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Cursillo *forward*

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FROM THE RECTORA – CURSIIO WEEKEND #152

De Colores Cursillistas,

I am honored to have been selected as rectora and I am writing to invite you to prayerfully consider serving on the team for Cursillo #152. It will be held at the beautiful Whispering Winds Catholic Camp, located near Julian CA. from February 19th until February 22nd.

The first team meeting will be held at Saint Alban's church on December 6, 2025. Please attend the first team meeting if you are interested. We need sponsors, table leaders, rollistas, musicians, and prayer angels.

The theme of the weekend is 2COR3:17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." The song is: Wind Wind Blow On Me.

I believe I was inspired by the Holy Spirit to select this theme. I believe that true freedom comes from the Lord. Freedom from the bondages of sin, fear, guilt and spiritual oppression. It is an inner state of being free from the consequences and power of sin, enabling us to live in alignment with God's purpose of truth and love.

I chose the song because I love verse John3:8 The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is goes, so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Please pray for everyone involved with God's Cursillo 152 weekend.

***Many Blessings,
Jenifer J Whaley Rectora Cursillo #152***

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2Cor3:17; Wind, wind, blow on me; Wind, Wind, set me free; Wind, wind, my Father sent the blessed Holy Spirit.

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As of March, 19 new Cursillistas from Cursillo #151 committed to serving on the Team for Cursillo #152, with Rectora elected Jenifer Whaley from St. Paul's, Yuma AZ. Prayers are being sent daily for the success of Cursillo #152.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are approaching the halfway point of the year. In February Cursillo 151 sent out into the world for ministry 19 new Cursillistas. In March at the Day of Deeper Understanding more than half of these new cursillistas indicated a commitment to serve on the Team for Cursillo #152. They are heading the Holy Spirit's call to serve--to see Jesus in each other and in the Candidates who are called to attend the Cursillo 152 Weekend.

Cursillista, Jenifer Whaley, from St. Paul's, Yuma AZ, heeded the call to serve as the Rectora of the Weekend. Clergy and other lay Cursillistas are heading the call to serve on the Team.

Prayers are being sent every day in support of Cursillo 152. Join the chorus with prayers for each person being called to be a candidate, their sponsors, and for each Cursillista being called to serve on the Team. Pray that each team member, sponsor, and each Candidate be filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray that each action taken in preparing for the Weekend, and each action taken during the Weekend in service to the Candidates, project the love of Christ.

BLESSINGS TO ALL!

Ruben Rodriguez, President

FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Christian Essentials for a Successful Life

The Three Conversions

1. Commitment to Christ, Individual Conversion

In order for you to do the will of God and allow God's supernatural power to work in your life, you must have a personal relationship with

Jesus Christ. This involves being willing to let Jesus be Lord over your life. In other words, are you willing to give your life to Jesus? Many people are not willing and would like to simply have a little bit of spirituality or religion in their life, but not really commit themselves to Jesus. Without committing your life to Jesus, there is no individual nor inward conversion and therefore no personal relationship with Jesus. A person must surrender their life to Christ. When you, as a person, have a personal relationship with Jesus, Jesus is supernaturally working in your thoughts and in your emotions, and most importantly, in your will. You see the world more clearly in your thoughts when Jesus is in you. You are not held captive by your emotions. You have great freedom to say “no” to negative emotions and an ability to appreciate more deeply your positive emotions. You realize that emotions are an important part of life, but that serving Jesus is more important. Most of the time, you do what Jesus tells you to do rather than what your emotions tell you to do. This in turn makes us feel a whole lot better. Jesus Christ in us is the inward key to having a successful life on earth and eternal life ever after.

2. Commitment to Christ’s Church, Corporate Conversion.

A person who is going to be a real Christian will not just have an inward conversion to Jesus Christ but will be outwardly converted to being in Christ’s community on earth—the church. The church is full of sinful and eccentric people. In spite of all the flawed people and problems in the church, Jesus Christ is present and working in His church. The church has channels of grace within it. Grace is God’s active favor—unearned and undeserved poured out upon us. In the church, we experience God’s grace through sacraments through the reading and the preaching of God’s word, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are present and are working in the individuals in the church. All these are channels of God’s grace that pour God’s active favor into our lives helping make us be successful. To separate yourself from the church is to separate yourself from these channels of grace. A person unwilling to attend church believes that they can lead a better life on their own rather than by receiving God’s grace.

