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### ***Point to Ponder . . .***

Come to me, all who desire me, and be filled with my fruits. You will remember me as sweeter than honey, better than the honeycomb.

Sirach 24:19-20

### ***Reflection:***

May the life of Mary, who gave birth to God, be for all of you as instructive as if it were written down. Come to know yourselves in her and carry out the good works that you have neglected in the past.

St. Athanasius

### ***By the Grace of God***

#### ***Part 3 of 3***

By: Bro Elmer Serrano



God knocks at our hearts during times we are most unaware of. I'm not even sure of

what is going on when my time was up. What is the meaning of this? What have I done to deserve this? This lingered in me when my former Pastor at Transfiguration Parish pulled my arm and said "I need to talk to you after church".

My wife kiddingly whispered to me that Fr Crumlish saw me sleeping during his homily. Indeed, I dozed off during the homily. During this time, I have a condition call sleep apnea. As most of you may know this condition wakes you up several times through your sleeping hours unconsciously. You feel tired as you wake up the following morning and so dozing off every now and then becomes a natural occurrence. There are even times when I asked myself how I got home as I pull up my driveway.

So, I met with Fr Crumlish after mass as he was greeting parishioners on their way out of the building. Fr Crumlish asked me to serve as a Eucharistic Minister. Seeing my surprise he further said don't worry there will be training. Caught by surprise and the fact that he might have really caught me sleeping during his homily so, my proper political response was a yes.

God really works in mysterious ways. This grab on my arm by Fr Crumlish opened me up again to my Catholic faith. I may have more questions than answers, however, my active involvement provided some clues. Things were no longer status quo from this time on. As I walk in faith my life will never be the same as before.

We still go through life's struggles only this time we face them with open mind and heart. Though not enough in putting everything in God's hands, we still have to do our part to find the solutions we seek in our problems. We can't just sit idle and wait for miracles to happen.

Truly, a lot have changed in my life after that incident on a Saturday mass celebration years ago. Since then I have also been a lector. I attend bible study with my wife every Monday. Purie and I have also engaged ourselves in other Parish activities.

I may have intentionally or unintentionally veered myself away from the Love of God, as He continued to work mysteriously in getting me understand and feel His Love. God never got tired in steering me to the right path. Yes, I still have my doubts, I still have my questions but my Catholic faith is getting stronger . . . by the Grace of God . . .

<p><i>Point to Ponder . . .</i> She is the reflection of eternal light, the spotless mirror of the power of God, the image of his goodness. Wisdom 7:26</p> <p><i>Reflection:</i> Before her birth, the Prophets proclaimed the glory of Mary. They compared her to the sun. Indeed, the appearances of the Blessed Virgin can be compared to a beautiful ray of sunshine on a cloudy afternoon. St. John Vianney</p>
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**Welcome 2017 with Something New !  
By: Sis Daisy Lopez**



“When I retire, I’ll join the choir.”

This is the last line of my article featured in the Chevron Magazine in 1998. That was then, just right after my retirement. Through the years, there were repeated invitations from local choir members to join their choir. Among these is a standing invitation from Sis Flor and Sis Jovy. They have been very active in the Filipino Choir of St Francis of Assisi church in Concord, CA. Have you heard (over and over again?) that man proposes but God disposes? Indeed for the last eight years, I have always found a reason not to join the choir. Their practice times were in conflict with my other activities. Flor gradually gave up on her invitation although she would every now and then give me an “unfriendly look” when we talk about the choir.

Then in December, I watched a concert at EWTN and I was moved by the sacred songs, lauds and chants in Latin and in English. I started reading books on sacred music and I liked what I read. I turned my thoughts at the choir at the cathedral. All of a sudden, I wanted to learn and to be a part of the cathedral choir. I was interested to learn about sacred music of the church which complements the sacred liturgy.

Can I sing? I think I can. I believe it is one of the few special gifts that I can share with others. Can I read notes? I think I can. Can I sight read and sing the notes? I think I can. With these in mind, I decided to join the cathedral choir.

