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Correction – “Lay Director” title to remain

Kiwi Cursillo 46 reported the NZACC decision to standardise on the title “Spiritual Advisor” to better reflect the role, and to avoid confusion with the separate ministry of Spiritual Direction. The title of “Lay Director” (3-Day/Diocesan/National), however, remains the same, again reflecting the nature of the role.

FROM OUR NATIONAL EPISCOPAL OVERSEER

I am the new NEO for Cursillo in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Some readers may feel they know me well – I have been “around” in this church for quite a while. For those who do not know me or do not know me well, I have spent most of my life in the South Island. Ordained at the age of 27, in 1986, I have spent 32 years in ordained life in the Dioceses of Nelson and of Christchurch, with three and a half years spent in Durham, UK when studying for a doctorate in New Testament studies, 1990-93. Married to Teresa for most of my ordained life, we have four adult children, none of whom live near to us, but, courtesy of Messenger, we keep closely in touch. I was ordained bishop and installed as the ninth Bishop of Christchurch on 9 February 2019.



I had a little bit of knowledge of Cursillo through my parents’ involvement – Bishop Brian and May Carrell – but it was in 2010 that I made my pilgrimage, Bishop Selwyn Table, Men’s 7 Christchurch. Apart from the usual things that make a Cursillo weekend memorable, that weekend in October, about a month after the 4 September earthquake, involved quite a few shakes to the building we met, ate and slept in at Girl Guiding venue, Cracroft, on the outskirts of Christchurch.

One of the challenges being taken up across our church in this era is the challenge of discipleship. Can we deepen our personal following of Christ? How do we make disciples of Christ? Can we make disciples who make disciples? My primary lens as I take up the role of NEO will be the lens of discipleship. Cursillo is a movement of disciples who encourage disciples to be the best disciples of Jesus that we can be. I look forward to encouraging and supporting the movement.

Cursillo is also a movement asking questions – along with other discipleship movements in our church – about the way ahead. What connects with people and what connects people to people in the name of Christ in our rapidly changing world? I look forward to working with Cursillo at a national level as we head into the 2020s and ask ourselves those kinds of questions.

De colores, +Peter

FROM OUR NATIONAL LAY DIRECTORS...

Study of Environments

Glenda and I recently enjoyed 10 days in the Catlins region of Otago and Southland. It was a restful time, made all the more enjoyable by the spectacular coastal scenery and abundant wildlife. Particular highlights for us were pods of orca passing close around Nugget Point, Hector's dolphins frolicking near Curio Bay, and sea lions lolling on the long sandy beaches around Pounaweia.



Our enjoyment of God's creation in the natural environment set me thinking about a fundamental of the Cursillo approach to Discipleship – ***Study of Environments***. You might recall this concept being introduced in your 3-Day Cursillo?

Study of Environments encapsulates the Cursillo Movement's call to us to be intentional Christians. For us to take the initiative in winning the world for Christ. For us to carefully, prayerfully, and thoughtfully look around us, in whatever human environments God has placed us: work, home, family, friends, clubs, church, school, local community...

What opportunities are there for me to make a difference for Christ? Where and how is God already at work around me? What is God prompting me to do? Who could I ask to help? What might be the most effective way of getting started? Who will pray for and support me (my 4th Day Reunion Group, perhaps)?

Under ***Piety***, part of my Rule of Life is to intentionally undertake some additional devotions during Lent. With the help of Glenda and Google, I found a mobile phone "app" entitled "Into the Desert" produced by the Australian Anglican Board of Mission. I've found it to be both helpful and challenging.

The artificial world upon which we rely, and in which we spend so much of our time, tends to capture our attention making us deaf to the word of

God. Out in the “desert”, the natural world, devoid of distractions and self-constructed security, we are confronted by the awesomeness and unpredictability of God. We move from the head to the heart, from the illusion of control to a deep reliance on God’s grace.

Parked-up in a remote location in our motorhome, when I step outside with Millie, our dog, for her final late-night “run”, I often notice the sky is literally full of stars. The vastness of the universe never fails to awe me. Yet the same stars are visible from our home, but I rarely notice them.

What might God say to us if we stopped long enough to pay attention?

De Colores!

