

AUGUST 2025



Cursillo

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Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego
Our Mission is to Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership
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FROM THE Rectora – CURSILLO WEEKEND #152

De Colores Cursillistas,

Just a note to everyone. Please prayerfully consider joining our team.

We need candidates, sponsors, rollistas, musicians, table leaders and prayer angels.

The core team is formed. We have great leaders getting ready to make this weekend a beautiful and blessed time for all. Ginny and Ruben Rodriguez are the Ol' REC's, Sunny Landry is Head of the Camp. Kit Chevalier is Head of Logistics. Karen Rice is the head of the Prayer Angels (Archangel). Ken Rice is the Head of Miscellaneous. Jill Mora is Assistant Rectora. Alex Tuttle is the Head Musician. Father Brian Petersen is the Head Spiritual Leader. Father Bob Blessing, Father Carlos Garcia, and Mother Lilia are part of the Clergy team. We have one more opening on the clergy team.

The rest of the team is wide open. The applications will be ready to send out soon, and will also be available at the St. Bart's Ultreya, August 16, at Noon in the Chapel (see last page).

Whispering Winds Catholic Camp is in a beautiful setting near Julian, CA for us to learn more about our Savior Lord Jesus Christ. The rollos are inspiring. The music is uplifting. The food is good. The company of like-minded Christians is fun.

Please pray for everyone on the core team, and the formation of the whole team. We want to encourage and uplift the whole team and especially the new Cursillistas.

**Many Blessings,
Jenifer J Whaley Rectora Cursillo #152**

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."
2Cor3:17; Wind, wind, blow on me; Wind, Wind, set me free; Wind, wind, my Father sent
the blessed Holy Spirit.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following is the News from The Prez for the August 2025 edition of The Forward:

Though the Secretariat is taking off August by not meeting this month, the ministry of Cursillo continues onward, nevertheless. Jill Kerper Mora has taken on the task of updating and maintaining the content of our Cursillo website, sdcursillo.org. She will soon update our website by posting the 2025 Cursillo Pastoral Plan that was recently signed by the Bishop by the Bishop and new Cursillista, Susan Brown-Snook, the Head Spiritual Advisor, Fr. George Calvert, and the President of the Secretariat, Ruben Rodriguez.

Jill will also soon post the updated Candidate, Sponsor, and Team Applications, which will then be available for access and completion by prospective candidates, sponsors and Team members. The Cursillo Calendar will also be updated.

Note the following upcoming Ultreyas at: St. Bartholomew's, Poway, August 16, 2025; Good Shepherd, Bonita, September 19, 2025; Grand Ultreya and Secretariat Elections, St. Matthew's, National City, October 25, 2025; and St. Paul's, Yuma, AZ, January 10, 2026.

The Cursillo #152 Weekend will take place February 19, through 22, 2026, at Whispering Winds Camp, Julian. The Day of Deeper Understanding will be held on March 7, 2026, at St. Andrew's, La Mesa.

Team Meetings for Cursillo #152 will take place on as follows: November 22, 2025, at St. Albans, El Cajon; January 17, 2026, at St. Timothy's, San Diego; and February 7, 2026, at St. Philip's, Lemon Grove.

The next meeting of the Secretariat will take place on Thursday, September 11, 2025, 6:30 PM, at St. Alban's, El Cajon. Cursillistas who are interested in the ministry are welcome.

BLESSINGS TO ALL!

Ruben Rodriguez, President

FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Happy Birthday to the Nicene Creed!

This summer we are celebrating the seventeen hundredth birthday of the Nicene Creed. The creed came into existence at the Council of Nicaea, held at the Roman Emperor Constantine's summer palace in 325 A.D. at Nicaea. Nicaea was an ancient Greek city located in what is today northwestern Turkey, specifically within the city of İznik.

The Nicene Creed is the church's outline of the story of salvation in the Bible; it teaches the essentials of Christian belief. It does not replace the story of salvation in the Bible. Instead, it is the church's interpretation of the key ideas in the Bible. Since the creed is the interpretation of the whole church, it is the official defining interpretation of key Biblical ideas such as Jesus's divinity; Jesus as incarnate, both God and man; and the Trinity. It is important to realize that this creed is the creed of the whole church down through the ages, which gives it more authority than merely a statement of one group of people or one theologian. Since its inception it has been accepted by the Eastern and Western Church, most of the Protestant churches, as well as the Roman Catholic church. Only the Bible is more significant than the Nicene Creed. Christianity is based on the Bible and the creed. Look at the creed carefully and see how it defines key Biblical concepts.

