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Point to Ponder . . .

Jesus wants you to carry on his work.

Verse to Live By:

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness". Matthew 6:33

Transfiguration Group of Castro Valley !!!

..... What?..... Who is this?..... yes, this is not a misprint. The community members of Castro Valley of the Chosen Flock Group have organized their own group. This was initiated by Sis Sheila Ulgado and joined by Bro Willie Villarente, Sis Annie Villarente, Sis Doris Sunga, Sis Carmie Bernardo, Sis Farida David, Bro Michael Gallico, Sis Precila Elman and the 2015 Cursillo graduates Sis Lourdes Barrozo, Sis Purie Serrano and Bro Elmer Serrano.

This new and enthusiastic group met at Sis Sheila residence on Feb 5, 2016 to start the organization process. It is here where our

name of Transfiguration Group of Castro Valley came to fruition.

This new group is excited to give back to our Castro Valley community in spreading the Gospel via the Cursillo Movement. We commit ourselves in reaching out to as many as we can and invite them to join our movement. Cursillo is not a new term to most Filipinos and see this as an opportunity in gathering our “kababayans” in spreading the camaraderie in our faith formation.

Looking back, the Filipinos in our Transfiguration Parish started meeting and knowing each other when our Parish suggested that the Filipinos host a Filipino Dinner Dance Night. The weekly/monthly meetings created a bond and friendship and was able to organize a successful first Filipino Night at Transfiguration Parish. The event may not have been as successful if not for Sis Sheila’s connection with the Filipino Cursillo in the Oakland Diocese. Our Cursillo Brothers and Sisters provided the much needed attendance. This also opened the communication among the Filipino Night organizers and the Oakland Diocese Cursillo members.

The Filipino Dinner Dance Night was the impetus in getting Sis Lourdes, Sis Purie and Bro Elmer in attending and completing the 3-Day Cursillo Weekend Discernment in 2015. All three are proud to be among the founding members of this new group. Sis Sheila was instrumental and sponsored these new members to the Filipino Cursillo chapter of the Oakland Diocese.

From the 3-Day studies it is not enough to successfully complete the training and be called a “Cursillista” but rather, it is in the work after the 3-Day studies that recognizes you as such. With the help and guidance of the “seasoned” Cursillistas, the 3 neophites look forward to a successful interaction and spread the LOVE our loving Father is counting on us to share.

As a new group we are not immune to struggles and heartaches just like any new organization goes through. It is, however, your prayers that this group is counting on that will keep our steady knees upright to face the challenges before us.

With God’s grace and your blessings this group looks forward to a bright and successful future in the Castro Valley community and Transfiguration Parish Church.

Point to Ponder . . .

It is never too late for a fresh start.

Verse to Live By:

"Ask and it will be given to you, search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you". Matthew 7:7

Joy through Togetherness

By: Sis Ella Trinidad

Sometimes in our busy lives we need to stop and think about what we do in order to be present with our loved ones. We strive to create a good relationship with our children, grandchildren, and in-laws. This relationship grows exponentially the more we connect and enjoy the company of one another. We ought to approach everything we do with a Christ-like attitude. I often remind myself that as a parent I am a role model to my children and this, to an extent, has an impact on how they raise their children. I try to encourage my children to be open to new experiences, different cultures, and unique adventures. It is incredibly important to live an enriching and joyful life and to share that with your loved ones is even more special. I experienced this firsthand when my family got together and decided to take a trip to my mother country, the Philippines.

The Philippines holds a special place in my heart and I was overjoyed to share this adventure with my children and grandchildren. My family was able to explore the beautiful, tropical, and lush islands of the Philippines. To take in the life breath of this country, I truly believe, has made a lifelong impression on my children and grandchildren. This traveling experience was a blessing to my family. To witness my grandchildren learn the values and cultures of a country from where they trace their roots was such a beautiful reminder that the family tree continues to grow richer in knowledge of their past. I saw my 10 year old granddaughter meet her cousin of the same age for the first time and bond instantly as if they've always grown up together all along. We are all connected and closer than we realize through our spirits regardless of the distance.

The memory of this time together with my family, in a country so far from the familiar, will always be near and dear to my heart. Although there were a few mishaps and slight flaws, the retreat was filled with laughter, love, and togetherness. It is times and moments like these that I see God's love.

De colores!

Point to Ponder . . .