David Prosser – National Lay Co-Director



“I only feel angry when I see waste. When I see people throwing away things we could use.”

—Mother Teresa

FROM THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ADVISOR...

A Season Of Uncertainty

Lent 2019 has been an unusual year for me. Usually my journey toward Easter involves some form of giving up, whether it be coffee, meat, fast foods, cheese, Facebook, smartphone etc. Each year the fasting has been a helpful reminder of my priorities, a draw to prayer and worship, and helps to accentuate the Easter celebration. However, this year has been something very different again. This year I have had to give up something more personal to me - my sense of identity and my energy.

Since the end of January this year my health has taken a turn for the worse, with difficulty breathing and severe limitations on which activities I can undertake. A trip to the letterbox and back will often leave me out of breath. I have been able to continue working, but I must be very careful which activities I do and which I do not. Every activity requires me to pare back my natural energy and to do things slowly and more deliberately. This is not my normal way of operating.

I live in a season of uncertainty. I don't have answers for my medical condition. Very often I don't even know when the next hospital appointment will come through. A thousand questions come my way, but I cannot address many. I do not know whether I can commit to events in the medium or long term. Somehow the Ash Wednesday blessing, "remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return; repent and believe the Good News" means so much more. In the face of uncertainty, I am not fearful though. "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

I live in a season of slowness. My natural speed and pace would have me jump out of the car and dash into the supermarket. Now, when my hand touches the car's door handle to exit the car, I have to

remind myself to go slow in order to save energy. In my fast-paced world slowness is not a normal way of encountering the world. In lieu of doing things I have spent a lot of time just sitting. I drink my coffee more slowly and more deliberately. In Monica Furlong's famous letter to ordinands, penned in 1960, she writes, "I am clear what I want of the clergy. I want them to be people who by their own happiness and contentment challenge my ideas about status, about success, about money and so teach me how to live more independently of such drugs... I want them to be people who can sit still without feeling guilty and from whom I can learn some kind of tranquillity in a society which has almost lost the art." My lent journey this year has been scratching at the surface of what this means.

Of course, the corollary to all this is that the journey has been difficult, and I have had to battle frustration of the unknown and the unhelpful nagging guilt of letting people down, of not doing what I want or need to do, of having to take advantage of the goodwill of my church. As Wellington Diocese's lent journey has focussed on grace, I have had to embrace grace for myself. Often, we have a space for the grace of God, and understand showing mercy to somebody else, but to move this to the heart level and address the voices that would bring us back to frustration and guilt is at the heart of truly finding peace.

As a priest I have sat at the bedside of many people who have become so wound up by their own longing for control, certainty and answers that they struggle to find peace, hope, joy and love in the present. A challenge for me this Lent is how to actively marinate in the Galatians 5 fruits of the Holy Spirit, discovering fullness in a difficult space.

Ultreya!

Rev Chris Darnell

National Spiritual Advisor



WAIKATO/TARANAKI DIOCESE

Introducing Jan Lockett-Kay Diocesan Lay Director, Waikato/Taranaki

I have reflected on the opportunities Cursillo has created for me as I ease my way into the role of Waikato Taranaki Diocese Lay Director. Cursillo has such a rich history, globally and in Aotearoa New Zealand. I am humbled to be given the opportunity to serve in this role.

Our website describes Cursillo as a Discipleship that aims to “Change the Environments” through Christians who are committed to living and spreading the Gospel. Through our constantly evolving relationship with Jesus we enjoy the support and encouragement of others as we individually and collectively grow in faith. Cursillo offers us another pathway to do this. One of the great strengths of Cursillo is the opportunity it creates for the ordained and laity to work collaboratively in a unique way - and to link across parishes to achieve our overarching goal of living and spreading the Word. My journey is one of Servant Leadership and I humbly accept this role knowing that we are all servants and leaders who are journeying together.

My faith journey started at St Mary’s Church, Matawai, in the eastern far reaches of the Waiapu Diocese. I learned about Cursillo when worshipping at St John’s Church in friendly Feilding. Margie, my sponsor, enthused me and walked beside me. I will forever be grateful to Margie for the gift she gave me.