**Your friend in Christ,
Father George**



ULTREYAS

July 12, 2025, Joint Ultreya at Trinity, Escondido

July 12, 2025, was a day of celebration, as the Trinity Episcopal Church in Escondido held its first Ultreya in years. Trinity has been, in the past, a main line Cursillo friendly church with many Ultreyas and Team Meetings held on their beautiful campus. Their Rector, Fr. Tom Callard, is a Cursillistas who made his weekend in LA with Fr. Carlos Garcia, and Fr. Robert Moldanado. When the Cursillo Leadership at St. Barts contacted Fr. Tom to discuss rekindling Cursillo at Trinity, he sent his Church Leader, Jonathan Cartford to Weekend #151 in 2025, and supported having an instructed Grouping Ultreya at Trinity on July 12 led by Ruben Rodriguez, to introduce Grouping to potential Cursillistas.

The response to this Ultreya was impressive with over 30 attendees gobbling up a sumptuous lunch hosted by Jonathan Cartford with a treasure of desserts provided by the attendees.

Attendees included members from the Secretariat, Servant Community, volunteers from St. Barts and beyond, and pre-Cursillistas that hadn't yet attended a weekend. All these attendees have been invited to attend the St. Barts Ultreya to group and enjoy the love and fellowship that surrounds Ultreyas and Grouping... It is our hope that the "Pre – Cursillistas" will be moved to attend Weekend #152 and be the basis to form the first (in a long time) Trinity Grouping Family.

**With much love and hope,
Larry Salvadori and Mike Jewett
*St. Barts Cursillo Leaders***

MORE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ruben Rodriguez

Next Ultreyas and Cursillo Events:

St. Bart's 8/16/25 midday (Ultreya); Good Shepherd -9/19/25 6:00 PM(Ultreya); St. Paul's, Yuma AZ 1/10/2026 midday *AZ time* (Ultreya)
Cursillo Weekend #152, Whispering Winds Camp, Julian: February 19-22-2026

Cursillo Weekend #152 Team Meetings:

11/22/25	1 st Team Meeting	St. Albans 490 Farragut Cir. El Cajon CA 92020	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Team Training
01/17/2026	2 nd Team Meeting	St. Timothy's 10125 Azuaga St. San Diego CA 92129	9:00 AM-Noon	Team Training
01/31/2026	Rollo Critiques	St. Philips 2660 Hardy Drive Lemon Grove CA 91945	8:30AM-1:00 PM	Rollo Critiques
02-07-2026	3 rd Team Meeting	St. Philips 2660 Hardy Drive Lemon Grove CA91945	9:00AM-Noon	Team Training

!NEWS FLASH!

Please check out the Ultreya announcement on the back page. The first part of the Ultreya was held at Trinity Church in Escondido on July 12 with instructed Small Group Training after lunch for Trinity non-Cursillistas. Secretariat members were table leaders.

It's a month later, and on August 16, the second part of the Ultreya at St. Bart's, will include the new groupers at Trinity, and everyone else, with a standard Ultreya format including talks from Mike Jewett, Neenie Castner, And Fr. Brian. Come and eat (Pizza Party) - Come and see - Come and hear. Come and get connected.

In addition, check out the Good Shepherd Ultreya Flyer, and 2025 Pastoral Plan also in the back.

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Cursillo Events Calendar August/Sept. – 2025

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME	LEADER
8-16-25	JOINT ULTREYA	ST. BARTS	NOON TO 2:30 PM	MIKE, LARRY
9-7-25	ZOOM	INTERNET	4:00 – 5:00 PM	CRAIG
9-11-25	SECRETARIAT MEETING	ST. ALBANS	6::00 – 8:30 PM .	RUBEN
9-19-25	ULTREYA	GOOD SHEPHERD	6:00 EAT – 7:00 PM ULT.	RUBEN

From the Palanca Chair

De Colores!

