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### ***Message from the Outgoing Lay Director – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018***



It was indeed a joy-filled journey growing in faith with all of you dear brothers and sisters in our wonderful Cursillo Movement! It seems like it was just yesterday when you chose me as the new Lay Director of the Filipino Cursillo Community (FCC) in the Diocese of Oakland. And that was July 1, 2012! I cherished every moment of it, especially the friendship that I have developed with all of you. I am so grateful that our Loving Father gave me the opportunity to be your FCC's Lay Director from July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2018. I feel truly blessed!

Thanks to my loving wife, Sister Pat, who stood by my side and provided me all the support that I needed and for her understanding heart when there were out of town and late night meetings. I thank my Cursillo Friendship Group Reunion Team, The Antioch Team, for standing by me

and giving me all their love and support. To the wonderful members of the Secretariat (during my first term): Sis. Penny de Leon, Sis. Annie Villarente, Sis. Shiela Ulgado, Sis. Neriza Nieto, Sis. Norma Acaba, Sis. Edith Guevara, Sis. Kathrina Parungao, Sis. Myrla Raymundo, and Dcn. Steve Budnik; and (during my second term): Sis. Cora Tuason, Sis. Clarita Perez, Sis. Josie Herrera, Bro. Rey Dollete, Bro. Celso Perez, Sis. Celsa Taraya, Bro. Vic Ramos, Bro. Tim Pedrosa, and Dcn. Rey Encarnacion. There was overlap in some of the Secretariat members and also our Spiritual Advisers during those two terms. From the bottom of my heart, thank you all for your trust and confidence in me and for your kindness, support and most especially your friendship.

Thank you to all Team Reps who represented their respective teams between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2018. I know that you sacrificed your time being away from your families once a month to attend the Team Reps meeting and report back to your teams at your regular group reunion meetings. To all our brother Deacons who provided us with spiritual guidance and support through all the years, to all my dear brothers and sisters in the FCC who helped in different committees behind the scenes supporting our events such as mananitas, picnics, friendship dance, Christmas parties, retreats, outreach, AdHocs, ultreyas, trips outside of Diocesan events, etc... you know who you are....Thank you very much! I pray to the Lord (through the intercession of our dear Mama Mary) that may He grant you and your loved ones abundant good health, peace, love, and joy. May He bless and protect you always. *Taos puso akong nagpapasalamat sa inyong lahat!* I cannot thank you all enough.

As I pass on the leadership role to our next Lay Director, Sis. Cora Tuason, effective July 1, 2018, I humbly ask that you extend to her the

same (if not more) love and support that I received from you. Let us continue to focus on the foundational charism of the Cursillo rooted on friendship as we walk side by side on our spiritual journey. And as our motto aptly says, let us continue to "Make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ."

Let us thank our Good Lord for Sis. Cora for her dedication and commitment to be FCC's Lay Director in the coming years and to lift her up with our prayers.

Peace and blessings....De Colores!

Bro. Mario Camorongan  
Outgoing Lay Director  
7/1/2012 to 6/30/2018

***On Creativity and Self-Expression –  
Show Your True Color***

I learned that the real creator was my inner Self ... That desire to do something is God inside talking through us. *Michele Shea*

An original mind is rarely understood.

*Margaret Fuller*

Creative minds have always been known to survive any kind of bad training.

*Anna Freud*

Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun. *Mary Lou Cook*

Your passion is waiting for your courage to catch up. *Marilyn Greist*

From the book *Witty Words from Wise Women* by B.J. Gallagher

**From the Editor's Desk**  
**By: Bro Vic Ramos**



**A Message from Your Outgoing  
Mariposa Editor**

Just like most of us, we waited for the opportunity that the Lord would give us, to truly make a change in our lives and in the environment where we are situated.

In the last 12 years, I have served as Rollista, Team Representative, Vice Rector, Rector and the last one was as Mariposa Newsletter Editor. The Lord has given me the privilege of writing and sharing my knowledge to others. I was able to produce, with the help of my Editorial Team, the Mariposa Newsletters for three years.