Servant leadership is a philosophy and set of practices that enriches the lives of individuals, builds great organizations and ultimately creates a more just and caring world. We are all servant leaders! The Servant Leader is servant first. It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve first. While being served, we grow as people. While being served we become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous and more likely ourselves to become servants. Conscious choice brings us to aspire to lead.

Robert Greenleaf, the originator of Servant Leadership, recognized that organizations as well as individuals are servant-leaders. Indeed, he had great faith that servant-leader organizations could change the world. Cursillo is a Servant Leader! For our Church, let's enable Cursillo to be one of regenerative forces.

Like John the Baptist, servant leaders see themselves as a “friend of the Bridegroom” (John 3:29), committed to being generous with encouragement, walking quietly with those who are stumbling, being charitable in judgement, giving feedback graciously and seeking guidance. Jesus urges his followers to be servants first, and became a messenger of a great message. It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, serve first. Placing myself in the palm of God’s hand I am simply one of Cursillo’s Servant Leaders.

Whoever would be great among you must be your servant Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:26,28)

De Colores

Jan Lockett-Kay, DLD, Waikato Taranaki/Diocese

(Wellington Diocese Women’s 32)



Important Dates for Waikato Taranaki Diocese

Combined Ultreya	22 June	1-3.30pm	St Bride’s, Otorohanga
Taranaki Ultreya	7 September	1-3.30pm	Stratford
Waikato Ultreya	14 September	1-3.30pm	St Peter’s, Katikati
Ngakuru Retreat	9-11 August	Contact Rev. Wendy Tyrrell wjt bells@gmail.com	

Being a Cursillo Companion

Wendy Harland DSA Waikato/Taranaki



There is great joy in bringing friends to share in the Cursillo journey. We have called this Sponsoring someone to a 3 day Cursillo or being a Cursillo Companion. It is an important part of our movement, involving prayer even before the invitation is made, understanding the purpose and goal of Cursillo, being part of a Fourth Day group, and knowing the person's needs and limitations. It is a loving, prayerful responsibility and should never be undertaken lightly.

As I reflected on this recently, I was aware of the deep joy we have knowing that our Lord Jesus has promised to be with us always and truly is our Companion on the Way. As we journey with another through their experience of becoming a pilgrim with us and continuing as a Cursillista, we are sharing in the work of Jesus in our world. We never walk alone.

**Come with me
Over hills and valleys.
My hand reaches out to you.
Peace will flow
As we travel this way.
Never fear though storm clouds brew.
In faith we walk this road,
On rough parts share the load,
Near at hand God's strength to see us through.**

**Our Lord will light the way;
Night's dark will turn to day.
Together we shall travel on.
His love for us will be our song.
Each day our joy will make us strong.**

**We know Jesus understands
And holds us in his hands,
You and I.**

De Colores.

EASTER RING



2 cups flour

2 tsp salt

2 tsp sugar

2 Tbsp Surebake yeast

Put into large bowl.

Add 1 cup cold water and 1 cup boiling water. Stir to a paste and stand 2 – 3 mins.

Add 2 – 3 cups flour, adding the last cup slowly. Knead on a lightly floured board until shiny.

Put dough into a greased bowl and leave in a warm place until dough has doubled in size.

Roll out into an oblong shape. Brush with melted butter and sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon. Roll up along the long side then cut into 8 cm tubes. Place in a prepared ring tin and leave to rise.

Ring tin: Brush with melted butter then sprinkle with walnut pieces and brown sugar.

Bake at 220°C for 15 mins then turn oven to 180°C and cook a further 15 mins.

For children and/or grandchildren put colourful Easter eggs in the centre before serving.

Cursillo Badges — A Great idea for Palanca

A few years ago, the Christchurch Secretariat commissioned the design and manufacture of a colourful and attractive “Anglican Cursillo New Zealand” lapel pin badge (pictured right).

Featuring a colourful “de colores” rooster emblem, this badge is a great way to show your colours and start a conversation about Cursillo.

Priced at only \$10 each (plus \$2.00 postage), if required, badges will be on sale at three day weekends and Ultreyas, or may be obtained from Lesley Allan (03) 356 1819 or chchcursillo@gmail.com



WAIAPU DIOCESE

Waiapu News

Tena Tatou Katoa and Easter blessings from Waiapu where Cursillo is going from strength to strength as we now enter our 8th year! Praise our Lord.

