

# *THE MARIPOSA*

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## *WOMEN'S CURSILLO #87*

*Sis. Clarita Perez, Rectora*



**WOMEN'S CURSILLO # 87**  
**"The Power of Your Love"**  
**August 29-September 1, 2013**  
**Camp St. Francis, Aptos, CA**  
**LIST OF GRADUATES**

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| <b>1. Sis. Aileen Stone</b>            | <b>15. Sis. Hanny Reingold</b>              |
| <b>2. Sis. Angelina Guieb-Alphonso</b> | <b>16. Sis. Jennifer Meissonnier</b>        |
| <b>3. Sis. Arlene Panagsagan</b>       | <b>17. Sis. Joann Carrie Mendoza</b>        |
| <b>4. Sis. Aurora Nagrampa</b>         | <b>18. Sis. Josefina I. Baylosis</b>        |
| <b>5. Sis. Beatrice Rougeau</b>        | <b>19. Sis. Julieta Higuera</b>             |
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| <b>7. Sis. Clarizcel Perez</b>         | <b>21. Sis. Letecia Dolores C. Ramolete</b> |
| <b>8. Sis. Eliza Vergara</b>           | <b>22. Sis. Maryse Delgadillo</b>           |
| <b>9. Sis. Emelyn C. Poletto</b>       | <b>23. Sis. Melisa Himawan</b>              |
| <b>10. Sis. Estrella Rusk</b>          | <b>24. Sis. Mila F. Doria</b>               |
| <b>11. Sis. Evangeline B. Gabriel</b>  | <b>25. Sis. Millie T. Boler</b>             |
| <b>12. Sis. Fiameta Reyes</b>          | <b>26. Sis. Normita Ciria-Cruz</b>          |
| <b>13. Sis. Filamer D. Ancheta</b>     | <b>27. Sis. Thelma N. Garcia</b>            |
| <b>14. Sis. Gloria C. Santiago</b>     |   |

**The Women's Cursillo #87 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Day was held last September 14, 2013**  
**at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.**

**Congratulations to all!**

**SCHOOL OF LEADERS**



Sis. Penny de Leon  
SOL Chairperson

The School of Leaders is a group of Christians who seek to be more committed and more united in order to accelerate the living of what is fundamental for being a Christian. The SOL provides a place for continual growth and understanding of the Church and the movement.

**Deacon Albert Dizon**  
August 19, 2013 Evangelization in  
Modern World  
(Chapter VII)



Carmie Bernardo Post Carrillo-Spiritual  
Direction

The SOL Attendees





**Deacon Steve Budnik**  
September 16, 2013 Servant's  
Leadership



Sis. Penny de Leon shared the Lay  
Presentation Emotional Intelligence



**Remaining SOL 2013**

October 21

November 18



**Flowers to Sis. Penny for all your  
work for our FCC.**



**TEAM REPRESENTATIVES’  
MEETING**  
**August 19, 2013**  
The Team Representatives meet every 3rd  
Monday of the Month  
after the School of Leaders



**The Team Reps Attendees**



**TEAM REPRESENTATIVES'  
MEETING  
September 16, 2013**

Sister Penny de Leon was acting Lay Director.

The following were the Lay Director's reports:

- Welcome back Sister Shiela – 3-day Committee Chairperson
- Thank you to all who joined us at the Region XI Grand Ultreya
- Congratulations to Cursillo #87 Team led by Sister Clarita
- Friendship Dinner and Dance – September 21, 2013
- Fresno Encounter – October 11-13, 2013
- Contributions to Churches for the use of their facilities
- Region XI Grand Ultreya – Save the Date August 2014 (San Bernardino)
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**Remaining  
Team Reps Schedule for 2013**

October 21  
November 18

Thank you all for coming to our annual Friendship Dinner and Dance last September 21st. Indeed, it was a very joy-filled night as we celebrated the friendship which we have built for so many years and continue to nurture.

Thank you Bro. Mike Isidro and the Verbum Dei Team for sponsoring the big event.

**CURSILLO WEEKENDS**

**Men's Cursillo #88  
Bro. Willie Villarente, Rector**



October 3 to 6, 2013  
Camp St. Francis de Salles  
Theme: My Soul Is Thirsting For You

**UNDERSTUDY  
RECTOR/RECTORA**



Sis. Lolit Kintanar is the Cursillo #89 Rectora and Cursillo #87 Understudy.



Bro. Rey Dollete is the Cursillo #90 Rector and Cursillo #88 Understudy.

