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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 PRESIDENT**

Greetings to all my brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we move forward thru the year, we all go through different seasons of life. These seasons remind us of what we have done in the past or traditionally. As spring and summer approaches, it allows us to come together. We should also remember to extend that invitation to those who may need to be included. Overcoming this feeling of safety is personal and should not be understated. Coming together with others we have not been exposed to in our “2-year bubble” makes us awkward at first but then we realize how important it is to have that human experience. No Zoom meeting can take the place of the human touch. Masking our faces has had such an effect on all of us. The uncertainty of it all. I pray we are all overcoming the temporary “pause” in the last 2 years of living our lives under these conditions.

Many opportunities are coming our way however this spring and summer for the Cursillo community. If you haven’t had the opportunity to attend a weekend, the spring weekend is coming up in April. 28<sup>th</sup> thru May 1<sup>st</sup>. We also have a fall weekend if you need more time to clear your schedule, October 27<sup>th</sup> thru 30, 2022. If you have yet to attend a weekend, please see your parish representative to sign up for your life changing event.

I would also encourage you to look over our newly designed website for the changes and scheduled activities throughout the year. Check into the following gatherings: Day of Deeper Understanding; Grand Ultreya; The San Diego Cursillo Celebration – 2022, 6/25/22.

I encourage all Cursillistas to revisit “Make a friend, Be a friend , Bring a friend to Christ”.

We need to live this “mantra” every day of our lives. If you are wondering who is attending the functions... Attend! Do you need a group to join? Zoom is now available for those who prefer to use the internet even if you live out of state/country. Check the website for dates and times. Are you a musician? Your talent is respectfully requested to make a joyful noise here!

I pray you come to the realization that Cursillo is not only a twice a year function, Cursillo is the rest of your life, to make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.

Doris Sunny Landry

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## San Diego Cursillo Celebration - 2022

Plan our Growth.....A time to serve  
Follow Jesus.....A time to love



Cost: \$20 — includes the agape lunch  
and take-home materials.  
A real bargain!  
Parish reps attend pro bono.

*Church of the Good Shepherd*  
3990 Bonita Rd, Bonita, CA  
Saturday, June 25, 2022  
8:30 am-3:30 pm

Save the Date! - Saturday, June 25

Please and Thank You.....por favor y gracias

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

### **“Welcome, Happy Morning!” A Song of Triumphant Living**

The word “triumph” means to have victory, to have success, to accomplish an achievement. The word triumph should not be confused with the word “arrogant.” To be arrogant is to be prideful and pompous. In the resurrection of Jesus there is no arrogance and no room for arrogance. We encounter only the triumphant life of Jesus’s resurrection, which is the triumph of triumphs. The triumphant existence of the resurrection is one of joyful victory over all the things that can pull us down and destroy us. It is salvation! As the theologian Karl Barth has said, “The resurrection is salvation. Salvation is the resurrection.” The song, “Welcome Happy Morning!” (Hymn 179) shows the triumph of Christ’s resurrection. Let’s look at stanza #5 to let this ancient Latin hymn speak to us:

*Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,*

How does Christ’s resurrection change the reality of death? When Jesus rises from the dead, He is the author of life that triumphs over death. The song says of Jesus that death didst undergo. He died, but Jesus, who says of himself, “I am resurrection and life,” is filled with the infinite life of God and as such is the author of life who can easily triumph over death. Other religions are based on a code of conduct, a path of progress. But Christianity is based on a living savior who is the author of life and who has conquered death. Jesus is not just a religious teacher, He is risen life. And His risen life is not just the way to salvation, it *is* salvation.



*tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;*

Darkness refers to evil. On the cross Jesus took all the evil of the world, the sins of the whole world upon himself. Carrying his cross to be crucified and being crucified were treading the path of darkness. In Jesus paradoxically God became weak in order to show us His strength. That in the extreme weakness of Jesus carrying the sins of the world, God shows us His infinite strength. This is an important lesson for us, that when it seems like evil is going to triumph over us, we must always believe that God is stronger, that paradoxically God can show His strength during our moments of weakness. Jesus is there in the midst of our weakness even when it seems like evil is going to triumph over us, He shows up with His saving strength. He shows us His saving strength in the darkest places of our lives.

