



## Filipino Cursillo Community Diocese of Oakland



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### **EDITORIAL** by *Sis Celsa Taraya*

There's something about the rain that is so calming  
Tranquility hovers the earth  
It reminds us how great God is  
He is risen! A promise fulfilled! Alleluia!  
The breaking of dawn tells us, He is with us till the end  
of time.  
Jesus leaves us Faith, Hope and Love to forge our  
journey ahead.  
"Don't walk ahead of me, I may not follow  
Don't walk behind me, I may not lead you  
Walk beside me, step by step, and be my friend".  
Whether some methods become obsolete, whether  
new manifestations of the Spirit arise, the permanent  
task of the Cursillista\*, a layman will continue to be the  
infusion of Christianity into life, through the encounter  
and personal friendship with God and in communion  
with his brothers – Pope Paul the VI, Cursillos in  
Christianity, Pilgrim's Guide  
Jesus is alive. We eat His body and drink His blood in  
unity with God the Father, the Holy Spirit, our Blessed  
Mother Virgin Mary, all the Angels and Saints in the  
Holy Eucharist.  
Live and let live in His Grace.

De Colores

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## *Living the Living Charism of Cursillo*

***By: Deacon Steve Budnik***

During my 29 years as a Cursillista, the phrase Charism of Cursillo has intrigued, inspired, and sometimes been a source of frustration. In the past I have been frustrated upon hearing the phrase “Charism of Cursillo” spoken by well-intentioned Cursillo leaders who were unable to define it. In fact, I was a Cursillista for 15 years before I discovered a clear definition of the Charism of Cursillo. Before sharing that definition of the Charism of Cursillo, I will mention what keeps me inspired and intrigued by the Charism of Cursillo. The Charism of Cursillo can only be truly understood by living it. The Charism of Cursillo is itself living – as the action of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Cursillista, the Cursillo Community, and the Environment. I will say more about living the living Charism of Cursillo toward the end of this article.

So, what is the Charism of Cursillo? Let’s start with the word charism. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines charism as a specific gift or grace of the Holy Spirit which directly or indirectly benefits the Church, given in order to help a person live out the Christian life, or to serve the common good in building up the Church (799, 951). The Glossary of: Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement says that charism is a special grace, given by God that enables and motivates a person to serve in the renewal and building of the Church. Many movements of the Church, such as Cursillo, Charismatic Renewal, Couples for Christ, etc. share a common gift of the Holy Spirit given to build up the Church. That common gift, charism is the kerygmatic proclamation of the gospel, in other words: proclaiming the basic message of salvation by the witness of life. Though this charism is common among many movements, each of those movements also has their own unique charism, typically dealing with the approach to the kerygmatic proclamation and the sustaining of their communities. This charism that is unique to a particular movement is sometimes called the foundational charism because it is a special grace given to the founders of the movement.

In 2009 I discovered what I consider an excellent, understandable, and practical definition for the Charism of Cursillo. I found it in The Cursillo Movement - Study of the Charism OMCC Monthly Mailing -2008 -2009 Published by OMCC (Organismo Mundial De Cursillos De Christianidad).

Below is my summary of that definition: The Charism of Cursillo consists of three interconnected elements: Essence, Purpose, and Method.

Essence: The Cursillos in Christianity is the best news that God loves us in Christ communicated by the best means possible--friendship. It is directed to the best in each man or woman, that is, his or her very being as a person--with a capacity to be convinced, to make decisions, and to persevere.

**Purpose:** That the personal encounter with Christ reaches the most possible number of people, preferably, but not limited to, the far away. Using a concrete, well thought-out, studied and prayed upon plan, the Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, and Post-Cursillo use its strength and energy in an adequate and possible way (Group Reunion and Ultreya) so that those far away Christians and sometimes not yet Christians, whether because of lack of formation, misinformation, or no information, can be brought to the good news that God loves them in Christ. Note that the personal encounter with Christ is the focal point. The encounter with self is a means to encounter with Christ. The encounter with others is a consequence of the encounter with Christ.