Throughout the Anglican Communion, and the Catholic Communion as well, teams are preparing for upcoming Cursillo weekends. Team leaders and pre-Cursillo teams are actively training teams and reaching out to new candidates. In our diocese as well, Jenifer Whaley is putting together her team and looking forward to Cursillo #152. Please keep all these people and prospective candidates in your prayers. These are the Anglican weekends coming up:

6/19	Tazmania, Aus
7/3	Walkato, NZ
8/3	Southwell/Nottingham, UK
8/8	Heartland
8/14	Los Angeles (Spanish)
9/3	Norwich, UK
9/18	Texas
9/25	Springfield

– *Kit Chevalier, Palanca Chair*

Cursillo Secretariat Contacts – 2025

(Subject to Revision)

Officers

PRESIDENT 2025	RUBEN RODRIGUEZ	2026
PRESIDENT ELECT 2026	MIKE JEWETT	2026
SECRETARY	JILL MORA	AT WILL
TREASURER, FACILITIES	JUDY BROWN	AT WILL

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MIGUEL COSIO	COMMUNITY PARTNERS	2026
BOB HALLECK	4 TH DAY, PARISH REP. NETWORK	2025
AMBER GARCIA	SERVANT COMMUNITY CO-CONVENOR	2027
RHONDA MUIR	PARISH REP. NETWORK, DATA BASE	2026
HUMBERTO GARCIA	SERVANT COMMUNITY CO-CONVENOR	2027
TIM STOREY	SPONSORSHIP	2025
NANCY CALVERT	PRE-CURSILLO, FOURTH DAY COM.	2027

Clergy

REV. GEORGE CALVERT	DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL ADVISOR, COMMUN.	APPT'D
REV. CARLOS GARCIA	EMMC REPRESENTATIVE, COMMUN. PARTNERS	APPT'D
REV. CANON NANCY HOLLAND	ASST. SPIRITUAL ADVISOR, 4 TH DAY	2025
REV. ROBERTO MOLDANADO	ASST. SPIRITUAL ADVISOR, PRE-CURSILLO COM	2026

Servant Community

ROB CONSTANTINE	PHOTOGRAPHER	AT WILL
MIKE JEWETT	HOSPITALITY CO-ORDINATOR, 3-DAY WEEKENDS	AT WILL
CHRIS MCKELLER	KAIROS LIAISON	AT WILL
CRAIG MOBLE	WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	AT WILL
BART NEWSOM	MUSIC COORDINATOR	AT WILL
CRAIG NOBLE	GROUPING CENTRAL, ECM LIAISON	AT WILL
LARRY SALVADORI	FORWARD EDITOR AT LARGE/PUBLICATIONS	RET.
KIT CHEVALIER	PRE-CURSILLO, PALANCA CHAIR	AT WILL
JEANNA TIMAN	LUTHERAN PARTNERS	AT WILL
RUBEN RODRIGUEZ	ULTREYAS, FOURTH DAY	AT WILL
JILL MORA	WEBMASTER	ATWILL
TBD	SOCIAL MEDIA	AT WILL

To contact a Secretariat member by e-mail visit sdcursillo.org – [Contacts](#)

Please Donate to Cursillo

We ask you to contribute to Cursillo to help sustain this wonderful ministry that we know changed your life for the better, and brought you closer to Jesus in your spiritual walk. Remember that He loves you just as you are. A cheerful giver!

Include your gift as part of your regular pledged giving to your church and ask them to forward the designated amount to the Cursillo funds held at the Diocese. To donate online, go to edsd.org/cursillo and choose the Cursillo| Donation option. Or mail a check, payable to "Episcopal Diocese of San Diego" or "EDSD", "Cursillo Donation" in memo to the following address:

EDSD
2083 Sunset Cliffs Blvd
San Diego, CA 92107-2535

Thank you,
The Cursillo Secretariat

Chuckle Corner

Put a smile on your face after giving to Cursillo:

Q. What kind of car would Jesus drive?

A. A Christ-ler.

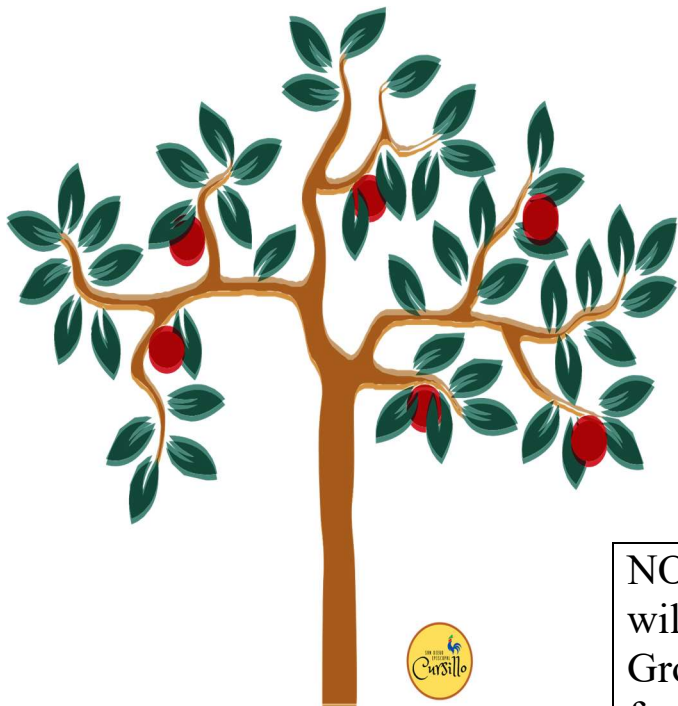
Q. Why did the Priest take a ladder to church?

A. To reach new heights in his sermons.

By popular demand, the CC will continue.

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SAN DIEGO EPISCOPAL CURSILLO



JOINT ULTREYA

(Small Group Training)

TRINITY JULY 12, 2025

NOON: FURNISHED LUNCH

(BRING DESSERT)

1:00PM INSTRUCTED GROUPING

NOTE: Ruben Rodriguez, Cursillo President, will host the event, and will conduct instructed Grouping based on the Cursillo Small Group format. Done at 2:30 pm.

**Trinity Episcopal Church
845 Chestnut St. Escondido**

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ST. BART'S AUGUST 16, 2025

NOON: FURNISHED LUNCH

(BRING DESSERT)

