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~ A Message from the Diocesan Lay Director ~



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Our Cursillo Diocese is Doing Well

The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown "Community" as we know it, into chaos. Part of community are our churches and sub part of church is Cursillo.

Over Australia many Cursillo dioceses elected to postpone until next year. Your SQ Cursillo Secretariat took the view that Cursillo should be proactive and try to bring the comradeship of Cursillo to our Cursillistas in the best way we can.

The decision was made to hold Ultreyas using the online platform Zoom as the medium. The four Ultreyas so far have been spectacular successes. The last one at the heritage Saint Mary's Kangaroo Point was held with 35 in the church and approximately 50 on Zoom. I will leave you to read the reports in this On Wings.

Each Ultreya has been superbly done! It doesn't just happen; we have an excellent Tech Team that works with the local parish (or group of parishes) to make it right on the day. Thanks Tech Team for work well done.

If you would like to join the Tech Team from where you are, please give me a call and I will have the Tech Team leader give you a call to explain the process.

Let's step back to PRE COVID.

Ultreyas were being held in a Church attracting a crowd of around 30 to 70 people.

POST COVID we have the ability to attract 30 to 70 at a venue (subject to regulations) PLUS another 100 via Zoom from people who couldn't get to the venue.

Let's take a hypothetical.

We have 136 parishes in our diocese, let's say 100 participated.

"What if" a parish could organise an Ultreya event at parish level with a data projector to screen a Zoom Ultreya. (many churches are set up this way.) AND

let's say 10 x Cursillistas attended the Ultreya event,

then we would have over 1,000 people attending an Ultreya. They don't all have to be Cursillistas; Ultreyas are open to anyone including possible candidates.

This is food for thought.

Will it happen overnight? No.

But it could happen over time.

If you would like a Zoom Ultreya Event in your parish, please give me a call and let's discuss how to make it happen. 0425 288 985 or alangray48@icloud.com

De Colores

Alan

REPORT FROM NATIONAL CURSILLO

Cursillo in Australia during COVID-19 has suspended many of our plans and ideas. However, Cursillo has now learned to ZOOM. We have been using the programme 'Zoom' to stay connected and Brisbane Diocese has even held 4 Ultreyas via Zoom - which have had over 80 participants from local, interstate and overseas.



Our National Executive met last month via Zoom and we will be meeting again from time to time to discuss the situation. We hope that we may hold a Zoom National Secretariat meeting later in the year.

This use of the video-conferencing programme has also led to our parish using it for Group Reunions and other group meetings - it has been one of the positives arising from the pandemic.

We have recently opened a conversation with the New Zealand National Lay Director and hope we may be able to work together for the benefit of the Cursillo movement.

NEWS FROM Hong Kong: Our brothers and sisters in Hong Kong are still planning for HK#3 - October 23-26 this year. Of course, they cannot be certain that it will go ahead. A dozen Hong Kong Veterans are on team. So far, they have 8-10 strongly committed participants. They're aiming for 15 as that's the maximum rooms they can have. HK#3 is at the Retreat House on Cheung Chau Island that housed HK#1 with our Aussie contingent.

They too have held small group meetings by Zoom and by the time you read this they will have had their first Ultreya on Saturday 18th July.

Reverend Will Newman advises that: (excerpt)

"Our churches were never completely locked down, but from the end of February to the end of May we could only have 4 people in church, so that's when we started Zooming and livestreaming.

I have to say I really enjoyed it! Greeting people individually as they joined us, and again at the Peace; telling them who was in church. Everyone greeting friends we couldn't meet in person at that time, was a great way to keep the church community together. Since the start of June churches have reopened again with all safety measures in place. We even sing hymns through our masks - not impossible! Everyone is so happy to be back together.

In these uncertain times we turn to Christ, our rock, our hope and our joy! And we continue to proclaim the gospel. Love and thanks and prayers to all our Aussie Cursillo friends. We wish some of you could join us in October! But if that is not possible, we know that your prayers will be with us."

