

Cursillo in San Diego 2010

Dear Bishop Brom:

Cursillo in San Diego gives you a greeting in piety, study and action as we change our 2010 environments for Christ.

Here in January, as the hydrographers prayerfully measure the snow pack in the High Sierra, we have taken a measure of our Cursillo movement in San Diego. Cursillo is good. Friendships are cultivated in Christ, parish candidates are available, weekends are yielding degrees of metanoia, missions to others are practiced, families are transitioning, leaders are stepping forward, and the bedrock Cursillo from the last four decades stands supporting faith, family, and friends. Here is a summary.

Cursillo Weekends

Cursillo does not provide a retreat but rather a logical, and prayerful, method to bring candidates closer to Christ. Three day weekends are held in May and in October. Approximately, 120-130 people attend each year. Many become more involved in parish ministries, including the diaconate. While some Cursillo people disappear into lives of Christian practice, and that is good also.

Cursillo Team School for Christian Leaders

For ten weeks prior to each weekend, a total of about 200 people attend a school based on piety, study and action, the “tripod” of the Cursillo curriculum for Christian leadership.

Cursillo Groups and Ultreyas

Groups of Cursillo meet on a weekly basis to further their Christian development. The number of these groups may be in the hundreds. As a movement, not an organization, we do not keep a roster of activities other than our email newsletter and web site,

www.cursillosd.org

Ultreyas are larger gatherings of Cursillo. About 8-12 are held each month throughout the diocese. These are held in homes and parishes. The social event includes a Christian meditation and a Catholic witness talk. This fellowship also strengthens other missions.

Cursillo Mission

The Cursillo Mission is to change environments for Christ. This extends from domestic households to international projects, and everything in between. The Cursillo method is a way to energize Catholic laity to step up into Christian action.

Cursillo Challenges 2010

The challenges for Cursillo are the same as for other movements of the Church. Cursillo is subject to the 80/20 rule of human behavior. Accordingly, of the 10,000 people introduced to Cursillo over the decades in San Diego, 20% remain connected. Our email list is 2,000 people. Of the 2,000 connected, 20% participate in the course of the year. And then, 20% of those participants are active on a continuous basis.

However, as a spiritual movement, the anthropology of Cursillo is only one facet. The Cursillo movement, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, is stronger than descriptive numbers.

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Going back to our prayer for a deep snow pack in the Sierra, may I assure you that the Cursillo movement is strong in this Diocese. Like snow drifts against the north wall of our parishes, and like streams of Christian purpose and mission flowing from families, friends, workplaces; the Cursillo movement in San Diego is a reservoir of grace freely shared with all.

May God bless the snow and rain to fall in California, bless our Diocese and continue to bless our Cursillo in Christianity.

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