



The Rooster Crows

Cursillo Movement of San Jose'

Fall 2004

Men's Fall 2004 Cursillo
November 4 – 7
Presentation Center

Women's Fall 2004 Cursillo
November 18—21
Presentation Center

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
Tuesday	Nov 3	Secretariat Meeting	7:00pm	Resurrection Church	
Thursday	Nov 4-7	Men's Cursillo		Presentation Center	
Thursday	Nov 11	Ultreya	7:00pm	St. Thomas of Canterbury	Speaker: Marie Bernard
Thursday	Nov 18-21	Women's Cursillo		Presentation Center	
Tuesday	Dec 7	Secretariat Meeting	7:00pm	Resurrection Church	
Tuesday	Dec 14	Ultreya	7:00pm	Santa Teresa	Speaker: Bishop McGrath
Tuesday	Jan 4, 2005	Secretariat Meeting	7:00pm	Resurrection Church	
Tuesday	Jan 18	Ultreya	7:00pm	St. William	Speaker: TBA
Tuesday	Feb 1	Secretariat Meeting	7:00pm	Resurrection Church	
Tuesday	Mar 1	Secretariat Meeting	7:00pm	Resurrection Church	
Tuesday	March 15	Ultreya	7:00 pm	Holy Family Church	Speaker: TBA
Thursday	Apr 28 – May 1	Men's Cursillo		Presentation Center	
	May TBA	Ultreya	7:00 pm	St. Julie Church	Speaker: TBA
Thursday	May 19 – 22	Women's Cursillo		Presentation Center	

Presentation Center, 19480 Bear Creek Rd., Los Gatos
 Resurrection Church, 725 Cascade /Hollenbeck Ave, Sunnyvale
 St. Julie, 366 St. Julie Dr. (at the end of Cottle), San Jose
 Holy Family Church, 4848 Pearl Ave, San Jose

Santa Teresa Church, 794 Calero /Cahalan, San Jose
 St. Thomas of Canterbury, 1572 McCoy Av, San Jose
 St. Williams Church, 611 So. El Monte Ave, Los Altos

Message From the Lay Director

A Letter from our Lay Director, Kevin Eck

Fellow Cursillistas, If anyone had told me six months go that I would be addressing you in a column with this title, I would have told them that they were joking.

Well, the Lord certainly does have a sense of humor, because here I am, your new Lay Director.

I want to thank Dave Roberts for his dedicated service to the San Jose Diocese Cursillo Movement. His leadership has brought us through some trying times. The implementation of the new website (see below) is a good start to improved communications. The smooth transition in the format of the weekends of changing from Manani-

tas to Tardecitas has resulted in many more of the Community coming to Clausura. Also, the introduction of the Saturday evening Mass and merging it with Agape adds a sense of continuum from the age-old custom into the present form of the celebration of the Eucharist. It is our obligation to point out that there is a difference -- the Mass has the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, while Agape is an expression of love for one another without having the Body and Blood of Christ.

I hope to continue Dave's example of leadership by taking the concerns that have not yet been resolved and try to find solutions. As is true with every active group, there are items that stand out as requiring adjustment or change. During the process of Discernment for Lay Director, the candidates were given a list of concerns, hopes, and desires of the Community. The list was quite long; but, some major items, which I will address here, were: participation of the community in Cursillo activities, improving communications between Cursillistas, training of sponsors, educating the community in the Cursillo Method, and filling positions on the Secretariat. I promised that I would take on these concerns of the community; and try to resolve them.

Item One – participation of the community in Cursillo activities

- primarily addresses the number of Cursillistas who are members of Fourth Day Groups and attend the Ultreyas. The Fourth Day Group is the means by which Cursillistas continue their Three-Day experience. In the Group Reunion Rollo, it is explained that being a member of a Fourth Day Group is the method by which we continue the Cursillo for the rest of our life. The weekly examination by the group members of their holiness/piety, formation/study, and evangelization/action is the method by which each Cursillista does an examination of his or her life as a member of the Cursillo Movement. The Parish Representatives should have a list of Fourth Day Groups in their parish. Then we have the Ultreya, which is defined as a meeting of several Fourth Day Groups. However, it also includes those Cursillistas who have not found a Fourth Day Group. By attending the Ultreya, these "unattached" Cursillistas can seek out and join a Fourth Day Group. The next Ultreya will be at St Thomas of Canterbury, Thursday November 11, 2004 at 7:00PM. Plan to be there.

Item Two - improving communications between Cursillistas

– addresses the completion of the website. This tool, when completed, will be a major step in the resolution of this concern. At this time, we have a website that is like a Hollywood house – a façade with nothing behind it. We have had several people working on this website: Dave Roberts, Skip Barkis, and Mimi Bini to mention just a few. Lately, Mimi has been the primary contact in get-

ting information in and out of the system. She is in dire need of assistance. If there are Cursillistas out there who work on websites please volunteer some of your time to assist Mimi in completing our website.

