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

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~ A Message from the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor ~

There's a story told of a Biblical Scholar taking his son fishing. It was one of those days when the fish wouldn't bite, so the two of them had a lot of time to talk.

Out of the blue, his son asked, "*Dad, what is the toughest thing God ever tried to do?*"

The scholar said the question caught him off guard. He didn't know what to say and so, like a good teacher, he answered the question with a question. He asked, "*What do you think it was, son?*"

The boy responded, "*Well, Dad, even though you know a lot about the Bible I don't think you know much about God - do you Dad?*"

Then he proceeded to answer his own question, saying:

"From my science class at school I got to thinking that the creation of the world might have been the hardest thing God ever tried to do.

Then at Church in our group we talked about some of the miracles, like Jesus' resurrection, and I thought that might be the toughest thing God ever did.

Then, after thinking about it and talking to some others, I decided that actually no one knows God really well. So now I think the toughest thing God ever tried to do is to get us to understand who God is and God's great love for us."

The Scholar could only answer – "*I think you're right. That is the hardest thing God has to do."*

And so in seeking to have us know how much we are loved we have the incarnation, the birth of Jesus - the one who shows us how to live as God's people.

With 20/20 hindsight we can see this as typical of God – not sending an expert, sponsoring an educational program, or mailing a fat cheque to buy our solution, God sent a person, one to whom we could relate.

Eugene Petersen, in his interpretation of the Bible called the Message puts it this way – *and the word became flesh and moved into the neighbourhood.*
God saying: 'Let me show you what I'm really like.'

Cursillo empowers and authorises us to be the people who show their neighbours what God is like.

In the words of Meister Eckhart (13th century mystic) - *What good is it to me If the eternal birth of the divine Son takes place unceasingly, but does not take place within myself?*

And, what good is it to me if Mary is full of grace and if I am not also full of grace?

What good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to his/her Son If I do not also give birth to him in my time and in my culture?

This, then, Is the fullness of time: when the Son of God Is begotten in us.

Let Christ be born anew in you this year - and maybe the outcome will see you sponsoring someone to attend the Cursillo weekend in 2023.



**Utreya,
Valerie**

~ A Message from the Diocesan Lay Director ~



Fresh and Faithful

As I commence my term as Diocesan Lay Director, I would like to firstly thank Alan Gray for his leadership of Cursillo in our Diocese. His passion and guidance have seen a revival and growth in the Cursillo Movement within our parishes. Alan will be a hard act to follow but I know he is still on board as he undertakes the duties of Database Coordinator.

Secretariat 2023 has some changes, and we thank those who have finished their term in this ministry. To Irene Moy, our heartfelt thanks for her work as Editor of 'On Wings Like Eagles'. Irene took this publication to a new height making it a standout communication among Cursillo dioceses in our country. Sharyn Gray leaves us and I thank her for her tireless work in her role/s that I know she has undertaken along the way. Her efforts are greatly valued. Thank you to Geoff for his work as Resources Coordinator and I know he is keen to pass the trailer to another Cursillista who might enjoy looking after it.

Secretariat is excited to welcome the delightful and talented Margaret Peterson as she embraces her role as Secretary. Margaret was the musician on the latest W81 team. Also on board the Secretariat ship is Gay Clark who will be the new Editor of "On Wings Like Eagles". Thank you to Gay for accepting Irene's invitation to continue this fabulous communication to our Cursillistas throughout the Diocese. Lay Director for M81 and Servant Community member Nick Crisp will be leading DSC and joins Secretariat in 2023 as well. We look forward to having Nick on our team.

My Cursillo was W33 in 1993 at The Mercy Centre, Bardon. Although it was a while ago, I am constantly and pleasantly reminded of my own weekend when I participate as a member of the Fourth Day Community. Over the past 3 years, I have been Servant Community Leader and enjoyed conversations which were followed by action, travelling on weekends to visit our western Cursillistas. Some Secretariat members joined in these excursions.

As Servant Community we based our ministry actions on the Paget Prayer, constructed by Rev. Robert Paget for DSC in 2020 and the words 'Fresh and Faithful' stand out for me. May we all be fresh and faithful and not be locked into the past or how we have always done things. Let's all put on new eyes and bring fresh thoughts to this wonderful ministry that we, as Cursillistas, bring to His faithful people. I am keen to hear about your suggestions for taking Cursillo 'onwards and upwards'.