**Method:** The three phases, Pre-Cursillo, Cursillo, and Post-Cursillo form one method. They are structured in such a way that the essence and purpose can be fulfilled. The Pre-Cursillo generates the Cursillo Weekend, and the Cursillo Weekend generates the Post-Cursillo. It is important to realize that this definition of the Charism of Cursillo is NOT the charism. Rather, the Charism of Cursillo can only be truly realized by living it. Imagine what it would be like for someone who had never lived a Cursillo Weekend or attended a Group Reunion or Ultreya to read this definition. That person would understand the words, but would have difficulty appreciating it as a gift of the Holy Spirit. Only we who have lived our Cursillo Weekend and have experienced the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives and our community through Group Reunion and Ultreya can begin to appreciate the gift of the Holy Spirit present in the Charism of Cursillo. The experience and appreciation grow as we continue living the living Charism of Cursillo. As we live the living Charism of Cursillo, we can look through the lens of our experiences and see the Holy Spirit animating this charism in the flow of the Rollo, Meditations, and Weekend Activities, thus creating the ideal Christian community among the Cursillistas gathered to serve the weekend. We see similar movements of the Holy Spirit in the Pre-Cursillo and Post-Cursillo as we share our lives in friendship with one another. As we see these movements of the Holy Spirit, there is a tendency to document them as “the way it should be”. We need to be discerning in that as there is a real danger of quenching the life of the Charism. Jesus Valls Flores in the forward to Eduardo Bonnín’s *My Spiritual Testament* put it this way: “The legality, recognition, acceptance of this legacy, the reception of it, is not a question of adopting principles but of embodying a natural apostolate”. It is such that he who acts in an ordinary way to the urgings of God’s love, identifies more with the Charism of Cursillo than he who knows and tenaciously argues over the rules governing the method. Seen in this way we can consider the rightful heir of Eduardo Bonnín’s *Spiritual Testimony* is who so ever expresses their enthusiastic ‘yes’ to the invitation of the model or pattern that the Cursillos propose, rather than whoever observes the theory imposing it by seniority with a longing for themselves.”

Brothers and Sisters may we continue to live the living Charism of Cursillo in its essence aligned with its purpose and following its method as a community moved and guided by the Holy Spirit.

# TRUST IN...

By Sis Vangie Dizon

Trust in God carries a lot especially for Catholics.

What do we know of Trust? It is defined as a noun: firm belief in reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something. It is a verb as well.

"In God we trust". We see and hear that phrase everywhere; on paper money, posters, decals on cars, T-shirts, magnets, canvas art and more.

In our life, we cannot really go on without believing that there is a God who we worship, pray, believe and trust.

When we were very young, our parents would take us to Church and learn religion served on a platter. No questions asked. Total obedience. We just live by it as taught. It had become a habit. We were told that it is a sin not to go to Church on Sundays. We trusted our parents that instead of doing it from the heart, it became an obligation.

Through the years in my life, so much had happened. Challenges came my way; fell in love, got married, gave birth to three boys, got divorced, and ended up raising young children as a young, single mother myself.

It was hard to accept and understand the ordeal suffered. I surrendered everything to God and trusted Him to guide me. Sometimes I wonder why God let this happen to my family.

I am a fighter. I don't like to lose, but if I did, I bounce back, rise from it, learn from it and do better.

I am a planner. I know exactly what to do, and why I do it in a detailed strategy. If I lose something in the process, perseverance in looking for it and not giving up easily will lead me to finding it.

That's how I survived; finding myself in the Glory of God with the help of family and friends.

Trust and believe in yourself.

I am the contractor who executes the plan. I design and map it out to make a path to my destiny.

A lot of people I hear and read about who struggled at first, but use those hardships and tribulations to motivate them to proceed and succeed. They become CEO's of their own companies. Their stories raise my confidence. If they could do it, I can do it too.

It is difficult to find Trust in the midst of adversity. Life sometimes is full of surprises. I have God on my side when that happens.

I will leave you with these:

- Don't think too much. Don't worry too much. Learn to communicate with kindness
- Don't look for the wrongs. If found, make them right. There's always a goodness in people.
- Be open to let them know what you want. It is okay to get hurt, disappointed but don't lose trust and respect.

Trust yourself, respect each other, and above all trust God.

