



# Cursillos in Christianity Los Angeles English Cursillo

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## President's Message

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Dear Cursillistas, September is one of those moments in a year when changes naturally come about. For many businesses, it is the end of one fiscal year and the beginning of a new one. For those in school, it is the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. For Cursillo Leaders' School, it is the end of a summer hiatus and the resuming of Leaders' School classes. Hopefully many Cursillistas – new and seasoned – will try to attend these sessions on Monday evenings. As always, the evening will begin with the celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00PM followed by the classes in the Parish Hall. The new year of Leaders' School begins on Monday, September 14, 2009 and will be almost every Monday following. Mark your calendars!

This September also marks the end of my term as the President of the Cursillo Board. The catalyst for my making the decision to step down was my "health adventure" this past May, you may recall that I experienced Congestive Heart Failure. By the

grace of God and through the power of prayer from so many good people like you, I am here to proclaim the goodness of the Lord. However, the road to a full recovery is slower and longer than I would have hoped. Realizing that it would be a while before I was "myself" again, I made the decision to pass the baton.

Paul Machuca will take the reigns as our new Acting Board President. My prayer for Paul is that he will experience many graces and welcome the opportunity to grow and become all that he can be in service to the Lord as he accepts this new position. Our Cursillo Community is blessed to have Paul, and I know that all will be supportive of him and remember him in prayer.

"The Cursillo Movement," the teams for any upcoming weekend, candidates for Cursillo, those who are experiencing challenges in their Fourth Day Journeys, those who are celebrating their Fifth Day – these are all daily intentions dear to my heart. YOU are dear to my heart.

Let us pray now and

always for one another.

**De Colores,**

Kathleen Ambrosi

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

My name is Paul Machuca and as you just read in Kathleen's message, I am currently the Acting President. As I write this, I have many mixed emotions. I am sad because we will miss Kathleen and her calm, dedicated and Spirit filled presence. But I am also happy because she made it through an incredible ordeal. Few of us have experienced a situation where our very life is in question. I am sure you will continue to keep her in your prayers as she continues on her journey towards a full recovery.

As I look ahead I see a road with many twists and turns, peaks and valleys. I have learned that it is no longer enough to take things day by day. A day is a long time. I must take things moment by moment. In order to preserve balance as I strive to live my Life in Grace, I am

## President's Message Continued

challenged to allow the Holy Spirit to fill these moments. When I am successful it becomes clear to me that each and every single moment has the potential to become a holy encounter with Christ.

I experience these encounters when I exchange a smile with a stranger or when I am in the arms of a close friend. He is there when I hold my wife Ana and without exchanging a word I am

overwhelmed. But He is also there in moments of despair. Christ is behind us, in front of us, by our side, within us. He is always there.

As we all continue on our 4<sup>th</sup> day may we take the time to listen to His voice. Our Sheppard will guide us through green pastures and dark valleys. May God continue to bless us all with the presence of mind to recognize Him

in every moment.

De Colores,  
Paul Machuca



## Spiritual Direction

***The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement...a very important Cursillo reference we all need to read and re-read.***

“Everything done by means of the Cursillo method to attain the purpose of the Movement as a whole has the Post-Cursillo as its final objective. “The purpose of the Cursillo weekend is to bring people from the Pre-Cursillo into the Post-Cursillo stage.”

It would take a great deal of writing to describe all that is involved in the Post-Cursillo stage of life and the living in your life of what is fundamental to being a Christian. However, the following questions provide a very good starting point.

1. Are you in weekly group reunion? Do you bring the depth of the experiences of your personal *Faith Journey* with its related accountability to your brothers or sisters in Christ each week?
2. Do you attend Ultreyas regularly? We all have the obligation in Cursillo to go out and evangelize as well as to nurture our own Cursillo mentality; and the Ultreya is a great way to do it.
3. Have you sponsored a candidate for Cursillo lately? What gift is greater to someone you know or meet than “Making a friend, Being a friend, and Bringing that friend to Christ?”
4. Do you attend the School of Leaders regularly or at least whenever you can? If you treasure the gift of Cursillo, please help the movement to continue its very important work. Remember, you are a Leader for Christ!
5. Do you work team periodically? It is a wonderful way to serve Christ...by serving his Candidates. The Cursillo teams need both new Cursillistas and also experienced Cursillistas. Please check your schedule for the next weekends scheduled for 2010, March 19-22 for men and March 26-29 for the women.