As Diocesan Lay Director I will endeavour, with God's help, to continue the good work of Alan and previous Secretariat and Servant Communities. I know that, along with your support we will continue to share these wonderful weekends and the ongoing passion for service that Cursillo brings to parish life.



De Colores

Marg Carr

Diocesan Servant Community Prayer

**God, ever with us,
may your Holy Spirit fill us with
wonder
at the knowledge of your love for us.
May our eyes always be firmly
fixed on you as we serve you
as the Cursillo Servant Community
within this Diocese.
Keep us fresh and faithful to that
calling
Through your son, our saviour
Jesus Christ.**

AMEN

Rev. Robert Paget 2020





~ A Message from The Editor ~

Welcome to this Christmas edition of On Wings Like Eagles. This is my last edition! The beautiful Gay Clark will tantalise you with her editorial skills in 2023. Thank you, Gay, for taking on the role. I have reassured her that you will send her a multitude of articles.

Archdeacon Valerie's article on page 3, authorises us as Cursillistas to be the people who show the face of Christ to our neighbours. Our new Diocesan Lay Director, Marg Carr introduces recently commissioned members of Secretariat 2023 and encourages us all to be 'Fresh and Faithful' and not to be locked into the past. She references the Servant Community Prayer written by Rev. Robert Paget in 2020 and this special prayer can then be found on page 5.

The new leader of Servant Community, Nick Crisp on pages 7 and 8 introduces himself and the 2023 Team. DSC meets via Zoom on the 3rd Monday evening each month. Would you like to join? Give Nick a call!

Kay Self's Post Cursillo Report on page 9 gives all the dates for 2023 starting with the Bundaberg West Ultreya on 29th April. In 2023, the Cursillo Weekend is the joint Women's/Men's 82 at The Glennie School, Toowoomba in September. To avoid disappointment, pencil all these dates into your diary now!

Thank you to Anne Martin for reflecting on her experience as a team member for W81 and for sharing this through her article on page 10.

On pages 11 and 12 read about the blessings received at the St Anne's and Diocesan Ultreyas.

Many Cursillistas attended the ordination service at St John's Cathedral on 3rd December. Four of those ordained are Cursillistas! See their glowing smiles on page 13. Also on page 13, read the quote about Cursillo from the Archbishop of Canterbury. "Through Cursillo the love of God is experienced afresh..."

Our Treasurer, Ann Martin-Victor writes to you about finances on pages 14 and 15, detailing an increase in the Voluntary Annual Contribution in 2023.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to the many people who have contributed to and proofread this newsletter over the past three years. Special thanks to Sue Ellis for her superb proofreading skills.

Please continue to send articles to Gay as she puts her stamp on this fantastic way to communicate with the Cursillo Community in this diocese!

De Colores,

Irene

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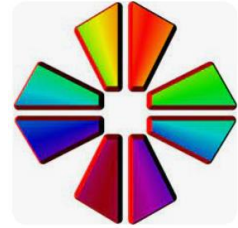
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Diocesan Servant Community NEWS!



Hello Everyone!

DSC is a small team with huge ambitions.

Firstly though, a welcome to our new members – Gail, Suze and Ian, joining Marilyn, Greg and myself. One cannot help but start singing “Will you go where you don’t know, and never be the same”? Obviously, the answer is “Yes”, since our new Servants signed up at Marg’s request, and now Marg has passed the baton! Laugh!

A big “Thank You” to Marg, Kay and Irene who set the bar high for us, and to Trevor and Leanne, who journeyed part-way. Aspirations, Inspiration (the breath of God) and lots of Prayer will carry us forward, with a very substantial body of past work giving us a sound footing. Like every other part of Cursillo, a great many wonderful people have contributed to Servant Community (formerly Leaders School), stretching from today way back almost beyond living memory. You might well ask, **“Is there anything left to do”?**

When I first joined DSC, I sort of hoped the answer was “No”. Surprisingly, every past DCS member that I have queried agrees that as much is left undone as has been squared-away! Since there is so much left to do, does it matter which way we go? Hmmm! Our Spiritual Advisor, Marilyn might just have an opinion on that?

The name gives away a lot. **SERVANT COMMUNITY.**
To serve God and serve God’s people we must always start with PRAYER.



A little extract from the M81 Prayer: God of all service, teach us how to grow into the image of your Son.

Read it over and over. See, already you are supporting DSC. And we are focussing on imitating Jesus.

Pray, observe, consider, serve.

Our new DSC for 2023 has already met! Four of us at the Diocesan Ultreya started to throw some ideas around for the year ahead.