# Poet in Our Midst

## Rejoice! The Lord is Risen

(Easter Vigil reflections)

By: Sis Daisy Lopez

*"And So it happened."*

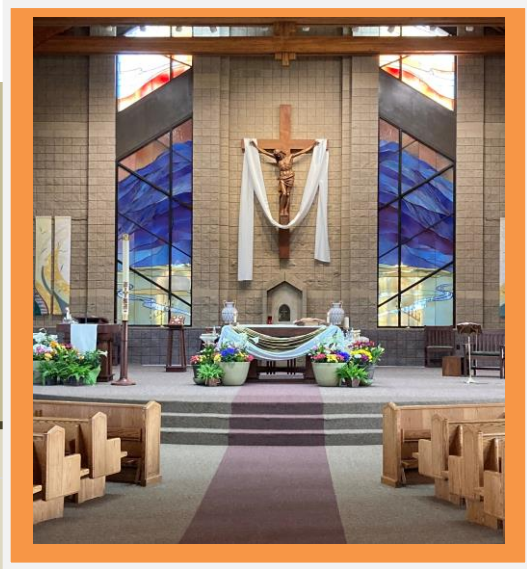
A powerful line from Genesis  
From the Easter Vigil's readings.

*"And So it happened"* it's written  
Jesus, His Father's will, fulfilling  
From age to age, ever remaining  
The redeemer; merciful and forgiving.

*"And so it happened"*, that powerful line  
Genesis repeats; after each creation day's end.  
Echoing a message to humankind that only  
When God allows it; can events do happen?

*And So it happened.* The Crucified Lord is risen.  
With faith, His message we are embracing.  
"Love one another." Loving and forgiving  
Only then can we echo: *And So it happened.*

Rejoice, The Lord is risen.  
Happy Easter to you all.





# Ultreya Report...

**April 2023 Ultreya** was hosted by **Our Lady of Good Counsel Team**.

The witness speaker was Sis Nenette Villafuerte



*Our Lady of Good Counsel Team  
San Leandro, CA*

**May 2023 Ultreya** was hosted by the **St. Patrick Team**. The witness speaker is none other than our FCC Secretary and member of St. Patrick Team Sis Celsa Taraya. We also celebrate the **May birthdays** and honored all the mothers for **Mother's day**.



**St Patrick Team**



**May Birthday Celebrants**



**Happy Mother's Day**

**Agape Team** hosted the **June 2023 Ultreya**. Sis Gie Picardo-Columna was the witness speaker. June Birthdays were celebrated and the Ultreya was made special as we recognized the outgoing Secretariat Members (Sis. Clarita, Sis Celsa and Sis Josie) and welcomed the new ones (Sis Marie and Sis Corrie).



Thank you Sis Josie (Pre Cursillo Chair) and Sis Clarita (Post Cursillo Chair) for the many years of service! (Not in picture, Sis Celsa out going Secretary)



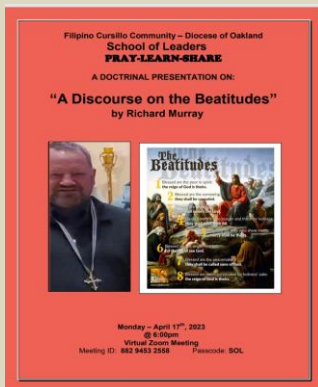


# The Cursillo School of Leaders

## SOL PRESENTATIONS for April, May and June 2023

By Sis Gid Eugenio

In months of April and June, our SOL doctrinal presentation is on “A Discourse on the Beatitudes – Part 1 and 2” (the blessings listed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount) by **Richard Murray**. Richard did a wonderful job explaining to us the wisdom



of The Beatitudes – teaching us how to put on a “new mind” (metanoia) to attain true happiness and holiness. In his talk, he stated the contrast between how God of the Old Testament gave his commandments on a

mountain of smoke, thunder, clouds – a mountain where no people or animals can approach or touch when He gave his Great Torah through Moses down to His people, versus Jesus of the New Testament who sits down gently on a mountain or a plain to give His sermon, the Beatitudes, his Torah of Love to His people with human connection and friendliness.

Best of all, Richard clarified that the 8 keys of the Beatitudes are interconnected like a ladder or doors within a mansion to unlock the mysteries of inner Truth – the road to holiness and the happiness of communing with the God of Love and His creation!

