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Point to Ponder . . .

But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and . . . for those of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

Reflection:

In heaven Mary remains always in the presence of her Divine Son. There she is continually praying on behalf of sinners..

St. Bede the Venerable

On Life's Lessons

By: Sis Carmen Revecho



Cor. 1:4-5: "He comforts us when we are in trouble, so that we can share the same comfort with others. We share in the terrible sufferings of Christ, but also in the wonderful comfort He gives us."

I call certain stressing events that happened in my life as "trials". Undergoing these struggles made me realize that they were lessons we learn from and can be tools to relate with people who undergo them.

I was an eighth year old child when World War II started. Our house was burned to the ground, suffered hunger, fear, disease and hardships from an unstable life, evacuation from place to place for fear of Japanese atrocities. As children we learned to value food and anything useful such as clothing, furniture because we did not have replacements for them. Times were hard and I didn't know if we will live to see the end of the war. I grew up mindful of not wasting anything especially food. Then I came to the United States and by the grace of God everything was in abundance and I saw the food and things in our new world being thrown away even after they are gently used. My lesson during the war of "waste not, want not" made me a pack rat. But I got rid of that habit of hoarding when I went to the Philippines and saw how grateful the people there to receive my used things. Now I shared my "stuff" by mailing it in boxes. There was a time when I had experienced wearing hand me downs. Now I have the opportunity to make my stuff useful and be appreciated. For me, sharing became a way of returning God's favor to me.

My only son succumbed to drug addiction for which I have an intense intolerance and I thought that addicts were weak and desired gratification rather than think of it as a consequence of bad choices. When he came to the diagnosis of a hopeless end, I cried and blamed myself for not being a better parent. I prayed for a miracle but the answer by God was a "No". My son died

instantly in a car accident. Instead of seeing him suffer, God spared me of that grief. It was a terrible end but it was God's love and

mercy that spared a mother's feeling of agony -- an answer to my prayer was trust that God was there to comfort me. The presence of my Cursillo family who gave their love and support for our loss was God sent.

When I was diagnosed thru a routine mammogram with a growth in one of my breasts, I feared waiting for the result of the biopsy and the thought of the worse scenario that may happen to me next. I was an oncology nurse at that time and I witnessed the dread of patients when they were diagnosed, underwent the treatment, suffering from pain and consequences of the fatal disease, I cried as I prayed but my experience helped me to be more compassionate in listening to the patients' sentiments and helplessness with genuine concern. Again, God was there, my biopsy was negative.

So when we think of some misfortune that occurs in our lives as trials we should think of God as a father who teaches us a lesson from those experiences. From our endurance we become stronger and enable us to be more resilient. I begin to see life as a precious gift from God and is meant to be lived and enjoyed to the fullest.

Point to Ponder . . .

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed, we shall be like him.

1 John 3:2

Reflection:

Mary is the living "mold of God". It was in her that God was made a true man. It is also in her that human beings can be truly fashioned into God, insofar as that is possible for human nature, by the grace of Christ.

St. Louis Grignon de Monfort

Consider Misfortune as Opportunity

By: Bro Tim Pedrosa



If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade. Opportunity often comes disguised in the form of misfortune, or temporary defeat. Every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation, every possession, a duty. Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. -Thomas Edison

Sometimes opportunities float right past our nose. When we stick to what is good, what is true, what is honest and what is real; when we work hard, apply ourselves, and be ready, we can grab with confidence when opportunity comes.

However, sometimes we might be missing opportunities because we have been too quick to ask HOW instead of WHY. When we want something we never have, we have to do something we have never done. A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

The measure of a man is the way he bears up under misfortune. -Peter Nivio Zarlenga

I have learned that the game of life is a lot like football. We have to tackle our

problems, block our fears, and score our points when we get the opportunity. Every day is a new opportunity. We can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day. Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more, better.

Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is. -Bob Felle

I'm most proud and grateful of the blessings that God has bestowed upon me, in my life. He has given me the vision to truly see that we can be at a lowest point but we can rise; that we can fall down and can still get back up, learn from our mistakes and have the opportunity to strengthen and improve our lives for the better. I am very grateful.

Point to Ponder . . .

