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From our Cursillo President

Ginny Rodriguez



Happy New Year! Happy New Camp!

As you may know, we arranged to hold Cursillo #150 at Whispering Winds Camp near Julian. The Camp was built for Cursillo, and by Catholic Cursillistas. The Dining Hall features Mama Ghio's Kitchen. The Ghio Family started Anthony's Fish Restaurants beginning in 1946. If you haven't been, or haven't been lately, make a point to treat yourself to Anthony's Fish Grotto in La Mesa. The architecture and the food are amazing and wonderful!

Whispering Winds Camp helpful staff maintain a clean, modern facility. The staff Welcome their Episcopal brethren and sisteren Cursillistas! Camp geography is somewhat challenging, but not as dramatic as at Camp Stevens. I hope to see you at Open Closures at 3:30 p.m., on Sunday, February 25!

Please pray for the continuing preparations for the Weekend; for the Team to be healthy and prayerful; for the Candidates to be open to the Holy Spirit.

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You must be a Follower before you can be a Leader

1. Cursillo says we are about making leaders; lay leaders who can witness for Christ in the world and in the church. But Cursillo insists that we must first be a follower of Christ before we can lead others to Christ. It is in the following that the leading becomes possible. It is in the reality of the following of Christ that the reality of leading people to Christ and His Kingdom happens.

2. To be a follower of Christ is to be a disciple of Christ. Let's look at the meaning of the word "Disciple" in the Bible (according to the Dictionary of Biblical Theology), "A person who freely puts himself in the school of a teacher and shares his views is a disciple."

3. This definition of Disciple makes it clear that Disciple is a person who freely puts himself or herself in the school of a teacher. A disciple makes a choice and is intentional. Luke 14:17-20 A disciple has to set aside personal agendas and being a disciple means putting the teacher first.

4. In the Bible there are many examples of Disciples putting themselves in the school of a teacher, Elijah the prophet had disciples, John the Baptist had disciples, Paul was a disciple of the

famous Rabbi Gamaliel. But Jesus is the one who makes being a disciple of prime importance when He says, "Follow me."

5. The goal of Biblical Discipleship was to become a disciple of God. To put yourself in a position of being taught by God, to listen to the true and living word of God through a human, a human teacher. God is the source of wisdom. In order to let God be your teacher you must let God be the master of your heart, then we can say along with the psalmist, "Lord, teach me!"

6. Being a disciple of Christ is different than following any other religious teacher. Jesus as God incarnate is divine wisdom incarnate. When Jesus speaks the prophecy of the Old Testament is fulfilled; it is God Himself who we hear when we hear Jesus. When we hear Jesus, we become disciples of God. To truly listen to Jesus is to follow Jesus.

7. To be a disciple of Jesus means that we have a personal attachment to Jesus. The word follow, when used with Jesus in the New Testament, always expresses attachment to the person of Jesus.

8. A disciple of Jesus participates in Jesus' destiny.

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9. Cursillo teaches us about piety, study, and action. But the acts of piety, study, and action are really the ways of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Piety, study, and action are the three parts of being a disciple of Christ. Acts of Piety make us available to encounter the presence of Christ. Study helps us learn the thoughts of Christ and makes us think what He wants us to think. Action puts what we learn from piety and study out into the world and the church. The formation that takes place through piety and study makes the action that Christ wants us to do possible and real.

Your friend in Christ,

Father George Calvert
Diocesan Cursillo Spiritual Advisor

From our President, cont.

Increasing awareness of Cursillo Weekends and of Groupings is my main goal for 2024. Members of the Secretariat visit parishes to share an overview of a Cursillo Weekend and encourage others to attend. A video of the Camp may be shown. Fr. George Calvert coordinates these visits. If you haven't been contacted recently, let Fr. George (Good Shepherd, Bonita 619.479.0943) know to make arrangements with your rector.

Ultreyas can be useful in spreading the word about Cursillo. You may attend an Ultreya without having attended a Weekend. Feel free to ask your family and friends to an Ultreya: potluck, music, Group Reunion, and fellowship make a meaningful, two-hour event. An older friend, invited to an Ultreya, said it was one of the most important events of his full life. Though he never attended a Cursillo Weekend, he was blessed by the experience of Ultreya.

If you haven't held an Ultreya at your church recently, contact Ruben Rodriguez at rodriguez_ruben@msn.com. He is happy to help you set up an evening or noontime Ultreya. {That's Rodriguez underscore Ruben}.

Ginny Rodriguez

Cursillo Weekend— This Month!

