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What can we learn from this? Sacramento CA Secretariat Shares Apostolic Plan for Rejuvenating Its Cursillo

The Catholic Church, in its post-pandemic reality, has to find ways to have the faithful return to the pews and celebrate the Sunday Liturgy shoulder-to-shoulder with their own faith community. In the same way, the Cursillo Movement has to find effective ways to gather once again in person and share the beauty of our charism. The doors of the Catholic Church were closed for 15 months, resorting to online technology to reach the faithful. In the same way, our Ultreya gathering turned into a Zoom event.

Apostolic Planning: At the start of the new Secretariat's 3-year term in January 2023, the Most Reverend Jaime Soto presided over the Rite of Commissioning of its 8 members. These members accepted the responsibilities entrusted to them by their bishop and the community as servant leaders. They pledged to remain faithful stewards of the Catholic Church and the charism of the Cursillo Movement. At this juncture, they realized it was time for an in-person gathering of all Cursillistas - to guide those they serve to a loving friendship with Christ through a living witness, prayer, and sacrifice. The newly commissioned Secretariat held their first meeting with a vision of inviting the "far away Cursillistas" in our diocese. The Sacramento Diocese comprises 20 counties covering 42,597 square miles of the north and eastern regions of California. It was in the first official Secretariat meeting that the (1st Year) Apostolic Plan was introduced.

The vision was to energize the Movement with key activities that would promote fellowship amongst FRIENDS, rebuilding the cornerstone of our Movement, FRIENDSHIP, and COMMUNITY. The Apostolic Plan was designed to itemize quarterly objectives to achieve the goal of gathering...for in these gatherings we encounter the God of all good things through His Son, Jesus Christ.

We learned about the qualities of an authentic Leader, the benefits of regular Ultreya and Group Reunion, and the economics of Weekend Team Formation. The School of Leader's efficacy depends on properly structuring its contents, considering the nature of participation, and understanding its rationale and benefits.

We created committees to handle key tasks in reinvigorating the Movement. Committees were identified for the planning and execution of the following activities: (1) Review and revise the 2003 Articles and ByLaws; (2) A Day of Recollection with Secretariat and Parish Representatives gathering in prayer. (3) A Fund Development group to raise money for a Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC) workshop and all other needs; (4) A CDC Logistical Planning Team from National, Regional, and Host Team;

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**A Word From
Deacon
Joe Mueller**

**IT'S HARD NOT TO NOTICE THE UPCOMING
HOLIDAYS FAST APPROACHING**

Maybe it has something to do with all the advertising and displays for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's as if these holidays are being forced upon us.

Yes, many of us will get caught up in the drama of commercialism. We'll spend hours planning parties, dinners and shopping lists. Then anxiety and stress will creep into our lives. How are we going to handle it all? Maybe it is through a prism of Gratitude.

For many years I've had a reflection taped to the bathroom mirror titled; The Season of Thanksgiving. Here are some of the reflections to ponder:

Be thankful for your limitations because they give you opportunities for improvement. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful for difficult times. During those times you grow. It is easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles and they can become your blessings.

Let us be mindful of all the Lord has blessed us with this Thanksgiving and praise God in the words of the Psalmist:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with praise. Good indeed is the Lord, His mercy endures forever. (Ps 100:4-5)



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Upon review of our first-year Cursillo Apostolic Plan for the first three quarters of 2023, we found that we've met all our goals: (1) The Secretariat ratified its Amended Articles and Bylaws in its July Secretariat meeting; (2) A Day of Recollection with the theme "Enkindled with the Fire of God's Love," was held last spring with 40 key leaders participating; (3) An "Energize Luncheon" fundraising event was held with 200 Cursillistas participating through attendance, volunteerism and auction item donations; (4) a CDC was held on August 31-September 3. Six members from National and Regional staff facilitated the CDC Weekend with 35 Cursillistas; and (5) The Grand Ultreya is now scheduled for the Spring of 2024, a show of unity in diversity.

Cursillos de Cursillos: We've achieved all our initial goals to jumpstart the Movement in Sacramento, but it's not the end of it. Our first year of apostolic planning has to include a CDC. The CDC must be lived...to inform the Cursillo leadership of its essence, purpose, mentality, method, and charism. The leadership has to know the Charism very well so as to inculcate in us what is fundamental to being a Christian, which is one and the same as being a Cursillista.



Bishop Robert Barron: Friends,

In (Luke 14:15–24), Jesus tells the parable of a man giving a great dinner. His sending out of servants to gather those invited parallels our call to be evangelizers.

The risen Lord calls the Apostles and us to go forth and to do the work of gathering in: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”—that is, draw them into the very dynamics of the divine life.

Hans Urs von Balthasar has noticed that, in the biblical context, mission and identity are tightly bound together. The heroes of Scripture don’t really know who they are until they have received a commission from God. Thus Saul of Tarsus, when he is radically reoriented as the Apostle to the Gentiles, is given the name “Paul.” Being sent, he knows who he is.

Paul is not pursuing his own happiness; rather, he is like a letter, written and posted by another. Announcing the risen Jesus is the beginning, middle, and end of Paul’s life, his *raison d’être*, his morning tradition, Paul is a messenger. Nothing more or less.



ULTREYAS

Auburn/ Opelika

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Baldwin

- New leaders needed. Currently meeting via committee.

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Mobile

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Montgomery

- New leaders needed

North Baldwin

- New leaders needed.

Phenix City/Columbus

- New leaders needed.

South Baldwin

- New leaders needed.

Mobile

- Leader: Nell O’Donnell nellodonnell@bellsouth.net

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

Why is Leadership Important?

It is important because it inspires, motivates, and sets an example for people to accomplish positive changes in the world.

Are you the next Cursillo leader?



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