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De Colores Brothers and Sisters,

I hope and pray that you and your loved ones are doing well. This is a time of great uncertainty as the numbers of COVID cases are increasing in many counties in Alabama. We need to trust now more than ever that the Holy Spirit is in charge and that one of our greatest gifts is the Cursillo movement. Rather than writing about its importance, I am going to share a June 13, 2011, letter from Cardinal Jorje Bergoglio (Pope Francis) on the importance of the Cursillo movement.

My dear Cursillistas:

"The good seed are the children of the kingdom." (Mt. 13:38)

we approach the celebration of the feast of Saint Paul, your patron and model of how to live "de colores", We give thanks to God for all the fruits that the Cursillos in Christianity Movement has generously given the Church.

Your service of proclaiming Christ by being his witnesses in your everyday environments, is an embodiment, a concrete renewal of the Baptism that we have received in Him and makes you disciples and missionaries of the Word, as this was expressed in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: "Through their baptism and confirmation all are commissioned to the apostolate by the Lord Himself" (Lumen Gentium no. 33).

I write to you conscious of the challenge that today's society presents to the enculturation of the Gospel; but I trust that your audacity and apostolic fervor - born of a personal encounter with self and with Christ - will lead you to make history for the good of all. So that many brothers and sisters, marginalized or not, who live on the fringe may feel embraced by the love of Jesus.

To be a pilgrim in our City means not becoming comfortable, but to be open to life and to pay attention to what is happening in our heart - like a good Samaritan confronted with the difficult circumstances of so many brothers and sisters.

It is necessary that the Cursillos in Christianity Movement, through the participation of everyone, continue its journey of pastoral conversion as proposed at Aparecida (Cf. 5th General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, "Disciples and Missionaries of Jesus Christ")

As Cursillistas living through difficult times you need to ask God

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A Word From

Deacon Rick Risher
Cursillo Spiritual Director

WHAT DOES THE WORD "TRINITY," MEAN?

DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD IS A MYSTERY? NO!

IS THE BLESSED TRINITY ANOTHER PERSON OF GOD? NO!

THEN, WHAT IS IT?

The root of the word "Trinity" originates from the Latin word "trini" which means "three each," or "three-fold." "The term has been used as early as the days of Tertullian (200 A.D.) to denote the central doctrine of the Christian religion. God, who is one and unique in His infinite substance or nature, or Godhead, is three really distinct Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each of these Persons is truly the same God, and has all His infinite perfections, yet He is really distinct from each of the other Persons. The one and only God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; yet God the Father is not God the Son, but begets the Son eternally, as the Son is eternally begotten. The Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son, but a distinct Person having His Divine nature from the Father and the Son by eternal procession." (The New Catholic Dictionary, Van Rees Press, NY, Copyright 1929)

In other words, in Jesus dwells the Father and the Holy Spirit. And the same can be said about the Father and the Holy Spirit. In each one dwells the other two Persons of God. This truth is supported by a verse in The Letter of Paul to the Colossians. "In Him (Jesus) all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell bodily." [Col. 1:19; 2:9] All the fullness of God means the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The next question that some may ask is, "Are there any biblical passages to support that in the fullness of God, there are Three distinct Persons?" The answer to this is "Yes!" We can quote the closing of the Gospel of Matthew where Jesus told His disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." [Mt. 28:18] And we can quote the closing words of St. Paul in the Second Letter to the Corinthians where He states, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." [2 Cor. 13:13] These biblical passages affirm that while there is One God, there are Three distinct Persons in the Godhead.

Accepting these truths as Catholic doctrine today, I would like to review the richness of our Christian life in which the Holy Trinity is manifested.

1) **IN JESUS:** As previously stated, dwelled the fullness of God bodily. [Col. 1:19, 2:9] Regarding the indwelling of the Father, in the Gospel of John we read, "Go you and believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" [Jn. 14:10] Regarding the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in Jesus, in the Gospel of Luke, we read that at the end of His earthly life, Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit." [Lk. 23:46] At that moment, the Holy Spirit departed from Jesus and the Lord died on the Holy Cross. This affirms that "the body without the spirit is dead." [Jas. 2:26] "It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless." [Jn. 6:63]

2) **IN THE WOMB OF MARY:** Knowing that the Holy Spirit departed from Jesus at the moment of His death, we can now ask, "When did the Holy Spirit make His indwelling in Jesus?" We find that answer in the Gospel of Luke. When the angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, he said, "And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you will name Him Jesus..." [Lk. 1:31] "The Holy Spirit will come upon you..." [Lk. 1:25] Based on these passages, it is revealed that the Holy Spirit made His indwelling in Jesus in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the moment of conception. Within the womb of the Virgin Mary dwelled the fullness of God bodily, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. No one else has ever enjoyed such a privilege. For the indwelling of the Blessed Trinity within the saints is spiritual in nature. This

indwelling within the Virgin Mary was physical in nature. "Surely, from now on all generations will call Mary blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for her, and Holy is His Name." [Lk. 1:48b- 49]

3) In THE EUCHARIST: During the institution of the Lord's Supper, Jesus "took a loaf of bread, and gave it to His disciples, saying, 'This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.'" [Lk. 22:19] In the mystery of the Consecration of the Bread and Wine, they become the physical Body and Blood of Christ who remains with us today. As Jesus said when departing from this world, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." [Mt. 28:20b] In the Holy Eucharist is manifested the fullness of the Blessed Trinity. As the Father and the Holy Spirit dwelled in Jesus while He walked the earth, the Father and the Holy Spirit dwell in Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the fullness of the Blessed Trinity being manifested bodily.