“I am going to join the Cathedral Choir.” I told my sons and a few close friends in early January 2017. They were surprised and recognized this is a huge commitment to drive to Oakland twice a week if not more often. This is a commitment of time and dedication to music.

Timidly, I approached the music director, Rudy Devos. Little did I know that he conducts audition before one is accepted into the group. I passed and I attended my first practice on the 19<sup>th</sup> of Jan. and sang with the choir at the ten o’clock mass of the third Sunday of ordinary time. Was it easy? No. The songs were not the common ones we sing in our local churches. After the two hour practice I realized I have work to do. At home, I studied the notes, played the organ and learned the songs, even the chants.

Where am I going? I have decided to move forward. This is a new territory for me. This is a new road for me to follow. Who knows what God has in store for those who follow His cues? After the first performance with the choir; I went home smiling and told myself: “Indeed, now that you have retired, you have joined a choir.” What better time to start a new activity but at the start of the New Year? Follow the cues, I always tell my friends with a smile. Deep within my heart, I know the spirit leads us to where He wants us to be. De Colores!

*Point to Ponder . . .*

Come and hear, all you who fear God, while I recount what has been done for me. I called to Him with my mouth; praise was upon my tongue.  
Psalm 66:16-17

*Reflection:*

Every day at Evening Prayer, the Church sings the "Magnificat" Mary's hymn of praise. This habitual remembrance of the Lord's Incarnation enkindles the hearts of the faithful and the frequent meditation of Mary's examples confirms them in virtue.

St. Bede the Venerable

**We Want to Pass It On**

**By: Sis. Carmen Revecho**



After two years of retirement from our jobs, my husband and I traveled and just relaxed. However, we can only be lackadaisical for sometime and then what? The empty nest syndrome hit us. Our children's visits and our socialization are there but not enough to fill in the time.

An opportunity presented itself when our daughter Nadine after seven years of marriage had Casey, a baby girl. She requested us to babysit for our granddaughter. Without any hesitation, my husband and I eagerly agreed. Two years later, my other daughter, Erica, had a little boy, Austin and in another two years, she had a little girl, Carlyn. In a very short

interval, we were taking care of three precious souls. At least my daughters could go to work with minds at ease that their children are safe under our care.

It was a loving "payback" to my children. I felt I did not do enough mothering while they were growing up because I was working full time. I didn't see their "firsts" in child development like when they started walking, talking, drinking from a cup, etc. Grand parenting to us was an awesome job! We will be raising our second generation with a blend of Fil-Am culture as their fathers are Americans. I want to state here that my grand parenting method might not be acceptable to others. But as in Frank Sinatra's song, "I did it my way" and by God's grace, it worked!

Children's minds are like sponges. They quickly pick up values that they learned from our actions. The tools I used were unconditional love tempered with limits, set rules, respect and looking after each other. I also recognized that they have their own personalities to be developed and allowed them to grow up with confidence and be self-reliant.

We gave them little chores according to age and capabilities to teach them responsibilities. I introduced them to Filipino folk songs, stories, games like "sungka", "piko" and the use of "Po" in addressing elders. I blended the good principles from both cultures.

As Cursillistas, our most important mission is evangelization starting with our family. In introducing faith, I am reminded of Colossians 4:3 "Be sure to pray that God will make a way for us to spread His messages and explain the mystery of Christ. 4:6 Be pleasant and hold their interest when you speak the message... and chose your words carefully." This was my guide for my grandchildren's spiritual awakening.

I told them that going to church is an important Christian duty -- to worship God. I try to answer their questions about God in simple words that they can understand. The first prayers I taught them are prayer before and after meals, car prayer before we drive off, and "Now I lay me down to sleep...".

We take them to participate in Cursillo activities during Halloween and Christmas parties and Ultreyas where they enjoyed fellowship with other children. Listening to me, they learned many Cursillo songs like "I got that Christian spirit", "Today", "De Colores". I take them to "mananitas" where they enjoyed singing with us. They witnessed the happy and enthusiastic spirit in expressing faith. We hope the seeds of faith with those happy memories were in their hearts and minds. Their faiths were further nourished by going to Catholic schools (El-Hi). They served in church ministries as altar servers, choir members and lectors. Three of my daughters are Cursillistas and involved in different ministries in their parishes. My grandchildren are used to my Sunday quizzes on what the gospel was all about.

