



July 2020 Cursillo Newsletter

Spiritual Greeting – From Deacon Andy Carrillo

I will often use this image to illustrate that God is truly with us, right now, right here, in the present moment and often miss his presence! I call it the Image of the Hour Glass.

I am sure you all have seen an Hour Glass. There is sand at the top and sand at the bottom. We could say that the sand at the top is the future and the sand at the bottom is past. The sand at the top has not yet gone through the point in the Hour Glass that we call the present. And the sand at the bottom has already gone through the middle point we call the past. One question that I ask of those listening is, “Where do we spend most of our time?” Is it in the sand at the top – the future or in the sand at the bottom – the past? Do we spend most of our time worrying about what tomorrow will bring? Or do we spend most of our time wondering what happened? Truly God has been with us in all the moments we call the past and surely he will be with us in all those future moments! Matthew 28:20 says, “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

But while we spent our time in the past or in the future, we are missing so much that God is doing right now – in that middle point of the Hour Glass we call the present. That moment is right now. Even if the world seems to be in chaos with the pandemic and all the racial tension in our world, God is present right here, right now. Let us open our eyes and ears of faith to see and hear God in our mist. Matthew 6:34 says “Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.” Remember God is present in the sand at the bottom and sand at the top,

for us he is present in the present moment. And when the sand at the top runs out, he has the power to turn the hour glass over and the sand we call the future will never end.

The first verse of Psalm 91 says -

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

In this simple verse lies one of the most reassuring promises any person could have in this ever chaotic world – yes even with the corona virus, the marches and protest, the riots and the racial tension in our country. What a wonderful promise this is; from an Almighty God no less, the Creator of everything in existence, the One who holds the whole world in the palm of His hands. So don't spend your time in the past, don't spent your time in the future, live life right now in this present moment. Know with assurance – God is with us!

Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace! More importantly, it reveals how little is our faith in God and how distant we are from Him!

Secretariat has full leadership -

In case you weren't aware of who the current Secretariat Members are below are their names and positions they hold. We've had a vacant Secretary position for several months and recently Reyes Rodriguez expressed an interest in this role so we've taken him up on his offer.

Spiritual Advisor	Deacon Andy Carrillo
Lay Director	Juan Montoya
Pre-Cursillo	Pam Ortiz
3 Day Chair –	Larry Anaya
Post Cursillo	Eva Montano
School of Leaders Chair	Melinda Carrillo
Communications	Melissa Tanuz
Treasurer	Elaine Hoolihan
Secretary	Reyes Rodriguez

July featured Saint is Saint Martha –

St. Martha is the patron saint of housewives and servants. She, as well as her sister Mary and brother Lazarus, were good friends of Jesus. When Jesus came to visit, Martha prepared the meal, cleaned up, and tended to everyone's needs. Eventually she complained to Jesus about Mary, to which Jesus responded, Mary's actions, listening to the word of God, were best and more important. This is a valuable lesson, but makes Martha look bad. It seems as though doing the hard work is not worthy. The lesson is to hear God, and follow Him first.

A greater story of Martha in the bible is just after Lazarus has died, she and Mary know Jesus is on his way to visit. Martha decides to go and meet Jesus and walk with Him to her own home, while Mary sits back and waits for Him to arrive. Martha is taking the initiative to go find Jesus and walk with Him. She shows the world that action is needed when serving the Lord. Martha does the hard work to find Jesus and proves to all that it is worthy. Martha shows us how to serve and love others, but especially God.

Saint Martha – Pray for us that we may serve Jesus better. Help us to overcome our distractions and worries to listen to his words and be present to him this day.



Upcoming Events

- Leader School this Saturday July 18, 2020 at 9:30am and Secretariat to follow at 12:00pm both via a Zoom Meeting.

It's very easy to join in. Prior to the meeting you will have to install the zoom application on your laptop, computer or phone. The application is free and very easy to use. If you need help please contact me for assistance prior to the meeting so you can be prepared.

Attached is the address for the zoom meeting you can copy and paste in your web browser. If prompted you will enter the meeting ID number.

There is a separate meeting address and ID # for the Leader School and for the Secretariat. (see attachments with Zoom Meeting information) If you need assistance please contact me for help you can call my cell at 505-470-6935.

During Leader School we will be discussing the Cursillo History and Memory. Deacon Andy has purchased a series of 4 books by Eduardo Bonnin that we will spend time on during Leader School. The first book we will start with is Cursillo History and Memory.

- Unfortunately with COVID-19 it is very difficult to make plans – the current plan of course is that our Cursillo's for this year have been delayed and possibly can be held at a later date.
- The Annual picnic was cancelled based on the pandemic. Hopefully next year we will resume with our annual picnic.

Please keep the following in your prayers during their illness and for all Cursillista's we are not aware of that may be ill. If you know anyone who would like to be added to the prayer list please let me know.

Marietta Rodriguez

Bernie Rodriguez

Archie Madrid

Gilbert Alarid

Tom Ortiz

Richard Montano

Mike Tanuz



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