4) In The HOLY MASS: When the priest begins the celebration of the Holy Mass, he states, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." And when the priest concludes the Holy Mass with a solemn blessing, he says, "May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Here, and throughout many of the liturgical prayers of the Holy Mass, the fullness of the Trinity is mentioned over and over as an affirmation of our belief in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

5) In the BLESSINGS: The Holy Trinity is mentioned in both, the blessing of persons and of objects. The blessing of object may consist of churches, schools, homes, hospitals, farmland, animals and even sacramentals.

6) In PRAYER: In many prayers, we find a reference to the Holy Trinity. A perfect example is the Church's frequent mentioning of the prayer, "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit." This same prayer is said millions of times daily by all those who pray the Rosary on a daily basis.

7) In the MUSIC AND SINGING: The manifestation of the Trinity in the Christian's life is not limited to prayer. It is also found in the words of countless songs that are sung and accompanied by spiritually uplifting music.

8) In BAPTISM: The Holy Trinity is mentioned in the baptismal formula. The child or the adult is baptized in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit as commanded by Jesus. [Mt. 28:18]

9) In the LITURGY: In all of the Catholic liturgy, we find references to the presence of the Blessed Trinity, at Confirmations, during the administration of the Sacrament of Penance, the Anointing of the Sick, the Holy Orders and Matrimony, at funerals, at vigils, at the hours of adoration, and the list continues...

10) In our TRADITION: When studying the Church Tradition, in the early and present day Church writings and Council documents, we find endless references to the Trinity.

11) In the CLERGY: When the priest administers the Sacraments, Jesus is also administering the Sacraments. The priest is but a visible servant of the Lord who is invisible, but present. When you receive the Holy Eucharist, you receive it from Jesus. When you confess your sins to the priest, you are confessing to Jesus. And when your sins are forgiven, it is Jesus who is forgiving your sins. Equally, as Jesus is present in the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confession, so are the Father and the Holy Spirit. Many of the saints were spiritually enriched by their knowledge of this truth.

12) IN All BELIEVERS: And finally, since the Holy Spirit makes His indwelling in the believers who are in a state of grace, alongside we also find Jesus and the Father. For in the Holy Spirit dwells the fullness of the God-head. The Father is in each and every one of you. The Son is in each and every one of you. And the Holy Spirit is in each and every one of you.

As can be appreciated from all that has been said, the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity deserve and receive co-equal glory and adoration in all phases of the Christian life.

Meet your Secretariat



Meet Theresa Gorman

Theresa Gorman grew up primarily in Illinois - in the cornbelt. She earned a BA degree in liberal arts from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. In 1987 she met her husband and they were married in 1989. They have two daughters and currently live in Auburn, AL. Theresa has had many jobs in her lifetime; most over the past 18 years have been in the non-profit sector. She was a revert to Catholicism - a journey that started in Lourdes (FR) and culminated with her confirmation at St. Mark's church in Huntersville, NC. Theresa's activities in her home parish in Auburn include being a catechist, Rel. Ed. Director, Parish Council member, serving on assorted ministries and being active in VBS for many years. She attended Cursillo #87 at Blessed Trinity Retreat Center in Ft. Mitchell, Alabama. Jeff attended Cursillo #110. Theresa has worked Cursillo teams in Mobile and at B TSR. She is active in three group reunions, AO Ultreya and School of Leaders. Theresa loves education and hopes to engender this same love of learning to all about the Cursillo movement.



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Ultreyas, 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

Fall Weekends 2020

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

Rector: Sam Hoover

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

Rectora: Marie DeLong

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:

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As Cursillistas living through difficult times you need to ask God for the grace to have many candidates, to have an ongoing precursillo, so as not to fall into the hopelessness that paralyzes and causes anguish. The gift of the Kerigma that you received in your Cursillo sends you on mission as proposed by the tripod of piety, study and action.

As an Archdiocesan Church, we need the unity of all in Christ, so that He, and only He may reign in our hearts and we may thus be able to recognize him like the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

In thanking you for your journey as a Cursillista, I ask you not to stop renewing your apostolic zeal and dedication and that of your brothers and sisters in your Group Reunion before Jesus in the Eucharist.