Item Three – training of sponsors – is a bit complicated in that we do not start this training until the latter part of the Team Formation, which is usually a couple of weeks before the weekend. Obviously, this is after they have submitted an application for their candidate to make a Cursillo. This is a bit too late, because by this time they are already a sponsor. We cannot say, "Yes we will take your candidate but you cannot be the sponsor." We have not done a good job of training the sponsors. What we have to do is to devote some of the time in the Ultreya and in the Three Day Rollo on Group Reunion on what is required to be a Sponsor. Being a sponsor is more than getting as many candidates as one can - it goes far beyond that - it requires that the sponsor follow through. Submitting the Application for Cursillo is not the first step. First, the Sponsor must prepare the candidate for the weekend. They must give them at least a general idea of what they can expect on the weekend - there are no secrets about what goes on – but you do not have to give *all* the details. Probably the most important part of this indoctrination is that the Sponsor must tell the candidate what is required of a Cursillista *after* the Weekend. Primarily, this must include finding a Fourth Day Group for their new Cursillista after the Three Day Weekend – even if it might come down to the Sponsor and the Candidate becoming a new Fourth Day Group. It only takes two. Where two or more are gathered, Christ is there. One thing that might be a good practice would be for the sponsor to bring their candidate to their Fourth Day Group or to an Ultreya before they commit to the weekend.

Item Four - educating the community in the Cursillo Method

– might be the most misunderstood concern of all. What is the Cursillo Method? As stated in the Leaders Manual (page 18), it is not just putting people through a "three-day retreat". "Its purpose is summed up in the phrase 'structuring Christian life'. It means working to bring other men and women to know and love Christ and to Christianize the environment of society as a whole." We must accept the Christian ideal and have a real commitment to Christ. We should be working to draw others to Christ. We are committed to evangelize the whole environment, but first we must evangelize ourselves. We accomplish this "Method" through the Pre-Cursillo, Three-day Cursillo, and Post-Cursillo activities. One good way to learn the Method is to attend the Ultreyas. I like the definition of the Cursillo Movement found in the Pilgrim's Guide. "The Cursillo is both a movement and a method. The *purpose of the movement* is to create small

groups of Christians who will evangelize their environment with the Gospel spirit.” (Does this sound a little like Fourth Day Groups and Ultreyas?) Then it goes on. “The *purpose of the method* is to help persons to live what is fundamental for being a Christian by committing themselves to the spiritual aids the Church offers in order to grow in Holiness, Formation, and Evangelization.” So, with Fourth Day Groups and Ultreyas using the HFE/PSA method we can all grow in our evangelization of our environments.

Item Five -- filling positions on the Secretariat – some progress has been made on this item. Mary Julich has served the Community very well as Treasurer. Her tenure should have ended in January; however, because we could not find a person with an accounting background, Mary stayed on. On August 17, 2004, Mary and I had a meeting with her replacement Steve Houck. Steve is eminently qualified for the position of Treasurer. He is VP Finance at Worldwide Sales Operations, and has experience in setting up accounting systems. Another position that has been filled is the position of what I call our Lay Spiritual Leader. Tres Schineller has spiritually filled this position. Tres has served the community exceptionally well in leading devotions, prayers, ceremonies, and whatever else might require a prayer, a reading, or homily to call on the blessing of the Holy Spirit. The person taking his place – I say it that way because, without any denigration of the new person, I do not think Tres can ever be replaced – will be John Mote. John comes with a full complement of qualifications. A new position is that of Social Chairperson. The task of this person will be to attend to the social desires of the community – whether it is a dance, a cheese and wine party, or any other social portion of a Cursillo celebration. Pat Koyanagi will be filling this position. She has expressed sincere enthusiasm for the job ahead – and her enthusiasm is what we need. A new Committee, Rector and Rectora Resource Manual Committee with Patti Trillo as the Chairperson, had its first meeting on August 23rd. It will review the current Guide, which is antiquated, and make appropriate changes.

These are just a few items of concern of the San Jose Diocese Cursillo. The Secretariat is dedicated to working toward resolution of these concerns, then moving forward and resolving other concerns. I commend those Cursillistas who are volunteering their time and efforts to assist in resolving these tasks. Because without the assistance of these members of the Cursillo Community it will be more difficult and take even longer to resolve them.

I ask all of you to remember the Secretariat in your prayers. Also, I ask you to volunteer your time to help in whatever area of expertise you possess.

Your Brother in Christ, Kevin Eck, Lay Director

Thank You from Our Past Lay Director

Dear San Jose Cursillo Community,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! for one of the most wonderful and Grace filled experiences of my life. It was truly an honor to have been the Lay Director for the San Jose English Cursillo Movement and to have been on the Secretariat these past seven years.

I want to thank all of you for your support, trust and prayers during my tenure. It was only through your love and help that we were able to keep this Movement strong and vibrant and accomplish some of the wonderful things that we did. There were so many people, in so many ways that so graciously helped me, the Secretariat and the Movement these past several years. My love and gratitude to each and every one of you. You are in my prayers.

I would like to specifically thank the Secretariat for the love, support and the many hours of dedication that were expended to this Movement during my term as Lay Director. All of us who are part of the San Jose Cursillo Ministry are blessed to have such a dedicated and inspired group of people involved in the Secretariat and the leadership of this wonderful Movement. Without their hard work and love for Christ, there would be no Cursillo.

I encourage all of you to continue your love and dedication to the Cursillo Movement by supporting Kevin Eck, who via the Holy Spirit’s Discernment process, is the new Lay Director for the San Jose English Cursillo. I feel with Kevin leading us, your support and prayers and the Grace of God, the San Jose Cursillo Movement is in good and capable hands.

Thank you again; it has been a “blast” but more importantly, a “real blessing.”

God Bless and De Colores, Dave Roberts

Contributions to the Rooster Crows

If anyone would like to make a written contribution to the Rooster Crows that would be of interest to the Cursillo community in general, please do so.