All the pilgrims that completed their 3 Day Cursillo in Papamoa at the end of September have all joined a 4th Day Group Reunion. The Bay of Plenty now have 4 active Group Reunions. The first Ultreya of the year was held on April 16th in Tauranga and they reported that it was a truly lovely Ultreya with the reminder to all to think about and bring along new people to the July Ultreya.

The first Ultreya in Hawkes Bay will be on April 6th in Takapau, the theme will be Pizza, Prayer and Pinot starting at noon.

Our C8 Lay Director Christina Thomas has managed to draw a full team from Hawke's Bay which means no travel is required to Taupo for training. C8 will be held at Riverbend in Havelock North with the theme "Hope in the Lord" taken from Isaiah 40:31 "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint". Christina's team will have their first team day on April 13th, then 2nd & 3rd team days on June 29 & 30 and the last team day on August 3. Registrations for C8 will close on September 2 and the Welcoming (DDU) Day will be held on October 12. Anyone who wish to Companion a pilgrim and register for C8 can download a registration form from the Cursillo website under the Waiapu tab.

Upcoming Ultreya:

Bay of Plenty - July 13, and November 9

Hawkes Bay – August 17 and October 12

I recently read some very inspiring words from Joyce Meyer

“In the success-driven society we live in, it’s easy to feel like we don’t measure up. Many of us magnify our weaknesses and minimize our strengths. And we end up comparing ourselves to people we think have it made when the truth is, they have problems too. God’s favoured you with gifts to use for His glory, and weaknesses to draw you closer to Him. He loves you and approves of you! Take time to have a heart-to-heart with God. Thank Him for the gifts He’s given you—and for your weaknesses too. When you know that God loves you, you can conquer anything.”

Abundant Easter Blessings

Hanlie Viljoen
Waiapu Cursillo DLD



A Thin Place

Don’t you just wish that sometimes you could jump off the merry-go-round and be still in the presence of God? Aply led by a Cursillista, Central Hawkes Bay Parish had an opportunity to do just that at a Lenten Quiet Day held at The Southern Star Abbey, Kopua, Central Hawkes Bay.

‘A Good Lent’ was the theme and we shared recollections of Lent from our childhood. Do you remember those little cardboard collection boxes that we brought home from Sunday School and were encouraged to put our pocket money into? I think the money went to Missions. What does Lent mean to us now? It seems that giving something up or taking up something new is something that we all do. It’s certainly a time of preparation for Easter and anything that brings us closer to God is worthy. Just one discipline that can bring us closer to God is Lectio Davina – a method of Bible reading, and we were reminded how to practice this.

We joined the Monks at midday and afternoon worship. Southern Star Abbey is a Cistercian monastery founded in 1954 and at present there are 10 resident Monks. Their ministry is one of hospitality and guests can stay there to recharge and experience the quiet rhythm of living in a sacred community.

Southern Star Abbey has been immersed in prayer for decades and has absorbed that prayer until it has become 'a thin place'. A place where God is so very close. A place where the extraordinary breaks into the ordinary – it almost takes your breath away. It's a place apart where the veil between the world and heaven is lifted. God was indeed very close during our time of resting, walking or praying.

To experience this Quiet Day at the beginning of Lent was so refreshing and encouraging. Thanks be to God.