The quarterly and special publication of the "Cursillo Newsletter" keeps the community informed of significant events in the Cursillo Environment and in the Diocese of Oakland. Myrla Raymundo was Editor of the "Cursillo Newsletter" for several years followed by Carmen Revecho, who renamed the newsletter as "Mariposa." Other Editors who followed were Rose Gamozo, Noe Tuason, Tim Pedrosa, Mike Isidro, Alissa Bancil, and Oscar Tolentino.

Now I feel that I contributed my share in the mission of Christ in His Church, by helping transform man first, by love and meaningful friendship and then transform the world one environment at a time from savage to

human then from human to divine. GOD HAS THE PLAN.

**On Inspiration – Food for Our Souls**

Where there is woman, there is magic.

*Ntozake Shange*

A woman at peace has stopped looking for someone to blame.

*Barbara Jenkins*

Character – the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life – is the source from which self-respect springs.

*Joan Didion*

Love is the great miracle cure. Loving ourselves works miracles in our lives.

*Louise L. Hay*

Life is what we make it; always has been, always will be.

*Grandma Moses*

Don't be afraid your life will end; be afraid it will never begin.

*Grace Hansen*

Without faith, nothing is possible. With faith nothing is impossible.

*Mary McLeod*

*Bathune*

Women hold up half the sky.

*Chinese Proverb*

Seek not good from without: Seek it within yourselves, or you will never find it.

*Bertha Von Suttner*

Always be a first-rate version of yourself,

instead of a second-rate version of somebody else.

*Judy Garland*

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.

*Indian Mother's Lullaby*

Since you are like no other being ever created since the beginning of time, you are incomparable.

*Brenda Ueland*

Remember: Impossible means I'M possible.

*SARK*

From the book *Witty Words from Wise Women* by B.J. Gallagher

**Housekeeping**

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Figure 1 The Mariposa Editorial Team

**Mariposa Editorial Team**

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**NOTE: Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the new composition of the Secretariat Members are as follows – see below:**

Secretariat Members	
Lay Director:	Cora Tuason
Secretary:	Celsa Taraya
Treasurer:	Celso Perez
Chairpersons:	
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Post Cursillo:	Clarita Perez
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Cursillo Proper:	Josie Herrera
Spiritual Advisor:	Dcn. Rey Encarnacion

***On Struggle and Disappointment – Indomitable Spirit***

Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong.

*Ella Fitzgerald*

Only through trial and suffering is the soul strengthened.

*Helen Keller*

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

*Dorothy Bernard*

It is better to be boldly decisive and risk being wrong than to agonize at length and be right too late.

*Marilyn Moats*

*Kennedy*

People are like stained-glass windows.

They sparkle and shine when the sun is out,

but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

*Elisabeth Kubler-Ross*

From the book *Witty Words from Wise Women* by B.J. Gallagher

**SAVE THE DATES**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2018 +**

**POST CURSILLO**

07/14 FCC Picnic Heather Farms  
 07/21 Joint Ultreya, CCTL 5:00PM  
 08/04 Regl Grand Ultreya in SF  
 08/11 Joint Ultreya, CCTL  
 08/16-19 Nat'l Encounter Seattle, WA

**SCHOOL OF LEADERS (SOL)**

07/16 Faith & Reason by Dcn Bobby Peregrino  
 Venue: CCTL in Oakland at 6:30PM.

NOTE: Team Reps Meeting follows SOL.