Check out St John's Cathedral website:

<https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Page.aspx?lang=1&id=317>

Jim Warland
National Lay Director



~ A Message from The Editor ~



The cover of this edition has been designed by Marg Carr using her computer creativity! Thank you, Marg!

Read about National Cursillo and what is happening in Hong Kong from Jim Warland's report on page 5.

Special thanks to Barbara Brumby for sharing her beautiful reflective poem, Quiet Time; page 8. Thank you to Ann Martin-Victor; page 10 and Anne Martin; page 11 for writing such beautiful reports summing up the magnificence of the two recent Ultreyas. The meditation from Saint Mary's Ultreya is also included on page 11.

We have recently had R U OK day. Are You Okay? If you are **not** feeling okay, a Cursillista would love to have a call from you. Contact one of the people using the contact details on page 2 or reach out to someone from your Cursillo to have a chat and pray.

Please continue to send articles for publication! Original articles, prayers, poems, photos are needed, encouraged and welcomed. Handwritten, email, text messages – send them all!

Some Article Ideas: -

- ✦ Parish contacts please send information about what is happening with Cursillo in your parish.
- ✦ Share your God moments and warm our hearts.

See the cut-off dates for each edition below.

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Thank you in anticipation, *Irene*



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Diocesan Servant Community

Do you know your Parish Contact?

We are updating the database and Database Coordinator Gillian Outen is being assisted by members of Secretariat and the Diocesan Servant Community. With 136 parishes in 4 regions, Cursillistas' details are constantly changing as people move parishes or residences. If your details change, please inform your parish contact who will pass the information on to Gill or call Gill direct on 0409 468 128.



Parish Contacts are a vital connection for you. Cursillo has continued to be a loving community and our phone calls have resulted in many Cursillistas reconnecting with us again in the virtual world. Although many of us are unable to physically attend church or Cursillo gatherings these days, the fabulous Tech Team of Peter Victor, Ann Martin-Victor and Ian Carr have zoomed us all in.

You may receive a phone call asking whether you are still keen to stay on the database. If yes, then do we have all your contact details? We will check whether you wish to still receive the wonderful 'new look' On Wings Like Eagles publication (OWLE) via email or paper copy in the mail and if you are still connecting with other Cursillistas in your fourth day. Many Cursillistas have been thrilled to receive our calls and are excited to chat about their Cursillo involvement and experiences in the past.

If you do not know who your Parish Contact is, contact Gill Outen as she has this information at her finger tips.

If your parish does not have a Parish Contact, could you be that person? We would love to hear from you.

God Bless

Marg Carr

News from Post Cursillo - Jan Corcut

Calling for Ultreyas in 2021!

Please contact the Post-Cursillo Coordinator to book your Ultreya into the calendar for 2021.

There are a number of options for running an Ultreya:

- Attendance at your church for the Ultreya
- A Virtual Ultreya via the internet
- A combination of attendance and via the internet

We have a technical team who can help you set up your Ultreya for the internet.



Jan Corcut



Diocesan Ultreya

21st November

Contact Jan Corcut
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The Church of the Risen Christ
43 Park Rd
Deception Bay



ZOOM



12 noon BYO lunch,
1pm Ultreya
followed by afternoon tea

Quiet Time

Lord, come to me in the silence
Whisper words of love into my heart
Words I can take back to the world
Words of love and peace.

Lord the words you whisper
Cannot always be heard
Teach me to stop and listen
Listen carefully, to hear what you mean.

Lord, I love the silence
Why do I not stop more often
Your presence refreshes, revives,
Gives me strength to be your disciple.

Lord, make me a better disciple
More caring, more sharing
Listening to others and discerning
Where they hurt, where they pain.

Lord, come to me in the silence
Carry on your work of transformation
As your servant in the world
Be with me always, my Lord, my God.