You may submit your input to: Gene Plevyak at gplevyak@mcihispeed.net.



De Colores Cursillistas,

The San Jose Cursillo's website is finally up and running at www.sanjosecursillo.org. To keep abreast of San Jose Cursillo activities visit the website for the latest information regarding our Cursillo Community. The essence and intent of this Website is to inform, educate and assist anyone who may have an interest in what the San Jose English Cursillo Movement is doing— It is still a "work in progress". The following represents a brief review of what it will include when completed:

-Home Page - Who we are and our connection with other Cursillo Movements.

-Events Calendar - What and when Cursillo events are happening in our Diocese.

-Announcements - Special announcements pertaining to our Movement.

-What is Cursillo - An explanation by the National as to what Cursillo is all about.

-Why Cursillo - A brief explanation about the weekend and the Cursillo Movement

-Secretariat - An explanation of what the Secretariat is and what it is doing/ Posting of minutes.

-Parish Reps - A list of the people representing Cursillo to their specific Parish.

-Applications - Copies of the applications used for different Cursillo Weekends to print out.

-Rooster Crows - Copies of the current and past Rooster Crows Newsletters.

-Sponsoring - Information and responsibilities for sponsoring a new Candidate.

-Fourth Day - Information on fourth day activities and groups.

-Palanca - Information on what palanca is and specific palanca requests.

-Want to Help? - Specific areas of our local Movement where help is needed.

-Donations - How to support this Movement via prayers and contributions.

-Team Info - Information on the current Cursillo teams and their Candidates.

-Education - Educational articles, writings and books on the Cursillo Movement.

-Cursillo Database - not available at this time

-Contact Cursillo - Method to contact Secretariat members and other Cursillistas. Unfortunately due to security reasons we can no longer have phone numbers and e-mail addresses readily available on the Website.

-National Cursillo - Link to the National Cursillo Website.

-San Jose Diocese - Link to the San Jose Diocese Website.

-Additional categories will be added, as needed. Any suggestions?

If you have questions or would like to assist with either maintenance or input into this Website, please contact me via the "Contact Cursillo" category on the Website or sanjosecursillo@yahoo.com.

Thank you and God Bless, ...Mimi Bini
Cursillo Communications and Website Coordinator

Cursillo Applications

Cursillo Applications may be downloaded from our website www.sanjosecursillo.org or by contacting Mimi Bini at mbini@sbcglobal.com. (Please do not use application forms dated prior to 2001.)

Donations to Cursillo

In order to maintain the lowest cost possible to conduct a Cursillo weekend and to ensure that candidates and the team members can afford to participate, your Secretariat suggests that each Cursillista consider making a donation to the program. This may be accomplished by generous palanca for each Cursillo, (see message from Rector and Rectora on pages 5-6) or by periodic small contributions directly to the "San Jose Cursillo" at:

San Jose Cursillo Movement
PO Box 6648, San Jose, CA 95150

Discernment for Rector and Rectora Spring 2005 Cursillos

On September 14th, Discernment for Rector of the Spring 2005 Men's Cursillo (April 29-May 1) was held at Resurrection Church. Congratulations to Buzz Bickham who was discerned as Rector.

Discernment for Rectora of the Spring 2005 Women's Cursillo (May 19-22) was held October 7, 2004 at Santa Teresa Church. Congratulations to Jeanne Verrinder who was discerned as Rectora.

If you are interested in working on one of these teams, please print out a Work Application from the website and send it to the PO Box address as soon as possible.



**Men's Fall 2004 Cursillo,
November 4 – 7, 2004**

Location – Presentation Center
Theme – “We Shall Become One”
Song – As Grains of Wheat



Men's Fall Cursillo—November 4th-7th, 2004

Scriptures Supporting Theme – John 17:11 – “I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world whereas I am going to you. Holy Father, keep them in your Name (that you have given me, so that they may be one, just as we are).” **Also, John 17:22-23** – “I have given them the glory you have given me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me.”

Sponsor's Night – Wednesday, Oct. 27th, Santa Teresa Church, 7:00 PM.

Las Tardecitas – 3:30 PM at Presentation Center, followed immediately by Clausura.

Pot Luck— 6:00 PM at Resurrection Parish Hall—entry to the parking lot is on Hollenbeck Avenue between Fremont Ave and Cascade. -please bring a dish to serve 15 people, a tablecloth, and your own plates and utensils.

Palanca – LOTS OF PRAYERS. We plan to have five palanca runs – two on Friday, two on Saturday, and one on Sunday. Please bring your palanca on Thursday evening. If you cannot do that, please bring it to the kitchen and give it to a Cook. Please do it at a time when the candidates will not be around the kitchen.

Doug Arant, our Head Cook, requests palanca from the community in the form of fruit (oranges, apples, grapes and bananas), drinks (pepsi, diet pepsi, sprite, water), nutritional snacks, and monetary contributions for meals. Please e-mail him at arantjdr@aol.com with notice of your donation.

The Team has been in a period of spiritual rejuvenation preparing for their service to the candidates since

mid-July. The Holy Spirit has called these men to serve on this weekend. They have responded with a clear answer of “Yes, here I am Lord to be Your servant.”

Of course, we cannot have a Cursillo weekend without the men seeking to know Christ better. So, we need your help to send us those candidates whom you feel can use this time of renewal and growth in faith. We hope to have a full complement of thirty-five candidates. Please help us attain this goal. Mail your candidates' applications to the Secretariat address.

Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated. I hope to see you at Clausura.

Kevin F. Eck, Rector, Men's Fall 2004 Cursillo

Now, I am proud to introduce the Team for the Men's Fall 2004 Cursillo.

Core Team

Doug Arant	Head Cook
Kevin Eck	Rector
Bob Malone & Charlie Epolite	Assistant Head Cook / Palanca Coordinator
George Paganini	Music Director
Fr. Peter Seimas	Spiritual Director
Nick Soffiotto	Assistant Rector
Ron Stefani	Assistant Music Director
Harry Stice	Assistant Head Cook
Albert Wege	Liturgy Coordinator

Rollo

Topic

Andy Anderson	Table Leader
Garry Cheney	Table Leader
Bill Daniher	Table Leader
Frank Fanger	Formation
Fergus Gallagher	Table Leader
Julius Kurtz	Group Reunion
Jeff Lola	Study & Evangel.
Steve Montalvo	Develop. Christian Community
Brian O'Leary	Ideals
Jim Ortbal	Laity
Carl Stalions	Table Leader
Phil Stalions	Evangelization
Russ Stalions	Holiness
Scott Wendler	Leaders
Dave Roberts	Cursillistas Beyond the Cursillo

Service

Dan Archuleta	Cook
Steve Delamore	Cook
Steve Hausle	Cook
Dave Leverenz	Cook & Musician
Bill McPeak	Cook

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Mike Montalvo	Cook
Juan Murillo	Cook
Bill Perry	Cook
Gene Plevyak	Cook
Tom Simpkins	Cook
Mark Stalions	Cook
Bill Wright	Cook
Michael Wright	Cook & Musician
Nick Yamamura	Cook
Mike Yarbrough	Cook



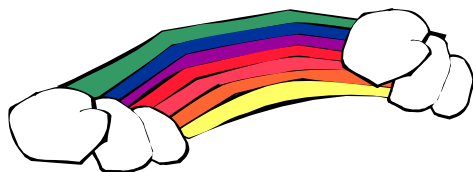
Candidates

Below is the list of candidates to date for this Cursillo. Please refer to the weekly Cursillo Update published by Mimi Bini, Cursillo Communications Administrator, for the latest list of candidates. The latest list may also be found on our website at www.sanjosecursillo.com.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Chuck Anderson		Audrey Perry
Don Anderson		Brian O'Leary
Jeffery Artz	Resurrection	Mike O'Connell
Jim Banuelos		Rodney Fairchild
Scott Beaumont	Holy Family	Dan Winklebleck
Wayne Bergland	Christ Child	Dave Hammons
Ed Casey	Holy Family	Mike Yambra
Art Coppel	St. Mary Gilroy	Lucille Coppel
Bill Daniels	Resurrection	Michael Haas
Bill Glover		Steve Delamore
Derek Kroes	St. Jos. Fremont	Tom del la Cruz
Jeff Little		Doug Wilson Sr
Juan Montalvo	St Mary Gilroy	Rob't Montalvo, Sr
Marty Montalvo, Jr	St Nicholas	Rob't Montalvo, Sr
Gerry Mooney	Transfiguration	George Taddie
Doug Nunes		Steve Radunich
Anthony Perez	St Williams	Leticia Montalvo
Don Reed		Steve Radunich
Greg Sease	St Thomas Cant.	Bill/Bobby Wright
Dave Silvius	Queen of Apostles	Bob Malone
Jeff Stoner		Steve Miramontes
David Wang	St John Baptist	Fr. Loi Huynh
Pete Wolk	Holy Family	Patrick Coleman
Robert Woods	St Joseph, Richmond	Julian Ruiz

Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Your brother in Christ, Kevin Eck, Rector



Women's Fall 2004 Cursillo November 18th - 21st

Location - Presentation Center
Theme and Song – “Our God Reigns”
Symbols - Star, anything celestial and regal (color-purple)

Scriptures Supporting Theme -
 Theme and song fits in with the Feast of Christ the King celebrated during the weekend.



Sponsors Night - Tuesday, October 21, 2004 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 7:00PM
Las Tardecitas - At Presentation, just before Clausura at 4:00 P.M. (Please arrive by 3:30 p.m.)

Pot Luck: - 6 P.M. at Resurrection Parish, Sunnyvale. Bring a dish to serve 15 people, a table cloth, and your own plates and utensils.

Palanca - If you or your group of friends can palanca a meal or part of a meal for the Women's Spring Cursillo, please call or e-mail me, Ann Vivian, at (408) 732-8521 or annvpt@aol.com. Alternatively, you may send a donation (check) to me at 125 Connemara Way #132 Sunnyvale 94087. Monetary gifts will be greatly appreciated and we can do the shopping. Help is needed with clean-up for Friday night and Saturday night meals and Sunday afternoon.

There will be five palanca drops: two on Friday, two on Saturday and one on Sunday a.m. Team palanca: once a day. Please be careful when dropping off palanca at the side door of the kitchen that candidates are unaware of your presence. Containers will be provided.

Your prayers for our team and the wonderful candidates you bring to us are still the most important palanca you can send us and what really runs the weekend.

Thank you for your continuing support,
 Sue Gardner – Head Cook.

