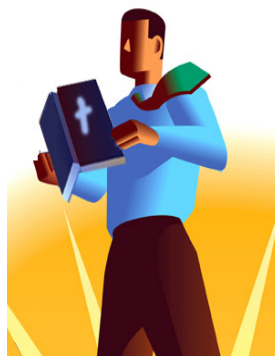


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## *De Colores* Brothers and Sisters,

I hope and pray that you and your loved ones are doing well as we begin to reopen our communities while maintaining social distancing. In that vein, I ask that you continue to follow the guidelines put forth by our Governor, our Archbishop, and our National Secretariat. Our Governor is slowly but surely reopening our state and many are returning to work. Archbishop Rodi has opened our Churches for public Mass with social distancing with a limited number of participants. The National Secretariat has suspended all Cursillo gatherings and plans to begin using virtual meetings. Please continue to enjoy your small groups via Zoom, phone or other means of communication. It is important that we stay connected during a time when so many of us feel isolated.

**On May 20, Region VII held a virtual meeting. The following was decided:**

1. The Fall Encounter for 2020 has been called off.
2. The National Cursillo will not be held in Omaha, Nebraska, but will be offered as a virtual teleconference July 24 - 25, 2020. Registration will be open June 5 as listed on the National Site.
3. The 2021 Spring Encounter is scheduled for April 16 -17, 2021, in Miami, Florida.
4. The 2021 Fall Encounter in Biloxi, Mississippi, is tentatively set for Oct. 15 -16, 2021.

**Your Secretariat will meet on July 11th via Zoom. Please let a Secretariat member know any questions we need to answer or discuss.**

Palanca is needed. Let's pray for the repose of the souls lost to the virus; for those who failed to receive needed medical attention for their illness; and, for the families who grieve and/or couldn't be with their loved one at their passing. Please pray for an end to the violence and criminal activities that are ongoing during the protests across our nation. Let us implore our Lord for His mercy, compassion and an outpouring of grace. Pray for all leaders to be guided by the Holy Spirit as they make decisions that affect us all.

I look forward to when our Cursillo Community will be able to come together once again. In the interim, please remain patient and stay safe.

God Bless,  
Rob Wilburn





## A Word From

Deacon Joe Mueller

### BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS

As I was reflecting on what to write for this month, the Simon/Garfunkel song "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" came to mind. Here are a few of the lyrics that stood out.

*When you're weary, feeling small  
When tears are in your eyes, I will dry them all  
I'm on your side, when times get rough...  
Just like a bridge over troubled water,  
I will ease your mind.*

Most of us can attest that we are in some very troubled times. We see and hear about it everyday. If it isn't about our cultural wars, it's about the Church's scandal. If it

isn't about defaming a person's good name, it's about political upheaval, all of this during a time when so many of us feel isolated.

Yet, despite all these troubles, there is one solid bridge we can count on. He is our Rock, our Foundation. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "Do not let your hearts be troubled have faith in God and faith in me." (JN14:1)

As long as we have faith in Him, he will be our bridge over these troubled times. Keep your faith alive and spread the Good News!



## Scheduled Cursillo Weekends

*Cursillos are generally scheduled for a Men's Weekend and a Women's Weekend each fall at the Visitation Monastery in Mobile, and a Men's Weekend and Women's Weekend each spring at the Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Holy Trinity (Fort Mitchell). We currently have the following weekends scheduled:*

### Fall Weekends 2020

**Men's Weekend #146: Sept 17 – 20,**  
**Visitation Monastery, Mobile**

**Rector: Sam Hoover**

**Women's Weekend #147: Oct 8 – 11,**  
**Visitation Monastery, Mobile**

**Rectora: Marie DeLong**

## It seems like forever.

*Brothers and Sisters,  
Sometimes it seems like I only began yesterday and at other times it seems like forever. My term serving on the Secretariat ends in June. After the Secretariat meets tomorrow, I will officially turn over the duties of Pre-Cursillo to my successor, Anthony Nguyen. I am always here to assist in any way I can, but please address all Pre-Cursillo matters to:*

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*It has been an honor to serve you and our Cursillo. Please keep me in your prayers.*

*God Bless,  
Bob Spano*

**Save The Date!**  
**July 24-25, 2020**



**Lets Make History Together!**  
**The 30th National Encounter is**  
**Going Virtual!**

**Livestream Masses, Virtual Fellowship, and Breakout Sessions.**

**The Rollos for the Encounter will include:**

- Personal Encounter with Christ
- Friendship with Self, Christ, and Others
- TBD
- The Christian Leader in the MCC

**More information to follow! Open Registration, June 1st! [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org)**

# Meet your Secretariat



## Meet Anthony Nguyen

Born and raised in Mobile, Anthony Nguyen earned a BS degree in electrical engineering from Auburn University and set his course for the future. His first job was with a firm in Louisiana and then he returned to his native Alabama to work for a telecom organization, settling in Daphne where he and his wife Renee are raising their four children ages 10, 8, 2 and 8 months. A lifelong Catholic, Anthony became active in his parish, Christ the King, where he met Gordon Denniston at a church function. A few months later, Gordon sponsored Anthony for the #130 Cursillo at Blessed Trinity Retreat Center in Ft. Mitchell, Alabama, and his wife soon followed. Anthony has worked two Cursillo teams in Mobile, once as table auxiliary in the conference room and once as a member of the kitchen team. He is active in his group reunion and the Baldwin County Regional Ultreya. In his new assignment as the Pre-Cursillo representative on the Secretariat, Anthony hopes to light a spark to enliven and inspire new growth and action in the archdiocesan Cursillo community.