Jesus wants to have a deep, dynamic, personal relationship with you.

Verse to Live By:

"I am the Good Shepherd". John 10:11

Witness Talk at the East Ultreya

By: Bro Larry Demonteverde

I would like to share with you a glimpse of my life-long "metanonia" process (Greek word meaning – changing ones' mind, changing ones heart), a spiritual transformation.

An American executive was assigned to the Philippines as an "expatriate" by a US multinational company. He worked in Manila for more than 25 years. During his stay, he learned more and had a better understanding of the Filipino family and their social values. He truly loved his stay in the country and fully appreciated the warm hospitality and true friendliness of the Filipino people as a whole. Now retired in America and reminiscing his happy and unforgettable days in Manila, he wrote a "Love Letter to the Filipino People" wherein one section states, "while we enjoy so much material things here in America such as big houses, fancy cars, delicious food and so much comfort, we still feel empty, not happy. We complain a lot, not content and not very thankful for what we already have. My great admiration of Filipinos, on the other hand, with practically have nothing or very little of everything, with all the hardship and poverty around, hand-to-mouth existence and fight for survival each day, still Filipinos live life happy, always smiling and very appreciative of whatever blessings and opportunities the day brings". This observation is a reflection of the fact that Filipinos while lacking in material things, are very rich spiritually, with their total acceptance of "Sa Awa ng Diyos" (In God's Mercy) mindset.

In God's Mercy, I heard my Mother pray for guidance each time an important decision has to be made. My parents are not perfect but both of them seemed to have a very good understanding with "Sa Awa ng Diyos" everything is possible. With my Mom and Dad as our first teachers, I, together with my brothers and sisters copied and replicated their examples on how to handle life's challenges "Sa Awa ng Diyos". This mindset and acceptance of the belief that God has a Divine Plan for each of us is the key. God is knocking and we need to open the door and let God into our lives. Let God navigate, direct and guide our steps as we journey through our lives.

De colores!

Point to Ponder . . .

It's time to stop everything, pause a little, and consider God's invitation.

Verse to Live By:

"I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly". John 10:10

I AM A CURSILLISTA

By: Sis Elisa Urbano

I lived my cursillo on a Mother's day weekend in May, 1996 at the Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland, SF Cursillo No. 738, Decuria of Saint Therese.

My sponsor Sister Cynthia Bautista invited me to join the Cursillo for years. When I said "Yes", it was more like, no more calls! I did not know God was opening a new door for me.

I knew I was in the right place to rest my tired body and spirit on that three-day weekend. Early wake up calls, line in the bathroom, long hours, were all new to me. But God poured all His love and grace in return. The meals were superb. Everyone served with smiles. A den mother kept watch as I slept. The rollos made me look at myself closer. I began to ask questions. It was during these times that I felt God's real presence. Alone with Him in the

Blessed Sacrament, I was weighed down with guilt that my spirit reached out for forgiveness. The tears that flowed from my eyes cleansed my soul!

The world I returned to did not change. The transformation was in myself. I was kinder, peaceful and joyful. My husband wondered if I was served with my favorite food when I hugged and kissed him! My kids tightly embraced me having felt my overflowing love for them. My officemates and friends wondered what happened as they noticed the glow in my being. I answered: "I attended a Cursillo retreat."

My fourth-day was short-lived. God had a different plan for me. I was destined to serve God in the healing ministry and evangelization in the workplace. God blessed me with spiritual gifts to accomplish my tasks. Nothing was impossible when you walk with God.

In July, 2011, my husband died. My world collapsed. What was left was my faith in God. I asked Him to drive me for the rest of my journey.

I joined the St. Patrick team in 2012. God answered my questions. He brought me back to that Mother's day weekend in 1996 and I remembered my spiritual transformation. Like the legendary phoenix bird, I rose from my ashes of grief, loneliness, hopelessness and fear, to continue my flight. I will follow the Cursillo highway and journey on with my brothers and sisters in Christ.

De Colores!

Point to Ponder . . .

Right now you have an incredible opportunity to get to know Jesus better.

Verse to Live By:

"I came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice". John 18:38

My wondrous thoughts and feelings about the Gospels of the four Evangelists: Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

By: Sis Vee Gaspar

Have you ever come to think and feel that our Lord Jesus with all His love and sacrifices wants all of us for Him for all eternity?