A true Christian is someone who wants to live their life by the grace of God and therefore wants to be in the church. The people in the church become channels of God's grace to guide us, to lift us up when we fall; to heal us, to show us Jesus' vision for our future. It is essential that a Christian be both converted to Jesus and to His church. You must experience both individual and corporate conversion to be a real Christian.

3. Commitment to Christs' Work, Become like Christ by Doing the Work of Christ

The third and last conversion is when you no longer want to only receive Grace from Jesus and His church, but want to be used by Jesus to be a channel of Grace to others by doing the work of Jesus Christ. This work may be small or big, but it is life changing for you and for those whom you are helping. As we are used by Jesus, we become like Jesus. As we build up others we are also built up. This process of building up is called edification—like in building an edifice. Many people want the Lord to build them up but are so self-centered and selfish that they do not want to do the work of the Lord. They do not realize it's only in giving that we receive.

To be a real Christian we need three conversions: to Jesus, to His church, and to His work. When we have all three conversions then the rest of our life comes together—because we are living in God's plan for our life. In other words, our conversion to Christ is real and not just an idea or emotion that can fade away. When we are real followers of Jesus, we are successful.

Your friend in Christ,

Father George



ULTREYAS

May 17, 2025, Grand Ultreya at St. Andrew's, La Mesa

It was a bright midday Saturday that welcomed a horde of Cursillistas and friends to gather for warm fellowship, delicious food, music, worship, and a wonderful Group Reunion and great witness talks. The horde began with about 33 people but eventually swelled to 47!

The Cursillo Music Saints included Bart Newsom, Alex Tuttle, Kit and Duane Chevalier, Karen and David Shine, Micky Vaieli, and Craig Mattern, kept the people's spirits rising with such songs as Shout to the Lord, As The Deer, Celebrad A Cristo, How Great Is Our God, Hosana, and Jesus My Lord.

As is customary, the people were eager for Grouping and did not want it to end.

Kathryn Bunch's **witness talk** theme was how she and us may at times be subjected to spiritual amnesia. She paraphrased John 14;7-12: Jesus said, he who has seen me has seen the Father. I'm in the Father and the Father is in me. Kathryn asked us: If Jesus came into this room, would you know him? She shared how she was confronted with unwelcomed change in her life when her husband died and The Cathedral decided that her ministry, the Cathedral Book Store, had to close. Because of her fear, she thought she needed to take advantage of her apparent legal talents by going to law school and becoming a lawyer. She spoke to then Bishop Hughes about the upcoming changes in her life. The Bishop told her that if fear has closed a door in her life, the Holy Spirit has to open it. Bishop Hughes thought she was being called by the Spirit to continue her ministry by providing her book services to people all around the Diocese. This is what she is doing at Cursillo Events and other events in various congregations in the Diocese.

The **Echo Talk** was given by Rachel Ambasing, who is employed by the Diocese as a missionary for Community Vitality and Diversity. As part of her work she has attended many of the Churches in the Diocese. She has found that it is hard for some Episcopalians to recognize Jesus in our Church. As a candidate of Cursillo #137 she learned that Christianity is not about us performing but rather is about the fullness of who we are. It is about seeing Jesus in all people. Rachel is exploring the nature of her calling. She is still not sure whether she is being called to the clergy or to some lay position in her ministry. In furtherance of her discernment, She will soon be going to Seminary School in Austin Texas.

Fr. Bob Blessing gave **the Scriptural Response** in which he noted that even though Adam and Eve walked with God daily, they promptly forgot Him—all it took was one bite of the apple to be banned from the Garden. Fr. Blessings advice to avoid spiritual amnesia: Read scripture regularly and continue to learn

more about and of God; Engage in Fellowship with fellow Christians. It will help you keep your wits. If you are missing God daily, you will suffer scriptural amnesia.; Consume God's word: read more, study and digest God's Word, not as a duty, but as a choice. Feed your soul.; Pray—prayer is talking with God about things—God is interested in you and your relationship with Him.