*come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,*

The key word Here is “now.” Jesus’s resurrection is not past tense, but present tense. It is now. How does Jesus fulfill His word? The Jesus who is risen comes to us in our present moment—the now and fulfills His word through His risen presence working in us and through us. Jesus’s words spoken in the Bible come true in our lives. When we believe in Jesus’s resurrection, we see that the words that Jesus spoke come alive and are channels of God’s grace, His active favor. Our prayer is “come then, true and faithful,” Jesus. And He does come, risen and alive, fulfilling His words in us.

*’tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord!*

In this part of the hymn, we remember that Jesus predicted that He would rise again on the third day, that in the third day Jesus would rise from the dead, triumphant over sin, death, and Satan. When Jesus triumphantly fulfills His word on the third morning, He shows us that we will rise triumphant on our third morning at the end of our lives.

*“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.*

In Heaven we will say, as we are resurrected, “Welcome, happy morning!” We will also say, “age to age,” which comes from the Greek words, for ages of ages, Philippians 4:20, which means eternity of eternities or forever and ever, in other words, the ultimate eternity. We will say for all eternity, “Welcome, happy morning!” filled with the joy of the resurrection of Jesus.

This Easter Sunday we not only celebrate Jesus’s resurrection, but we celebrate our own resurrection and therefore salvation. We anticipate our being resurrected into heaven and as we do this we are filled with the joy of Jesus’s resurrection in us. We sing out from the depths of our being, “Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say!”

**Christ is risen!**

Your friend in Christ,  
Father George

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## **CURSILLO #147 WEEKEND CANDIDATES FOR PALANCA 11-CANDIDATES: 5-WOMEN; 6-MEN**

**Debby Ahlquist**

**Beth Ann Hiller**

**Ruth Japtok**

**Ted Levive**

**Ross Miller**

**Miriam Morris**

**Jonathan Scarborough**

**Andrew Trofka**

**Hitomi Urakawa**

**Darrin Weaver**

**Pete Whitney**

(Go to [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) for team names for palanca)

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## **NEWS FLASH**

**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 NEXT ZOOM GROUPING MAY 8, 2022.**



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## **CURSILLO FOUR-EVER NEWS/ACTIVITIES**

### **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).

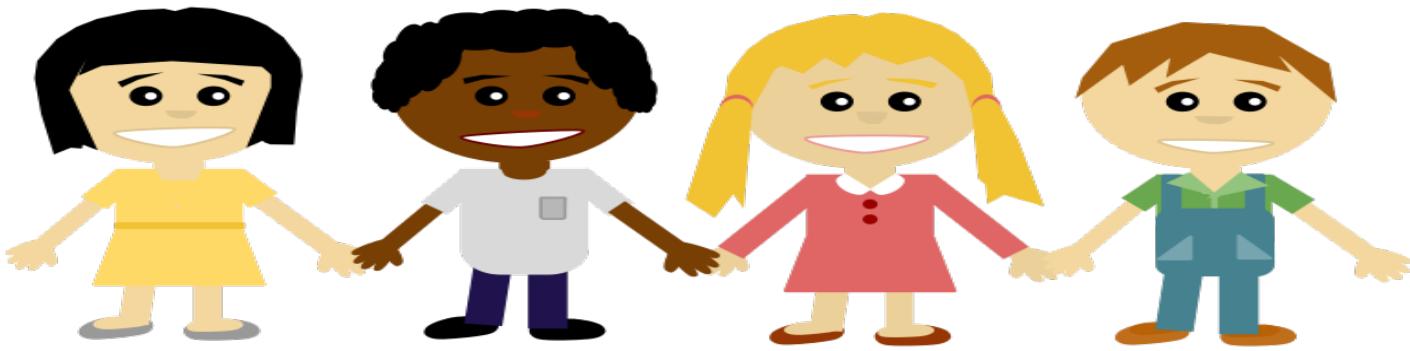
Blessings, Kit Chevalier



## Make a friend—Be a friend—Be a Sponsor!

- Sponsor your new, or old friend, or best friend, to the next Cursillo Weekend. If you haven't already started, **START NOW!**

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



***THEN, SPONSOR YOUR FRIEND TO THE NEXT CURSILLO WEEKEND***

## ***A Word from the Webmaster***

### **THE NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE**

Our new website [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) is up and running. Please take a few minutes to look at it and I hope, enjoy what you find. After you have a look at the home page, travel left to right on the tabs at the top, or if you're using your phone, from top to bottom. Each step takes you to increasingly more specific information.

