.

**Jill Mora**

**Secretariat President 2023**



## True Religion: The Love of God and the Love of Your Neighbor

Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cramner, in his 1549 Prayer Book Collect, wrote “. . . increase in us true religion,” (You can see the entire collect in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer on page 233 as “Proper 17.”) Certainly Jesus’s two great commandments are a definition of true religion. Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ Scripture: Matthew 22: 36-40.

Jesus is both the model and the means of true religion. Jesus is the ultimate human model of loving God and loving neighbor. Remember that Jesus is a true human being. Jesus is also the means of loving God and neighbor. It is in the person and work of Jesus Christ that we encounter and live out the true religion of loving God and loving neighbor.

Cursillo gives us tools to better follow Jesus so that we can live a life in Jesus’s love of God and love of neighbor. Cursillo in and of itself does not enable us to love God and neighbor; it just helps us come to Jesus and through His love we love God and love our neighbors.

Please see the article in this newsletter about the Back to the Mountain Retreat on October 27th through 29th at the Whispering Winds Camp and Conference Center. At this retreat we will do an in-depth Bible Study in both the Old and New Testaments. We will see what Jesus is talking about when He commands us to love God and our neighbor.

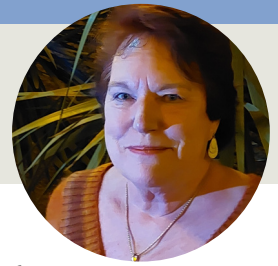
Your friend in Christ,  
**Father George**

*See pages 9 & 10 for more information  
and an application form for BTM.*

*Mark your calendar for October 27-29!*



# Back to the Mountain



As I have become more involved in Cursillo, I realize the power of prayer Palanca. We know the Palanca of prayer begins months before the actual weekend. Keeping the rector and all the team in prayer is a vital part of the pre-weekend. Pray for the pilgrims attending 'their' Cursillo weekend that their hearts and minds be open and receptive to what God says to them.

Everyone in the Cursillo Community can participate and it can be incorporated into daily prayer time.

**Please keep the following weekends in prayer:**

- Upper So Carolina Sept 28- Oct 1
- Florida (M) Sept 28- Oct 1
- York #32, UK Sept 29 – Oct 1
- Bathurst, Australia Sept 29- Oct 2
- Central Florida Sept 29- Oct 1
- So Virginia Oct 5- 8
- West Texas Oct 5
- Florida (W) Oct 12
- Los Angeles (W,E) Oct 19- 22
- Alabama Oct 19- 22
- New York Oct 20
- Los Angeles (M,E,S) Oct 26-29
- No Carolina Oct 26-29
- Los Angeles (W,S) Nov 2-5
- E Carolina Nov 9-12
- West Texas Nov 9
- West Texas (S) Nov 10
- Massachusetts Nov 16-19
- No California Nov 16





## **Ultreya at Good Shepherd Bonita Reaches People Yet to Have Experienced a Cursillo Weekend!**

The theme of the Ultreya held on Friday Evening, September 22, 2023, featured Grouping, the very reason we have Cursillo Weekends! Of course, we cannot have any Cursillo event without food and music, and this Ultreya was no exception. There was plenty of delicious food for all who came and the spiritually uplifting music provided by Bart Newsom and the other Cursillo Musical Saints richly satisfied the body and soul of the twenty-two who attended. Four of the attendees have yet to make a Cursillo Weekend!

After Prayer and the potluck supper, the Group Reunion commenced with 7 groups of 3 people each. There was intense and light-hearted sharing for about 30 minutes before more music signaled that it was time for the witness talks.

In her Witness Talk Ginny Rodriguez shared that her first Cursillo event was unknown to her as a Cursillo event but was in the form of a weekly Bible Study called “Acts 29” held in the mid-1970s while she and Ruben attended St. Jude’s Episcopal Church, Cupertino. The Bible Study started with prayer and guitar-led songs such as: “He’s 5 foot nine, Eyes that shine, Born and raised in Palestine, Has anyone seen my Lord? ...” (Ginny, Ruben and some others continued singing the whole song.) Ginny continued with her talk: At the Bible Study the scriptures for the coming Sunday service were studied. She found the Bible Study helped greatly to enrich the Sunday worship service.