**NOTE VENUE LOCATIONS:**

CCTL - 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland  
 QAS – 2390 Grant St., Concord  
 Santa Maria – 40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda  
 St Raymond – 11555 Shannon Ave., Dublin  
 Heather Farms – Large Picnic Area –  
 N. San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek  
 Holy Redeemer Ctr – 8945 Golf Links Rd.,  
 Oakland

**CURSILLO PROPER (3-Day Weekend)**

**Women's Cursillo # 97**

**August 30 – September 2, 2018**

**Camp St. Francis, Aptos, CA**

Rectora: Sis Edith Guevarra

VTC Piety: Sis Nilda Flores

VTC Study: Sis Becky Custodio

VTC Action: Sis Edna Marr

Understudy: Sis Doris Sunga

Formation Schedule & Venue: CCTL Parish Hall 11:30AM-5:00PM:

June 2 First Formation  
 June 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Formation  
 June 30 3<sup>rd</sup> Formation  
 July 7 4<sup>th</sup> Formation  
 July 21 5<sup>th</sup> Formation  
 August 11 6<sup>th</sup> Formation  
 August 18 7<sup>th</sup> Formation  
 August 25 Penance & Healing  
**09:30 – 11:30 – Church**  
**11:30 – 5:00 – Parish Hall**

September 8 4<sup>th</sup> Day - 6:30-9:30  
 at CCTL Parish Hall

**Men's Cursillo # 98**  
**October 4 to 7, 2018**  
**Holy Redeemer Retreat Center, Oakland, CA**

Rector: Bro. Celso Perez  
 VTC Piety: Bro. Rodrigo "Bong" Solis  
 VTC Study: Bro. Oscar Herrera  
 VTC Action: Bro. Danny Palamos  
 Understudy: Bro. Ray Arquero

Formation Schedule & Venue: Sta. Maria Parish Conference Room 12:00 Noon – 5:00PM

June 03 Servant Core Grp Intro  
 June 24 Enlighten – Gen Overview  
 July 15 Encourage – Rollo Dry Run  
 July 22 Kneel – Rollo Dry Run  
 August 05 Rollo Dry Run/PSA Opening  
 August 19 PSA Friday & Saturday  
 September 9 PSA Sunday/Closing Chores  
 September 16 Penance & Healing \*  
 PSA Review/Check Loose Ends\*

October 13 4<sup>th</sup> Day – 6:30-9:30  
 at CCTL Parish Hall

***On Making A Difference – Women's Legacy to the World***

Women have got to make the world safe for men since men have made it so darned unsafe for women. *Lady Nancy Astor*  
 As world events reflect, we remain far from mastering the art of human relations. We have invented no technology that will guide us to the destinations that matter most.

After two world wars, the Holocaust, multiple genocides, and countless conflicts, we must ask how long it will be before we are able to rise above the national, racial, and gender distinctions that divide us, and embrace the common humanity that binds us. The answer depends not on the stars or some mysterious forces of history; it depends on the choices that you and I and all of us make. *Madeleine Albright*

I think the day of selfishness is over; the day of really working together has come, and we must learn to work together, all of us, regardless of race or creed or color. *Eleanor Roosevelt*

A small group of committed people can make a difference and change the world. *Margaret Mead*

You have not lived a perfect day ... unless you have done something for someone who will never be able to repay you. *Ruth Smeltzer*

Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth. *Shirley Chisholm*  
 One's life has value so long as one attributes value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, indignation and compassion. *Simone de Beauvoir*

From the book Witty Words from Wise Women by B.J. Gallagher

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***Below are the pictures from various  
Group Reunion Team (GRT) of the  
FCC-Oakland:***

***AGAPE GRT***



ANTIOCH GRT



**CHOSEN FLOCK GRT**



CORPUS CHRISTI GRT



DIVINE MERCY GRT



**FREMONT GRT**



HOLY SPIRIT GRT



**MOTHER TERESA OF KOLKATA  
(MTK) GRT**



**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL GRT  
(OLGC)**



**OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY GRT  
(OLHR)**



**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP  
GRT (OMPH)**



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA GRT (OLF)**



PILGRIMS GRT



ST. MARY GRT



**Happy Anniversary, Filipino Cursillo Community**

**Greetings from  
St. Patrick  
Cursillo  
Group  
Reunion Team**



**Brothers:**

*Robert Atendido, Cip Ayalin, Anthony Brosas, Rey Calub, Ernesto De Paz, Ramon Dimalanta - Rector #12, Benjamin Emmanuel, Rod Garcia, Noni Lara, Jose Lopez, Jun Lorenzo-Ali Team Rep., Frank Palomares, Carlos Paras, Cres Rivera, Gavin Robillard, Newall Shandelmier, William Tomajan, Jose Manuel Vega, Tony Vilavicencio, Vic Viray*