The power of the Gospel is the tool, one of the ways to help us grow in spirituality, to be closer to our Lord Jesus by our bountiful, burning love for Him. Often I marvel at that thought and feeling. I feel so confident He loves us extremely for us to experience the heavenly bliss and happiness, which all of us should aspire and be hopeful for.

Every time I have an opportunity to hear the daily Gospel and Homily of our good and faithful priests, I come to know more and more deeply and intensely our Lord Jesus. It gives me the wisdom and the knowledge so I can learn to love and serve Him better. I hope and pray to obtain these to the fullest in my lifetime.
The gospels and homilies are strong words, so fiery, stabs that penetrate deep within me that I was reminded of a good and holy priest in the Philippines long time ago. He was delivering the seven last words and it affected him so much that he succumbed to death. It also affected me that up to now I can vividly remember that incident.

I hope and pray that every one of us will take the Gospels seriously, reflect, meditate and put into practice/action what we have heard and learned to increase our spirituality in life because our Lord Jesus, our Redeemer wants us all for Himself for all eternity.
And do not forget our mission to bring Christ to others.

God bless us all! De colores!

Point to Ponder . . .

Jesus is speaking directly to you in the Gospels.

Verse to Live By:

"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life".
John 14:6

PIETY in ACTION – An Inspiration to Many

By: Sis Precy Fiscus

I lived my Cursillo in September, 2015 at Camp Saint Francis in Aptos, California, Cursillo 91, Decuria of Saint Bernadette Soubirous.

Being involved in the FCC-Oakland is wonderful; I find myself aspiring to do good deeds.

Helping the needy is one of the long term goals of my well-being; extending humanitarian acts of kindness has always appeal to me.

The year 2011 was devastating to Dumaguete. A flood took away the lives of many, leaving folks homeless and bereaved. A few weeks after, came 2012, an earthquake hit Negros Oriental. Victims suffered from the calamity; losing loved ones is the hardest. My heart went out to all and I was motivated to do something good for them. This is when my ministry of outreach programs started.

In 2012, my 'penny' fund drive collected $2,000.00 which was used to buy consumable goods and distributed by volunteers and me to a thousand families who were flood and earthquake victims in Dumaguete and other towns of Negros Oriental. I was moved with the result of what happened that the lonely faces of the victims lingered in my mind while dozing off to sleep. Then I decided to continue the

mission every time I'm in the Philippines.

My 'dollar' fundraiser in 2013 was good; the drive raised $1,600.00 to defray the costs of Jollibee spaghetti and other nice treats for the orphans, abandoned children, flood victims and others within the towns of Negros.

On December 25, 2015, I was back in the Philippines to give presents to the needy, in the form of Jollibee fried chicken, rice, slippers, etc. This 'loose change' fund drive made $3,000.00.

Doing these are the most rewarding accomplishments in my life. I'm grateful for

the support of many. For this year of **Mercy**, Pope Francis quoted "Our faith in Christ, who became poor, and always close to the poor, is the basis of our concern…"

Jesus said …"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me".

With the Lord's guidance, I'll continue my ministry...

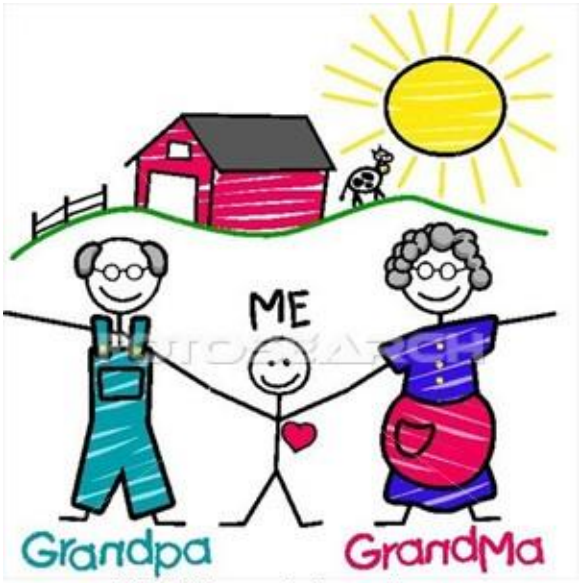
Point to Ponder . . .

The poor, the needy, the hungry, the lonely, the ignorant, and the afflicted are God's special friends.

Verse to Live By:

"Live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God". Micah 6:8

Calling All Grandparents . . .