A quick overview of what you'll find on each page:

**HOME** – Tap the colorful buttons to go to current items of interest. When the Palanca List is published, you'll find it here on the Home Page.

**COME TO CURSILLO** – An introduction to attending a Cursillo Weekend, and what to expect.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** – Information about our 4<sup>th</sup> day, and all that comes after the weekend--how to get in a group, serve on a weekend, about Ultreyas, action, service, and so on.

**MORE ON CURSILLO** – Just as described, here is more information on Cursillo in general, then **Applications and Publications**, where you'll find archives of the Forward, and places to download applications, brochures, songbooks, and other documents. Next, you'll find all the **Virtual Ultreyas**, and finally, **Friends and Neighbors**, with links to other organizations.

**GOING ON NOW** – Time sensitive announcements and reminders. Be sure to page through the rotating banner at the top so you don't miss something. You'll find a calendar preview, a place to enter prayer requests and pray for others'



requests, and a form to send us your story of what Cursillo means to you, or how it has shaped your life as a follower of Jesus.

“Quick Links” takes you directly to useful pages like:

**FIND YOUR NICHE** – This tool is chock full of information for new and experienced Cursillistas. Its main purpose is to help you decide if you can be involved in Cursillo by describing and presenting the opportunities to serve. They come in all shapes and sizes!

**CALENDAR** – View the complete calendar here with dates and times, points of contact, details, and location.

**CONTACT** – A list of Secretariat and those with responsibilities within the Servant Community. To send a message, tap the icon above the name of the one you want to contact.

Thank you for taking time to visit the web page. Of course, suggestions for improvements and features you’d like to see are welcome. Happy exploring! --Susan Miller

## ***Cursillo Events Calendar***

### Secretariat Meeting

April 7

**6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - St. Alban's, El Cajon**

Monthly board meeting of Secretariat members. All are welcome to attend.

### Team Training Meeting #3

April 9

**8:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

Training meeting for all team members.

### Cursillo Weekend

**April 28 – May 1**

Spring Weekend #147 in Pine Valley - final day. Please join us at closing.

Mike Jewett, rector

### Clausura and Mañanitas at Pine Valley

**May 1:45 PM to 3:30 PM**

Clausura - closing ceremony and eucharist for the Community.

### Sunday Evening Zoom Group

May 8

**4:00 PM to 5:15 PM**

For those in the diocese who are geographically isolated, or for anyone who wants to join in, a monthly online meeting is held on the first Sunday of every month.

### Secretariat Meeting

May 12

**6:00 PM to 8:30 PM - St. Alban's, El Cajon**

Monthly board meeting of Secretariat members. All are welcome to attend.

### Day of Deeper Understanding

May 14

**8:00 AM to 3:00 PM - St. Andrew's, La Mesa**

Re-connect, share and learn more about your "Fourth Day." Lunch is included.

### Grand Ultreya



**May 21**

**6:00 PM to 8:30 PM - St. Andrew's, La Mesa**

Spring Grand Ultreya - Meet and welcome the new Cursillistas from the April Weekend.

**Forward Deadline**

**May 24**

Send in your articles, announcements, photos, and information for inclusion in the newsletter.

**View Calendar Online**

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

From the Palanca Coordinator---

Think back to your Cursillo weekend. What stood out? Among the talks, the fellowship, the spirituality, I'm sure Palanca comes to mind. On the weekend I first attended Cursillo (#133), it was the bag of notes, bookmarks, candy. They were for me, an expression of love. As I have become more involved in Cursillo, I realize the power of prayer Palanca. I now 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. Everyone in the Cursillo Community can participate and can be incorporated into daily prayer time.

