



September 2019 Newsletter

Spiritual Greeting from Deacon Andy

Just recently while surfing (the web of course), I came across the importance of the group reunion. It is from the Twin Cities Catholic Cursillo Newsletter – Becoming the Good News. Several points lead me to reflect on the importance of a Friendship Group Reunion. I have highlighted one in yellow. When we pray for God's assistance don't forget he has placed friends around you to be channels of his grace.

On the Cursillo Weekend, we discover that it is possible to live Christianity in the world to the fullest degree by means of the Cursillo method. This method proposes that we discover a small group of friends with whom we can share the lives we individually lead as Christians. The basic duty then after leaving the Cursillo must be to find such a group of friends.

*We can define the reunion as a group of individuals who are friends because they are Christians; and who wish to become better friends to be better Christians, and be better Christians to become better friends. **Group Reunion is "friendship converted into permanent actual Grace."***

"The purpose of the groups is to make possible for each person what is necessary for all: the normal, lasting and joyful living together of our lives as Christians. To bring each Christian into a position of sanctifying power that will serve him as a driving force and measure for his Christian being. Group Reunion is a reunion or relation of a natural instinct of each and every person."

Group Reunions are not merely to gather Cursillistas. They have been created to be centered in a conversation about the presence of Christ in our lives. That is the purpose of the questions on the Group Reunion Tri-fold. By answering the questions on the card, we will find that we have structured a conversation about Christ in our lives. The reunions should guard against sharing things not centered in Christ. To share things that are not centered in Christ can cause the group to converse in vain.

Recently we had to re-schedule both our Men's and Women's Cursillo that were planned for August 2019. The Cursillo's have been postponed and rescheduled for June 2020. The weekends have been booked and are on the calendar for June 4– June 7, 2020 and June 11 - 14, 2020. Both of these will be at Santa Maria de la Paz in Santa Fe. The Spanish Cursillos will May 21-24 and May 28-31, 2019 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Albuquerque. Having these dates booked out in advance will definitely help as we invite our friends to attend Cursillo. Candidates will be able to plan for time off from work, plan their vacations etc. We will hold the current applications we have and ask sponsors to stay close to your candidates, support them and encourage them to remain close to God as they prepare to attend the Cursillo next June. The postponing will also give us an opportunity to continue to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ. Our plan is that we have many candidates for both the men and the woman's Cursillo although at the very least 10 men and 10 women in order to be able to offset expenses.

Over the last few months a few of our fellow Cursillista Brothers were called home. Please keep these men and their families in your prayers.



Charlie Ortiz
Elmer Velasquez
Carlos Valencia

Also, please keep Lee and Sally Romero in your prayers during their illness. Lee has been a wonderful asset to Cursillo and was the Lay Director for the Secretariat and the Santa Fe School. Most recently due to Lee's illness he has stepped down from his position and Juan Montoya has accepted the Lay Director position through December 2019 when Lee's position would have termed.

The Secretariat and School of Leaders is held the 3rd Saturday of each month. The School begins at 9:30am and is held at Santa Maria de La Paz, we share a meal together with a potluck and then the Secretariat is held afterward. Please join us and see what's going on amongst all schools and what we are working on.

September Saint

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Born August 26, 1910 died on September 5th, 1997.

Mother Teresa was an amazing woman. She was the founder of the Order of the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic congregation of women dedicated to helping the poor. She was considered one of the 20th Century's greatest humanitarians; she was canonized as Saint Teresa of Calcutta on September 4th 2016. In a ceremony at St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis declared her a saint, yet noted, "I think we will continue to call her Mother Theresa."

Mother Teresa was known for her many popular quotes. Below are a few –

A favorite motto of Blessed Teresa was: "Do small things with great love."

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

Mother Teresa also had a quote on prayer.

The fruit of silence is prayer

The fruit of prayer is faith.

The fruit of faith is love.

The fruit of love is service.

The fruit of service is peace.

There are many things we can do to build better relations with our family, friends and in our community. If we follow some of the above we can't go wrong.

Upcoming Events –

The Annual Ultreya will be held on Saturday October 5, 2019

Where - St John the Baptist Church 1301 Osage Ave. Santa Fe NM 87505

Fee - \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 a couple

Registration begins at 7:30am

This is an all-day event with witness speakers, praise and worship and thanking God for all the wonderful things he has done for us. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. with Archbishop John Wester.

Lunch will be served.

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Did you know the Cursillo Movement of Santa Fe Archdiocese has a wonderful website? The site has information such as the History of Cursillo, a calendar of events, Leader School dates times and locations and Ultreya's for every branch. We are currently in process of adding pictures and more upcoming events. You're also able to go into the site and register as a Cursillista and share you're most memorable moments during your Cursillo. You can also let your brothers and sisters know how Christ has helped you on your journey. The website address is <https://asfcursillo.com> then click on the Registration link on the left side and you can create your profile, then feel free to look around the site, you'll also have access to the National Site with numerous resources.