Rev Mary Rowlands

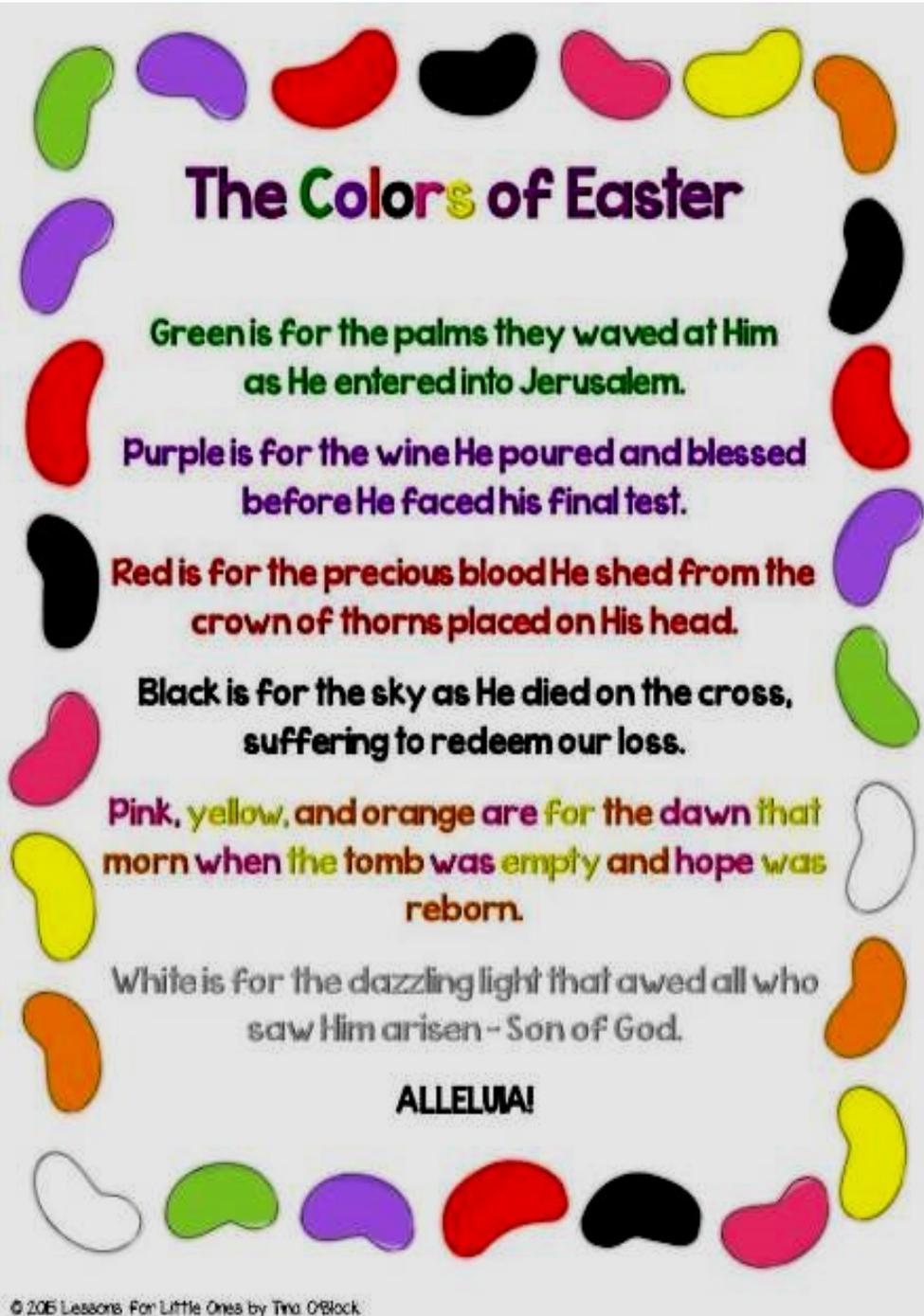
Waiapu DSA



The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.

~Henry Knox Sherrill





The Colors of Easter

Green is for the palms they waved at Him
as He entered into Jerusalem.

Purple is for the wine He poured and blessed
before He faced his final test.

Red is for the precious blood He shed from the
crown of thorns placed on His head.

Black is for the sky as He died on the cross,
suffering to redeem our loss.

Pink, yellow, and orange are for the dawn that
morn when the tomb was empty and hope was
reborn.

White is for the dazzling light that awed all who
saw Him arisen - Son of God.

ALLELUIA!

Pilate's wife

“While he was sitting on the judge’s bench, his wife sent word to him, ‘Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for today I’ve suffered terribly in a dream because of Him!’” (Matthew 27:19)

We don’t know her name.

Tradition suggests the name Claudia or the name Procula, but no name is given for Pilate’s wife in the New Testament. This is the only verse where she is mentioned.

Evidently Pilate had discussed the case of Jesus with his wife. Perhaps he had expressed his uncertainty to her. Who is this strange Jewish rabbi who seemed to have run afoul of his own leaders? What had he done that made them want to kill him? What law, if any, had he broken? What should Pilate do about Jesus of Nazareth?