Cursillo #147 is fast approaching. April 28<sup>th</sup>- May 1<sup>st</sup>. Our candidates won't know the prayers are being said, but on the weekend, can be made aware of the prayers and sacrifices being made. Please consider a personal note of palanca for the candidates. (the team appreciates it also). This can be from you, or from your parish Cursillo Community. The list of candidates and team will be posted on the website ([sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org)), as soon as it is ready.

Did you know other communities are praying for our weekend, and we send general palanca to other parts of the country? Please keep the following weekends in prayer.

April- 21 Diocese of East Carolina

- 21 Diocese of Georgia
- 21 Diocese of Maryland
- 28 Diocese of South Virginia
- 29 Diocese of Eastern Oregon
- 29 Diocese of New York

May- 27 Olympia

If you have Palanca to share, see below to submit, or have any questions, please contact me.

April 21-24, Monarch Episcopal Cursillo, Fond du Lac, [laydirector@monarchcursillo.org](mailto:laydirector@monarchcursillo.org)

April 21-24—Coed Cursillo #116, Maryland, [Marylandepiscopalcursillo@gmail.com](mailto:Marylandepiscopalcursillo@gmail.com)

April 21-24—Cursillo weekend, Georgia, [Windshadow.rlm@outlook.com](mailto:Windshadow.rlm@outlook.com)

April 21-24—Monarch Cursillo #75, Wisconsin, [palanca@monarchcursillo.org](mailto:palanca@monarchcursillo.org)

April 28-May 1, Cursillo #147, San Diego, [kmsopsinger@yahoo.com](mailto:kmsopsinger@yahoo.com)

April 28-May 1, Cursillo #168, Southern Virginia, Bill Anspach, [laydirector@cursillodiosovamail.com](mailto:laydirector@cursillodiosovamail.com)

April 28-May 1, Cursillo #147, Southwest Florida, Kristina Hodge, [hodgeak@hotmail.com](mailto:hodgeak@hotmail.com)



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April 28-May 1—Cursillo #168, Southern Virginia, [palanca@cursillodiosovamail.com](mailto:palanca@cursillodiosovamail.com)

April 29-May 1—Coed Cursillo #50, Eastern Oregon, [rstrong@bendcable.com](mailto:rstrong@bendcable.com)

April 29-May 1, Women's Cursillo, Central Florida, Chuck Pierce, [CAP128154@yahoo.com](mailto:CAP128154@yahoo.com)

April 29-May 1, Men's Cursillo, Central Florida, [grammiefor4@gmail.com](mailto:grammiefor4@gmail.com).

May 13-15—Curillo #51, East Tennessee, [renewspirit020@gmail.com](mailto:renewspirit020@gmail.com)

May 13-15, 2022, Men's Cursillo, Albany, [jHyde@primecaremed.com](mailto:jHyde@primecaremed.com)

Blessings,

Kit Chevalier

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VOLUNTEER?	SERVANT LEADER	PRIEST/DEACON WANTED (EXCELLENT RETIREMENT)PROGRAM	OPEN
Rev. Peter Sickles	psickles@msn.com	Assistant Spiritual Advisor	2024



## **2022 SPECIAL CURSILLO SERVANTS**

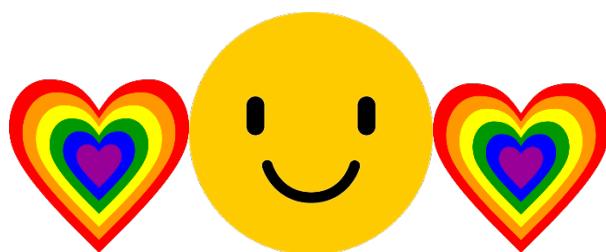
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## ***CURSILLO CORNER –COMMITMENT DONATIONS***

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 pledge to the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. If you’d like to make a Blessed Commitment Gift to Cursillo, please sent it to:

Judy Brown – Treasurer  
51 Viejas Grade Road  
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Checks made out to: Cursillos in Christianity



Hi, I'd love to get a little love from you.  
Por favor y gracias!