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<i>Rosa Atendido</i>	<i>Esperanza Khabanote</i>	<i>Ligaya Santos</i>
<i>Teresita Basbas</i>	<i>Alice Lara</i>	<i>Judith Snow - Treasurer</i>
<i>Edith Cahatol - Secretary</i>	<i>Jhenie Lauder</i>	<i>Linda Tan</i>
<i>Victoria Calub</i>	<i>Marcelina Lorenzo</i>	<i>Celsa Taraya - Team Leader/Team Rep.</i>
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<i>Rosalinda De Paz</i>	<i>Adoracion Nues</i>	<i>Divina Vergara</i>
<i>Araceli Dela Cruz</i>	<i>Annette Palomares</i>	<i>Shirley Viduya</i>
<i>Luz Dimalanta-Rectora # 19</i>	<i>Paulita Plamenco</i>	<i>Tessie Villavicencio</i>
<i>Wilma Espino</i>	<i>Letty Ramolete</i>	<i>Carlita Viray</i>
<i>Imelda Fajardo</i>	<i>Velma Reyes</i>	
<i>Wilma Ferrer</i>	<i>Imelda Rito</i>	

*"I am where I meant to be. Serving God, 45 years and counting." De Colores!*

TRANSFIGURATION GRT



**VERBUM DEI GRT**



Of the twenty (20) Filipino Cursillo Community (FCC) in the Diocese of Oakland, three (3) GRTs are not reflected here:

Our Lady of Manaoag (OLM)

Queen of All Saints (QAS)

St. Matthew

**POST CURSILLO COMMITTEE AT WORK**



***Between Us Girls – Wickedly Wonderful Women’s Wit***

I’m extraordinarily patient provided I get my own way in the end. *Margaret Thatcher*  
When I was crossing into Gaza, I was asked at the check point whether I was carrying any weapons. I replied: “Oh yes, my prayer books.” *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

***On Girlfriends – Woman to Woman, Heart to Heart***

Women best understand each other’s language. *St. Teresa of Avila*  
If we would build on a sure foundation in friendship, we must love friends for their sake rather than for our own. *Charlotte Bronte*

A friend is someone you can be alone with and have nothing to do and not be able to think of anything to say and be comfortable in the silence. *Sheryl Condie*  
In a friend you find a second self. *Isabelle Norton*

Do not save your loving speeches for your friends till they are dead. Do not write them on their tombstones; speak them rather now instead. *Anna Cummins*

From the book *Witty Words from Wise Women* by B.J. Gallagher

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

The three years went by so fast. At times, it was challenging, at times it was exhilarating. Along the way, I met and got to know brothers and sisters who generously shared their time and talent through the articles they wrote on various subject. But what I took from this experience was the indomitable spirit of a Cursillista, such warmth, such friendship, such love. I am blessed and thank God for each one of you who shared yourselves with us as well as the readers of the Mariposa Newsletter who continue to support and cooperate with the newsletter core. I pray that you will continue to support the next newsletter core through the leadership of the new Communications Administrator. I hope you enjoy the quotes, this being last issue under the editorship of Bro. Victor Ramos. On behalf of the Mariposa Editorial Team, thank you, gracias, merci beaucoup, grazie, danke sehr, arigato, do jeh, mahalo, maraming salamat.

God bless & guide us all.  
De colores!  
Sis Temi