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Ultreya, School of Leaders and Group Reunion are suspended/discontinued indefinitely until a the situation can be reassessed. The only exception to this if you are grouping using Skype or a similar format on the computer. Please keep all those who are involved in this situation in our prayers



## Palanca Day of Prayer

*The National Cursillo Center is inviting you to join in prayer.*

*On Wednesday, June 3, 2020,  
Nadia Lopez Valladolid wrote:*

*My Brothers and Sisters of the  
National Secretariats,*

*We know that without God's Grace,  
we can not succeed!*

*Join us in prayer as we respond to the  
current pandemic and pray for an end  
to the violence and discrimination in  
the world.*

***What:*** *Prayer for National Intentions  
(Bilingual)*

***When:*** *Live every Saturday Morning  
via ZOOM*

***Time:*** *8 am Pacific, 9 am Mountain,  
10 am Central, 11 am Eastern*

***Following is the Zoom ID and link  
for the prayer meeting:***

***SABATINA vi Zoom.  
<https://zoom.us/j/95356679002>***

## Your Support is Needed

De Colores, Brothers and Sisters!

Thank you for your heroic support on behalf of our Movement. Your continued prayers and generosity mean more than you know; and, as we journey through this pandemic, we remember you with prayer-filled hearts.

Over the past few months, we have heard from many Cursillistas that they are following social distancing guidelines by using Zoom or other online methods for small groups. In the past week, we have had some parishes start Eucharistic distribution and even more will soon be opening for Masses! Very soon, we hope to be able to share our faith, prayers and encourage one another in Ultreya gatherings. In this time of separation and flux, let us ponder words from our founder, Eduardo Bonnin, "The Cursillo Movement is to proclaim the best news of the best reality: that God in Christ loves us, communicated by the best means, that is friendship."

Our modes of conversation and communication are changing, but the method is the same: Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ. I believe that this pandemic has brought us nearer to God, in prayer, in new appreciation for the sacraments, in a living relationship with Him, and what it means to be Church. It takes humility to embrace our Lord's will, even when we don't understand it — but we can always rely on our Lord's goodness and generosity toward us. Your secretariat and leaders have persevered through the quarantine; and, as we draw closer to the formation of teams for the fall, our prayer is that we may continue to trust in the Lord's plan, celebrate the ways we see Him at work in our mission and share that joy with all those we befriend.

We know that many organizations are asking for financial help. Our Mobile Cursillo movement also needs your help as well. Weekends are not "free" and previously have been funded by our pay-it-forward mantra. Like FEBA has stated, they "would love \$40,000 from one person, but \$1 from 40,000 people would speak volumes about the support of Eduardo's cause (for canonization)." Can the Mobile Cursillo count on you? Please consider donating what you can.

Donations can be sent to: Mobile Cursillo  
Attn: Lynn O'Neill-Robb, Treasurer  
P. O. Box 91833 Mobile, AL 36691

Thank you, Rob Wilburn,  
Lay Director Mobile Secretariat



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## **Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat Wish List as of April, 2020**

**What:** Furniture and Fixtures for new gift shop

**Why:** Provide more efficient, space appropriate, up-to-date furniture and displays

**Estimated Cost:** Unknown at this time but likely about \$500 to finish the project that has started we need to purchase the following. We could also work with a wood craftsman to build the furniture we are seeking.

- Postcard holder (one)
- Slatwalls (2, Slatwall Panel - 4 x 8', Melamine, in White. \$180 plus shipping and tax)
- Smaller check out table that can hold a cash register and have room on side.
- Cubby shelving for guests to place their stack of items before paying

**What:** New curtains in Trinity Meeting Room

**Why:** we are still working on transitioning this room from the old gift shop. After we have purchased a new conference room table and chairs, we will place a small couch, bookshelf, and rug by the window to create a reading nook. We will need new curtains that both let in the light and provide a beautiful backdrop to that space.

**Estimated Cost:** depends on material

**What:** New rug for Trinity Meeting Room

**Why:** as part of the transition from the old gift shop we will purchase a new conference room table and chairs. We will place a small couch, bookshelf, and rug by the window to create a reading nook.

**Estimated cost:** Depends on type of rug



**Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat**  
*Peace in the Pines*

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