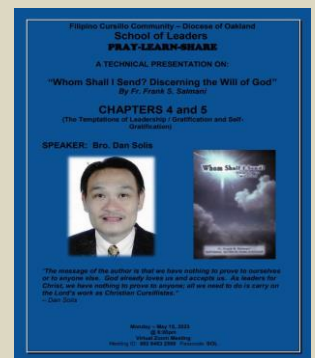
Sometimes it is easy to forget the most basic and simple truths of what we are called to “be” as Christian Cursillistas without continually discerning the will of God in our lives.

The book “Whom Shall I Send? Discerning The Will of God” by Fr. Frank Salmani is a powerful tool to guide us as Cursillo servant leaders. Last month (May), our SOL Technical talk was on the said book on Chapter 4: Temptations of Leadership and Chapter 5: Gratification and Self-Gratification - presented by bro. **Dan Solis** of Transfiguration and OLGC Teams. Bro. Dan gave an inspiring witness

of a test of his integrity at work even at the point of losing it to stand for the truth. We learned from “Temptations of Leadership” that the real leader is the one who sees the needs of others, does what is right and is not concerned with popularity or personal success.

In Chapter 5: Gratification and Self-Gratification, we learned that the true apostle finds the work of Christ gratifying, whether or not it is always satisfying. Self-gratification is about control; gratification is about authentic love. When we only seek gratification, we will accept failures more easily and place successes in their proper context. As leaders for Christ, we have nothing to prove to anyone; all we need to do is carry on the Lord’s work. Thank you, bro. Dan, for a wonderful presentation of the SOL Technical Talk for the month of May!

Please note that all the SOL presentations are captured in video and are available at the FCC website.





# THREE DAY CURSILLO

By: Sis Liza Urbano

## A LOVE LETTER

DAD, MOM AND J.R. URBANO  
262 Emerald Way  
Hercules, CA 94547

To our dearest Mayette:

Congratulations kiddo! Your Dad, your favorite brother, J.R. and of course your Mom (that's me) are so happy and proud of your choice to spend this special time with the Lord! Praise the Lord!

We are sure that these two precious days will be spent not only with friends, new and old alike, but most especially with just yourself and Him..... away from the soap opera, HBO comedy show on TV, rock music over the radio, from the weekend boring home chores, like laundry and cleaning the bathroom, from J.R.'s company and your Mom's "do this/do that" episodes, your Dad's "How are you Mayette" routine, and away from the phone ringing which I'm so sure are music to your ears. We could bet you that on this short weekend, the quality time you will have is worth trading with all these things you always have. It is a very rare moment to be just yourself in communion with God. We really wish everybody could have the same opportunity and choice you did, and find time to break away from the day-to-day routine.

As we let you go to a strange place to spend two whole days with people we hardly know, our fears and concern for your safety will always be in our hearts. Parents call it **LOVE**, children may perhaps call it **RESTRICTION**. Only a parent, who you will become someday, will ever understand this **strange feeling**. This will always be felt when you and J.R. get out of our sight to go to school, to attend a party, to drive to school and back, to drive friends home in your eagerness to help, even a call to our office from home telling us you are not feeling well. This **strange feeling** is always there in our hearts. We are confident though that you can take good care of yourself now and always. We are also confident and proud that you can take care of your brother for us when we are not around.

Your Dad and I are very much aware that perhaps we have a lot of **"DON'Ts"** in our house than the **"DOs"**. You may perhaps feel so restricted. We were kids once before, our parents did not let us have everything we asked, and we know how it feels to be denied what we want most. All we could think of then was **"IT IS NOT FAIR"!!!** But as you grow older and wiser, and perhaps have kids of your own someday, you will probably come to realize the deeper meaning of all these; the genuine love any parent could give to a child's healthy upbringing. You know Mayette, I am perhaps a mirror image of your Lola Mang. During my formative years, she was the disciplinarian in the family; very strict, taught all five of us all the home chores, except your Tita Be who was very sickly. She gave each one of us a permanent share in the chores. She was so tight with money too because money was not always in the family purse. Sounds familiar? Now that I am a parent myself, looking back at my childhood and the things my mother taught me, despite so many

denials, I will be forever grateful to your Lola Mang for teaching me all she knew, even perhaps nagging. Too bad, we only have you and J.R. You are our first born. You and J.R. could have at least one more brother and a sister to share the chores. You and J.R. are the most precious gifts the Lord blessed your Dad and me.