Ginny continued that in 2012, she and Ruben made their Cursillo and Ruben found a Group that he is still going to on a weekly basis at Denny’s in National City. Ginny started Grouping with several women but that Group disbanded after a short time. Her grouping friends went

*If you would like to host an Ultreya at your parish contact Ruben by email or send a message through [sd cursillo.org](mailto:sd cursillo.org) - Contacts*

their own ways and one even became a priest. For a long time Ginny’s grouping experience was limited to those at Ultreyas and Team Meetings. Finally, she talked with a friend who told her that she missed grouping but there were challenges with time and geography. Ginny asked her friend if they could group on the phone. They have been grouping on Tuesdays on the phone and have expanded the group with an additional friend. Ginny shared that it would not be proper for her to share the particulars of their weekly grouping conversations, however the grouping experience has resulted in the members becoming deeper personal friends as well as growing in their relationship with Jesus.

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Eric Smith gave an Echo Talk in which he reflected that life is not a long time, but the hope is that it is a good time. His experience is that Grouping is a good time. We share our piety, study and action with our grouping friends and in doing so we are repeatedly reminded of the needs of others. God blesses us with his love that provides us with release from fear. His love empowers us to love each other and others. Our love for each other in grouping gives us freedom to share our pain with our friends and receive the love and support from our friends. Our love for each other also makes us wary of our pride and allows the expression of our doubts and shortcomings. Those doubts and shortcomings are met with love, understanding and encouragement from our friends. Food and music, and this Ultreya was no exception. There was plenty for all who came and the spiritually uplifting music provided by Bart Newsom and the other Cursillo Musical Saints richly satisfied the body and soul of the twenty-two who attended. Four of the attendees have yet to make a Cursillo Weekend!

Eric noted that we are living in the Age of Oppenheimer: God's creation is amazing. Not long ago it was believed that the atom was the basic substance of matter. But the atom of matter includes many particles and includes the nucleus. This matter created by God is bound together by energy. The amount of such energy within an atom depends on the type of matter of the atom. If you split an atom of carbon you release a lot of energy. But if you split an atom of uranium, you release 22 million times as much energy. We people are made of carbon. Be humble: Remember we are dust and to dust we shall return.

Fr. George Calvert gave the Scriptural Response using the prop of an empty chair amongst people gathered together for Grouping to illustrate the point of Matthew 18:20: "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." When we get together in person or in whatever other fashion and where-ever for grouping, Jesus is with us. In grouping we are blessed with the presence of Jesus. Amen. Ultreya!

**Ruben**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**NEXT ULTREYA:** Grand Ultreya and Secretariat Elections, November 18, 2023, Noon to 2:30 PM, St. Andrew's, La Mesa. Speakers: Darryl and Barbara Peralta, Co-Rectors of Cursillo #150.

**BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN Retreat:** Oct 22-24, 2023, Whispering Winds Camp, Julian. Candidate Applications for Cursillo #150: Please submit by January 22, 2024.

**CURSILLO #150 WEEKEND:** February 22 – 25, 2024, Whispering Winds Camp, Julian

*Winter-Spring Cursillo #150*  
Barbara and Darryl Peralta, Rectors



Dear Servants in Christ,

We are honored to have the opportunity of being the Rector and Rectora for the 2024 Cursillo Weekend # 150.

The Weekend is scheduled to be held on February 22-25, 2024, at the Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center, just outside Julian. The Whispering Winds camp was founded and is supported by Catholic Cursillistas who believe in the ministry of the Cursillo movement. We have taken the time to tour the camp site and are anxious to welcome team and candidates to join us on this new and exciting journey with Christ. Applications are available soon on the Cursillo website, [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org).