I hope and pray to see our legacy is passed on.

*Point to Ponder . . .*  
Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Luke 2:19-20

*Reflection:*  
O faithful soul, imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary. Enter into the temple of your heart in order to be spiritually renewed and obtain forgiveness of your sins. Remember that God looks at the intentions behind our works rather than the work themselves. St. Lawrence Justinian

**From New Year's Resolutions to 2017 Reality**  
**By: Sis Precy Almendras Fiscus**



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

My 2017 resolutions are somewhat exceptionally different from the past. I tend to put things off; but this year, I want to really focus on making them into a reality.

Although I enjoy my busyness which make me feel fulfilled, as well as my constant involvement in the community, aside from working full time, I aim to accomplish the following:

To reduce the growing levels of stress which can manifest in ways that are damaging to my mental health – this can be achieved by doing Zumba, taking yoga classes, working out, going to fundraising events and socializing.

Driving and phoning simultaneously is not a sensible way to be safe. I once had a minor accident while getting into my curvy driveway.

Complete halt at a 'stop sign' and wait for the traffic to clear up – I had a close call with a motorcyclist when I did not wait for him to make the final turn.

Holy Communion – since I don't take intoxicating liquor, it has been a habit for me

to only receive the bread and not the wine for as long as I remember, but now I take both, the Holy Spirit has guided me to do so.

Crossing the street – although we have the right of way as pedestrians, we really have to make sure that there are no moving vehicles on the road; for 3 times, I almost got hit.

Rushing is not good at all – always give time allowance in doing daily activities to avoid vehicular and physical accidents – the latter actually happened to me, ouch - bruises here and there.

In light of making the above changes in my life, I can see the good enhancements that these resolutions have impacted my well-being, which I aspire to keep with God's grace.

*Point to Ponder . . .*

For you were slain and with your blood you purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation.

Revelation 5:9

*Reflection:*

God is the Father of the world's construction, and Mary is the Mother of its reconstruction. For God generated the One through Whom everything has been made. And Mary gave birth to the One through Whose work all things have been saved.

St. Anselm

***If You Work for Jesus . . .***

***By: Bro. Vic Pediglorio***



*"If you work for Jesus, Jesus will work for you!"* When I heard these words spoken by a beloved priest, I said to myself, that is a powerful statement. How am I going to serve our Lord? I don't know anything about being servant of the Lord? Well, God indeed works in very mysterious ways. Unexpectedly, he called me.

In February 1998, my wife, Sis. Cora, sponsored me to attend the Filipino Men's Cursillo at St. Anthony Claret in Clayton, CA. Little did I know that it was the beginning of my faith journey. I thought that being a good person, doing good deeds to others and going to church every Sunday, would be enough to be called a Christian. I was sadly mistaken. The Cursillo retreat transformed me, step by step, to becoming an effective Christian, with a purpose...to serve God, and to serve others. Over the years, I am striving to know more about God, and to really know Him well. To be truly immersed in God's teachings, I have to be a proactive Christian and a Cursillista. I became involved with our Cursillo activities: participating in Men's Weekend retreats, attending our monthly Ultreyas and School of Leaders.

When I was a Team Rep for the Chosen Flock Team for four years, I have diligently attended the Team Reps Meeting as well. I am always supportive of our fundraising, Friendship Dance, Advent retreats and out-

of-town Ultreyas, and others. I see to it that I practice my PSA. For Piety, I say the rosary every night, and once a week, my wife and I spend one hour before the Blessed Sacrament at the chapel of St. Raymond Church in Dublin. For my study, I read the bible daily and listen to Mother Miriam of Immaculate Heart Radio. For my Action, my wife and I visit our niece Liza, once a week at the hospital, to provide her our love and support. We pay respect to the deceased loved ones of our Cursillista sisters or brothers, when there is a Wake at the funeral homes. Twice a year, I join some of our FCC members for Mananita, serenading our sisters and brothers of the English Cursillo Community, at the Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland.