I know that so many Cursillistas do so very much for their Church in so many different ways in addition to the Cursillo related action items above. I pose the above questions just as a reminder for you and also for me. Our wonderful Cursillo movement accomplishes such good work for Christ; it is important that we never become complacent but always stay energized for the good of our Cursillo movement, its mission and all of our environments. Cursillo needs you!

DeColores

*Christ counts on you!*

## The Journey

### *My Fourth day Journey*

My name is Anita Baasch. I made my Cursillo in March of 2003. I have been married to my wonderful husband Myron, for 47 years. We have a son and a daughter and five granddaughters. What a blessing from our Lord.

Before Cursillo I always made sure I went to Mass, my parish is St. Louise de Marilllac of Covina and I prayed the rosary often. I've been blessed to have a mother who has always shown me the power of prayer by her actions and the way she has lived her life. She is now 97 years old and is still a wonderful role model. Wanting to be more involved in my parish, I volunteered to help teach Confirmation which I enjoyed for five years. During that time I met my now very good friend Julie. To see the joy Julie always showed when she talked about Cursillo is what sparked my interest in attending a Cursillo weekend.

After making my Cursillo, my sponsor encouraged me to be a part of a group. I've had the delight of grouping with some wonderful women for the past six years. We try our best to meet once each week to share our closest moments with our Lord. I've been truly blessed to have the support of such kind and caring women. Since living my Cursillo weekend, I have also joined a Magnificat team for the San Gabriel Valley which reaches out to women of many parishes. The Magnificat luncheons provide women with wonderful guest speakers who give inspiring testimonials as to the power and importance of having God in their lives. I feel so fortunate to be a part of a group that helps draw women closer to our Blessed Mother and our Lord.

Sometimes my 4th day journey has been a struggle but our Lord is always there to help me get through and learn from the difficult times. My eight year old granddaughter Vanessa, has joined me on several occasions to pray the rosary and she loves to help me when I write my palancas by putting stickers on every envelop with much care and love. God has taught me so many times to love one another, through the granddaughters he has given me.

I'm so glad our Lord put Cursillo in my life. I have experienced so much love from many Cursillistas. It makes me very aware of our Lords' love for all people.

De Colores!  
Anita Baasch



## A COUPLE'S FOURTH DAY JOURNEY

### **Our Journey**

Greetings! We are Gene and Peggy Gleason from Beatitudes of Our Lord Parish in La Mirada. We lived our Cursillo weekends in November 2006 (#679, Gene), and October 2008 (#723, Peggy). Prior to living our weekends, we were faithful, dutiful, Catholics, quite active in our parish community. We led the Baptismal Ministry for a number of years, always participated in the Annual Parish Festival, and wouldn't think of missing Mass on Sunday. I (Gene) was more of a "joiner," being active in the Parish Council, chairing the Parish Festival, and heading the Alter Server's Ministry at the parish for over a decade. Our children (now ages 23 and 27) attended Catholic School through high school. We regularly attended Religious Education Congress, looking for continued spiritual growth.