Ruben Rodriguez

Next Ultreyas and Cursillo Events:

Trinity 7/12/2025 midday (Instructed Group Reunion); St. Bart's 8/16/25 midday (Ultreya); Good Shepherd -9/19/25 6:00 PM(Ultreya); St. Paul's, Yuma AZ 1/17/2026 midday *AZ time* (Ultreya)

Cursillo Weekend #152, Whispering Winds Camp, Julian: February 19-22-2025

Cursillo Weekend #152 Team Meetings:

12/06/25	1 st Team Meeting	St. Albans 490 Farragut Cir. El Cajon CA 92020	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Team Training
01/17/2026	2 nd Team Meeting	St. Timothy's 10125 Azuaga St. San Diego CA 92129	9:00 AM-Noon	Team Training
01/31/2026	Rollo Critiques	St. Philips 2660 Hardy Drive Lemon Grove CA 91945	8:30AM-1:00 PM	Rollo Critiques
02-07-2026	3 rd Team Meeting	St. Philips 2660 Hardy Drive Lemon Grove CA91945	9:00AM-Noon	Team Training

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Please check out the Joint Ultreya announcement on the back page. The first part of the Ultreya will be held at Trinity Church in Escondido on July 12 with instructed Small Group Training after lunch for Trinity non-cursillistas. Secretariat members will be table leaders.

A month later, on August 16, the second part of the Ultreya at St. Bart's, will include the new groupers at Trinity, and everyone else, with a standard Ultreya format including talks from Mike Jewett and Neenie Castner. Come and eat (Pizza Party) - Come and see - Come and hear.

Cursillo Events Calendar June/ July - 2025

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME	LEADER
7-3-25	SECRETARIAT MEETING	ST. ALBANS	6:00 PM-8:30 PM	RUBEN
7-6--25	ZOOM GOUPING	INTERNET	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	CRAIG NOBLE
7-12-25	JOINT ULTREYA	TRINITY	12:00 NOON – 2:30 PM	RUBEN
8-3-25	ZOOM GROUPING	INTERNET	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	CRAIG NOBLE
8-7-25	SECRETARIAT MEETING	ST. ALBANS	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	RUBEN
8-16-25	JOINT ULTREYA	ST. BARTS	12:00 NOON TO – 2:30 PM	MIKE, LARRY

From the Palanca Chair

De Colores!

Throughout the Anglican Communion, and the Catholic Communion as well, teams are preparing for upcoming Cursillo weekends. Team leaders and Pre-Cursillo teams are actively training teams and reaching out to new candidates. In our diocese as well, Jenifer Whaley is putting together her team and looking forward to Cursillo #152. Please keep all these people and prospective candidates in your prayers. These are the Anglican weekends coming up:

6/19	Tazmania, Aus
7/3	Walkato, NZ
8/3	Southwell/Nottingham, UK
8/8	Heartland
8/14	Los Angeles (Spanish)
9/3	Norwich, UK
9/18	Texas
9/25	Springfield

– Kit Chevalier, Palanca Chair

Cursillo Secretariat Contacts – 2025

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Please Donate to Cursillo

We ask you to contribute to Cursillo to help sustain this wonderful ministry that we know changed your life for the better, and brought you closer to Jesus in your spiritual walk. Remember that He loves you just as you are. A cheerful giver!

Include your gift as part of your regular pledged giving to your church and ask them to forward the designated amount to the Cursillo funds held at the Diocese. To donate online, go to edsd.org/cursillo and choose the Cursillo| Donation option. Or mail a check, payable to "Episcopal Diocese of San Diego" or "EDSD", "Cursillo Donation" in memo to the following address:

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*Thank you,
The Cursillo Secretariat*

Chuckle Corner

Put a smile on your face after giving to Cursillo:

Q. Who was the smartest man in the bible?

A. Abraham. He knew a Lot.

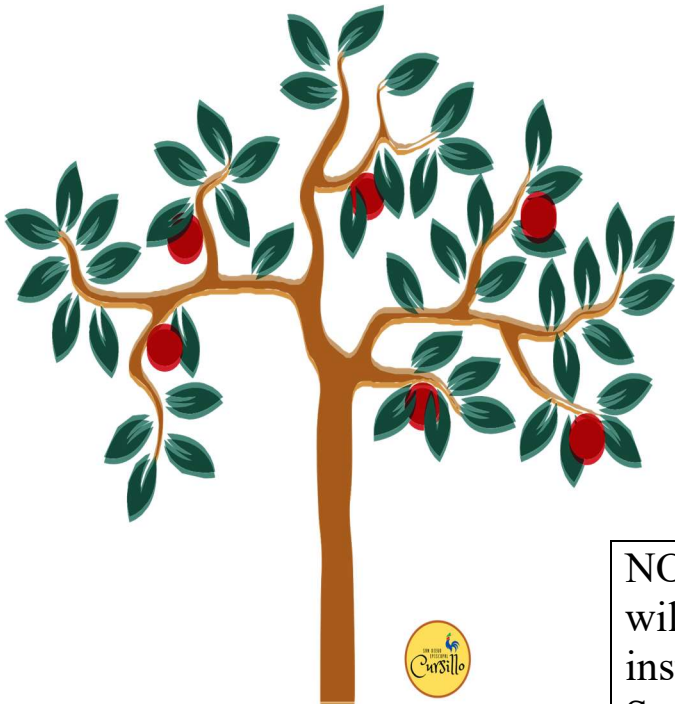
Q. Why can't Skeletons play music in church?

A. They don't have any organs.

Think you can do better? I'm waiting.

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JOINT ULTREYA

(Small Group Training)

TRINITY JULY 12, 2025

NOON: FURNISHED LUNCH

(BRING DESSERT)

1:00PM INSTRUCTED GROUPING

NOTE: Ruben Rodriguez, Cursillo President, will host the event, and will conduct instructed Grouping based on the Cursillo Small Group format. Done at 2:30 pm.

**Trinity Episcopal Church
845 Chestnut St. Escondido**

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ST._BART'S AUGUST 16, 2025

NOON: FURNISHED LUNCH

(BRING DESSERT)

1:00PM ULTREYA 2:30 pm

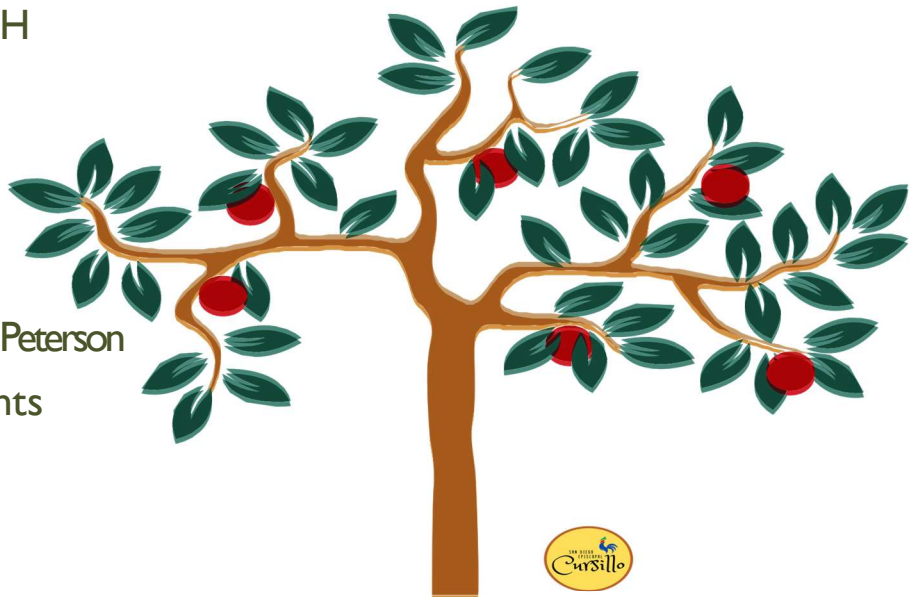
Witness: Mike Jewett

Echo: Neenie Castner

Scriptural Response: Fr. Brian Peterson

Music: The Cursillo Music Saints

Host: Mike and Larry



**St. Bart's Episcopal Church
16275 Pomerado Road, Poway**