Today more than ever we need that your nearness in the environments be a source of light and joy for so many brothers and sisters who do not yet know that God is a Father who loves them tenderly.

Today more than ever we need your presence so that many families may encounter the transcendent love of Christ - a new and greater dimension of human love.

Today more than ever we need you and your witness at the Ultreyas, so as to go "onward", to go beyond, in the proclamation and experience of the Kerigma.

I ask that you pray for me. May Jesus bless you and Our Lady, Mother of Divine Grace, keep you.

Affectionately,

*Cardinal Jorge Mario
Bergoglio SJ,
Archbishop of Buenos Aires*

Please continue your palanca for our world, our movement, and each other. I look forward 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



*Something Worth
Crowing About*

On Sunday July 5 Bobbie and I attended the 10 o'clock Mass at St. Columba. Deacon Joe Muller gave this Homily. Both Bobbie and I we're so moved by it I asked Joe if I could share it with the Cursillo Community. I hope you enjoy this as much as we did.

Fourteenth Sunday OT - 7/5/20

In our High School English Literature class, the teacher would have students read specific novels and have us pick out the theme of the story. I struggled with that. It seemed to me there could be multiple themes running throughout the book. Yet not one stood out as a specific theme for the whole story one. I confused the plot with the theme. Likewise, in Scripture there are many themes running through the readings. Guess what? It's a struggle for me today to pick out just one common theme, that thread pulling the readings together, the one idea, that nugget for you all to ponder on.

The questions and thoughts kept coming at me. Should I take an idea from the Prophet Zechariah? He promises a king, a savior to come and restore Jerusalem and the kingship of David. What about from Paul's letter to the Romans. We live in the Spirit, not in the flesh. What should I take from the Gospel to preach on?

I had so many good thoughts and ideas going through my mind. When I finished writing, I asked my wife Jan to read over my homily. I got the usual criticism.: "You have too many thoughts and ideas and they're not connected." (Criticism cuts to the heart!) So I went back to the writing table and pondered how to revise my thoughts. Sitting on the kitchen table was a copy of the Sunday Visitor and right there on the front page — "A Future of HOPE...In Scripture God reminds us that even in times of crisis, He is the source of hope." I opened to the article and at the top it reads, "In time of crisis, do not despair; look to God, the source of our hope."

Despair and hope. This theme fits in nicely with today's Gospel. The events and crisis we are experiencing today, with the pandemic and protests, these are leaving people frustrated and depressed. And there are good reasons to feel that way. We sense the world around us is crumbling. We're on a downward spiral. Our lives are being controlled by decisions we don't understand. People are being persecuted, our history is persecuted. Even our Church is under attack and persecution.

Yes, I have been filled with anxiety over the events of the past few months and weeks. However, taking to heart what Jesus said to his disciple in Matthew's Gospel brings Hope when we feel despair "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Jesus is giving us an invitation, an open invitation to come to him for respite, relief. He invites us to take on His yoke.

What does this invitation from Jesus mean for us today?

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Jesus invites us to come to him. Not so much as to take away our burdens but to share them with Him. To take on His yoke. The issue in life is not whether we shall be burdened, but what we shall be burdened. The question is not "Shall we be yoked?" but "To WHAT and WITH WHOM shall we be yoked?"

The yoke of Christ is not just a yoke from Christ but also a yoke with him. A yoke was typically fashioned for a pair of oxen so they would work as a team. Sharing the yoke with Christ means we are not alone in our struggles. We share the strength Jesus brings with His yoke, so our burden of pulling the load alone isn't so heavy. We are yoked together with Christ to work with Him using His strength. This gives us HOPE. We are not alone with our burdens. Jesus is interested in lifting off our backs, the burdens that drains us and suck the life out of us. He wants to give us rest from the burdens we carry. Rest from the weight of anxiety and worry, from our constant engagement with the trivial and unimportant. Rest from the bombardment of social media. Even from the smallest our sins.

Notice, Jesus does not promise a life without burdens or struggles. Jesus did not mean our burdens are easy to carry, but that the burdens laid on us are laid upon us in love. That is with Jesus we carry the burdens of love and mercy. The burdens we have are to be carried in love and that love makes even the heaviest burden light.

Jesus did not promise us rest from our burdens. He told us, and this is our hope too, He would give rest to our weary souls. The rest He promises is enjoyment in the fullness of God, participating in His Kingdom. And we get a taste of this fullness right here. Celebrating the Eucharist and receiving the Body of Christ. What more can we ask for?

We place our stress-filled lives on the altar and allow Jesus to calm the anxiety of our hectic lives. We unload the burden of our sins and worries on the altar and offer them and ourselves to God.

We are called, not only to find peace, refreshment and rest for ourselves in Jesus, but also to give that kind of life to others, so they may find God's peace, God's refreshing grace, the joy of placing their lives in God's hands. In other words, give them the Hope of Jesus Christ, so their burdens will be lifted and find rest in Him.



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