When I (Gene) accepted an invitation to make a Cursillo retreat, it seemed like a natural and logical thing to do; a weekend away from the hustle and bustle of my own law practice, a little exercise and maybe even an opportunity to watch my son's old high school team play football Friday night if we were done on time. Boy was I in for a surprise! Subtle but crucial challenges were issued throughout the weekend. I was sure there must be a catch to the untiring dedication and unconditional love shown by team members throughout the weekend. I always thought I had a focused ideal and a clear "spiritual plan" (don't all perfectionists?). I was taken aback by

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## A COUPLE'S FORTH DAY JOURNEY

the "unchartered territory" still out there in my Catholic faith, and the terrific tools the weekend taught—finally, I actually had tools and a concrete plan to guide me along my faith journey. A steady, reliable, but somewhat routine faith life came alive—it was as if someone had added living color to an old movie. I gained a sense of what small Christian faith communities in the early days of the church must have felt like. In a competitive, pressure-filled, secular world, there were committed, dedicated Catholic Christians who sincerely lived the Gospel message of “Love One Another” and gave me a sense of a Life in Grace.

After my weekend, I became committed to weekly grouping and began to avidly pursue development of my Piety, Study and Action. The subtle (and at times, not so subtle) changes in my faith journey were no doubt quite a shock to my wife. Over time, I (Peggy) became curious about the weekend, although I admit I steadfastly resisted all efforts to simply follow Gene and make a Cursillo weekend simply because he did. Finally, after two years, I decided I needed to find out what it was that had, in many small ways, made such positive changes in my husband's faith journey. After letting my guard down, I realized that I had to experience the weekend in order to learn more about this new way of practicing the Catholic faith. Being less animated (to say the least) than my husband, I certainly expected to have a positive experience but really had no idea what was in store for me. I was outside my comfort zone being waited on and "doted over" the entire weekend. By the end of the weekend, I was overcome with emotion and began to earnestly study my faith, establish a daily routine of prayer and reflection time, and prioritize where I spent my time and effort. After we both lived our weekends, our social circle became more focused on Cursillistas, looking forward to attending Ultreyas to interact with Cursillistas from neighboring parishes and actively recruiting new candidates so that they might share in the positive experience of the weekend. The same challenges exist in our everyday lives as before our weekends but our approach to said challenges are more faith-based, prayerful and looked upon as opportunities for growth, instead of merely obstacles thrown in our path.

When Peggy was recently "challenged to" (or, more accurately stated, "shocked into") presenting a Rollo for the upcoming women's weekend, we had an opportunity to relive the challenge of our weekends in addressing the questions/challenges presented at the close of the Ideal Rollo—where do we spend our free time and our extra money, and where do our thoughts take flight? Our answers to those questions are certainly different now than they were when those questions were presented on our weekends. It might serve us all well to regularly revisit those challenging questions and ask ourselves how well we are living the discipline of Piety, Study and Action. Faithful, regular grouping holds us accountable to our Christian brothers and sisters and counteracts the "I am in this for myself" mentality that human nature and our secular society teaches us. For us, regular attendance at Leader's School and working on Team for upcoming weekends provide us with spiritual food for growth. Committing the time necessary is challenging but the growth in our faith lives is well worth the effort.

How can you not want to pass that on to friends, co-workers, fellow-parishioners and others?  
We can count on Christ, can Christ count on us?

De Colores!  
Gene & Peggy Gleason

**Would you Like to share your 4th day journey?**

Email it to [mglean@roadrunner.com](mailto:mglean@roadrunner.com) It will be published in future issues.



## Cursillo Picnic

This past July, July 12<sup>th</sup> to be exact, was a sweltering hot day, the one and only tree with some shade was taken by our early arrivers yet all were in good moods, as Cursillistas and their families converged on the beautifully manicured grounds of *The Cursillo House* located in Pomona for the annual Cursillo Picnic. What a beautiful site, tents, umbrellas and blankets galore, children running and just plain having fun. The Spanish Cursillo provided music and singing while the enticing smell of a delicious BBQ was under control by the English Cursillo master chef, Kathy Diaz.

The morning started off with a few games and the late purchasers scrambling to get a hold of a ticket for the

## Cursillo Picnic

Raffle. Gene Gleason, Peggy Gleason, Verant Sealey and Marva A. Glean manned this booth. Dn. Roland of the Filipino Cursillo and his beautiful wife Lila, braved the heat to help us with the ticket sales. Everyone had plans for the \$30,000 dollars, few showed interest in choosing the Mercedes Benz if lucky to be the winner.