Joint leadership for the upcoming weekend is a new concept initiated by the San Diego Cursillo Secretariat this year. Since being selected as Rector/a, we have been busy building a Core Team to help develop plans for the 2024 weekend. We pray that God is calling you to serve with us as we pray to faithfully serve others.

The following team meetings have already been scheduled for your early planning needs:

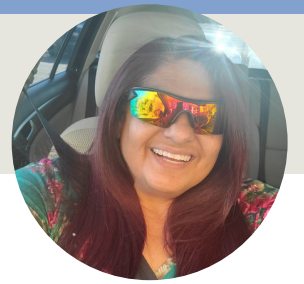
- 1st Team Meeting – December 2, 2023, at St. Philip-the-Apostle, Lemon Grove from 9-1 pm
- 2nd Team Meeting – January 20, 2024, at St. Alban's, El Cajon, from 9 -12pm.
- 3rd Team Meeting & Rollo Critiques – February 10, 2024, St. Timothy's, Rancho Penasquitos, from 9-12pm

De Colores and Many Blessings,

**Darryl and Barbara Peralta**  
Rector/a Cursillo # 150

*Applications are found at*  
[sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) - *Applications*

*Team Meeting Schedule at*  
[sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) - *Calendar*



Greetings from your Servant Community!

Our fall schedule is in full swing as we go forward with training and Ultreyas. We are also looking at the upcoming events on our calendar.

**BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN**--Our Back to the Mountain (BTTM) weekend is coming up on October 27-29th 2023. Your applications can be found on the website: [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org). This will give you not only a great weekend to reflect on topics, but also a chance to get to know the new campsite for Cursillo #150. Whispering Winds is the location in Julian for both events. Both applications can be found on the website.

**GRAND ULTREYA**--In November, our election of Secretariat members at our Grand Ultreya will be events I encourage all to attend. A potluck is a great way to meet new people. Most of our gatherings are usually involving food. Bring your best dish to share. Maybe a chili cook-off would be a great way to bring peoples best talent in cooking!

**CURSILLO 150 TEAM TRAINING**--In December before all the holidays take you for a shopping spree, let's make some time for the Team training for all Cursillistas to serve at Whispering Winds. Cursillo #150 will begin their training sessions and we will be having a Servant Community meeting within the first Team meeting, December 2, 2023 at St.. Phillips's in Lemon Grove, beginning at 9:00 am. Wear your nametag and bring your songbook.

All are encouraged to attend the Secretariat meetings to be informed on the happenings for Cursillo.

Blessings to all. De Colores!

Sunny

*Servant Community meets on Saturday 4 times a year--in March, June, September and December--from 10 am to 12 pm.*

*Learn more about the Servant Community on page 9.*



# Cursillo Calendar

For the most current information - visit [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) - *Calendar*

10/01/23 Group by Zoom - 4:00 PM-5:15 PM

10/05/23 Secretariat Meeting at St. Alban's - 6:00 PM-8:30 PM

10/27/23 Back to the Mountain begins, Whispering Winds, Julian - 5:30 PM

10/29/23 Back to the Mountain ends - 11:00 AM

11/02/23 Secretariat Meeting at St. Alban's - 6:00 PM-8:30 PM

11/05/23 Group by Zoom - 4:00 PM-5:15 PM

11/15/23 December Forward Deadline

11/18/23 Grand Ultreya and Elections - 12:00 PM Pot Luck / 1:00 PM Ultreya

12/02/23 Cursillo #150 Team Meeting #1, St. Phillips - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

12/03/23 Group by Zoom - 4:00 PM-5:15 PM

12/07/23 Secretariat Meeting, St. Alban's - 6:00 PM-8:30 PM

## *What is the Servant Community?*

Cursillistas who support the work of the Cursillo ministry in San Diego, those with leadership or specific responsibilities, and all who attend the quarterly working meetings, are the Servant Community.