A message from Rectora Mary Beth Burns:

The Women's Team is in place and assignments to the Rollo and Cooks teams are complete. We have worked hard to form a cohesive Spirit-filled team and we are progressing wonderfully. Everyone came to this team with love in their hearts and ready to work to bring God's love and faith in Jesus to our candidates. I'm especially grateful to my core team who took over when I was involved in work and family.

While the team is directly responsible for conducting the Cursillo Weekend, it would not be possible without the loving support and prayers of the Cursillo Community – your palanca. The team thanks you for your prayers,

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notes of prayerful encouragement and we know that you will come through with the help we need during the weekend with setup, cleanup, and potluck, and the material and financial support you give us for the weekend. That is what Cursillo is about, passing on the love through loving action. We hope to see you all at Tardecitas and the potluck following Clausura.

Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for the weekend!

God bless all of you, ...Mary Beth Burns

I have been blessed with a wonderful team. Now it is my great pleasure to introduce them to you:

Core Team

Mary Beth Burns	Rectora
Shari Smith	Ass't. Rectora
Fr. John Sandersfield	Spiritual Director
Susan Gardner	Head Cook
Mary Herman	Music Coordinator
Midge Stallings	Ass't. Music Coordinator
Sue Kneer	Lit. Coord.
Mary Julich	Ass't Liturgy Coordinator
JoAnn McPeak	Rollo Consult.
Susan Winklebleck	Ass't. Head Cook

Rollistas Rollo

Yvonne Christopherson	Evangelization
Jenna Clingingsmith	Study
Judy Cooper	Liturgy
Lynda De Manti	Laity
Marilyn Epolite	Leaders
Trish Hall	Evangelization of Environment
Mary Julich	Table Leader
Joanne Kurtz	Table Leader
Judy Machado	4th Day
Patty Meehan	Ideals
Marlene Rivas	Table Leader
Rita Russo	Holiness
Midge Stallings	Music
Bobbie Wright	Christian Commun.

Cooks

Becki Arant	Marge Cardena
Susan Clingingsmith	Merrin Donley
Irene Duran	Theresa Godines
Claire Husted	Gay Katilius
Ewa Malachowski	Teresa Peifer
Dana Powers	Linda Rivas
Kathy Small	Mary Wong
Ann Vivian (Palanca Coord.)	

Candidates (to date)

Below is the list of candidates to date for the Spring Cursillo. Please refer to the weekly Cursillo Update pub-

lished by Mimi Bini, Cursillo Communications Administrator, for the latest list of candidates. The latest list may also be found on our website at www.sanjosecursillo.com.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Marguerite Bourez	Transfiguration	Marie Elena Petow
Lindsay Bowman	St James, Davis	Bob Malone
Evelyn Calleja	St Justin	Virginia Calleja
Beth Chetcuti	St Joseph, Cup.	Cynthia Kurtz
Violetta Daniels	Resurrection	Michael Haas
Joan Egan	Transfiguration	Audrey Schuck
Julie Emmert	Queen of Apos.	Bob Malone
Kay Finocchiaro	St Mary	Dot Garrotto
Dorothy Getchell	St Vincent, Petal.	Jill Malone
Julianna Goschy	Holy Family	Don/Cherie Weiland
Helen Han	St Christopher	Maggie Fieler
Roberta Harris	St Christopher	Trish Hall
Cheryl Held	St. Thos. Cant.	Bill Wright
Irene Jacobs	Santa Teresa	Jane Wendler
Lisa McCann	St Mary, LG	Kevin Eck
Katie Montalvo	St Simon	Cheryl Montalvo
Mary Ann Neibaur	St Francis Cabrini	Norma Hammons
Nancy Nino	St Christopher	Audrey Perry
Cindy O'Leary	St Joseph, Fremont	Michael O'Leary
Mary O'Neill	Resurrection	Philomena Durcan
Cindy Reardon	Holy Spirit	Mimi/Richard Bini
Sara Roach	Holy Family	Marlene Scaglione
Sally Sargent	Transfiguration	Jean Cosentino
Vicki Schwoob	St Thomas Cant.	Joyce Shannon
Mary Ann Scrivano	St Lucy	Paul Milinto
Joan Sease	St Thomas Cant.	Joyce Archuleta
Alice Sherburne	St Thomas Cant.	Joann Hamill
Helene Stewart	St Lucy	Marge Wagner
Nanette Thomas	Christ Child	Jean Lakin
Tina Thomas	Holy Family	Elaine Hirose
Lisa Wolk	Ct Cyprian	Lyn O'Connell
Carolyn Young	St James, Davis	Bob Malone
Christina Zant	Santa Teresa	Mary Cabral
Elaine Zaslowsky	Holy Spirit	Mary Gould/ Yvonne Durand

Men's Spring 2004 Cursillo Recap

The 2004 men's spring Cursillo was a spirit filled weekend for 33 new cursillistas and 37 team members. We experienced some rain but overall the weather cooperated, thanks to determined prayers by Fr Steve Donohue (and the Cooks!)

The team attended fourteen meetings over a four-month period for team formation. The focus of our preparation was initially on the team so as to come together with the Holy Spirit in unity and harmony. On the fourth meeting we celebrated Mass which included a special ceremony of thanks and the commissioning of the team

Women's Spring 2004 Cursillo Recap

members to their Cursillo weekend ministries. During team formation we began to think of ourselves as a "Band of Brothers." The spirit of this "Band of Brothers" carried over to the weekend and to the candidates.