Mass was celebrated by Father Modesto Perez at noon. Afterwards, lunch was enjoyed by all. Friends and family continued to enjoy the music and play games as the drawing of the Raffle ticket was dragged out. Finally at around 4:00pm the anxious crowd could be controlled no longer, Fr. Modesto pulled the lucky name from the basket and put a lid on it to the screams of the crowd. After the twenty (20) \$300.00 winners were chosen the waiting was over, the lucky name was announced and the winner was Lucia O. Garcia who did decide on the monies and very generously donated five (5) beds to The Cursillo House for a total of \$500.00. The seller Janet D. Martinez received \$1,000 for selling her the winning ticket. The winners came out of the Filipino Cursillo group.

All in attendance had fun and everyone's looking forward to next July 2010. Please choose another month!!!!!!!

DeColores  
Contributing writer



## OMCC IV World Ultreya



The World Cursillo Movement (OMCC) **FOURTH WORLD** Ultreya was attended by approximately six thousand Cursillistas (I estimated seats) who gathered on Saturday, August 1, 2009, 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena in Anaheim, California. It was the first time

the World Ultreya was held in the United States of America and it offered us an opportunity to here fourth day witness talks from Dale Platteter representing the English Community, Soo Elisabeth Kang from the Korean Community, Aireen Macatula in Tagalog, Jose Salvador Sorto Chacon in Spanish

and Tam Nguyen, Vietnamese Community. The Fourth Day talks showed a true conviction to Jesus Christ, encouraging us to share the joy of his Love and Friendship within our community. Visit [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org) for a complete newsletter report.

The mission of Cursillo is to bring Christ to all environments, through the apostolic actions of people who are renewed in spirit and living witnesses to the Gospel.



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We had a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends from around the world; literally Cursillistas from 31 countries were present. I personally met several as well as local Cursillistas whom I see at daily mass at local churches but had never been introduced before. It was truly a wonderful experience even though the Keynote speaker, Professor Guzman Carriquiry spoke in Spanish for 45 minutes, fortunately we had the talk in English in our program.

From the opening prayer by Bishop Dominic Luong, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of **Orange** followed by the Group Reunion, where we were encouraged to share our piety, study and action with our newfound brothers and sisters.

## OMCC IV World Ultreya



Following the Group Reunion, President of the (OMCC) World Cursillo Movement Juan Ruiz welcomed all to the World Ultreya. We received a Papal message read by Sr. Eymard Flood from the Diocese of Orange, the Papal Message from Pope Benedict XVI's Cardinal Bertone, Secretary of State to the Pope. Procession at the start of Mass with our Lady of Guadalupe marched to the beat of drums from the Matachines leading in the two Bishops, 70 priest and 20 deacons. The homily from Cardinal Sandoval was so moving, he stressed to us to need bring others to Christ.

The night concluded in prayer for the new 2010 Executive Committee with President Yvonne Carrigan from Australia for the next four years.

Being my first World Ultreya I was more than impressed by the time and preparations that went into the planning and execution of this wonderful event. We owe a great gratitude to all who worked so hard to make this a successful event.

May God bless you and keep you in Christ

Robert Bodkin  
Your Brother in Christ.

PS: KEEP ON GROUPING, if you are not Grouping, call me and we will find you a group.  
Cell 626-824-9991



## Upcoming Weekends

**Men's weekend**  
Thu. Oct. 8th-Sun 11th 2009

**Women's Weekend**  
Thu. Oct. 15th-Sun 18th 2009

Location to be announced.  
Please get your applications in early



**Cleanup**  
Sat. Sep. 26th-Sun. Sep. 27th 2009  
Sat. Oct. 3rd-Sun. Oct. 4th 2009

**Setup for Men's weekend**  
Mon. Oct. 5th-Wed. Oct. 7th 2009  
**Setup for Women's weekend**  
Mon. Oct. 12th-Wed. Oct. 14th 2009

We always need your help.  
Contacts available are:

**Many Hands– Light Work**  
**October Weekend**

**Cleanup**  
Adolfo Gamez  
Email: agamez64@verizon.net

**Environment**  
Alice Contildes  
(310) 675-7780



## Joyfully Giving

Brothers and sisters, thank you for your continued support of *The Los Angeles English Cursillo*. Your fees and donations support Cursillo. You, our loving Cursillistas, wherever you are, whatever you are doing, I pray you are living out your *Life in Grace*.