How can we work to ensure Cursillo in this Diocese is always putting a smile on God’s face?

We all agreed that Cursillos (finding team-members, training, planning, the 3-Days, the follow-ups) are all hard work. What can Servant Community do to make things smoother, easier, more fruitful, more enjoyable, more life-changing? One idea we threw about was the possibility of collecting a network of clergy cursillistas (yes, probably “retired”) who are willing to step into parishes to allow a priest to attend a 3-Day Weekend (as either a candidate or team-member/SA). Currently this problem is usually left to the particular priest to solve. Just remember, priests move around a lot, and some would not have a well-developed support network of peers to call on. Just an idea. Hmmmm.... Perhaps another entry in the data-base? A reasonable radius, say 15km maximum from home? Hmmmm.... Not too hard. Split 6 ways, it shouldn't take long to contact enough clergy to get a few names in the ring? Confirm again at the start of each year? Throw the idea to Secretariat for a Yay or Nay maybe? It would make a nice change from reviewing Manuals!

We plan to meet via Zoom, 7:30pm, 3rd Monday of each month. In March I plan to pursue some “market research” in Greece and Turkey, along the footsteps of St. Paul. (It will be tough, but someone must take a hit for the Team!)

With Suze down the Coast, Greg up in Bundy, Gail out In The Sticks, we won't all meet in-person very often. Even Marilyn and Ian are both a bit far from Manly for a quick coffee near my place. I am blessed indeed, though, to have such an array of gifts on our little team.

Dear Reader – what about you? We have plenty of room for more. Start by sending us your suggestions. Share with us.

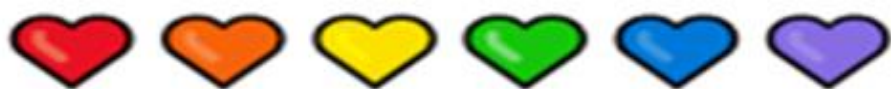
Another little M81 extract:

God of community, we thank You that you are with us now, as You were with us yesterday, and will be with us tomorrow.

ULTREYA!



Nick Crisp





Greetings from Post Cursillo

*"Let us live in such a way that when we die, our love will survive and continue to grow **Amen**"*

"The Prayer Tree" Michael Leunig 1990



What a year, 2022 has been for Cursillo in our Diocese of Southern Queensland! And as we enter the new Advent season of our Lord's coming, I am reflecting on these words of Michael Leunig.

This is the example our Lord Jesus Christ gave to us all with His life on earth. I pray that I can, with God's help, strive to do that.

With my love and prayers to you all for a joyous and safe Christmas.

Kay

Upcoming Cursillo Events

Please put the following gatherings into your diaries

ULTREYAS

Bundaberg West	29 th April - Church of the Good Shepherd
Toowoomba West	10 th June - St Augustine's 1:00 pm BYO lunch from 12 noon & ZOOM
Kangaroo Point	date to be confirmed
Peninsula	14 th October - Church of Risen Christ 1:00 pm BYO lunch from 12 noon & ZOOM
Diocesan	26 th November - 1:00 pm BYO lunch from 12 noon & ZOOM

3 Day WEEKEND 2023

Joint Women's/Men's 82

September 21-24

**The Glennie School
246 Herries Street
Newtown (Toowoomba)**

Thinking of holding an Ultreya in 2023?

Or simply to have a chat about your Reunion Group, please contact me, I'd love to hear from you.

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Reflections on Being a Team Member of Women's 81 Cursillo



I was on team at the recent W81 at Camp Tamborine; a vastly different experience to being a candidate as it does involve a great deal of planning and work. Attending the commissioning and training days at Saint Mark's at Daisy Hill and the venue at Camp Tamborine were opportunities to get to know the Lay Director, Spiritual Advisors, Proctors and Table Leaders. I was fortunate to be able to car-share with Rev. Valerie and Nancy from my district. I was also blessed to have Karen from Gold Coast North as a fellow Table Leader and roommate. Cursillo, as well as a deeply spiritual experience is all about the candidates, so I really do hope the nine candidates of W 81 felt loved and appreciated during the three-day Cursillo. Karen and I were blessed to have Ferne and Liz at our table. We were all able to speak and share honestly about some of our struggles and the joys of life.

The worship, music and talks were all of a very high standard as would be expected of a Cursillo. For some of us on team not used to giving an address, it was a rather daunting prospect, but with the help of the Holy Spirit and our Spiritual Advisors, our talks; mine on Christian Living, were very well received.