From the ends of the earth I call; my heart grows faint. Raise me up, set me on a rock, for you are my refuge. Psalm 61:3-4

Reflection:

If you wish to live supernaturally and holily, pray to the Mother of God. When you see yourself becoming lost in activity, make contact with our Immaculate Mother by frequent interior appeals. St Maximilian Kolbe

In God We Trust
By: Bro Jess Centeno



As men and women of faith, we subscribe and embrace the idea that we are all trekkers without plans or maps except with the all powerful divine plan. Wherever we are or whatever we do, it is up to us whether we are productive or disruptive for we can be full of pride, mistrust or jealousy. In times when we find ourselves wandering in the desert of life, do we take the easy way out only to find out that our choice is the bottomless pit of darkness or do we thank God that alas! He had manifested Himself to us and it will be just a matter of time when darkness turns to light? When that realization is at hand, we will be rewarded for our unwavering trust in God the Father, almighty. There is a cliché that you cannot force a man to remove his coat by making him feel colder but rather, make him feel very warm and the coat will be off in no time. The point is, dwelling on our misfortunes only causes self-pity, anger and solitude but if we accept God's will and turn a misfortune into an opportunity, the dark clouds enveloping our vision will disappear and smile comes to our lips. To the unbelievers, they will comment that is easy to say if you haven't experienced the death of a loved one, experienced a violence against your person or being evicted and

nowhere to go. But is there a harsher experience than being nailed on a cross, spat upon and crowned with thorns that causes pain every time you move? Jesus endured the ultimate in order to bring us the light of salvation. We should do the same and it will be easy to do if we put our unconditional trust in God our savior, guardian and benefactor. However, we should not conclude that we should just sit around and wait for the manna from heaven to fall for God never promised us a castle each but He did gift us the tools to use in realizing our dreams or goals such as wisdom and faith and whether we use them to build a castle or a stilt shack is still our call.

Point to Ponder . . .

Nothing unclean will enter it, nor any [one] who does abominable things or tells lies. Only those will enter whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:27

Reflection:

Those who enjoy the favor of Mary are recognized by the citizens of heaven. And those who bear her stamp, that is, those who have the grace to be her servants, are inscribed in the book of life.

St Bonaventure

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 29th, 2017 (Friday)
December 29th, 2017 (Friday).

Point to Ponder . . .

The righteous holds to his way, the one with clean hands increases in strength.
Job 17:9

Reflection:

My children, do you want to obtain perseverance? Then be devoted to our Blessed Lady!

St Philip Neri

From The Editor's Desk

By: Bro. Victor Ramos

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Excerpt from "The Firm Proposal", Encyclical of Pius X on Catholic Action

Here we wish to recall those numerous works of zeal for the good of the Church, society and individuals under the general name of "Catholic Action," which by the grace of God flourished throughout the world. You well know, Venerable Brethren, how dear they are to us and how frequently we long to see them strengthened and promoted.

The field of Catholic Action is extremely vast. In itself, it has not exclude anything, in any manner, direct or indirect, which pertains to the divine mission of the Church. Accordingly one can plainly see how necessary it is for everyone to cooperate in such an important work, not only for the sanctification of his own soul, but for the extension and increase of the Kingdom of God in individuals, families and society; each one working according to his energy for the good of his neighbor by the propagation of revealed truth, by the exercise of Christian virtues, by the exercise of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Such is the conduct worthy of God to which Saint Paul exhorts us, so as to please Him in all things, bringing forth fruits of good works and increasing in the knowledge of

God. "May you walk worthily of God and please Him in all things, bearing fruit in

every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.”

Over and above spiritual goods, however, there are many goods of the natural order which the Church has no direct mission, although they flow as a natural consequence from her divine mission. The light of Catholic revelation is of such a nature that it diffuses itself with the greatest brilliance on every science. The force of evangelical counsels is so powerful that it strengthens and firmly establishes the precepts of the natural laws. The fruitfulness of the doctrine taught by Jesus Christ is so limitless that providentially it sustains and promotes the material welfare of the individual, the family and society. The Church, even in preaching Jesus Christ crucified, “stumbling block and foolishness to the world,” has become the foremost leader and protector of civilization. She brought it wherever her apostles preached. She preserved the good elements of the ancient pagan civilization, disentangling from barbarism and advocating for a new civilization the peoples who flocked to her maternal blossom. She endowed every civilization, gradually, but with a certain and always a progressive step, with that excellent mark which is today universally preserved. The civilization of the world is Christian. The more completely Christian it is, the more true, more lasting and more productive and genuine fruit it is.

All these works sustained and promoted chiefly by lay Catholics, and whose form varies according to the needs of each country, constitute what is generally known by a distinctive and merely a very noble name: “Catholic Action”, or the “Action of Catholics.” At all times it came to the aid of the Church, and the Church has always

cherished and blessed such help, using it in many ways according to the exigencies of the age.

In order that this social action may continue and prosper by a necessary union of the various activities comprising it, Catholics above all must preserve a spirit of peace and harmony which can come only from a unity in understanding. On this point, there cannot exist the least shadow of a doubt, so clear and obvious are the teachings handed down by this Apostolic See. So brilliant is the light which most illustrious Catholics of every country have spread by their writings, so praiseworthy is the example of Catholics of other countries who because of this harmony and unity of understanding, in a short time have reaped an abundant harvest.

De colores.