During the Rectorship of Bro. Vic Ramos, I was chosen as a Vice-Rector for Action, and under the Rectorship of Bro. Willie Villarente, I was the Vice-Rector for Study. Every year that there is a Discernment for the Rector position, without fail, I always attend.

In 2016, God called me to be the Understudy for Bro. Alex Caragay, Rector, of that year.

*Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

It is now 2017. Having been chosen as Rector of Men's Cursillo #96, I feel honored and humbled. "Here am I Lord, ready to serve you!" I know that as Rector of Men's Cursillo #96, I am given a huge task to lead my brother Cursillistas for a weekend retreat, from October 5th to 8th, 2017 at the Camp St. Francis in Aptos, CA. The feeling could be overwhelming. However, I know that I have to seek God's help. I need His guidance and wisdom. I cannot do it alone. My prayer is for God to send me brothers

from our Filipino Cursillo Community who are committed and dedicated to serve during the weekend retreat. Help me Lord to send us candidates for this weekend. Most of all Lord, I need the prayers of our FCC that our Cursillo #96 will be a spirit-filled weekend, enriching our spiritual lives, with the Blessed Assurance that when we all work for Jesus, He will work for all of us!" So here I am now, Lord, ready to work in your vineyard, along with your workers! De Colores!

*Point to Ponder . . .*

Lord . . . bless the house of your servant, that it may be in your presence forever – since it is you, Lord, who blessed it, it is blessed forever.

1 Chronicles 17:26-27

*Reflection:*

Without the consent of Mary, God would not become Man. The reason for this were first that we might feel under great obligation to her and second that we might realize that the salvation of all is left to her care.

St. Peter Damian

**A Milestone for St. Mary's Group Reunion Team: Celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary**

By: Anonymous



Formed in April, 1972 and originally known as the Alameda Group Reunion Team, St. Mary's came into a new

name in 1989.

The team is blessed to have two of their founders, both from Cursillo # 2, in the persons of Sis Julieta Pantonial, 84, and

their Team Representative, Sis Fe Quinto at its of 45<sup>th</sup> year anniversary last April 1<sup>st</sup> at



the Cathedral of Christ the Light Parish Hall. Attended by some 70+ Cursillistas and friends, who were entertained

with a program and sumptuous dinner by St Mary's team members. Rev. Fr. Alfonso Borgen, a Franciscan and the Parochial Vicar of Cathedral of Christ the Light also graced the event with his presence.

A welcome address by Sis Jo Ann Bell-Hollis, a blessing from the Spiritual Adviser, Dcn. Rey Encarnacion, a Cake Ceremony, a Song Presentation, a Guest Speaker in the person of Sis Christina Atienza, who is a Dominican Sister of San Rafael and a Cursillista member of St Mary's, a dance presentation and the dinner and dance for all completed the festive celebration. Their success and longevity is because of commitment to service, love and respect for each other and love of the Lord.

The Team along with their family and friends are actively participating as Lectors, ExtraOrdinary Ministers, Choir Members, Walk for Life, Walk for Hunger, St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room, Luncheon for the Filipino Seniors of Oakland, Support to Seminarians through Priesthood, Sponsors Feast Days of Filipino Saints Celebrations, Warm Hearts, ABS-CBN Bantay Bata and Sagip Kapamilya, Visits to the Sick, Nursing/Care Homes.

Their Team's relationship with each other and to everyone around them can be best explained by the song "Hosea" . . . "Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must

we to other's call". The team hopes to continue to carry on the very foundation of the Cursillos' dream and to be counted on to make a difference in their families, their communities and the Cursillo Movement as a whole.

Congratulations, St. Mary's Team. May our good Lord continue to bless you with good leadership and spiritually inclined and enthused members.

Below is the link to the pictures taken during the event. To open, use "Open Hyperlink".