As we look back over the years, we feel so humbled by the blessing the Good Lord showered us. He is always there for us. During these two days, I hope you could meditate and really feel that special bond with the Lord. Open your heart to Him. Tell Him all your cares, your problems, your dreams, your hopes! You will be surprised to find a willing and eager ear who listens. You hope we could be like Him who listens not only to nice words but also to unpleasant ones. We listen even if we seem not to. We always love and care for you even if we seldom show these feelings, most especially me, your Mom. Just open up and communicate with us.

Your Dad and I just hope that you concentrate all your time and effort in your studies. For you and J.R. to finish college will be the culmination of our hopes and dreams. If God wills it, we will always be there to help you out because we care so much. But if we are unable to do it for whatever reason, we wish you could at least make it come true for us. Thank you for doing the best you can.

We do not mean for you to use up all your Kleenex tissues. You need them for your allergy attacks (Ah-Choo!). So cheer up and remember, we all love you and so does the Lord. We hope your weekend will be a happy, memorable and refreshing one. Don't worry, J.R. will take care of your phone calls. Dad will do the laundry. Mom will postpone cleaning the house until next week! Ha, Ha, Ha! Come home soon.

With all our love and kisses,

DAD (Fernando)

MOM (Liza)

J.R. (Joseph Ryan)

P.S. Melissa "Mayette" Urbano, 17 yrs. old, lived her Junior Cursillo No. 78, two-day weekend in Vallejo, California on March 26-27, 1990.



# PRE CURSILLO

## What I learned from the Sponsors Workshop

By: Bro Ananda

Sometime last year, I was asked by Sis Celsa how my experience was from the first workshop attended. It took me awhile to gather my thoughts, but here's what I came up with.

As a sponsor for the Weekend, someone had said yes to you to be candidate(s). Do not be afraid to ask questions if they have undergone a Cursillo Christian formation or movement before with a big smile. Invite them to the group reunion. Do not be disappointed if they don't.

Continue inviting them. You don't want to lose that yes in the process.

Continue inviting friends and relatives for the Weekend. Call to follow-up. If they ask what and why, give them the tri-fold brochure of Cursillo, and tell them "Come you and will see" (John 1:39). The feeling of the Cursillo experience can't be explained in words. The Weekend is the place for that. In there, they will experience love of God.

Do not be discouraged. Cursillo can be a treasure found. Be like the persistent widow in the parable (Lk 18:1) Pray always without becoming weary. Invite people who are dedicated and faithful to the Church and Jesus, not for numbers. Bring people to Christ.

Be proactive and don't be afraid to follow-up. Start a friendship that way.

Be a witness to others. Share the joy of the Weekend with them.

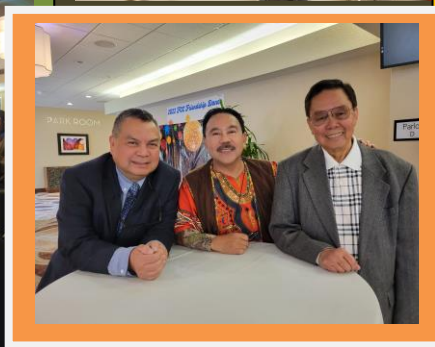
I am looking forward to the next Sponsors Workshop in July 2023.

De Colores! Let's keep the flame alive.



# 2023 FRIENDSHIP DANCE

The **Friendship dance 2023** was hosted by **Our Lady of Fatima** and **Verbum Dei** teams. It was held at Hilton Concord on May 6, 2023.





# The Chronicles of Joy

St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica  
Beaumont, TX



Sis Joy Inocencio

Our Lady of Holy  
Rosary

On our way to Houston, Texas approximately 288 miles from New Orleans, I mapped out a church, located in between the distances; it seemed like in no time, we were at the foot of Jefferson and Wall Streets. This is the home of St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. The beautiful 116-year-old church was well built with red bricks!

The main entrance of the church was locked; but cars were parked at the side of the building, so I knew people were around. I walked around the church and found the rectory's office. A few people inside were waiting ahead of me. The secretary by the name of Dee wanted to accommodate everyone. She opened the church to me and Jeff and handed me the key to take a self-tour and made sure the church was locked after we left. And WOW! What a sight to see! Nonetheless, Dee was able to give me a brief historical background, and how very protective they are because relics were stolen in the past.