Here is a chance for grandparents to share their stories on how they instill the Catholic faith and Christian values to the 3rd generation – their grandchild/ren.

If you are interested, kindly submit your article of 100-150 words, a picture of your grandchild/ren and your bust photo. Lastly, grant us permission to edit where necessary.

Deadline for article submission are as follows:

September 23rd, 2016 (Friday);
December 21st, 2016 (Wednesday);
March 24th, 2017 (Friday) and
June 23rd, 2017 (Friday).

Below are two short articles shared by our grandparent Cursillistas.

By: Sis Amer Ancheta

These are my grandkids. Leila-Mikki, Dylan Cruz, and Raven Brooke. I have started introducing our Lord Jesus by making the sign of the cross whenever we pass by our big wooden statue of Jesus by our stairway. Holding their right hand and helping them make the sign. This I started as a routine at an early age of 5 to 6-1/2 months old. Now Leila is almost 5years old and does the sign by herself and starts to pray a short prayer and saying I love you Jesus. This I taught them to say every day they are with me till it had become a habit. While Dylan and Raven would just utter amen at the end of the sign of the cross they got used to it, that whenever we pass by the statue they look at Jesus and motion to me to make the sign of the cross. I read religious booklets to them too with pictures showing Jesus, Mama Mary, and St. Joseph. At their tender age they are showing the understanding that Jesus is God and that He loves us. For now this is what I teach them. When they're about 6 years old I'll start telling them how Jesus sacrificed himself to save us all. I hope this will help others in teaching their grandkids. De colores!

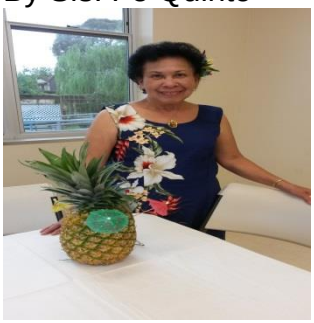
Point to Ponder . . .

Jesus wants to teach you how to live an incredible life.

Verse to Live By:

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house upon rock". Matthew 7:24

By Sis. Fe Quinto



Grandchildren are God's precious gifts! They are the loves and joys of our lives! I am blessed to have 7 grandchildren – 6 princes and 1 princess: From my daughter Jennifer: Tyler Jacob (13 years old), Patrick Charles (11), Daniel Elijah (7), Megan Arianna (3), Luke Juan (3 months). From my daughter Janet: Zachery Barrett (9) and Ethan John (7). As a grandma I spoil and pamper them with love. At the early age of nine months when they were beginning to be more curious of things around them, I introduced them to the statues on my altar – Baby Jesus, Mama Mary, Papa Joseph, some saints, and my guardian angels St. Rafael and St. Michael (the only 2 with wings).

They learned to do the Sign of the Cross, to put their hands together to pray with "I love you, thank you." They soon do the "mano" gesture as respect for the elders and after that it's alright to give a hug too. I read

stories from the Children Bible books. As the kids grew older and went to school, they are learning more of their Catholic faith. I bring them to church when their parents could not. They also see in me my spiritual life. My prayer is that my grandchildren will continue to know more, love, and accept God in their lives.

Point to Ponder . . .

God wants to raise you up.

Verse to Live By:

"As God's chosen ones, holy, and beloved, clothe yourself with compassion, humility, meekness and patience". Colossians 3:12

From The Editor's Desk

By: Bro. Vic Ramos

Fruit of the Spirit – A Review

By: Bro. Victor Ramos

(1) Love conquers all. Faith, Hope and Love, the greatest is Love.

(2) Joy – regardless of ones' situation, good or bad, you always exhibit joy. Happiness is only present during good times, when the situation is in one's favor.

Happiness – is a result of the person's circumstances (or happening). It is fleeting depending on the happening.

Joy – is a result of the Spirit's presence in someone, giving him/her inspiration. Joy becomes a part of the person because of the Holy Spirit. The more you allow yourself to live the life of Christ you start to allow your life to be controlled by the Holy Spirit and not by your flesh.

(3) Peace – when one learns to dismiss all distractions and think only of God in his heart, he will experience peace. God's Holy Spirit is in the midst of this peace you experience. The More undivided attention you focus on Him, the greater and deeper this peace will become. This "peace" surrounds Him. You will recognize His presence by this peace. The peace that only God can give is of the soul. Do not mistake so many others do. Relaxation of the body is not peace.