The emphasis of our meetings was on the presence of Jesus in our midst. A large picture of Jesus had a seat at every meeting. The picture was of a happy smiling or laughing Jesus to show how much Jesus is pleased with everyone's commitment to spiritual growth and to pass this on to the candidates and to each other.

The weekend began with all 33 candidates and sponsors arriving on time so we promptly adjourned to the chapel. And the team initiated a "shepherd" program in which each team member would shepherd a candidate by guiding, assisting and, praying for them through the weekend.

We celebrated Mass each day along with stirring meditations by Matt Verrender and Father Steve, afterwards. The rollos were meaningful and insightful. The service team was encouraged to come to the rollo room and experience the talks.

Friday evening's reconciliation service went as planned. A second priest was asked to assist since most of the team and candidates went to confession/reconciliation.

On Saturday, after the usual skits, everyone was led on a "faith" walk to the redwood stage by the pond. There, a large statue of Mary was set up and illuminated with spotlights. It was a beautiful sight. After praying the rosary and singing, we processed to the chapel for Mass. The chapel was beautifully set up; another wonderful sight to behold! At the conclusion of Mass, we then held a "Celebration of our Brotherhood" (sometimes called Agape).

After Sunday Mass, we continued with the remaining rollos. Tardecitas had been planned for immediately after the group sharing and was attended by a large part of our wonderful Cursillo Community. The community then went to the chapel where Clausura was held.

Clausura moved quickly with a brief introduction/recognition of the core team and the return of the new cursillistas to the community. "Who Do You Say That I Am" was sung followed by a rousing rendition of "De Colores."

The Cursillo Community was very generous, as many meals were offered as palanca as well as money given for food and supplies. Many, many people contributed.

In Christ, Don Baczynski - Rector and
John Sturgeon - Assistant Rector

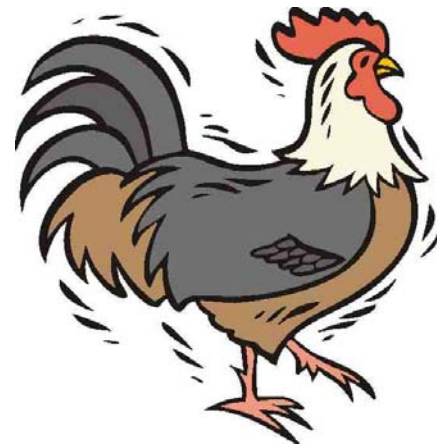
The Women's Spring 2004 Cursillo was a beautiful experience for the new cursillistas and the team. We experienced the unconditional love of God through the sharing of our lives in Jesus. The presence of the Holy Spirit was palpable.

I would like to thank the community for its support through your many prayers and the wonderful Palanca that you provided to this Cursillo. It was a tremendous help to the team and a blessing to the candidates.

As with all Cursillo teams we spent twelve weeks in preparation, getting to know each other better so that we could effectively manifest Christ to the candidates. Our efforts paid off as the candidates had a beautiful experience.

Please welcome them into our vibrant San Jose Cursillo Community and ensure that their 4th Day keeps the experience of the weekend alive in their hearts.

Your sister in Christ,
Louise Pendo,
Spring 2004 Rectora



Welcome to Our New Cursillistas Women's Spring 2004 Cursillo

Below are the new Cursillistas from the Spring Women's and Men's Cursillos. The Community is urged to welcome these new Cursillistas into our vibrant community and to help them join a 4th Day group and become active in the Community. You are particularly encouraged to help them to accomplish the work started in their Cursillo to pray, study and act upon their faith in Jesus.

The new women Cursillistas are:

<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Parish</i>
Karen Anderson	---
Marguerite Ellen Bourez	Transfiguration
Elizabeth Chetcuti	St. Joseph Cupertino
Carmen Ching	Transfiguration
Kirsten Chiala	St Julie
Janine Cosentino	St Christopher
Annette Cota	Queen of Apostles
Ellen Daniels	Ascension
Eileen Daniher	---
Gail Di Benedetto	Holy Spirit
Juanita Donovan	St Christopher
JoAnne Escobar	St Christopher
Peggy Fleming	---
Jane Ann Guerra	St Lucy
Joy Kitson-Mim Mack	Q of Apostles
Raquel Lambert	St Clare
Jennifer Madden	St Frances Cabrini
Irene Mela	Resurrection
Helen M Miramontes	Christ the King LV
Vicki Miramontez	Transfiguration
Margaret Murphy	St Julie
Patricia Nichols	St Julie
Yvonne O'Brien	St Patrick
Stana O'Leary	Holy Family
Susan Radnich	Holy Family
Anna Marie Radunich	Holy Family
Mary Ann Reilly	St Martin Sunnyvale
Rebecca Rossi	St Dominic SF
Ellen Martinez	---
Helene Stewart	St Lucy Marge
Francis Such	Holy Family
Joy Walsh	Queen of Apostles
Jessica Williams	---



The new men Cursillistas are:

<i>Candidates</i>	<i>Parish</i>
Mike Ames	St Lucy
Dan Anderson	Cath of Faith
Lawrence Baker	St Francis
Duane Beaubien	Poor Clares
Don Callely	
Mark Cruz	
Jon Cuarto	Sacred Heart, San Jose
Wendell Cushman	St Patrick, Sonora
Tom De La Cruz	Ascension
Paul Dennison	Transfiguration
Norm Dhom	Resurrection
Deane Ellison	Sacred Heart
Bill Hamilton	St Catherine
Fr Loi Huynh	St John Baptist
Vic Innes	Transfiguration
Fr Saju Joseph	St Julie
Jimmy Kerins	Transfiguration
Josh Lupo	Bethel Church
Marcos Martinez	
Mike McKenzie	Resurrection
Paul Milioto	Holy Family
Michael O'Leary	St Joseph, Fremont
Bill Perry	Transfiguration
Ernie Quinones	St Catherine
John Ramos	St Christopher
Jose Salcido	St Christopher
Jim Schindler	Ascension
Chady Segovia	Resurrection
John Sturgeon	Beautiful Savior, Washington
Jay Dee Tucker	
Jose Velasco	
Bob Voisinet	Sacred Heart, Saratoga
Brian Wolk	St Cyprian

Back to the Mountain

The "Back to the Mountain" Renewal weekend was held September 24-27 at Presentation Center with the theme of "We Are One". Ed Wendler, Rector, was ably assisted by Becki Arant and created a great weekend of worship, song and praise. There were many opportunities to meet new people and to catch up with old friends. We had a total of 58 people who attended and were able to enjoy/share many activities that men and women usually do on their respective weekends. The Shalom Dance and the Clown Skit were two examples of the exchange of experiences that took place.

The weekend focused on taking a deeper look at living our Tripod of Holiness, Formation and Evangelization and was composed of seven talks:

Holiness---Mike Kurtz

Formation--Don Johnson

Evangelization--Danielle Peot
The Role of Sponsorship---Kristi Garrotto Miskimins
Share your Gifts---Larry Sass
Christian Community--Lynda DeManti
Cursillo and the Church--Sr. Pat Galli

The talks were excellent and enjoyed by all. The cooks not only prepared the meals but were able to participate in the weekend as well: Mimi & Richard Bini, Joanne Constantino, Patty Meehan, Lisa Sacramento and Jane Wendler. Wonderful music was provided and coordinated by Ed Sacramento and assisted by Larry Sass. The weekend began and ended with Spirituality: beginning as a group of Cursillistas who became a Circle of Friends ..."We Are One."

It was a joy working on this team and I saw the Holy Spirit truly alive in the faces of all those present.

De Colores, Becki Arant

The Back To the Mountain Renewal Retreat will be offered again in September, 2005

Treasures From Our Traditions



Editor's note: The following article is a personal reflection by one of our Cursillistas. It is well written and worth our consideration.

Please be reminded that the Secretariat has reflected upon and debated the inclusion of Mananitas and Tardecitas in the San Jose Cursillos for a lengthy period of time. After due reflections and discussion, it was decided that San Jose Cursillos will use Tardecitas as the way for the Community to greet and welcome the new Cursillistas into the Community and to celebrate their Cursillo with them (as noted above in the Lay Director's Message).

"*Estas son las mananitas...*" My father sang to me. Las Mananitas is a folk song, a Hispanic custom sung on one's birthday. Having made my Cursillo, Las Mananitas took on even more meaning because of the symbolism, history and tradition, connected with it. Meaningful as Mananitas is, its only one of many components. Therefore, when asked, I decided to participate in the first Cursillo that moved this serenade from the morning to the afternoon renaming it, "Las Tardecitas". However, the loss of connection to tradition, symbolism and history the candidates were unknowingly missing was present. The heritage akin to Mananitas is of value. I and other members of our Cursillo community would like Rector/as to consider to continue this tradition and not let it be lost.

Currently, Rector/as are following one of National Cursillo's recommendation for those wishing to have a

"mananitas like" event. National currently dissuades against having either Mananitas or Tardecitas, because of the view that it is a distraction and not part of the authentic Cursillo weekend, just an added local tradition. Still, National acknowledges the strength that tradition has in a community. They recognize and respect the choice in deciding to include this tradition, or some form of it, even in contrast to their own original view.¹

How did this tradition begin? Mananitas developing into a classical part of the Cursillo begins in the mid 1960s. Eduardo Bonnin, (co-founder), was participating in a Cursillo in Mexico when he was first acquainted to the practice of Mananitas. He so liked this idea he decided to introduce it when he returned back to Spain.²

Another tradition not part of the original weekend is the folk song, De Colores. Unlike Las Mananitas, there are no specific historical links as to how it was first introduced to Cursillo. National recognizes the treasure from this default tradition noting that while De Colores was not planned, it has become dear to Cursillistas the world over.³ This can also be applied to Las Mananitas. While these folk songs are not part of the authentic weekend, they are traditional elements for Catholic and Protestant Cursillos. This component is an aspect that makes Cursillo universal, while each experience is unique.⁴

There are current traditions that our Cursillo continues to practice in difference to National Cursillo. For example, the use of individual palanca, posters, food as palanca, and the use of the vocabulary Rollo or Rector/a⁵ In addition, our Cursillo has its own ways of doing things that are not outlined by National. While some of these practices started because the Cursillo is steeped in Hispanic culture, others, I could not find origins as to why we do them, but felt that these particular instances are done because they are in tune with the "spirit of the Cursillo movement."⁶ The reasons of heritage and spirit can also be applied to continuing Mananitas.