1:00PM ULTREYA 2:30 pm

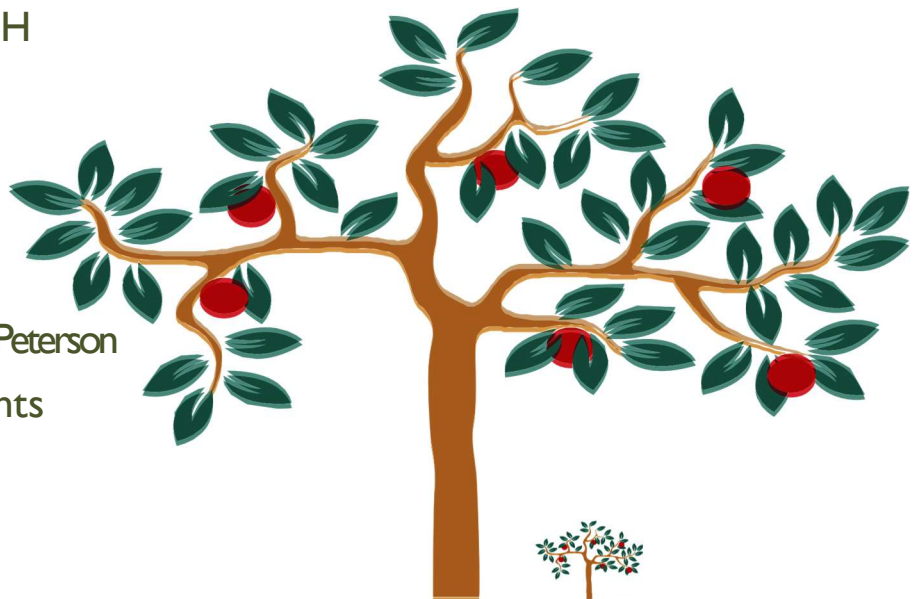
Witness: Mike Jewett

Echo: Neenie Castner

Scriptural Response: Fr. Brian Peterson

Music: The Cursillo Music Saints

Host: Mike and Larry



**St. Bart's Episcopal Church
16275 Pomerado Road, Poway**

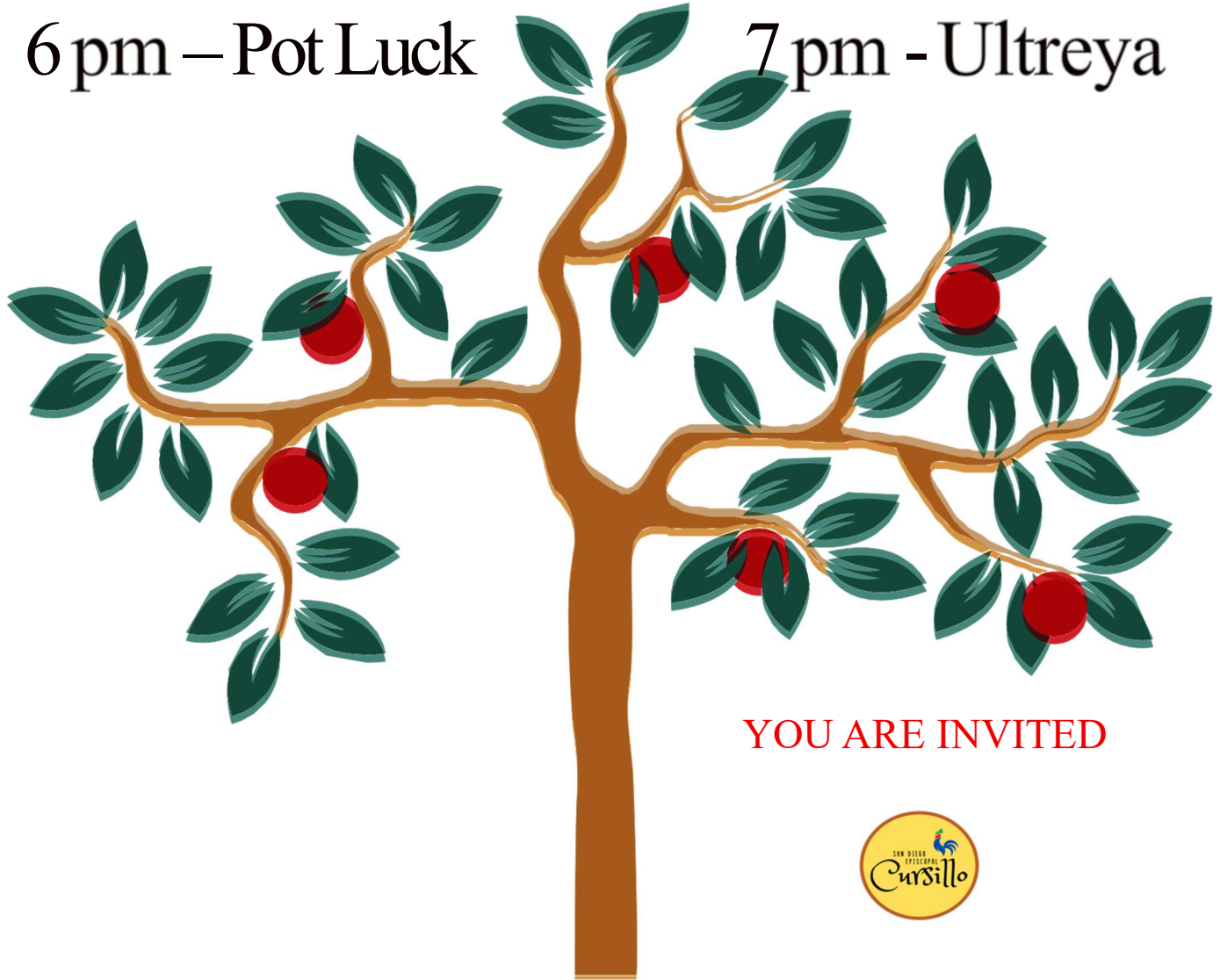
SAN DIEGO EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