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*Point to Ponder . . .*  
 Who is this that comes forth like the dawn,  
 beautiful as the white moon, pure as the blazing sun,  
 fearsome as celestial visions?  
 Song of Songs 6:10

*Reflection:*  
 Mary is exalted than the Patriarchs, greater than the Martyrs, more glorious than the Confessors, and purer than the Virgins. Therefore, she alone and without them can do what they can accomplish only in union with her.  
 St. Anselm

## **Sis Myrla Raymundo on Grieving**



**BRO. LIGFINIO (RAY) RAYMUNDO +**

As of now, if you ask me how I feel, I would say that there was no way to describe my feelings after my husband Ray's sudden death.

I am on my "Grieving" period right now. We know very well that grief does not last for a specific period of time. It may take weeks, months, or even years for us to fully heal. I lose a significant person in my life, so I would never be quite the same again. I am just hoping that eventually, I may find a new rhythm in my life. Nothing was the same without Ray. Not birthdays, not holidays, not my everyday routines. I was thinking of going back into my usual activities, so it would bring me back to myself.

I went back to manage the Union City Historical Museum, which I founded fifteen years ago, so I can meet and talk to a lot of people, I would go to different functions in the City, I would go to parties and get-togethers. But every night after all these, I would go to my bedroom and cry.

My husband Ray, after given six months to live by Dr. Arora from Kaiser and was sent on a Hospice, died only after three weeks.

My mind kept going back when Ray was still with me during his last days. At the last weeks, he would get up and complain of intense pain in his shoulders. He was diagnosed with lung cancer, stage four. I would give him his medicine and calm him down. I would give him something to eat,

but he would not eat. He passed away last November 18, 2016.

Everything I'd heard, everything I'd read, said that grief would ease with time. Now it is after four months, yet everyday something would set me off, and I'd find myself missing Ray. In our bedroom, I would pretend he was still there. I touched his pillow with his name Ray on it. I kissed his picture on the side table. I couldn't sleep through the night, alone in our big bed. I left his clothes and all his things where they were, as if he might need them again, I retreated to the living room, curled up on the couch, and prays hard, "Lord, please help me, why has this gotten harder, not easier?"

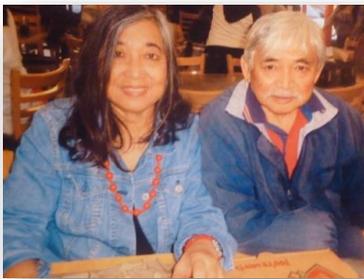
I know very well, the "firsts" will begin. Our wedding anniversary on February 9, 2017, would be our 59<sup>th</sup> year of marriage, my birthday without him, our Thanksgiving Day that time, I would cook a big turkey, "That's what our kids want since they were small," Ray would say. Our Christmas together was so happy; we would go on a Casino Trip after church and enjoyed our stay there so much, our New Years' Day was so happy eating together on a feast dinner that I prepared. All these reminded me so much of him that I had to look at his enlarged photo and started sobbing. My husband Ray had been so much a part of my life those years, but this time Ray was gone. I will celebrate without him.

Ray had been my teacher, my counselor and my dear friend. He counseled me on everything I had to pursue. He helped me in the founding of the Union City Historical Museum in Union City. On all my endeavors, he was there to support me. I became a City Commissioner, a County Commissioner, and all other prestigious positions that I occupied. He was very happy when I reach my goal. He was very proud of me.

Ray loved our sons Dante and Dennis; he guided them all the way through. They are now on their matured age and they became successful adults. He showered us with love, when he took us to a lot of trips in different parts of the country, and cruises in different areas, which we enjoyed immensely.

I will never forget my husband Ray. He was the Fire (Training) Chief in the U. S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, Co-Founder of the Union City Historical Museum, President and Director of various organizations. He studied Agriculture in the University of the Philippines and Foreign Service in the Far Eastern University in the Philippines.

I am still on my journey of grief and hopefully healing. I know very well that God will help me on this journey.



*Point to Ponder . . .*

She has spread her table. She has sent out her maidservants; she calls . . . : “Let whoever is naïve turn in here”.