The "Community" side of this group allows those involved in the operations of the local Cursillo Ministry to meet and work together in an unhurried, creative and productive setting, rather than within the constraints of a business meeting. The "Servant" aspect of this quarterly meeting is to work out the details of projects, to present their recommendations to the board, and to carry out actions as directed by the Secretariat.

See how you can use your talents at [Find Your Niche](http://Find Your Niche) on our website, [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org).

# Cursillo Secretariat Contacts

Contact a Secretariat member by email - visit [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) - [Contacts](#)

## Officers

		Term
Jill Mora	President -2023	2024
Ginny Rodriguez	President Elect - 2024	2023
Judy Brown	Treasurer, Facilities	
Rhonda Muir	Secretary, Parish Rep Network	

## Lay

Nancy Calvert	3-Day Weekends	2023
Kit Chevalier	Database, Palanca	2023
Miguel Cosio	Community Partners	2023
Bob Halleck	4th Day, Parish Rep Network	2025
Debbie Kistler	Pre-Cursillo, Sponsorship	2024
Susan Miller	Communications, Website	2025
Tim Storey	Music Coordinator, Sponsorship	2025
Jeanna Timan	Assoc. Webmaster, Lutheran Partners	2024

## Clergy

Rev. George Calvert	Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Communications	Appt'd
Rev. Carlos Garcia	ECMC Representative, Community Partners	Appt'd
Rev. Canon Nancy Holland	Asst. Spiritual Advisor, 4th Day	2025
Rev. Roberto Maldonado	Asst. Spiritual Advisor, Pre-Cursillo	2023
Rev. Peter Sickels	Asst. Spiritual Advisor, 3-Day Weekends	2024

## Servant Community

Susan Miller	Forward Editor	
Rob Constantine	Photographer	
Mike Jewett	Hospitality Coordinator, 3-Day Weekend	
Sunny Landry	Servant Community Convener, Parish Rep Network	
Chris McKellar	KAIROS Liaison	
Craig Noble	ECM Liaison, Grouping Central	
Ruben Rodriguez	Ultreya Coordinator	

# Back to the Mountain

## Mark your calendars for October 27th through 29th!

The Cursillo “Back to the Mountain” Retreat is Friday, October 27th through Sunday, October 29th at the Whispering Winds Camp and Conference Center near Julian. This retreat is for those who have already made their Cursillo weekend.

Our theme will be Jesus’s two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbor. We will explore what these two commandments mean in both the Old and the New Testaments. This retreat will be an in-depth Bible Study led by Father George Calvert and Ruben Rodriguez. There will be a small group discussion, some singing, Saturday afternoon free time, movie night, and Sunday Eucharist.

The cost is \$200 and includes a two-night stay with meals. Applications are now available at [www.sdcursillo.org](http://www.sdcursillo.org) and on the last page of this issue.

Checks can be made out to “Cursillos in Christianity.” Please mail your application and check to:

The Rev. George Calvert  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
3990 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902.

## De Colores!

MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND,.....



.....BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST

# Back to the Mountain Fall 2023

October 27-29, 2023

Whispering Winds Camp and Conference Center

Your Hosts: Fr. George Calvert and Ruben Rodriguez



Weekend Theme: *The Two Great Commandments*

*' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'*

Scripture: Matthew 22: 36-40

*An in-depth conversation and meditation about the meaning of Loving God and Loving your neighbor in both the Old and New Testaments.*

**Where: Whispering Winds Camp and Conference Center**

**17606 Harrison Park Road , Julian, CA 92036**

**When:** 5:30 p.m. Friday, October 27th until 11:00 a.m. Sunday, October 29th

**Who:** All Cursillistas (and adults who have been on an equivalent three-day weekend)

**Cost:** \$200 per person. Last day to register is October 20, 2023.

(No refunds after October 20, 2023 if you are unable to attend.)

Make checks out to: **"Cursillos in Christianity"**

Please mail your application with enclosed payment to The Rev. George Calvert, Church of the Good Shepherd, 3990 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902. Questions? Call Fr. George at (619) 479-0943. Attach application below and mail with payment. Please make check payable 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 required:	