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This month I am reaching back to "the how & the why" which was written by Eduardo Bonnín. I find that these reminders bring us closer to our Charism and its roots; just as we need the reminders from the Gospel and our everyday living the Cursillo method. Many are asking the "when" question – when is the next Cursillo. By the grace of God and with your help, soon I hope. While we wait, let's be studying the Charism – to understand the simple expressions used in the Movement. Let's look at "to structure Christianity." (The following is paraphrased)

The Cursillos in Christianity find in this expression their genuine and exact expression, their concrete and precise finality and their possibilities for successful use.

The Cursillos do not aim at increasing the number of the devout, nor converting unbelievers or the weak-minded, nor saving lost souls, nor increasing the list of existing organizations or creating a new organization.

The Cursillos are intended to structure Christianity by means of practical Catholics who, through their lives, give a Christian impetus to a life which has ceased being Christian. "To structure Christianity" is to place human resources at the service of the divine. To do this so that the Mind of Christ penetrates society and that "His teaching and His law renew society and fill it entirely," as Pius XII said, "Not to work just so that men be less evil or that they be simply good but that there be 'a better world' which God wants and a world which must be remade to its very foundations." "

The work of structuring Christianity embraces two fundamental tasks: to look for and mold the necessary and indispensable parts, and then to place them in the correct place and bind them together organically so that they produce efficiently.

The first duty is to seek out and mold Christians who are called to be the vertebrae of society. "We are sure that there shall be no lack, either in number or in quality, of generous hearts which echo our call and realize our desire. There are fervent souls waiting for your call. (emphasis added) ... There are others sleeping whom you must awaken; others who are timid that you must urge onward; others who are confused whom you must guide."

The second duty is to employ these Christians well. This demands that each one know and understand himself where he can yield the best output. At the same time, he must be conscious of his responsibility in the corner which the Lord has confided to him and he must be united with others to make his work more efficacious and to support Holy Mother Church.

Remember the purpose of the Cursillos is to build up and structure Christianity. We start from the supernatural transformation effected by the work of grace in each individual who is to be infused with and meet Christ in his Church. Everyone ... can be fused into a living and personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the movement of the Holy Spirit. This transformation then calls the individual to live his Catholicism and build the Mystical Body of Christ. But this cannot be done alone – it requires a close bond with others, a chain born in the very essence of Cursillos. This is witnessed most fully in the "group reunion."

De Colores!
Theresa Gorman

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so we can plan the next
3-day Cursillo!



**A Word From
Deacon
Joe Mueller**

BE AT CHOICE IN YOUR LIFE

Years ago when I worked as a department manager for a manufacturing company, I came across a poster titled "The 5 Points of Power". The idea behind these 5 Points was to keep you at choice in your life. In other words to keep control of your life. If any one of these were out of sync, you gave up your power to choose.

These 5 Points make a lot of sense as a guide for our lives. I challenge you to look at these 5 Points and change them around to be a "Choice in your Spiritual Life".

Here are 3 of the most prominent Points of Power:

1. **PAY ATTENTION:** Be conscious and awake about what's going on around you. When you're trapped (unconscious) in your history, doing things the same old way, you miss the opportunities available to you.

SPIRITUALLY: Are you aware of what is happening in your life? Have you connected with Our Lord on a daily basis? Have you taken advantage of the Sacraments and the graces God freely bestows upon us?

2. **KEEP YOUR AGREEMENTS:** One of the causes of an enormous amount of suffering is the way we break agreements. The costs are lack of trust, self-esteem, dignity, relationships and success. Don't make them if you don't plan to keep them.

SPIRITUALLY: How many times do we fail at keeping our commitments to God? Have we committed ourselves to being disciples of Jesus?

3. **BE ACCOUNTABLE:** What you are accountable for is your own experience; no one else can be. We are not responsible for what other people do or say, but we are accountable for how

we set can be. We are not responsible for what other people do or say, but we are accountable for how we set things up. Notice that every time your life was screwed up, you were present.