ULTREYA (ALL ARE WELCOME)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

6 pm – Pot Luck

7 pm - Ultreya



YOU ARE INVITED



Witness: MARK PYRZ

Echo: JILL KERPER MORA

Scriptural Response: Fr. GEORGE CALVERT

Music: THE CURSILLO SAINTS

Host: RUBEN RODRIGUEZ

GOOD SHEPHERD
3990 BONITA ROAD
BONITA, CA, 91902

Ultreya Agenda, 9/19/25 -Good Shepherd, Bonita [Potluck 6; Ultreya 7 PM]

M.C. - Ruben Rodriguez

Opening Music: (3 Songs)

Opening prayer - The Rev. George Calvert

Music - Cursillo Musical Saints (3 songs)

Opening Remarks - Ruben Floating group reunion (count off)

Music (3 songs) to regather

Witness - Mark Pyrz

Echo - Jim Mora

Scriptural Response - The Rev. George Culvert

Ruben - any other comments in response to the witness talks

Announcements:

Next Ultreya: Grand Ultreya/Secretariat Election; 10/25, St. Matthew' s, National City; Ultreya: 1/10/2026, St. Paul's Episcopal, Yuma AZ, Potluck: Noon, Ultreya: 1 PM Arizona Time!

Cursillo #152 Team Meetings: 11/22/25, St. Albans; I/17/26, St. Timothy's; 2/7/26, St. Philip's.

CURSILLO #152 WEEKEND: February 19-22, 2026, Whispering Winds Camp, Julian. Candidate Applications are due no later than January 23, 2026!

- Rectora Jenifer Whaley

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

SAN DIEGO EPISCOPAL CURSILLO MINISTRY **2025 PASTORAL PLAN**

Preamble:

The purpose of Episcopal Cursillo in the United States of America is to bring Christ into our environments and thereby change the world for Christ, using the proven strategies and methods of Cursillo.

Strategy:

To achieve this purpose, we will use Pre-Cursillo to identify active Christians having the potential to influence their environments, sending them to Three-Day weekends to renew their Christian commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptismal Covenant and to teach the Cursillo Method; and we will use Fourth Day programs to encourage Cursillistas who have completed Three-Day weekends to carry out apostolic witness in their environments.

Method:

Cursillo empowers Cursillistas to bring Christ to the world and, through a continued commitment of a Rule of Life including Piety, Study, Action, Group Reunion, and Ultreya enables them to persevere in the Fourth Day as Ambassadors for Christ in their environments.

Pastoral Plan:

To discern God's will for the place and vision of the Cursillo Ministry in The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, the Secretariat members of the ministry will work under the direction of Bishop Susan Brown Snook to undertake the following for a period of one year from this date:

Study our own environment:

- How are we implementing the Cursillo Method?
- How are we encouraging our members to live out their Fourth Day and bring Christ to their environments?
- How can we attract younger participants?
- How can we attract cross-cultural participants?



Plan and carry out our ministry in these ways:

- Promote visible Cursillo support and servanthood in the Diocese and the greater community.
- Continue to lead and support Ecumenical Ultreyas.
- Pledge \$1,440 to the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry.
- Submit articles to be included in the Diocesan Messenger.
- Hospitality Support for the Diocesan Convention.
- Continue to Recruit and Train Parish Representatives.
- Continue the goal of eight Ultreyas per year.
- Encourage all Cursillistas to promote Cursillo by wearing nametags and being prepared to talk about the Cursillo Ministry on Cursillo Sunday.
- Encourage participation in Cursillo activities of Group. Reunion and Ultreyas.
- Encourage participation in our servant community.
- Encourage people to attend Cursillo Weekends, especially people in the following categories:
 - People in the age group of 18-49
 - Post-newcomers (1-3 years in a church)
 - Cross-cultural candidates.
 - Brothers and Sisters of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.
- Cursillista Database fully set-up; up to date, with maintenance plan in place.
- New website and features fully implemented before year end.
- Continue to utilize social media as a method to promote the Cursillo ministry, including online Ultreyas on YouTube.
- The Bishop will encourage Clergy to attend our Weekends.
- The next Cursillo Sunday will be in October of 2025. Each congregation is free to select the Sunday that works best for their schedule

SIGNED THIS DATE OF July 1, 2025, by:

*The Right Reverent Dr. Susan Brown Snook
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego
Ruben Roriguez, President of the Secretariat
The Reverent George M. Calvert, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor*



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