We can see the providence of God at work in three different ways in this story: First, his wife had a dream about Jesus that upset her greatly. Second, she knew he was a righteous man. Third, the message arrives at the very moment when Pilate must make a decision. It is as if God is saying, “Pilate, this is your final warning.”

But there is even more to think about. In all the long hours when Jesus stood on trial, only one person spoke up for him:

A woman.

A Gentile woman.

A pagan woman.

The wife of the Roman governor.

The wife of the man who answered to the emperor.

Notice the word “today.” Since Pilate’s interviews with Jesus took place early on Friday morning, this must mean that his wife had the

terrible dream sometime Thursday night. Perhaps God gave her an understanding that her husband had Jesus' fate in his hands that very morning. In this little vignette we are reminded that God can use dreams to awaken the conscience.

Pilate knew Jesus had committed no crime worthy of death. *But like many a politician caught between a rock and a hard place, he caved in to pressure from the Jewish leaders who wanted Jesus dead.*

He is guilty of moral cowardice in the moment of crisis.
He is guilty of selling out an innocent man to save his own job.
He is guilty of condemning a man he knows to be innocent.

His name has become a symbol for all the evil that was done to Jesus. Every Sunday, in churches around the world, Christians recite the Apostle's Creed. Only three personal names are found in that creed—Jesus, Mary and Pilate. It reads this way: "Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate." Yet Pilate knew Jesus was innocent. He tried four times to release him—and said, "I find no fault in him." Yet he handed over Jesus to be crucified anyway.

What do we learn from the story of Pilate's wife? That Jesus was innocent and Pilate was guilty. That she did the right thing and Pilate did the wrong thing. That he should have listened to his wife instead of to the howling mob.

Mostly we learn that God is in control of all sides of every situation. Jesus dies for a crime he did not commit, and we are forgiven of crimes we did commit.

What a Saviour!

By Ray Pritchard

YOUR COMMITMENT CARD

Would we be able to readily put our hands on our *Commitment Card* (CC) if we were asked to bring it along to the next Diocesan Ultreya?

At our 3 Day Cursillo we fill in the CC. However, it was not meant to be a 'once only' fill in. On the back of the card there is provision for 're-commitment'. It is a very useful tool to be used alongside our *Group Reunion Card* in keeping our pilgrimage with Christ on its toes.

Here's a suggestion. Tuck the CC in your Group Reunion Card, and refer to it as you share your week with Cursillistas at 'reunion' time. In each of the sections it is a great reminder of what we first set out to do, continually need to do, or honestly require help to do. Plan to review and rededicate your card and the commitment it records as an occasional part of your Group Reunion, or at a Diocesan Ultreya.

You will find on the CC the words ***Christ is counting on ME.*** This is the reality we were reminded of as we returned home from our Cursillo weekend, and continues to be the inspiration shaping our discipleship throughout our 4th Day. Keeping our CC 'on the boil' is the challenge.

May Carrell, Christchurch

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My Personal Commitment Card

*For initial completion at a 3 Day
Cursillo*

NAME May Carrell

CURSILLO W1

TABLE COMMUNITY St Margaret's

The Lost

Lord, we get lost so easily:
in the course of conversation,
at the house of a neighbour,
with good advice on our lips,
we get lost in our wisdom
and lose the gift of truth.

Lord, we get lost so unexpectedly:
in the hour of success,
at the home of a friend,
with hymns on our tongues,
we get lost in our importance
and lose the gift of joy.

Lord, we get lost so crudely:
in the middle of our prayers,
at the party or the club,
with humour in our words,
we get lost in our adaptability
and lose the gift of peace.

Lord, we get lost so profoundly:
in the cause of Christian duty,
at the social justice meeting,
or with consecrated bread in our hands,
we get lost in our righteousness
and lose the gift of love.

Lord, we are found so simply:
in the moment of awareness,
at the hour of taking stock,
with hunger in our being,
we lose ourselves in grace
and find the gift of life.

From Australian Psalms by Bruce D Prewer

CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESE

I know that I should write about Christchurch Cursillo and I will. But as we go about our everyday tasks and honour commitments previously made, the horrendous attacks that killed fifty of our citizens and injured many others is always there. The disbelief, the horror, the wanting to do something to shed a little light has been felt by so many both near and far. And in fact the courage and compassion we have seen in this, one of our 'darkest days' has brought light and hope in the midst of tragedy.