SPIRITUALLY: How many times do we blame other for our failures? When do we point to the other person to blame and not take responsibility?

Is Lent a good time to reflect on where we are and need to be spiritually?

Prayers Needed

**For our Regional Spiritual Director,
Deacon Mike Martini,
who is battling cancer.**

**For Deacon Ronnie Hawthorne
on the passing of his mother this
past weekend.**

**For Peg Gawne-Mark
who is slowly recovering from
cervical neck surgery.**



**We now have a donate button! Our
Movement is worth supporting.**

SUMMER NATIONAL ENCOUNTER
The next National Encounter will be held
July 21 - 24, 2022
at Chapman University,
1 University Dr, Orange, CA 92866.

LENTEN *GOSPEL* REFLECTIONS

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wants nothing other than
to give us good things—
*though they might
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BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Francisco de Zurbarán, *Saint Francis in Meditation*, c. 1635.

Bishop Robert Barron

Friends, this Gospel is of great significance, for in it the Son of God teaches us to pray. We hear from not just a guru, a spiritual teacher, or a religious genius, but from the very Son of God. This is why the Our Father, the Lord's Prayer, is the model of all prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer for the Christian journey which has been offered up consistently for the past two thousand years. Think for a moment how this prayer links us to all of the great figures in Christian history, from Peter and Paul to Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Francis of Assisi, John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton, John Paul II, and right up to the present day.

Keep in mind that prayer is not designed so much to change God's mind or to tell God something he doesn't know. God isn't like a big city boss or a reluctant pasha whom we have to persuade. Rather, he is the one who wants nothing other than to give us good things—though they might not always be the things we want.

Matthew 6:7-15



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ULTREYAS ARE STARTING TO HAPPEN !

I'm so thankful that Ultreyas are starting up again around the state. The next step is to have a Cursillo weekend. If you are interested in participating in a weekend or have someone you want to sponsor, I encourage you to reach out to Theresa Gorman and let her know so she can inform the secretariat. Her email is schoolofleadersmobile@gmail.com. I think having feedback from the Cursillo community on our willingness to resume Cursillo weekends will allow the secretariat to make informed decisions.

I have several things today, the first of which is our upcoming Ultreya, March 8. Michael Kirsch is planning to be our witness speaker (God willing and the creek don't rise!). We hope you can join at 5:30 at St. Bede FLC. I will not be there, so I need a St. Bede parishioner to volunteer to get the key and open the doors for the group please. If you can do that, please reply to me and I will give you further details.

Also, Elisabeth Donner needs some information. She is planning a work day at Blessed Trinity and wants to know which dates work best for most people. She is looking at May 6-8 as well as May 27-29. This doesn't have to just be Cursillistas. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please let me know and what dates work best. I can forward all of the information in one email to Elisabeth.

She also needs volunteers for several upcoming events at BTSR. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in spending a day in the Pines, please contact her directly at btsr.director@msbt.org. I have attached a document with all of the information about the workdays and volunteer information. Please take a look and respond accordingly.

De Colores,

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Baldwin Ultreya is going through some changes, but thanks to Sheri Sims and Anthony Nguyen, we have started back. Our next one is March 26 at Immaculata Center at Christ the King church after the 5:30 mass. Tim and I are in a different place in our lives which we know will not last. We are needed with family and know that's what we want to do. We plan to remain active but not in charge. Thanks for all you do.

Jackie Simmonds jackiesimmonds@bellsouth.net



Dothan had its first Ultreya in January with the attendance at about six, maybe seven, people. The evening went off well and the word spread. At our second Ultreya we had about 20 people. Deacon Joe Muller was our speaker and Father Jim did the echo. At our next Ultreya on March 10, Kris Miller was our speaker. Ultreyas are starting to pick up speed and life is starting to look almost normal again. God bless to all and hopefully everyone will be able to enjoy Cursillo soon. Keep us posted.

Bobbie & Sam Genovese