Our annual fundraisers also helps subsidize the 3-day weekend experience and this year we introduced The Tea Party which was well attended and may become an annual event. However, you will notice we did not include our donation envelope with this newsletter due to postal rules. Please, do not let that be a hindrance to your continued monetary support.

We are counting on you to keep the movement in your prayers and to prayerfully forward your donations. Please make your cheques payable to Cursillos in Christianity and mail to:

*The Los Angeles English Cursillo*,  
29 S. Electric Ave,  
Alhambra, CA 91801

Attn: Cathy Daoust.

*DeColores*

*Christ counts on you!*



**Christ is counting on YOU!**

**When can we get you on the calendar to host an Ultreya????**

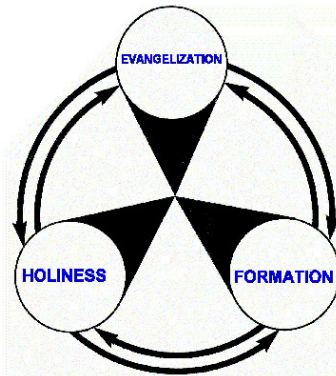
Contact us via e-mail or telephone  
stmarkcursillo@hotmail.com

(310) 365-7877 (geo. cell)

George & Frances Martin

*De Colores!*

**Pre-Cursillo**  
**Fri. Oct. 2nd 7:00 P.M.**  
**AT ALL SOULS PARISH**  
**29 S ELECTRIC ALHAMBRA, CA**



**Look!**  
**Newsletter on-line**

If you would like to help cut cost, you can register to receive the Los Angeles Cursillo Newsletter via email. To register, please send an email to: vs1517@roadrunner.com and put "yes for newsletter" in the subject area. You will receive an email to complete the confirmation process.

**Many Hands Make  
Light Work:  
Cursillo Needs You!**

We always need help. If you feel you are being called in any way to serve, we have provided a list below for you to check off. **We cannot do it without you.** For more information on the categories below, please give a call to:

- Connie Villarreal at (714)523-4520,
- Sharon Bell at (626)797-2211,
- Alice Ramirez at (310)320-7565
- Alice Contildes at (310) 675-7780/ jaks1974@aol.com.
- Frank Marrone at (562) 706-0048

Thank you for your consideration!  
**“Many Hands”**

Yes, I would like to help out Cursillo:  
 The Cursillo House Campaign  
 with Ultreya preparation

- with the Refreshments
- with the Holy Hours
- with Agape
- with the Environment Team
- as a Parish Representative
- with the Rollo Room Supplies
- with Cursillo Shed upkeep
- with Kitchen staples
- with Las Posadas at Christmas
- with the Cursillo Picnic

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please give above contact information when you call or e-mail.**

**So Why should I attend Leaders' School?**

Leaders' school enhances our knowledge and understanding of the Cursillo movement as envisioned by the founders. We will receive tools to help us strengthen our foundation to evangelize as strong catholic leaders. **De Colores,**

**We have Leader's School every Monday 7pm-10pm starting with mass at All Souls' Parish.**

29 S. Electric Avenue  
Alhambra, Ca 91801

*Make a friend,  
Be a friend,  
Bring a friend to Christ*

**Prayer Requests**

The list server is dedicated to the Los Angeles English Cursillo Movement. The purpose of the list server is to serve the people of God by providing information concerning the happenings within the Cursillo Community and to provide for the Community a means to share their needs for prayer and thanksgiving. There are usually two mailings per week, **one for prayer requests** and **one for announcements.** If you have a **prayer request**, please send them to me by Sunday night. Any request sent after Monday will appear in the following week unless the request is urgent.