I recall that the Cursillo movement began after the dark years of the Spanish Civil War, as some young men sought a way of reviving the pilgrim faith of the Spanish people. And over the years Cursillo has spread to many countries and eventually to New Zealand. So we continue to invite men and women to become pilgrims here in Canterbury.

We will have an Ultreya this Saturday (March 30) in Kaiapoi and the team for Combined 22 will be commissioned. The weekend itself will be 25 - 28 April at Waihi School in South Canterbury. The last time a Cursillo Weekend was held in South Canterbury was in 2001; so it's about time! It takes place soon after Easter, so let's pray that both the pilgrims and team will indeed experience the joy of the risen Christ and the strength to serve him. The Lay Director is Heather Driessen and the theme is 'Grace - Giving, Loving and Forgiving', so fitting for this time and for all times.

So may God Bless us at this time as we all seek to live out our Fourth Day Journeys!

Ultreya from Stephanie Johnston (DLD)



Love one another

As I write this, I am very aware that very soon we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday and the events which followed this. In my mind's eye I can see the supper table, the meal is over and so the table is covered with crumbs and there are empty wine glasses scattered around the greasy plates. The disciples are not only tired but anxious about the warnings of betrayal which Jesus has given them. They probably just want to go home. Jesus however still has a great deal to tell them and in fact he is only just getting into his stride and in John's Gospel we find him commencing a speech that will last through the next five chapters. Jesus talks of the glory of the Father and the gift of the Spirit and finally how this binds us all together in love. "Love one another" says Jesus, "as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know you are my disciples if you love one another"

What is this commandment saying to you right now? in whatever situation you find yourself in. Are there changes you should make to your attitudes, to your behaviour, to your habits even which would help you to grow in love for others. Are there folk whom you find difficult to love? In the aftermath of the terrorist attack in Christchurch think about the tensions and strains which we find in our neighbourhood, our workplaces, and even our congregation as we struggle to learn to live with diversity.

Remember that Jesus made friends with the strangers and outsiders - how does this relate to our need to be open to the Polish family down the road, the Sikh in the corner store and the Muslims who worship at the local Mosque.

Just for a moment think about the difference between spontaneous love and deliberate love. I don't think that Jesus was expecting us to be absolutely thrilled to be in everyone's company, absolutely at ease with every member of our workplace or Vestry and open to the

pleasures of all in our extended family. I don't think he expected that we would never feel the grit of irritation again. Spontaneous love only occurs a few times in our lives - for our children, who can do no wrong, for our lovers (at first) and for a few very special friends.

Most of our loving must be of the other kind - a willed love that is almost a duty but carried out with joy because we are God's servants and the other is God's child, God's creation. This kind of love makes us aware that we are not the centre of the universe and we become to put others first, to consider their needs and take their hopes seriously. I find this kind of love hard and difficult to show and it requires much empowering from the Holy spirit to achieve - remember what they

are: patience, encouragement, mercy, service and giving. Think about what gifts you have and what gifts you need to pray for.

It may help to think about the way Jesus loved his disciples and never gave up on them - ambitious James and John, vacillating and cowardly Peter, questioning Thomas. Think about the strangers, and lepers and beggars he welcomed and touched - imagine their ugliness, their smell and yet Jesus cared for them!

Perhaps we could share this prayer together: *Glorious God, I am called to imitate the great love Jesus had for his disciples, please overflow my heart with this love and make me strong to love those whom I find to be difficult in my life and those whom I fear. Help me to share your love in the sad, lonely and wasted spaces of this world. Amen.*

Lynnette Lightfoot
Christchurch DSA



Prayer in response to the Christchurch Massacre.

God forgive us
Broken – confused – lost – adrift
We grieve your heart.
Unloving and neglectful – we create monsters of hate and depravity.

Forgive **us** - for our lack of understanding and compassion.
Forgive **them**, warped and misguided,
As they destroy themselves and the innocent around them.

Help us as we struggle to forgive.
Lead us to your cross and your words
“Father forgive them – they know not what they do”.

