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## 2ND VIRTUAL ENCOUNTER 2021 WAS INSPIRING

The 31st National Cursillo® Encounter -2nd Virtual Encounter 2021 was an inspiring event attended by many. The actual number may be hard to estimate as many signed on as couples or even in small groups!

We began with a special letter from, Archbishop Gómez is the Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the USCCB. He sent a letter as he was unable to attend at the last minute. Archbishop stressed in the letter that "friendship is key on our journey with Christ." It was this - friendship - that was the emphasis of the Encounter, titled United in Friendship.

The Encounter was gifted with excellent Spiritual and Lay Rollos. Some highlights follow:

- Fr. Alex Waraksa, NACG Spiritual Advisor, reminds us of Jn. 15:14-15 where Jesus tells us "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you." Following this gift of friendship there is a further call in Jn. 15: 17 "This I command you, that you love one another." Fr. Alex went on to say that Christian charity leads one into the desire to share this love with others - that is, to evangelize. Our Charism gives us confidence to evangelize through continued conversion and through friendship.

- In our Charism, we remember that God in Christ loves us whether we are worthy or unworthy. Perhaps this brings to mind our commitment when we received our pilgrim cross: "Christ is counting on you..... and I on Him."

- Manuel Fernandez Jorda, known as Minolo, joined us from Majorca. In his laity Rollo entitled Christ, Person, Friendship, Minolo wanted to stress the word friendship - not just friend. Friendship is an attitude that allows us to touch others. It is this attitude of friendship that drives the movement, as we all have diverse backgrounds and interests. Most importantly is our shared friendship with Jesus Christ.

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**A Word From  
Deacon  
Joe Mueller**

## DO WE GIVE THANKS?

A farmer brought a load of wheat to the elevator in a nearby town. He stopped at a restaurant and sat down near a group of young fellows who were acting up, shouting at the cook and heckling the waitress. When his meal was set before him, the old gentleman bowed his head to offer a prayer.

One of the smart-alecks thought he would have some fun with the farmer. So he shouted in a voice that could be heard by everyone: "Hey Pop, does everyone do that where you come from?" Calmly the old man turned toward the lad and in an equally loud voice replied: "No son, the pigs don't."

A simple prayer before a meal can speak volumes of gratitude for something so simple as the nourishment which feeds our bodies.

How often do we give thanks to our Lord for the blessings given to us. Our Lord has blessed us with many gifts in which we owe our thanks and gratitude. Likewise we can be thankful for the Eucharist which nourishes our souls and spiritual bodies. Let us take time each day to give a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord our God for all He has given to us!

*"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good..."*

## Prayers Needed

**Maria Laroque**

May 25, 1930 - July 16, 2021

Cursillista Maria Laroque passed away on Friday, July 16, 2021. Maria attended Cursillo # 83 in March 2003 at BTSR. She was a member of Holy Family Church in Columbus. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

**Deacon Rick Risher**

Much improvement has been made but he still needs prayers. He has returned to church as a parishioner, but not yet on the altar as a Deacon.

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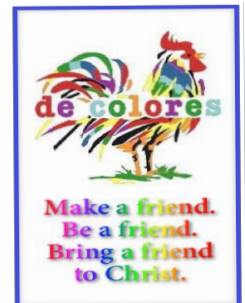
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Minolo added that we should remember the picture of Jesus knocking...Do you know Him? Will you let Him in?

I could go on, but I also know that the talks will be on the National website soon. One thing was clear – friendship is needed in our world, our environments, our personal square meter.

We are able to meet as directed by the local diocese. What a blessing to be in the Mobile Archdiocese where we have open churches! Let's remember to "Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ" – do it today.

One last note as many have asked "When is our next weekend". At the Encounter, this was discussed. If we haven't been able to live the charism properly, we need to proceed with caution when scheduling a weekend. The weekend is not the source and summit of Cursillo, but one step in bringing our brothers and sisters in Christ closer to God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit while living our 4th day as Cursillistas who joyfully shout "De Colores!" We need to restart our small group reunions, Ultreyas and School of Leaders and invite others to come. Let's focus on this as a new beginning and begin our 4th day anew!

–Theresa Gorman

From The National Secretariat:

**"Cursillistas are free to resume small group reunions, Ultreyas and School of Leaders provided they follow Archdiocesan and CDC guidelines. We encourage the use of Zoom and other electronic platforms to help those not ready or unable to gather."**



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## **“Faith Over Fear.”**

About six weeks ago, my neighbor surprised me with a basket containing a few miscellaneous gift items, among them a T-shirt emblazoned with “Faith Over Fear.” It was so sweet of her, and I know she is a faith-filled woman, but that meme didn’t especially speak to me at the time. A few weeks later we learned that our daughter had been diagnosed with Stage 3 melanoma, and suddenly that shirt has a relevance I could never have imagined. It got me to thinking that my neighbor had unwittingly acted as God’s messenger, preparing me for a time when fear could easily engulf me. If you’ve ever had to endure struggles and difficulties, (and who hasn’t?) you undoubtedly called on God to heal a family member, to see you through financial hardships, to find your son a job, to comfort a friend who grieves the loss of a spouse or child, or to shore up a failing marriage. Sometimes we must face unbearable situations, but can we ever do it without fear? I’ve often said that without faith in our God, I could never get through tough times. When life hands us something

so dark, something that is out of our control, that’s when faith truly becomes a lifesaver. Faith is what keeps us going when we cannot speak, cannot think, cannot even pray. Faith is a gift that keeps us sane, allows us to think of others, and protects us from despair. Faith in a loving God who has our best interest at heart does not come easy when our life is a train wreck. That’s when others become messengers of hope. Friends and family take on a special task of holding us up, praying when we cannot, comforting when we are inconsolable. Knowing they are supporting us, we are able to breathe again, to get up in the morning, to see beauty again and take delight again in simple pleasures. Faith crushes fear and allows us to acknowledge that God DOES have our best interest at heart, that He is eternal, always with us and always true to his Word. So when you see me wearing my shirt that says “Faith Over Fear” know that, though we don’t know how our daughter’s story will turn out, and though we can’t deny some fearful thoughts, we are confident that God is with us through this. And that fear will not win this war!

*--Bobbie Genovese*