Send an email to Rick Terrazas at prayers4cursillo@verizon.net to have the Cursillistas community pray with you.

**De Colores,**  
*Rick Terrazas*



**The Cursillo House  
needs your commitment**

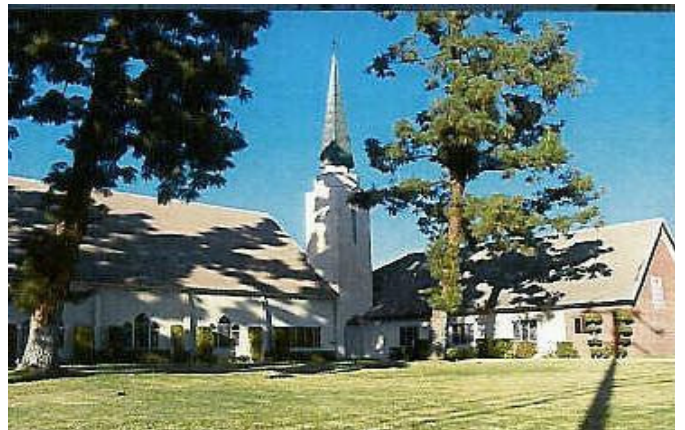
Brothers & Sisters in-Christ we need to come together to achieve our ultimate goal to pay off the mortgage of \$3.3 million, this way Cursillo and others using our House will not be burdened with excessive fees.

Please send in your donation to:

**The Cursillo House,**  
Cala Figuera Foundation  
11911 Artesia Blvd., Suite 206  
Cerritos, California 90701

Make checks payable to Cala Figuera Foundation (write in the memo: Cursillo House)

*May God write  
it on your  
heart that  
everyday is the  
best day of  
your life, for  
you are  
blessed!*



Please submit applications as soon as possible – space is limited

**Cursillo Application  
Los Angeles Archdiocese - English Cursillo**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background: High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Any health problems that you think might affect your attendance on the weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had a nervous breakdown? NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your sponsor answered all your questions and been available in your preparation for Cursillo? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please state why you wish to attend Cursillo: \_\_\_\_\_

What Cursillo date are you available to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTANCE. ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE DONE THROUGH YOUR SPONSOR.  
A DONATION OF \$100 WILL BE REQUESTED AT REGISTRATION TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THE WEEKEND.  
\*\*\*\*\* THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR SPONSOR \*\*\*\*\***

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Date of your Cursillo \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a Post Cursillo? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you group regularly? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give some endorsement of candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor:**

**Mail application to:** Cursillos in Christianity, Los Angeles English Cursillo 29 S. Electric Avenue Alhambra, CA 91801

**or FAX to:** (626) 458-6654

**For questions concerning the Cursillo Applications, please call:** (626) 626-281-0466 ext. 231

## **Cursillos in Christianity**

Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word meaning "short course". It begins on a Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. During those three days the Cursillistas (those attending the weekend) live and work together, listening to talks given by priests and laypeople. They also attend Mass, receive Communion and visit the Blessed Sacrament daily.

The priest, who is the "spiritual director" and the laity who make up the Cursillo "team" spend weeks working and praying together in preparation for the weekend. The Cursillo takes careful planning because the time is short and the subject extensive. The titles of the talks indicate their content: Ideal, Sanctifying Grace, Laypeople in the Church, Actual Grace, Piety, Study, The Sacraments, Action, Obstacles to Grace, Leaders, Study of the Environment, Life in Grace, Community in Action and Perseverance.

### **Not A Retreat**

A Cursillo can be made only once in a lifetime, therefore it is not a substitute for a retreat. Actually the Cursillo makes succeeding retreats more profitable and Cursillistas are encouraged to make regular retreats. The basic atmosphere of a Cursillo differs greatly from the individual solitude of a retreat. The Cursillo weekend is not silent. The teachings of Christ are experienced and shared in a climate of joy and a spirit of community. During the talks the Cursillistas take notes and each talk is followed by a discussion period within a small group.