It would be remiss not to mention where we were on hearing of the passing of our Queen and Head of our church, Queen Elizabeth II. We all felt it was the end of an age, but above all we gave thanks for her deep faith and commitment to duty during her reign.

There is so much involved in a Cursillo event! The planning, the venue Camp Tamborine – basic but comfortable, catering – lots of good food, singing De Colores, the Emmaus Walk and so much more.

The keeping of a Cursillo on schedule while organising people to do what is required of them and to be where they need to be, all within the deeply spiritual nature of the event, all based in prayer. For me, it was wonderful to have Jacqui, Elizabeth and Clare on the Cursillo as Candidates as they are from my parish. I felt honoured to be part of W81 and I look forward to seeing all involved at the upcoming ultreyas in 2023.

De Colores
Anne Martin, W79, 2019



Thank You!

Thank you everyone for your prayers this year, since I broke my right ankle at Easter time. I am slowly getting more movement and I hope to attend Ultreyas in the New Year.

May your Festive Season be filled with Peace, Kindness, Laughter, and Care.
May the New Year be filled with New Adventures.

Pre-Cursillo Registrar

Sally Turnbull





*St Anne's Church
Anglican Parish of St James Toowoomba
Saturday 15th October 2022*

Theme: Living water



Jesus said: Whoever believes in me, ... rivers of living water will flow from within them." John 7:38

What a wonderful time we had together, with folk coming from St James and St Lukes Toowoomba, Toowoomba West, Cambooya, Drayton, Crows Nest, Clifton, Kawana Waters, Sherwood, and even Hervey Bay!

We are thankful for Bishop Cam's witness talk where he explored our experience of water, and the absence of it. He then talked about where we get water, after which he moved into the realm of spiritual water. He brought to our attention how scandalous it was for Jesus to speak to the woman at the well, and posed the question of who we talk to and how could we do it better.

Finally he summed up with Philippians 4:8 – *'whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things...'* (Drink from those wells!)

Rev Melissa Conway and Margaret Head gave enlightened responses.

Group reunion questions were: What brings you spiritual refreshment? and Where do you see the need for refreshment in yourself or in your community?

The singing was joyful, the food was delicious and the company was awesome.
Ultreya! Sandy Whybird



DIOCESAN ULTREYA

The Diocesan Ultreya was held on November 19th at St Matthew's Sherwood. Gerald Shannon, Sherwood Parish Contact, conducted a most informative tour of the beautiful stained-glass windows of the church prior to the Ultreya. Following this, everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch in the grounds.



The theme of the Ultreya was **Called Out of the Boat** with approximately 70 attending in person and around 10 Zooming in Online. Wayne Elliott from Wynnum Parish spoke about drawing on his faith when the tough times of life prove most challenging. When a sense of powerlessness is experienced, prayer becomes deeper. Bishop Cam gave the Spiritual Response

to Wayne's talk and spoke about his connection with the natural world and how Psalm 46 encourages hope and trust in God at those times when we are thrown out of the boat.



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ORDINATION OF DEACONS & PRIESTS



Many Cursillistas attended the Ordination of Deacons and Priests at St John's Cathedral on Saturday, 3rd December.

Four of the Inductees are Cursillistas from Women's 42, 1997; Canberra Goulburn, 2008; Men's 66, 2009 and Women's 76, 2016.

Grant to all these newly ordained Deacons and Priests, grace and power to fulfil their ministry. May their parishes welcome and embrace them.

“Through Cursillo the love of God is experienced afresh, an experience that draws us into prayer and compassionate action. Because of this, Cursillo is a much needed instrument for the renewal of the life of the church today, and one for which I give thanks.” Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. Justin Welby

Women of W79, 2019 Gathered for the Diocesan Ultreya



Increase to Annual Contributions (from \$15 to \$20)

Over the past few years, Cursillo has experienced an increase in operational costs, including insurance, printing, photocopying and postage.

So that Cursillo can continue to operate in a sound financial position and to provide our regular communications to our Cursillistas, it has become necessary to increase the Annual Contribution from \$15 to \$20.

This increase will take effect from 2023 Annual Contributions.

If you are unable to accommodate the \$5 increase, please continue to pay an Annual Contribution amount that suits your budget and personal circumstances.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Cursillo and especially to those who contributed to the W81 and M81 Love Offerings as well as the Love Offering at the Diocesan Ultreya.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding Annual Contributions or Cursillo financial matters.

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