It was wonderful to see statues of saints, the most intricate artwork, and how pristinely well kept the relics were. There go my goose bumps. The feeling was overwhelming with joy! Dee was a rock star. She converted from a protestant to Catholic because of her boss, the Pastor of the church. She was baptized in 2006.

I mentioned to Dee, that I am a Cursillista and said, "She's heard of it". I bought two (2) children's books titled "My First Bible" from the office. It just goes to show, with a little personal touch and appreciation from people you meet, makes it such a lasting and lifetime impression! When I was asked about the experience of exploring churches around, this is one of my top on the list!

I know at least two women converted to become catholic. Julie, a family friend, adored and had a great relationship with her mother-in-law before her passing. She converted from being a protestant to a Catholic. The other was of course Dee who I just met. And actor John Wayne wanted to convert to Christianity on his death bed!

We all come from different walks of life, but the one thing for sure is, we are "Children of God". And with God's existence in us, the world will be full of Love!

Here are some facts about St. Anthony's Church:



Slogan:

"A CARING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CELEBRATING & SACRIFICIALLY SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH ALL PEOPLES THROUGH SPIRITUALITY, SCRIPTURE, SACRAMENT, STEWARDSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE.

Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica in Beaumont, Texas, is the cathedral of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Beaumont. The cathedral was raised to the status of a minor basilica in 2006.

Address : 700 Jefferson St, Beaumont, TX 77701

Founded : 1907

Phone : (409) 833-6433

Parent organization : United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Bishop(s) : Most Rev. David Touns

# Words to Live By

**80% of Success is showing up. -Woody**

**It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it – Lena Horne, singer and actress**

**Someone I loved once gave me a box full of darkness. It took me years to understand that this too, was a gift – Mary Oliver, poet**

**You are allowed to feel messed up inside and out. It doesn't mean you're defective – it just means you're human – David Mitchell, comedian and writer**

**There you go...let it all slide out. Unhappiness can't stick in a person's soul when it's slick with tears – Sharon Hale,**

**Fear is not because you are inadequate. It is because you can do beyond -Unknown**

**You can't keep the birds of sadness from flying over your head, but you can keep them from nesting in your hair – Sharon Creech, author**

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**Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul – and sings the tunes without words – and never stops at all. -Emily Dickinson**

# Spiritual Advisor Message

Good evening, Sisters and Brothers. Peace be with you.

I wish I were present with you in this meeting. Last Sunday's Readings and homily reminded me of our Cursillo Community. I thought about our Cursillista leaders as the Good Shepherd leading our fellow Cursillistas on this earth's pilgrimage. And more so for our elected and appointed leaders.

At this juncture of our Cursillo life, particularly in how we best prepare ourselves to implement the "Step by Step Rector's Guide in the Three Day Cursillo," one method recommended is to use our proven and familiar Cursillo method of Piety, Study and Apostolic Action to witness and prepare us for the Three Day Cursillo. (The following are excerpts from Cursillo documents):

1. Piety: During your prayer time, at home or Eucharistic Adoration or wherever you are, take the Step by Step Rector's Guide and Appendices and ask Almighty God for enlightenment. Especially take the sections you do not readily understand. Read them slowly and pray over them. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and reveal to you the method and purpose of the particular areas you have questions about. As the Rector's Guide points out, we should be leaders who go to the Lord. If we are not making regular visits to the Lord, let us all think about growing in that area.
2. Study: The Secretariat and the School of Leaders are the Cursillo structures that provide the best way to discuss and learn together. Prepare a section of the Step by Step Rector's Guide or Appendices for discussion and listen to everyone's views and inputs. Especially focus on sections your fellow leaders and friends have questions about. Feel free to develop follow-up questions and do not hesitate to contact any Committee member for follow-up answers. The Step by Step Committee is available to serve you well beyond the introductory workshop presentations. We have recommended other books to study also such as My Spiritual Testament, Structure of Ideas, An Apprentice Christian, Signs of Hope, and Eduardo Bonnin Aguiló - 100 years Biography and Mentality. These books and others that Eduardo offered us over the years, give us a unique insight into the depth of the Holy Spirit. The writings from the World Congress explain to us that this unique insight is what a founder offers a movement to keep us faithful to its Foundational Charism. When we study together, let us always keep in mind that we do not have total understanding. But we should know that Eduardo was so mindful to give an explanation for everything. As we study the Structure of Ideas, many leaders have been amazed to discover pages where Eduardo listed where he got everything for the Cursillo. He did this to keep Cursillo both Catholic and Apostolic. Eduardo lists the works of the Saints and Doctors of the Church as well as many theologians. He states the references are too many to list in the book, but he kept all those references catalogued in his office. Why are we amazed at this discovery? Because the more we study Eduardo's work, the more we discover the Gospel. Jesus said, "I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have