The symbolism of the morning, the folk song Las Mananitas and its liking to "Christ's resurrection by rising in the early morning" are reasons that I am more inclined to it than Tardecitas.⁷ The morning has long been associated with new beginnings, the dawning of new hope and understanding. Classic images associated with the morning are roosters. The rooster, a traditional Passion icon, and its morning crow symbolizes Christ, the light of the world, who announces an end to spiritual darkness and despair.⁸ Mananitas reminded me of what it must have felt like to be Mary Magdalene on Easter Morning at the tomb; the rush of joy and surprise. Another reference to this experience would be when Helen Keller finally understood what the sign of "water" meant.⁹ These are such

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break-through moments. I felt an energy as never before and more attentive to the other talks of the day. This is something I have heard from other Cursillistas as well. It was not felt as a distraction, but a real tangible feeling of community.

The points in favor of continuing to have Mananitas are reasonable. National respectfully does not disallow any one practice, but understands the importance of local tradition. I and other members of our community would like to have the tradition of Mananitas continue and not be lost. More and more often I hear from our fellow Cursillistas how they would like to see Mananitas once again. But as mentioned, it's understood that this is not what Cursillo is about. Therefore, these conversations stay to themselves and not voiced to a larger forum. This is why I respectfully write this paper. To express that the tradition akin with Las Mananitas are cherished by me and other members of our community.

In contrast, the afternoon or evenings, and the setting of the sun are historically symbolic with a coming to a close. In this regard, Tardecitas was appropriate. Being greeted by joy, love and song was still wonderful. But, being greeted in this way in the dawning of the new day is powerful. As one Cursillistas told me it was like "waking up into a dream."

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Prayer Requests

For Bob Malone who has an undiagnosed illness but plans to continue on the Men's Fall Cursillo team..

For all those who have died, especially Dean Collin, father of Kathy Collin Poff; and Bill Bousman, father of Mike Bousman, Pat Charlesworth, sister of Rosanne Peterson.

In thanksgiving for the safe and healthy arrival of Allison Kathryn Davis to parents Phil and Kathy (grandparent Dick Guertin)

For all those who have suffered injury, death and destruction from the recent hurricanes.

For all our family and friends who have cancer including Doris Avenzado, Debbie Kuhs, Tim and Stanley, Tim Pacelli,

Estelle Rivero, Jackie Belanger, Kay Zimmer, Jim Williams, Sarah, MW, Ruth Ann White, Gay Bryant, Dick Shay, Bob Lopez, Bonnie De Malta, Gus Mavroudis, Patrick Coleman, June Sweeney, Jim Garrotto, LaVonne Krakov, Linda Sanger, Wally Brown, Aurora Navarro.

For all who are recovering from surgery or illness, and especially need our prayers: Sandy Bousman, Ray Mercado, Shirley Allison, Paul Morrissey, Sharon Krider, Chuck Odell, Virginia Ferranti, Betty Jo Beeman, Frank Beeman, Baby Aleyna, Doris Koczko. Ray Shoemaker, Pat Koyanagi, Mark Bousman, Baby Lewis, Tyler Mate, Patty Trillo, Ed Findrick, Christy Streicher, Andrea Glovanovitch, Mary Butler, Dan Rubino, Loretta Johnson, Myra Turner; Sharon Elben, Tom Shigemasa, Baby Noah, Rena Martini, Fritz Meidlinger, Lee, John Tavalara, Jean Mulloy, Lu J, Dr. Roberto Montalvo, David McDonough, Johnnie Montoya, Bob Whale, Jack Grogan, Nick Border, Loretta Johnson, JoC, Rita Russo, Maria Mendoza, Greg Lambert, Pat G., Steve Plant, Lindsay Schneider, Michele Mecir, Al Ramirez, Kayley, Ray Bennett, Dana Gonzalez, Freida King, Howard Pollard, Tracy Young, Tom Clements, Joseph Bufalini, Rich Infantino, Triesa Gordon, Chuck Hogate, Ron Reek, Margarida Strickland, Toni Strickland, Tonya Hickman, Tony Ferranti, Joseph Reitenger, Nickki Vargas, Estelle Rivero, Sonia Richards, Fred Rausch, Jaden Ortiz, Duane Howze, Kelly Blank, Clive Twyman, Marty Lamb, Phil Mariant, John Sturgeon, Wally Brown, Pope John Paul, Judson Lein, Briana Birk, Amy Farthing, Gloria Pedro, Verna, Jeannie Mullins

For all the unemployed and those seeking jobs; for the homeless, the elderly, the lonely and all those who need help and are in need of our prayers.

For peace in the world and an end to violence as a means of solving problems. For God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders.

Ultreyas

For more than a year, Ultreyas have been held monthly in parishes all over our Diocese with 75-100 people in attendance. Dates for upcoming Ultreyas are listed on the Calendar (page 1). However, we have many open months in 2005 for our monthly Ultreya: February, May, June, July, August, September, November, December. The Ultreya is an opportunity for the cursillistas of our Diocese to gather, socialize, share their faith, sing, witness and learn from great speakers. If your parish is able to hold a meeting for a group of 75 to 150 people during the week, please contact Bill Wright, Post Cursillo Chair, at bwright2@donobi.net about scheduling a date in your parish. Ultreyas are held the 2nd or 3rd week of the month on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, so you do have a choice.

You will only have to take care of reserving the Hall/Church, and the set-up and clean up. One of the Cursillo teams will handle the evening and the guest speaker.



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Secretariat meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at Church of the Resurrection, Sunnyvale, beginning at 7:00 pm. These are Open meetings and you are cordially invited to attend and share your thoughts and concerns.

De Colores!

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