Point to Powder . . .

She can do all things, and she renews everything while herself perduring. Passing into holy souls from age to age, she produces friends of God and prophets.

Wisom 7:27

Reflection:

We have recourse to Mary in prayer because she is by the side of God’s throne as Mediatrix of Divine Grace. Most acceptable to God by worthiness and by merit, Mary is more powerful than all the Angels and Saints in heaven.

Pope Leo XIII

Housekeeping

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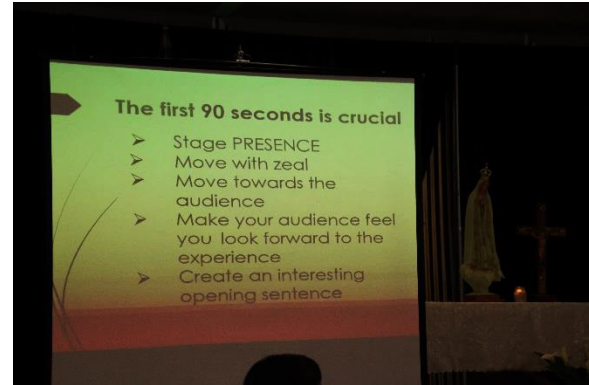
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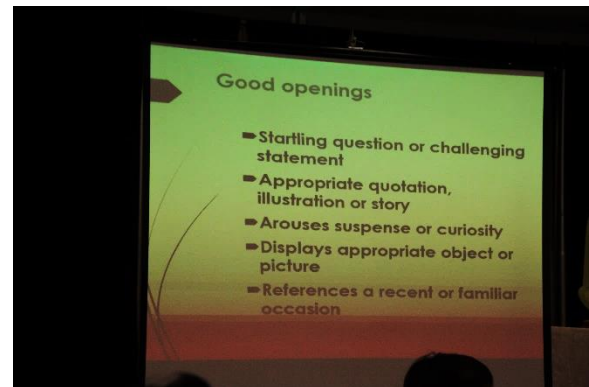
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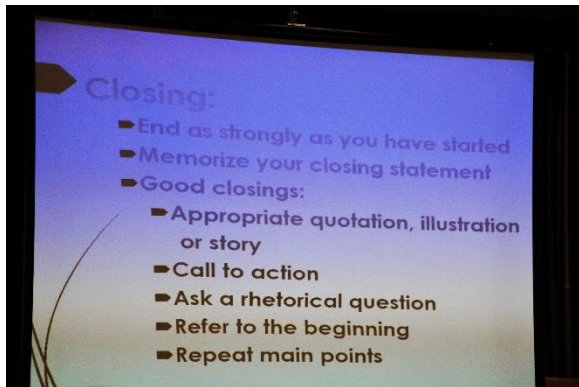






How to Prepare & Deliver a Rollo and Orientation of Men & Women Servers of Cursillo # 95 and 96 respectively









**45th FCC-Oakland Anniversary and
Friendship Dinner-Dance**

















SAVE THE DATES

3rd Quarter of 2017 Only

POST CURSILLO

07/08	Ultreya @ CCTL
07/15	Ultreya @ QAS
07/27-30	National Encounter @ TX
08/12	Joint Ultreya @ CCTL
08/19*	Grand Ultreya @ San Bernardino
09/09	Joint Ultreya & WC# 95 4 th Day @ CCTL
09/15-17	Regional Encounter @ Fresno

NOTE:

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

Multi-Cultural Region XI Grand Ultreya *

August 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.

Leave Bay Area on August 18th.

SAVE THE DATE

SCHOOL OF LEADERS (SOL)

07/17	Laudate Si – Dcn Noe
08/21	PCC Tech Talk – Sis Linda Buhay, Regional XI
09/18	TBD

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	Penance & Healing

Orientation, Commissioning and Formation meetings, from 12:00Noon to 5:00PM, 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 st Formation Meeting
07/09	2 nd Formation Meeting
07/16	3 rd Formation Meeting
07/23	4 th Formation Meeting
08/13	5 th Formation Meeting
08/20	6 th Formation Meeting
09/10	7 th Formation Meeting
09/17	Healing & Penance/Mass

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

Formation Meetings from 12:00Noon to 5:00PM, will be held at:

St. Raymond Parish, Kid's Club

11555 Shannon Avenue, Dublin, CA.

Healing & Penance and Mass, from **9:00AM to 3:00PM**, will be held at:

St. Raymond Parish, Moran Hall

11555 Shannon Avenue, Dublin, CA.

Point to Powder . . .

Remain in me, as I remain in you ... Whoever remains in me and I in him bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

John 15:4-5

Reflection:

It was the prerogative of Mary to conceive Christ in her womb. But it is the heritage of all the elect to bear Jesus in their hearts.

St Peter Damian