(4) Patience – involves long suffering in spite of so many hardships. Even if you suffer persecution, you still exhibit patience.

(5) Kindness – exhibits compassion. It means sympathizing with another person's problems.

(6) Goodness – basically you try to do what is right. Jesus Christ only is good.

(7) Faithfulness – being obedient to the commandments of God. To follow them is showing a good relationship with God. Faithful even unto death. The object of your faithfulness is God. If you are faithful to God, you will also remain faithful to your fellow Christians/believers.

(8) Gentleness – Jesus exhibits meekness in spite of His strength and power. It is controlled behavior. In spite of irritation, you inhibit anger (slow to anger).

(9) Self-Control – behavior is always normal. One avoids extremes. He follows Christian principles to the best of his ability, never deviates from Christian principles.

Quotes:

Seek ye first the Kingdom (peace of God with believers)

Be in good standing (already a believer)

Born Again – one is spiritually alive – regenerated.

Suffering from: Evans Dictionary of Theology

Why we suffer:

1. Persecution – 1 Thess 1:6
2. Imprisonment – Acts 20:23
3. Division (Mock or Contempt) – Heb 10:33
4. Poverty – 2 Cor 8:13
5. Sickness - Rev 2:22
6. Inner Distress & Sorrow - Phil 1:17 & 2 Cor 2:14

Why suffer?

1. It may be a means by which God disciplines his people for their unfaithfulness
   Deut 4:30; JN 16:30; Acts 14:22; Rev 1:9

   This serves and leads to moral purity and Godly character
   Rom 5:3-4

2. It's the inevitable consequence of the believer's presence in the world (man's fallen nature) as a way of life (expected)
   JN 16:33

Point to Ponder . . .

Generosity is incredibly attractive.

Verse to Live By:

"Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water". Proverbs 11:24-25

Housekeeping

(1) Mariposa Newsletter can also be viewed on the website. Access www.fccoakland.net and click on Mariposa.

(2) Bookmarking the FCC website is easy. a) In Google Chrome, after

entering the web address (#1 above), hover over the Star to the right of the address line. b) Press the left mouse button to open the Bookmark window. c) Confirm under **Name:** is the FCC web address. d) Under **Folder:** select Bookmarks bar. e) Click <Done>. f) To test, find the FCC bookmark under the address line. g) Or click on the right-pointing arrow located under the Star and click on the FCC bookmark. h) Clicking on the bookmark is easier than typing the web address.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Please pray for continuous healing and all those suffering from challenges to the body, mind and spirit. We pray to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Sis Perla Delemos
Bro Philip Delemos
Bro Frank Escuro
Sis Norma Escuro
Sis Ine de Guzman
Sis Myrla Raymundo
Bro Ray Raymundo

Point to Ponder . . .

Suffering transforms us in unimaginable ways.

Verse to Live By:

"We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character and character produces hope". Romans 5:3-4

Buried Hurt
By: Tim Pedrosa – former Mariposa Editor

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One day I dug a little hole
And put my hurt inside.
I thought that I could just forget
I'd put it there to hide.

But that little hurt began to grow.
I covered it every day.
I couldn't leave it and go on;
It seemed the price I had to pay.

My joy was gone, my heart was sad,
Pain was all I knew.
My wounded soul enveloped me;
Loving seem too hard to do.

One day, while standing by my hole,
I cried to God above,
And said, "If You are really there-
They say You're a God of love!"

And just like that He was right there,
And just put His arms around me.
He wiped my tears, His hurting child,
There was no safer place to be.

I told Him all about my hurt;
I opened up my heart.
He listened to each and every word,
To every sordid past.

I dug down deep and got my hurt;
I brushed the dirt away,
And placed it in the Master's hand,
And healing came that day.

He took the blackness of my soul
And set my sprit free.
Something beautiful began to grow.
Where the hurt used to be.

And when I look at what has grown
Out of my tears and pain,
I remember to give my hurts to Him
And never bury them again.
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It takes divine, supernatural grace to forgive and to let God heal us when we've been hurt. Our human tendencies to take things into our own hands make us want to punish the offending person, or to at least make them feel what they have done to us, if we have been hurt.

Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us," and without His help, we can't even pray that prayer. But God can give us the grace to not only forgive, but also to forget.