## **Instrument of Renewal**

The Cursillo is a powerful instrument of renewal in the Church. Its aim is to concentrate closely on the Person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Cursillo gives those who attend a living understanding of basic Christian truths and a desire to serve the Church. What's more it provides a means to continue the Christian formation which is just begun in the three-day weekend.

### **The Fourth Day**

The "after" activity of the Cursillo is known as the "fourth day", that is the balance of the Cursillista's life on earth. During this time perseverance is important just as in any method of renewal. In the Cursillo Movement the community spirit is continued after the three days through the "ultreyas" or reunions of the community. These are available as a means of growth in understanding and zeal within the Christian community. Smaller groups of friends also come together regularly to encourage and support one another in spiritual growth and the Christian apostolate.

### **History of Cursillo**

The movement began in 1944 on the island of Majorca, birthplace of Father Junipero Serra. Under leadership of a Spanish layman, Eduardo Bonnin, a group of some 30 priests and laymen met to organize some means of countering immorality and indifference to religion. The Bishop of Majorca, Juan Hervas, suggested the program that was finally developed carefully into the Cursillo. The first Cursillo took place in the United States in 1957. It was originated by two Spanish Air Force pilots who were training with the U.S. Air Force in Texas.

## **The Church and Cursillo**

The Cursillo movement was given Church approval in December 1963. On that occasion, Pope Paul VI said in part: "This method of Christian teaching commonly called Cursillos in Christianity extends already over a great number of the faithful and it has produced abundant fruit: Christian renewal of family life...and the vitalization of parishes."

In March of 1971, after making his Cursillo weekend, then Archbishop Timothy Manning was quoted in the Tidings as saying, "From my experience I must say this has my 100% plus...not only approval but enthusiasm."

### **Christianizing Environments**

The Cursillo is an encounter with Christ. Correctly applied and overseen the Cursillo Movement can have very positive results in the spiritual revitalization of the world. The Christ-likeness in a few people is contagious. The transference of Christ's values to others in one's family, school, place of business, etc., is the Christianizing of environments the Cursillo promotes. The goal of the movement is that Christ be the prime influence in society. So it is said the PRIMARY OBJECTIVES of the Cursillo Movement are to develop in adult Christians a consciousness of their ability and mission to become leaders in the work of Christian renewal, and to sustain them as they provide a Christian leaven in civic, social and economic life. This "Christianizing of environments" is what the Cursillo movement is about.

## *Cursillo Calendar*

### August 2009

**Sat. Aug. 1st– Sun. Aug 2nd**, World Ultreya National Cursillo Riverside

**Wed. Aug. 5th** Team Meeting  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Wed. Aug. 12th** Team Meeting  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**(Tue. Aug. 18th** Board Meeting

**Wed. Aug. 19th** Team Meeting  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Wed. Aug. 26th** Team Meeting  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

### September 2009

**Wed. Sep. 2nd** Team Meeting  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Wed. Sep. 9th** Team Meeting  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Mon. Sep. 14th** Leader School  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**(Tue. Sep. 15th** Board Meeting

**Wed. Sep. 16th** Team Meeting  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Mon. Sep. 21st** Leader School  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Wed. Sep. 23rd** Team Meeting  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Mon. Sep. 28th** Leader School  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

### October 2009

**Fri. Oct. 2nd**, Pre-Cursillo

**Mon. Oct. 5th**, Leader School  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Thu. Oct. 8th-Sun 11th**, Men's Weekend  
Cursillo House Pomona

**Fri. Oct 9th**, Holy Hour 7:00 pm Cursillo House Pomona

**Sat. Oct. 10th**, Adoration all night Cursillo House Pomona

**Sun. Oct. 11th**, Clausura Cursillo House Pomona

**Thu. Oct, 15th, to Sun. Oct 18th**,  
Women's Weekend Cursillo House Pomona

**Fri. Oct. 16th**, Holy Hour Cursillo House Pomona 7:00 pm

**Sat. Oct. 17th**, Adoration all night Cursillo House Pomona

**Sun. Oct. 18th**, Clausura Cursillo House Pomona

**Mon. Oct. 19th**, Leader School, Post Cursillo (All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Tue. Oct. 20th**, Board Meeting