Heard from my Father. “(John 15:12-15) Imagine this? Jesus gave an explanation for everything for everything. So did Eduardo. This is how we know we are servants and not trying to be masters, when we give explanations for what we believe in. Are we able to give explanation for what we ask others to do in the Cursillo? How wonderful that Eduardo did. This is how we know we can follow him as a leader that will lead us to Christ and to the Church. So, let us study this way. Shall we?

3. Apostolic Action: As we know, our Apostolic Action must begin with our personal Piety plus our personal Study and discussion with others. This is how Eduardo Bonnín explained the Cursillo concepts consistently over the years – discussion with a group of friends. With solid Piety and Study legs of the Tripod we will develop our conviction to be fully prepared for our Apostolic Action. Be that leader for your diocese to begin and continue the discussion about implementing the Step by Step. Be willing to support others to understand the “why” of each element of the Three Day Cursillo. Follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit and step up to contact others in your Region or our Committee to seek further guidance and explanation. Remember, Christ is counting on you!

On another document, “Cursillos in Christianity - The How and the Why” by Eduardo Bonnín, published in 1981, Eduardo introduces: “Eleven years after the first Cursillo, its efficacy has been verified a hundred times over. Now, it is possible and even necessary to single out and define by the light of objective analysis the essence and characteristics, the how and why; of the Cursillos in Christianity. The necessity for this reasoned precision of concepts, whose difficulties are not hidden from us, is all the more evident in that writings have appeared concerning the Cursillos which show more good intention than basic knowledge. Such writings could easily lead to error among those who lack first-hand information. This necessity is even greater if one takes into account a certain unjustified eagerness to modify or adapt the Cursillos. Lack of clear definition of the points which must be considered essential could give rise to grave deviations which would threaten the Cursillos’ prestige and have repercussions on its fruits.

It is our intention to give an authoritative answer to the questions which are daily asked about the Cursillos and to determine, by objective criteria and to the limit of discussion some more fundamental aspects of their structure, purpose and efficacy. The fundamentals must always be taken into account if one wishes to avoid the risk of disfiguring what the authoritative voice of the Bishop of Ciudad Real, Juan Hervás, described as “Divine work, inspired by God, moved by the Holy Spirit, governed by the hierarchy, and named Cursillos in Christianity – name corresponding to a concrete, definite and precise reality.

It is my prayer and hope that, guided by the Holy Spirit, we as leaders, will be unified in leading our community toward a better future. In Luke 12:48, “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” As leaders, we are responsible for leading and guiding our community, taking our lead from Eduardo Bonnín. In addition to those cited materials above, there are also materials posted in our Website regarding the Step by Step Rector’s Guide for your information. Thank you for your commitment and dedication serving the Cursillo Community.

Yours in Christ.

Bro. Rey



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 1, 2023 – Town Hall Meeting @ OLGC Parish Hall
  - July 8, 2023 - Sponsor's Workshop @ St. Raymond Moran Hall
  - July 20 - 23, 2023 – National Encounter
  - Aug 31- Sept 3, 2023 – Women's Cursillo #103
  - Sept 21- 24, 2023 – Men's Cursillo #104
- Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events – [www.fccoakland.com](http://www.fccoakland.com)

## REMINDER:

- Secretariat Meeting – every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
7 pm via ZOOM Meeting ID: 846 5195 3571 Passcode: SECRETARIAT
- SOL Book Club – every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month  
7 pm via ZOOM Meeting ID: 836 7743 6577 Passcode: BOOKCLUB
- SOL / Team Rep Meeting – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month  
7 pm via ZOOM Meeting ID: 882 9453 2558 Passcode: SOL
- PCC Meeting – every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month

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