## *Lay Director's Message*



### **LAY DIRECTOR FRIENDSHIP DANCE SPEECH 9-21-13**

*Good evening guests, and brothers and sisters of the Cursillo! And to our Emcees, Bro. Mike and Sister Carminda are they not wonderful?*

I am your brother Mario Camorongan and I made my Cursillo on February 1986, at Mt. Mary Immaculate in Lafayette, Cursillo #34, Decuria of St James!

On behalf of the Filipino Cursillo Community in the Diocese of Oakland, I welcome you all and thank you for coming to our annual Friendship Dinner and Dance. Indeed, tonight is a very joy-filled night as we celebrate the friendship which we have built for so many years and continue to nurture.

One of the many things I am thankful for in the Cursillo is that not only have I found friends, but also a family in all of you, my

Cursillo family! Tonight's celebration of friendship would be incomplete without acknowledging and giving thanks to all of you whose efforts make Cursillo possible.

First and foremost, I thank the Lord for giving us abundant blessings in the Cursillo Movement.

- ❖ To our Spiritual Advisors who are here with us as well as those who are unable to join us: Dcn Steve Budnik, Dcn Albert Dizon, Dcn Rey Encarnacion, Dcn Tony Reyes, Dcn Noe Tuason, Dcn Joe Sicat, and Sister Mary Peter, thank you all for your spiritual guidance. With your commitment to the movement, we continue to grow in our spiritual formation.
- ❖ To Father Jose Arong, our spiritual advisor and our webmaster, information about the Filipino Cursillo in the Oakland Diocese is only a click away!

*We thank God for your wonderful gift to us; you have helped us tremendously in our spiritual formation.*

- ❖ Along that line, many thanks to Sister Myrla Raymundo, our

Mariposa Editor, for making sure we not only stay informed but also working along with Father Jose, anything you want to know about Oakland Filipino Cursillo is available 24/7.

- ❖ To the members of the Secretariat, for all your hard work and dedication – thank you;
- ❖ To the Representatives from the 20 different Group Reunion teams, for making the time and effort to represent your team in our meetings – thank you;
- ❖ To Sister Letty Sabiniano who represents us to the Regional and National Secretariat – thank you;
- ❖ To the Chairpersons and members of the different committees, your enthusiasm and hard work is evident in all the activities of the Cursillo – thank you;
- ❖ To all brothers and sisters who work behind the scenes to insure a place is reserved for the whole year to conduct our Cursillo activities, your pro-activeness and keen eye for details are much appreciated – thank you;
- ❖ Last but not least, a special thank you to the Verbum Dei

Group Reunion team headed by Bro. Mike and Sister Evelyn Isidro, for hosting tonight's friendship celebration. I can see that we are in for a great time! Thanks for all your hard work!

And to all, thank you for sharing of yourselves, your time, treasure and talent to our Cursillo movement. Your love and care along with your dedication and hard work have made all the difference. You have all been a blessing to me, to my wife Sister Pat, and to my family!

*In the garden of life, friends are landscapers who make our souls blossom!*

Let us all continue to make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ. *Remember*, Christ is counting on You...*and your response is*...And I in His grace! *Enjoy the rest of the evening. De Colores!*

*"This is the Lay Director's message that he delivered at the Friendship dinner and dance held on September 21, 2013 at the Antioch Community Center in Antioch. If you missed the event, here it is...enjoy."*

# FCC Clergy Corner

The Primary of Wisdom  
By Deacon Steve Budnik



What does it mean to call Wisdom the First and Highest Gift of the Holy Spirit?

This question was raised during a discussion of wisdom at one of the Cursillo #87 formation meetings. The content of this article was prepared as a response to that question.

Of course there are many gifts of the Holy Spirit; but for the purpose of this discussion I would like to focus on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in Isaiah 11:1-3 – *But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.*

These gifts are brought to fullness through the life of Christ. They are given to us in baptism so that we too may participate in the threefold ministry of Christ as priest, prophet, and king. The grace we receive in confirmation equips us to utilize these gifts as described in the glossary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: *Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts*

*of the Holy Spirit, which seal or “confirm” the baptized in union with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church.*

These seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are ordinarily identified in church teaching as: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Church tradition connects each of these gifts with the particular virtue that is perfected by that gift. St. Thomas Aquinas taught that four of the gifts direct the intellect and the other three direct the will of the person. The table below lists each of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit along with the virtue it perfects and whether it directs the intellect or the will.