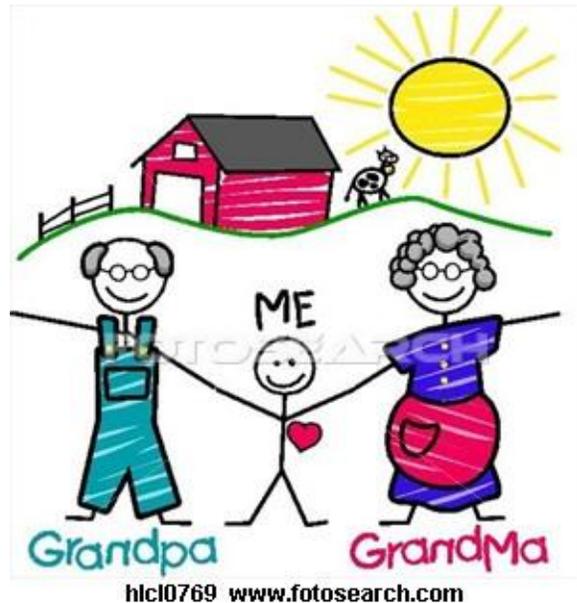
Proverb 9:2-4

*Reflection:*

Nowhere do we find Jesus nearer to us and more adapted to our weakness than in Mary, since it was for that reason that He came and dwelt in her. Everywhere else He is the Bread of the strong, the Bread of the Angels, but in Mary He is the Bread of children.

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 (Friday).

*Point to Ponder . . .*

Mary will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

*Reflection:*

By becoming the Mother of God, Mary was the means of the salvation of sinners. In the same way, sinners are saved by proclaiming her praises.

St. Anselm

## ***From The Editor's Desk***

By: Bro. Victor Ramos



### ***A Short History of the Cursillo Newsletter as shared by Sis Myrla Raymundo, former Editor***

The Filipino Cursillo Community of the Diocese of Oakland was started in 1972. The organizers were **Fr. Greg Vinuya, Benny Ruiz, Jose Calub and Larry Gapay**, who took their Cursillo in the Philippines. The Spiritual Directors that period were **Fr. Paul Nourie** and **Sister Felicia Sarati**.

The Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends are the most important events in the Filipino Cursillo. These are huge assemblies of Cursillistas. They attend the candlelight ceremony to greet candidates on the first night of their Cursillo Weekend. The same congregation of cursillistas join the early morning Mananita and the Clausura celebration.

Some of the other events in the Filipino Cursillo are School of Leaders, Cursillo Picnic and the Friendship Dinner-Dance. The Filipino Cursillo has different Teams in different areas.

The Secretariat and its three Committees, Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo Proper and Post Cursillo Committees guide all the different functions of the Cursillo.

The quarterly and special publications of the "Cursillo Newsletter" now known as the "Mariposa" keeps the community informed of significant events in the Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Oakland.

**Myrla Raymundo** was First Editor of the Newsletter for several years followed by **Carmen Revecho**, who renamed the newsletter as "Mariposa." Other Editors who followed were **Linda dela Cruz, Susie C. Santos, Rose Gamozo, Noe Tuazon, Tim Pedrosa, Mike Isidro, Alissa Bancil, Oscar Tolentino, Myrla Raymundo**. Present Editor is **Vic Ramos**.

The Mariposa is the "eyes and ears" of the Filipino Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Oakland and will continue to serve the Cursillo community. All the past and present issues of the Newsletter can be found on the website [www.fccoakland.net](http://www.fccoakland.net).

#### *Point to Ponder . . .*

A glad heart lights up the face, but an anguished heart breaks the spirit. The discerning heart seeks knowledge.

Proverbs 15:13-14

#### *Reflection:*

The most holy heart of Mary is the treasure of holiness, the furnace of Divine Love, the throne of all virtues, and the sanctuary of the Trinity. May that Heart be forever blessed and celebrated throughout the universe!

St. John Eudes

**Housekeeping**

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Figure 21 Joint Orientation at OLGC Cursillo # 95 & 96



Figure 20 Joint Orientation at OLGC Cursillo # 95 & 96

A surprise birthday and retirement bash for Dcn Rey Encarnacion by his beautiful, supportive wife, Sis Rose and their Tres Marias (3 daughters) on April 2, 2017 in Emeryville, CA



Fr Rey Reyes greeting the celebrant



Family, friends, priests, co-deacons, Cursillistas came to celebrate with Dcn Rey & his family.