Darryl and Barbara Peralta, Rectors



De Colores,

We thank God for bringing together a faithful team of servants for Cursillo 150. We have spent the past several months preparing to host those whom God has called. On February 22nd Cursillo 150 will begin with a flurry of activities. And, at 6:30pm we'll welcome our guests at the Disciples Lodge.

Mananitas and Open Clausura starts at 3:30pm on Sunday, February 25th. All visitors and guests to the Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center are asked to submit a camp [waiver form](#) prior to visiting.

Whispering Winds is at: 17606 Harrison Park Road, Julian, CA 92036

Please pray for fair weather and that the message of the Weekend bears much fruit.

Ultreya,

Darryl and Barbara Peralta
Rector and Rectora
Cursillo 150

Candidates (19)

Mary Adams
Nancy Bachelier
Karen Benedict
Phal Chourp
Karen Dingwall
Cathy Juarez
Chris Juarez
Brenda Kemp
Chad Kemp
Alex Laskowski
Joshua Laskowski
Reika Laskowski
Sydney Lowe
Cyndi McClelland
Jeanette McFadden
Ramin Mostashari
Mary Mussatti
Victoria Velez
Laurie Wadsworth

Team Members (34)

James Ambasing	Madre Lilia Mendoza
Judy Brown	Jill Mora
Bryan Chan	Ronda Muir
Duane Chevalier	Bart Newsom
Kit Chevalier	Craig Noble
Amber Garcia	Barbara Peralta
Humberto Garcia	Darryl Peralta
Fr. Mark Hargreaves	Fr. Brian Petersen
Jill Henderson	Karen Rice
Deacon Nancy Holland	Ken Rice
Mike Jewett	Ginny Rodriguez
Fr. Leland Jones	Ruben Rodriguez
Sheila Jones	Peter Sickels
Joe Landry	Tim Storey
Sunny Landry	Jeanna Timan
Beau Malsbary	Alex Tuttle
Jen Malsbary	Jenifer Whaley

Whispering Winds Online Waiver

Please complete by February 2nd.

- https://app.waiverforever.com/pending/ZBIE_XbWHDO1470692904
- Group Code: EC0224
- Group's arrival date: February 22, 2024



Cursillo 150 is fast approaching.

Many people have been praying for months for the team and the potential candidates. If you or the Cursillo community at your parish wants to send palanca, now is the time to plan. The team and candidate names will be posted soon on the website, sdcursillo.org.

If you are sending palanca to the mountain for candidates, please make sure there is one for each person. Personal palanca (for just one or two) should be given directly to the person after open closure.

If you need someone to take palanca to the mountain, let me know by Feb. 17th and I can arrange to pick it up.

We are not the only diocese preparing for weekends. Please keep the following weekends, team and candidates in your prayers.

Kit Chevalier- Palanca Chair

Diocese of St Albans UK Feb 16 -18

Diocese of SW Florida Feb 29 - March 3

Diocese of Central Gulf Coast March 7- 10

Diocese of Florida (W) March 7 -10

Diocese of N Carolina April 11 - 14

Diocese of Oregon April 11 - 14

Check the website for the most current list of team and candidates for Cursillo 150.

Print a [Palanca List](#)

Rhonda Muir, Lay

Rhonda moved to San Diego in 2001 and started attending All Souls Episcopal Church shortly after arriving. In 2008 she attended a Cursillo weekend and has “felt God’s steady presence with me ever since.” Initially she felt called to minister outside the church, which she accomplished over time by providing good quality, reasonably priced rental housing and by working with a government backed mortgage program that helped people in need to retain their homes as they age. After retiring in 2021 she re-engaged with Cursillo, acting as Secretary to the Secretariat for the past two years. She is the Cursillo Parish Representative for All Souls and part of the team working through God’s grace to rebuild the Parish Rep network throughout the Diocese. She’s widowed, lives with her 3 dogs and 1 cat, and states, “I have been blessed by God with a baptismal based local family circle. Ultreya!”

Miguel Cosio, Lay

Miguel has been a member of St. Phillips for 18 years and is currently it’s Senior Warden. Born in Tijuana, he has lived in San Diego since 1994. He is father of 3 children, two of which are Cursillistas, and grand-father of one. He made his Cursillo at Camp Stevens, Cursillo # 128, in 2010 and served many weekends, from Cursillo 133 to 149, including as Rector of #143. He has served several times on the Secretariat over the years and is the chair of Community Partners Committee, which coordinates with hispanic Cursillistas and parishes, and the Lutheran and KAIROS communities concerning weekends, ultreyas, and outreach..



Ruben Rodriguez, Lay



Ruben is a member of Good Shepherd, and a past president of Cursillo in San Diego. He has been instrumental in organizing and as MC for Ultreyas throughout the diocese for several years. He has served as a team member on many weekends (possibly every weekend) and been an active member of his Saturday morning grouping since his own Cursillo.