With His help we can let things go, drop them, truly leave them behind and never bring them up again. This is divine, supernatural, all-encompassing love the kind only Christ can give. He has it for us!

A grudge is a heavy thing to carry. Forgiving is not forgetting; it is letting go of the hurt.

My Story

By: Myrla Raymundo, MBA
former Mariposa Editor

There is an appointed time for everything.

The setting: A while back, a little quiet U. S. Navy Military Installation in the Philippines, with white sandy beaches and swaying palm trees, cool air bright sun. A little bouncing baby girl was given life by God and the proud parents shouted their joy and happiness to the world. That tiny baby came out to the world. That was a time to be born.

The mother and the father toiled so hard to plant good traits and envelope her with a very good Christian life. That was a time to plant seeds.

The hardworking mother died at an early age of a dreaded disease, cancer, leaving he young girl to take care of the other sisters and brother. She continued the unfinished work of the mother. That was a time to die, a time to weep, a time to mourn the loss of a loved one.

Then all of a sudden, the setting changed. It is now rows and rows of beautiful big houses, nice cars, vans, freeways, bounty, and different culture. It is America, The Beautiful. The young girl is no longer young. She is now a much matured woman, with a loving husband and two teenagers. This is a time to be away from the embraces of the woman's aging father, still back in the

Philippines. The father considered her a lost child – she's 10,000 miles away from home, and who knows if they will ever meet again. This is a time to cry.

This is also a time to love and devote her time to her own family. This is the time for the woman and her husband to repeat history; to toil hard to raise two boys raised in a different culture; to raise the boys into being good Christians. It's another culture. It's the two boys' own culture. And how can the parent cope with the boys' new life and the boys' new environment? They need a lot of hard prayers. Bad companies and drugs and porno books are all around them. These are times of love, times of hate, times of peace, times to be silent and times to speak.

The Cursillo Catholic Movement gave them the strength to journey through this tumultuous life. They made Christ the center of their lives. They tried to communicate with their kids. They treated their neighbors as they wanted them to be treated by them. They did all the things that God has appointed them to be busied about. They learned how to accept things they could not change. This is a time to fight a good battle.

And so, as the little bouncing baby girl's life, which God had breathed into her, goes on in this world, she will continue to live until the appointed time when God will get back that breath that He gave her, because there is an appointed time for everything.

That little bouncing baby girl is me.

Point to Ponder . . .

Every person is as important and valuable as the person you consider most important and valuable.

Verse to Live By:

"Give justice to the weak and the orphans; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy".
Psalm 82:3-4

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Point to Ponder . . .

Knowing *about* Jesus is not the same as *knowing* Jesus.

Verse to Live By:

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect".

Romans 12:2

VARIOUS PICTURED EVENTS

School of Leaders (SOL)

Annual Friendship Dinner-Dance

Point to Ponder . . .

Whenever you are tempted to judge someone, turn your attention to seeing that person as a child of God.

Verse to Live By:

"Who are you to judge your neighbor?"
James 4:12

Point to Ponder . . .

No matter what happens, God loves you.

Verse to Live By:

"Am I now seeking human approval or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ".

Galatians 1:10

Point to Ponder . . .

God wants to see your amazingness.

Verse to Live By:

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do, in fact, will do greater works than these".

John 14:12

Point to Ponder . . .

God wants to resurrect you in some specific way.

Verse to Live By:

"You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth . . . He is risen! He is not here.

Mark 16:6

Point to Ponder . . .

Jesus' teachings are astoundingly practical when we pause to reflect on them.

Verse to Live By:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". Psalm 119:105

Point to Ponder . . .

Learning to deny yourself will pay huge dividends in your life.

Verse to Live By:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control".

Galatians 5:22-23

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Mananita for the English Men's Cursillo at the Holy Redemeer Center in Oakland, CA

Mananita for Sis Myrla & Bro Rey Raymundo at their home in Union City, CA

Point to Ponder . . .

There is nothing like the joy that God wants to fill your heart with.

Verse to Live By:

"A joyful heart is good medicine".
Proverbs 17:22

Mananita for Sis Adoring De Guzman at a Senior Home in Antioch, CA

Point to Ponder. . .

God is always at my side to help me make the best decisions.

Verse to Live By:

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances".
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Point to Ponder. . .

Holiness is possible for you.