The celebrant with friends



**SAVE THE DATES**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2017 Only**

**POST CURSILLO**

- 04/08 Joint Ultreya @ CCTL
- 05/13 FCC 45 Anniversary & Friendship Dinner-Dance
- 05/20 Joint Ultreya at QAS
- 06/10 Ultreya @ Santa Maria\*
- 06/17 Ultreya @ QAS

NOTE:  
 Oakland – 2121 Harrison Street, Parish Hall  
 Concord – Queen of All Saints Parish Hall  
 2390 Grant Street (near Almond St)

FCC 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Friendship Dinner-Dance will be held at:

Church of the Good Shepherd  
 3200 Harbor Street  
 Pittsburg, CA 94565

Ultreya on June 10 will be held at:  
 Santa Maria Catholic Church  
 Parish Hall  
 40 Santa Maria Way  
 Orinda, CA 94563

**SCHOOL OF LEADERS (SOL)**

- 04/17 Pre Cursillo Technical Talk  
By: Dcn Ben Agustin
- 05/15 Mother Mary  
By: Fr. Erick Villa
- 06/19 Topic TBD  
By: Fr. William Rosario

Venue: CCTL in Oakland at 6:30PM.

NOTE: Team Reps Meeting follows SOL.

**3-DAY COMMITTEE (or Cursillo Proper)**

**Formation Schedule for Women's Cursillo #95**

**Retreat Weekend: Aug 31 – Sept 3, 2017**

**Rectora: Sis Norma Acaba**  
**Understudy: Sis Edith Guevarra**  
**Theme: I Choose Christ**

- 04/01 Joint Orientation- Mens & Womens
- 04/22 Joint Commissioning- Mens & Womens
- 04/30 1st Formation Meeting
- 05/07 2nd Formation Meeting
- 06/04 3rd Formation Meeting
- 06/25 4th Formation Meeting
- 07/09 5th Formation Meeting
- 07/23 6th Formation Meeting
- 08/06 7th Formation Meeting
- 08/13 8th Formation Meeting
- 08/20 Healing and Penance

Orientation, Commissioning and Formation meeting will be held at:

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall  
 2500 Bermuda St.  
 San Leandro, CA 94577

**Formation Schedule for Men's  
Cursillo #96**

**Retreat Weekend: Oct 5 – 8, 2017**

**Rector: Bro Vic Pediglorio**

**Understudy: Bro Celso Perez**

**Theme: Blessed Assurance**

04/01	Joint Orientation
04/22	Joint Commissioning
06/11	1 <sup>st</sup> Formation Meeting
06/25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Formation Meeting
07/09	3 <sup>rd</sup> Formation Meeting
07/23	4 <sup>th</sup> Formation Meeting
08/13	5 <sup>th</sup> Formation Meeting
08/27	6 <sup>th</sup> Formation Meeting
09/10	7 <sup>th</sup> Formation Meeting
09/24	Healing & Penance/Mass

Orientation & Commissioning will be held at:  
Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall,  
2500 Bermuda Street, San Leandro,  
CA.

Formation Meetings will be held at:  
St. Raymond Parish, Kid's Club  
11555 Shannon Avenue, Dublin, CA.

Healing & Penance and Mass will be held  
at:  
St. Raymond Parish, Moran Hall  
11555 Shannon Avenue, Dublin, CA.

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Our apologies, this may be a bit late but it is  
a nice.

**USCCB Lenten Resources** – The U.S.  
Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)  
has produced a very useful Lenten calendar  
of links to daily reading and activities to  
deepen your spiritual journey from  
Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. You  
can see the calendar at this  
link: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/upload/lent-2017-calendar.pdf>.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Multi-Cultural Region XI Grand Ultreya  
August 18-19, 2017

Hosted by: FCC San Bernardino

Venue: National Orange Show –  
The Valencia at  
689 E Street, Gate 8  
San Bernardino, CA 92408

There's a \$25.00 ticket to the event.

