



SOUTHERN IDAHO CURSILLO NEWSLETTER

Cursillo School of Leaders Meditation Meant for All Cursillistas

The Cursillo School of Leaders met Tuesday evening, September 10th. The Mass Gospel reading for that particular day was from Luke and verses 12 through 16 of chapter 6 were used for the group's spiritual reflection and formation. "the Word among us" publication's reflection on this reading was paraphrased to identify School of Leaders' selection for their on-going Cursillo mission in the same way Christ chose Twelve of His disciples whom He also called apostles (one who is sent) in the Gospel reading. This paraphrased reflection is provided for the benefit of all Treasure Valley Cursillistas.

Imagine Jesus coming down from a day of prayer in the Boise foothills. It is a Saturday evening and Treasure Valley Cursillistas have gathered at St Mark's for an Ultreya and wait expectantly for His presence. He enters the group's midst and gathers us around Him, and then one by one He calls out our names as those who will be His apostles (Cursillistas).

Imagine how you would feel as you hear your name being called. Would you be surprised? Excited? Intimidated? Overwhelmed? At this point in time, you don't know exactly what this calling will entail, but you know that it involves a mission of some sort – the word "apostle" means "one who is sent," a call to Action. At the very least, you know it means being willing to journey with this carpenter from Nazareth by spreading His message of understanding, mercy, and love in all your environments.

Have you ever been selected for a task that you felt intimidated by and un-equipped to fulfill? Perhaps you were surprised that you were called, or felt that surely someone else was more qualified than you. Maybe you were asked to lead a Cursillo Weekend or be a Weekend team member or facilitate a Fourth Day group or coordinate an Ultreya. Or perhaps it was something that came upon you unexpectedly, like identifying and sponsoring a potential Cursillo candidate or being requested to offer Palanca for a specific Cursillo function.

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(Deacon Tom Turpin is our new spiritual director for the Cursillo movement following Deacon Bill's resignation.)

ULTREYA

- Oct 27, Caldwell 3-6 pm

SOL MTNGS TUES @ST MARKS 7PM

- Oct. 8th
- Nov. 5th
- NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

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But when God chooses us, He also equips us. He never fails to give us all the grace we need to carry out His call. Do you believe this? Unfortunately, it's easy to doubt God's power and call in our lives. Even the apostles and your fellow Cursillistas have had their moments of doubt and confusion. But at your Cursillo Weekend or at Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was received, all have been filled with the power they needed to preach the good news. And look what has been accomplished!

If you are feeling overwhelmed by your Cursillo vocation today, step back and take a deep breath. Think about the apostles and the day of Pentecost. Think, too, about Mary and the way she surrendered to God's calling for her. And most important, ask the Holy Spirit to give you greater confidence in His presence. He likes helping you! He loves it when you turn to Him, and He is more than happy to give you all you need to carry out your call as a Cursillista.

Jeremiah 1:5-8:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
Before you were born I dedicated you,
A prophet to the nations I appointed you.
"Ah, Lord God!", I said,
"I do not know how to speak. I am too young!"
But the Lord answered me,
Do not say, "I am too young."
To whomever I send you, you shall speak.
Do not be afraid of them,
For I am with you to deliver you.

Jim Scherer

School of Leaders

De Colores!!

The media sure love Pope Francis....along with taking his message out of context. I would like to encourage everyone to read what he says from the source because he has a lot of nuggets that we can apply to our lives.

Recently, in an interview with *America* magazine, Pope Francis made the comment *"We cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptive methods."* The point he went on to make was that we need to find a new balance and focus on the Gospel first and foremost, sharing the good news of salvation. Pope Francis went on to say, *"I say this also thinking about the preaching and content of our preaching. A beautiful homily, a genuine sermon must begin with the first proclamation, with the proclamation of salvation. There is nothing more solid, deep and sure than this proclamation. Then you have to do catechesis."*

This is beautiful and is what Cursillo calls us to do when we "make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ". When introducing our friends to God we should not focus on the rules like the Pharisees did, but instead introduce them to the proclamation of salvation and love of Christ. In that same interview, Pope Francis said *"This is how it is with Mary: If you want to know who she is, you ask theologians; if you want to know how to love her, you have to ask the people. In turn, Mary loved Jesus with the heart of the people, as we read in the Magnificat."*

Here's a link to the entire interview:

<http://www.americamagazine.org/pope-interview>

Pope Francis is an excellent role model on how to love not only Mary, but to love everyone and evangelize them at the same time. I encourage you to take a look at your evangelizing opportunities to see if you lead with Christ's love and salvation for us or if you mainly focus on controversial issues. If you decide that you have been focusing on the latter then try finding a new balance that shifts the focus more on Christ's salvation and the love that he has for each and every one of us. You may find out that you can learn to love more Christlike from Pope Francis' example.



God is truly Awesome!!

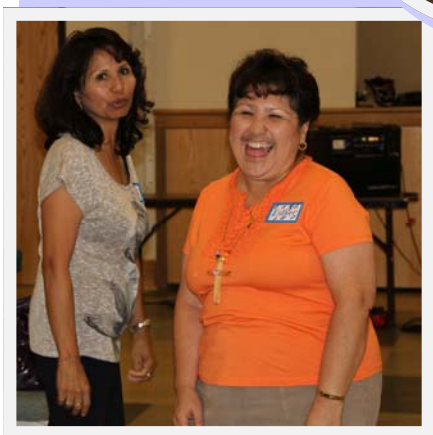
Mike Schauble
Southern Idaho Lay Director

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Jim Scherer, Witness speaker



Jim Wharburton, Echo





Adios, Auf wiedersehen, Au revoir, Good-bye

Regardless of which language is used, it is difficult to say good-bye to old and new friends that I have made over the past thirty years or so of service to the Cursillo, ten or more of those years in the Boise Diocese. I pray that I have helped some and never hurt anyone.

These are fond memories of the friendship developed in the planning and preparation that goes in to each Cursillo week end which makes candidates better Christians. The three days do not end on Sunday, as we know; the fourth day is for the rest of our lives and beyond, for eternity. Now for a few final thoughts:

*“Unless the LORD builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.*

*Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.*

*²In vain you rise early
and stay up late,*

toiling for food to eat—

for he grants sleep to^[a] those he loves.” (Psalm 127)

We all know from Psalm 127 who is in charge.

The final words are so inclusive, “...*those he loves.*” God loves everyone and everything. In John's 1st Letter he writes “*16We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.19We love because he first loved us.*”

I hope that as time goes along I can remember always that God loves me and know he loves you.

My favorite prayer follows which I say for you:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.
(traditional gaelic blessing)

In Christ, Deacon Bill



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