Verse to Live By:

God's will is for you to be holy".
1 Thessalonians 4:3

Point to Ponder . . .

Be open.

Verse to Live By:

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me". Psalm 51:10

Outreach at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Pittsburg, CA. Initiated by OMPH Group Reunion Team and supported by various group reunion teams

Point to Ponder . . .

Do not be afraid of what God is inviting you to right now.

Verse to Live By:

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion".
Philippians 1:6

Mananita for Sis Neriza Nieto, who is relocating residence to the State of Texas

Point to Ponder . . .

God has a better way of doing things.

Verse to Live By:

"The human mind may devise many plans, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established". Proverbs 19:21

Mananita for Sis Cora Pediglorio at her home in Dublin, CA

Point to Ponder . . .

Gratitude is a sure path to joy.

Verse to Live By:

"A joyful heart is life itself, and rejoicing lengthens one's life span.
Sirach 30;22

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Witness Talk of Sis Daisy Lopoz

ULTREYAS from April to July, 2016 held at Cathedral of Christ the Light Parish Hall and Queen of All Saints Parish Hall

Witness talk of Bro Ray Arquero

Point to Ponder . . .

Ask Jesus to help you get to the root of things in your life. Ask him to help you embrace the truth.

Verse to Live By:

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus". Philippians 1:5

Witness Talk of Sis Vangie Parilla

Witness Talk of Bro Larry Demonteverde

Point to Ponder . . .

The butterfly emerges from the cocoon; it is a beautiful transformation.

Verse to Live By:

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see everything has become new".
2 Corinthians 5:17

Witness Talk of Sis Venus Camocamo

At San Fernando Mission Cemetery
Mission Hills, CA

Visit at Rev. Fr. Jose Arong's Gravesite

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SAVE THE DATES

3rd & 4th Quarters of 2016 Only

POST CURSILLO

July 16	Joint Ultreya @ QAS
July 23	Picnic @ Cull Canyon Lake
Aug 4-7	National Cursillo Encounter @ Lewis Univ, Romeoville, IL
Aug 13	Joint Ultreya @ CCTL
Aug 20	Reg XI Grand Ultreya Host: FCC Los Angeles @ St. Bernardine of Sienna 6061 Valley Circle Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA
Sept 17	Joint Ultreya @ CCTL
Oct 15	Joint Ultreya @ CCTL
Oct 21-23	Region XI Encounter @ Fresno
Nov 05	Memorial Mass @ OLGC
Nov 19	Pre-Advent Retreat @ CCTL
Dec 03	Christmas Party/Ultreya @ St. Raymond Parish Hall

NOTE: Hours for Oakland Ultreya @ CCTL & the East Ultreya @ QAS are 6:00-9:00PM

SCHOOL OF LEADERS (SOL)

July 18	Evangelization thru Music
Aug 15	Time & Stress Management In Spiritual Perspective
Sept 19	Post-Cursillo Technical Talk "How to Keep the Spirit of Cursillo Alive"
Oct 17	On Pope Francis Evangelical
Nov 21	On Christian Leadership

Women's Cursillo # 93
The Moment is Today
September 1-4, 2016 @ Aptos, CA
Rectora: Sis Penny de Leon
Understudy: Sis Norma Acaba

April 23	Joint Orientation 10AM-4PM
May 14	Joint Commissioning 10AM-4PM
May 29	Formation # 3
June 12	Formation # 4
June 26	Formation # 5
July 17	Formation # 6
July 24	Formation # 7
July 31	Formation # 8
Aug 07	Penance & Healing 10AM-4PM

Note: Venue for all dates is at OLGC; regular formation starts at 12:30 to 4PM.

Men's Cursillo # 94
Thy Kingdom Come
October 6-9, 2016 @ Aptos, CA
Rector: Bro. Alex Caragay
Understudy: Bro. Vic Pediglorio

April 23	Joint Orientation @ OLGC 10AM-4PM
May 14	Joint Commissioning @ OLGC 10AM-4PM
May 28	Formation # 3
June 25	Formation # 4
July 10	Formation # 5
July 30	Formation # 6
Aug 06	Formation # 7
Aug 27	Formation # 8
Sept 10	Formation # 9
Sept 17	Penance & Healing @ OLGc 10AM-4PM

Note: Except where noted, venue for all formation dates is at Queen of All Saints Hall at 2391 Grant Street, Concord from 12:30 to 5PM.