Gift of the Holy Spirit	Virtue	Direct the
Wisdom	Charity	Intellect
Understanding	Faith	Intellect
Counsel	Prudence	Intellect
Knowledge	Faith	Intellect
Fortitude	Courage	Will
Piety	Justice	Will
Fear of the Lord	Hope	Will

The operation of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in the human person brings about the fruits of the Holy Spirit which are typically enumerated as twelve: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.

Wisdom is considered the first and highest gift because wisdom perfects our faith. Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., explains in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, "Where faith is a simple knowledge of the articles of Christian belief, wisdom goes on to a certain divine

penetration of the truths themselves." It is wisdom that enables us to detach ourselves from the world and to desire God. Of all the gifts, it is wisdom that most directly impels us to love as God loves.

However, we need to be careful to not exalt the position of wisdom to the neglect of the other gifts because the perfection of the soul depends on the operation of all the gifts. An analogy can be made to the operation of two basic functions of the human body. We understand that both eating and breathing are required to sustain life. Even so, we might consider breathing to be primary because of the constant nature of its function as well as its urgency - life cannot be sustained without oxygen for more than a few minutes. Though we consider breathing primary to life we would not consider it more important than eating.

Wisdom is primary of the seven gifts because of the need for its constant operation in directing our lives toward God; but wisdom cannot stand on her own; she needs the other six gifts. We might think of all seven gifts as one gift of the Holy Spirit operating together in the human person for the perfection of the virtues and ultimately the perfection of the soul.

Come Holy Spirit with your sevenfold gift.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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- Dcn. Noe Tuason

**FCC LAY DIRECTORS**

**Adjie Retodo – 1974 – 1978**  
**Al dela Cruz – 1978 – 1980**  
**Rey Coquia – 1980 – 1981**  
**Vic Revecho – 1981 – 1982**  
**Diony Gamozo – 1982 – 1984**  
**Vic Revecho – 1984 – 1986**  
**Myrla Raymundo – 1986 – 1990**  
**Conrad Alano – 1990 - 1994**  
**Rem Declines – 1994 – 1996**  
**Rose Santos – 1996 – 1998**  
**Oscar Tolentino – 1998 – 2000**  
**Fe Quinto – 2000 – 2006**  
**Bayani Santos – 2006 – 2009**  
**Nimia Renovilla – 2009 – 2011**  
**Cora Pediglorio – 2011 – 2012**  
**Mario Camorongan – 2012 -**  
**Present**

**THE HISTORY OF THE  
MARIPOSA NEWSLETTER**

Our medium of communication at the beginning of our Filipino Cursillo Movement was the FILIPINO CURSILLO NEWSLETTER. Later on the name was changed to MARIPOSA NEWSLETTER.

It is but proper to recognize past editors who worked hard to deliver news and activities of the Cursillo community. We thank them for their noteworthy services. We hope they come back and help again!

**Fr. Jose Arong, Webmaster**  
**Myrla Raymundo,**  
**Assistant**

Our website, [fccoakland.net](http://fccoakland.net), contains the profiles of the Secretariat officers and the Spiritual Directors, group pictures of the Cursillo Weekends, the Team Representatives and their areas, FCC schedules, and all Mariposa issues. It also contains the links to different religious organizations

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<u>Editor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Years Served</u>
Myrla Raymundo	1983-1994	11
Carmen Revecho	1994-1998	4
Noe Tuason	1998-2000	2
Tim Pedrosa	2000-2003	3
Mike Isidro	2003-2004	1
Circulation stopped	2004-2005	
Alissa Bansil	2005-2007	2
Oscar Tolentino	2007-2008	1
Myrla Raymundo	2009-Present	
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**The Filipino Cursillo Community  
Diocese of Oakland**

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Spiritual Adviser: Deacon Steve Budnik

**Officers**

(Effective July 1, 2012 –June 30, 2015)

Lay Director: Mario Camorongon

(Effective March 30, 2011 –June 30,  
2014)

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3-Day Cursillo: Sheila Ulgado

Post-Cursillo: Annie Villarente

Newsletter/FCC Website

fccoakland.net

: Myrla Raymundo

Through June 30, 2015



**The Secretariat**

**FCC Events Schedule  
At the Cathedral**

7:00 PM Secretariat Meeting  
First Tuesday of the Month

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm - Oakland Ultreya,  
Second Saturday of the Month

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm – East Ultreya  
Third Saturday of the Month

6:30 PM School of Leaders & Team  
Representatives Meeting  
Third Monday of the Month

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