Restore us in your peace.
Grant us faith and trust,
As we go forward to serve you and one another
In this broken world.

Amen

Laughter is the language of the young at heart. And you know what? You don't have to be happy to laugh. You become happy because you laugh.

Barbara Johnson

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Cursillo in Dunedin

October 2018 Cursillo #22 was held at Camp Iona, North Otago. We had the perfect venue for our seven Pilgrims with everything going very well in fabulous weather.

February 2019 saw us hold our first Ultreya in Roxburgh, Central Otago. Our Witness speaker was unable to be there on the day so Rev Jo Fielding spoke to us about writing Witness talks. Very worthwhile.

Our next Ultreya is in North Oamaru on 18 May then 3rd August at St John's Roslyn with our fourth one being in Gore on 9 November.

Cursillo #23 will be held at St Peter's, Gore beginning on Friday 4th October and finishing on Monday 7th October. We have Co Lay Directors in Lois Shallard and Trish Tytler who have been very busy getting their teams together looking forward to the weekend.

Craig and Margaret McLanachan
Dunedin DLD's



ULTREYAS AND WITNESS TALKS

The format for all Ultreyas is the same whether they are diocesan, area or parish. They all include floating group reunions, a witness talk, and a Gospel response. They all have the same purpose – to encourage Cursillistas in their endeavour of transforming the world for Christ.

Ultreyas & witness talks are not about blind encouragement or papering over cracks. They are not even about recounting miraculous changes in your life since you became a Cursillista.

A witness talk does not ever say what Jesus Christ has done for you. If you are asked to give a witness talk, your job is to tell – honestly, simply, clearly what you are doing for Jesus Christ.

- Does this Witness Talk show how Jesus Christ is working in my life?

- Will the Witness Talk show how much I want to follow Him?
- Does Jesus Himself hold the most important place in the talk?
- Will this experience I am sharing stimulate people to think of things they might plan to do to transform their home, work, parish, recreation or other environments for Christ?

That sounds like a tall order – but be encouraged: any of you can do this!

A witness talk should be:

1. **About Jesus Christ** – the talk should relate how you live with Christ and how you are trying to bring others to know Him. The aim of the witness talk is not to tell people what they should do, but rather how your growing relationship with Jesus Christ has occurred since your Three Day Cursillo.
2. **About a recent living experience** – tell how, through prayer, study and action, you are trying to bring others with you to Jesus in the normal flow of your own life. Make just one or two points and build your talk around them. The experience should have been within three to twelve months prior to the talk.
3. **Concrete and practical** – make your talk vivid by describing who, how, where, why and when, as you tell of carrying out action, which you planned, to bring one of your environments closer to Christ. Share what happened at work, or in the community or family as a result; whether there was some success or failure, and whether there is ongoing work and witness to be considered. Be concrete in your conclusions.

Do not feel that you are unworthy of giving a talk. All of us, in striving to be effective Christians, have many failures. But we have some successes too! We all have had moments and experiences in our lives that can be lifted out to share with our friends. This is what your talk should be.

Remember the word "Ultreya" is a cry of encouragement – to keep going, and this is the essence of what you as a speaker are trying to achieve in giving this talk to other Cursillistas. So, your talk should conclude with – "**Ultreya**"!



Rev. Jo Fielding (DSA Dunedin)

Worry Stoppers to Bring Peace

Here are eight worry-stoppers, found in the letters of the word **P-E-A-C-E-F-U-L**.

Pray, first. "Casting the whole of your care upon Him ..."

Easy, now. "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him."

Act on it. Be a doer, not a stewart.

Compile a worry list. Keep a list of things that trouble you. How many have turned into a reality?

Evaluate your worry categories. Pray specifically about them.

Focus on today. God meets daily needs daily.

Unleash a worry army. Ask a few loved ones to pray with you and for you.

Let God be enough. "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else."

Eight steps. **P-E-A-C-E-F-U-L**.

Max Lucado

Websites:

National Episcopal Cursillo Website (USA)

www.nationalepiscopalcursillo.org

British Anglican Cursillo Council - <https://www.anglicancursillo.co.uk/>

Wellington Cursillo Website - www.cursillo.org.nz

Waiapu Cursillo Website - <http://www.waiapu.com/about-us/cursillo/>

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