**Thu. Oct. 23h-Sun 25th**, Region XI Regional Encounter

**Fri. Oct. 30th**, Ultreya (All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

### November 2009

**Mon. Nov. 2nd**, Leader School, (All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Mon. Nov. 9th**, Leader School  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Fri. Nov. 14th**, Ultreya

**Mon. Nov. 16th**, Leader School  
(All Souls Parish—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm)

**Tue. Nov. 17th**, Board Meeting Team

### December 2009

**Tue. Dec. 22nd**, Board Meeting

## October 2009 Team List

### POSITION

### WOMEN

### MEN

Rector/a	Cathy Daoust	Al Gamez
Sub Rector/a	Anna Marie Zavaleta	Danny Mosqueda
Head Cook	Alma Recinos	Tom Nolan
Asst H. Cook	Maryann Parra	Mario Majano
Ideal	Peggy Gleason	Bruno Galliadi
Laity	Rosemarie Gonzales	Tim O'Brien
Piety	Gilda Sanchez	Paul Machuca
Study	Josie Zamora	Verant Sealey
Action	Liz Huston	George Martin
Leaders	Alice Ramirez	Victor Ramirez
Environment	Frances Martin	Tony Zamora
CC in Action	Dolores Gamez	Gene Gleason
Total Security	Pat Martin	Roman Mendoza
Auxiliary 1	Sukie Majano	Art Campos
Auxiliary 2	Liz Van Ness	David Echavarria
Auxiliary 3	Vanessa Rosas	Jose Gonzales
Cook 1	Kate Abad	Ralph Lopez
Cook 2	Sharon Bell	Frank Marrone
Cook 3	Janell Elias	Peter Mejico
Cook 4	Dara Galliadi	Robert Martinez

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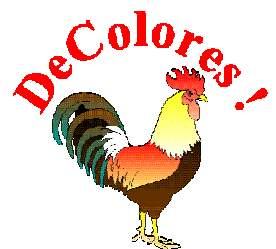
### WOMEN

### MEN

Cook 5	Marva A. Glean	Noah Munoz
Cook 6	Maciel Nevarez	Ruben Navarette
Cook 7	Rachel Peregrina	Mike Ramirez
Cook 8	Kathy Ramirez (Macias)	Mark Ruiz
Cook 9	Mary Rivera	Chino Sanchez
Cook 10	Vina Vargas	Herman Narez III
Cook 11	Christina Zavaleta	Alex Arviso
Cook 12	Ana Machuca	

Please Pray for The Men and Women Called  
to Serve On This October Weekend

*Christ counts on  
you!*



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**Rollo Room**

Sandy Lambert

**Kitchen**

Josie Zamora

**Shed Maintenance**

Kathy Diaz

**Palanca**

Lydia Corral

**Agape**

Connie Villarreal

**Holy Spirit Team**

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**Cursillo Website**

Come by and check out the Los Angeles English Cursillo website at

[www.cursillo-losangeles.org](http://www.cursillo-losangeles.org)

Website contains information on all parts of the Cursillo Movement like the Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, Post-Cursillo, Group Reunion and Ultreya; phone and contact information, monthly calendars to stick on your refrigerator, as well as an archive of old flyers, newsletters, and pictures of past events. Links are listed to other related Cursillo websites. Happy exploring!

**The Cursillo Movement of the Los Angeles Archdiocese**

In the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Cursillo is offered in Chinese, English, Filipino, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The English Cursillo weekend will take place at the new Cursillo House in Pomona, CA. For more information about the Cursillo, contact the English Cursillo of Los Angeles at All Souls Parish at 626-281-0466 or via email: [infor@cursillo-losangeles.org](mailto:infor@cursillo-losangeles.org)