Fr. Roberto Maldonado, Clergy

Fr. Roberto is a relative new-comer to Cursillo in San Diego, but not to Cursillo. He concluded a one-year term and now returns for a full 3 years. He brings to the Secretariat a wealth of experience and skills, not just in the area of Cursillo, but in ministry, administration, IT, social media, and, of course, a sense of humor. His valuable insights are appreciated.



Servant Community in 2024

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the new year and another opportunity to set our goals for the 2024 calendar year! Our Cursillo #150 is now our only chance this year to get new candidates to attend until the next year. The date has yet to be determined in 2025. There are other opportunities through fellowship this year. Attending the Ultreyas and Grand Ultreyas, Grouping and our fall retreat in October, Back to the Mountain (BTTM).

I would like to touch on a change that the diocese has assisted us in making to your Cursillo weekend. There is a new site for us to make donations and payments to any upcoming weekend. Sponsors and Team members can go to: edsd.org/Cursillo. This is a site specifically for donating or making payments for upcoming weekends. Our Treasurer and the Pre-Cursillo chair will no longer be accepting checks or monies for Cursillo for these purposes. The diocese will be taking care of monies being earmarked for Cursillo. Our treasurer will still be making reports to the Secretariat. This website will be promoted again in other Forwards in case some may not be aware of how to make payments or contributions to our ministry.

Our Quarterly Servant Community meetings will be returning to Saturday mornings in March, June, and September. The Secretariat meeting will follow at 12:30 pm. The calendar has the meeting times and schedule of upcoming events for our ministry. Looking forward, training Cursillistas in the “How to’s” of Rollos, writing and speaking in a public setting, are some of the projects we will be addressing. Your story of coming to Christ is one that many should hear. You never know who is listening and can relate to you on a weekend. Remember, Christ may use you to bring others to Christ.

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To Send Funds to Cursillo New Online Procedure...Here's How

- Go to edsd.org/cursillo
- Choose: “Cursillo-Donation” or “Cursillo-Weekend”
- Follow the instructions to choose how to pay online

To pay by check:

- Make payable to: EDSD or Episcopal Diocese of San Diego
- Memo to say: “Cursillo-Donation” or “Cursillo-Weekend”
- Mail to EDSD, 2083 Sunset Cliffs Blvd, San Diego, CA 92107



Cursillo Secretariat Contacts

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

Officers		Term Exp.
President -2024	Ginny Rodriguez	
President Elect - 2025	Ruben Rodriguez	
Secretary	Jill Mora	at will
Treasurer, Facilities	Judy Brown	at will
Lay		
Miguel Cosio	Community Partners	2026
Bob Halleck	4th Day, Parish Rep Network	2025
Debbie Kistler	Pre-Cursillo, Sponsorship	2024
Susan Miller	Communications Chair	2025
Rhonda Muir	Parish Rep Network	2026
Ginny Rodriguez	2024 Cursillo President	2024
Ruben Rodriguez	ad hoc	2026
Tim Storey	Sponsorship	2025
Jeanna Timan	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	2026
Rev. Peter Sickels	Asst. Spiritual Advisor, 3-Day Weekends	2024
Servant Community		
Rob Constantine	Photographer	
Mike Jewett	Hospitality Coordinator, 3-Day Weekend	
Sunny Landry	Servant Community Convener, Parish Rep Network	
Chris McKellar	KAIROS Liaison	
Susan Miller	Forward Editor, Website and Email	
Bart Newsom	Music Coordinator	
Craig Noble	ECM Liaison, Grouping Central	
Ruben Rodriguez	Ultreya Coordinator	

Cursillo Calendar

For the most current information - visit sdcursillo.org - Calendar

- 02/04/24 Group by Zoom Online Craig Noble 4:00 PM 5:15 PM
- 02/10/24 #150 Team Meeting #3 St. Timothy's 9:00 AM 12:00 PM
- 02/22/24 Cursillo Weekend #150 Whispering Winds 7:00 PM Thu. - Sun.
- 02/25/24 Mananitas and Open Clausura Whispering Winds 3:30 PM
- 03/02/24 Quarterly Mtg of Servant Community St. Alban's 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
- 03/02/24 Secretariat Meeting St. Alban's 12:30 PM 2:30 PM
- 03/03/24 Group by Zoom Online 4:00 PM 5:15 PM
- 03/09/24 Day of Deeper Understanding St. Andrew's, La Mesa 8:30 AM 2:30 PM
- 03/15/24 Forward Deadline for April Issue
- 04/04/24 Secretariat Meeting St. Alban's 6:30 PM 8:30 PM

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