Barbara Brumby

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BAYSIDE VIRTUAL ULTREYA – 18th July 2020

Theme: *Everything is Holy*

The four Parishes that make up Bayside (East Redlands, Manly, Waterloo Bay and Wynnum) came together for the Diocese of Southern Queensland's third online Zoom Ultreya, which was hosted by Waterloo Bay Parish. Our theme, ***Everything is Holy*** and our theme song 'Holy Now' by Peter Mayer, was inspired by Bishop Cameron Venables in one of his Live at Five sessions which are streamed via Facebook.

Cursillistas from our diocese and around Australia zoomed in for an afternoon of spiritual time including joyful singing, a powerful Witness Talk, and breakout room discussion and sharing about our Christian lives and Fourth Day during these Covid times.

Some 60 devices zoomed in including Cursillo National Lay Director, Jim Warland and his wife Barbara, and Cursillistas from Tasmania and Sydney. Marea Niland, incoming Cursillo National Treasurer from the Diocese of Newcastle attended, as did Rev'd Helen Barnard with a gathering of Cursillistas in their church hall in Albany, Western Australia.



Fr Jim Cosgrove gave a very powerful, honest and inspiring Witness Talk about his journey to Anglican priesthood, and the Amazing Grace that God has brought to his life.

Many messages of thanks and praise were received by Zoom Chat at the end of the Ultreya. It is amazing to think that we are connecting with so many Cursillistas, particularly during times when social restrictions have increased isolation. And it is so amazing to think that what we are doing in the Diocese of South Queensland is inspiring other dioceses in Australia to Ultreya via Zoom, as Cursillo Tasmania did in early August.

If you weren't able to attend the Bayside Ultreya, you may want to check out the theme song on YouTube. If you do an online search for 'Holy Now – Peter Mayer', you can listen, and relisten.....

De Colores

The Bayside Ultreya Team

The Modern-Day Prodigal Son by Bishop Cam.

Go to our website www.cursillo-brisbane.com

Click the 'More' tab to read a sad story that ends well and gives us much to think about.



Saint Mary's Kangaroo Point Ultreya – August 29th, 2020



The most recent Ultreya held at Saint Mary's on the cliffs at Kangaroo Point was a truly spiritual and enjoyable event for those present and on the Zoom platform. I attended with fellow Cursillistas, Nancy and Gerald Shannon and Barbara Wilson from Saint Matthew's, Sherwood.

Saint Mary's is a beautiful and historic church dating back to early Brisbane 1872-73. Around its walls are many plaques to commemorate individuals and families who have worshipped there over the decades. There are also many fine

stained-glass windows, some very recent, of outstanding beauty and design.

As well as a popular church for weddings, Saint Mary's is also a place of commemoration for the Navy and Air Force and it was very moving to see so many flags, plaques and monuments to their service.

The service and music were most uplifting as was the Lay Response by Sue Reade and the Spiritual Response by Priest in Charge, Canon Gary Harch.



The high point, for many of us was the witness speaker Maria Dunn. Maria spoke so openly and movingly about the grief she felt at the loss of her husband Bruno from pancreatic cancer. Maria has recently found happiness again with Ross, her new husband and the couple had married just the Saturday before at Saint Mary's. Ross accompanied Maria to the Ultreya so we all got to meet him. After the service, we had lunch outside in the grounds; a lovely space and an opportunity to catch up with each other; with social distancing of course.

Running an Ultreya in these Covid times is difficult so I thank Desley

Randle and all the team for a great effort and a job well done.

Anne E Martin W79 – 2019.

Saint Mary's Ultreya Meditation

Inspiration for this meditation came to Desley Randle and Kay Self from Eddie Askew's meditation *To Celebrate*.

Sometimes Lord

I realise that nothing in my life's quite as it should be.

But then I hear your voice.

Gentle.

Sometimes I wish you'd shout.

Then I could fight.

Try to defend myself, but the gentleness defeats me.

"Come as you are."

No frills, no entrance fee.

Don't even need to bring a bottle to the party.

I'm accepted, not for anything I've done, but simply for myself.



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Many thanks



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Like Eagles

'Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar like eagles.' Isaiah 40.31

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