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***May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
remain with you for ever.***

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

The future of Cursillo here in our local area depends on us, depends on you and me, making some good decisions. What should we hold onto and what should we do differently?

There is a need for us to look at how we can take Cursillo forward, how we can make the vision of the early founders a reality in our corner of the world today and into the future.

And that message was simply to let everybody know that we are loved by God.

The Cursillo Movement began on the Island of Mallorca with Eduardo Bonnin and his group of friends. They were members of Catholic Action and had been greatly affected by the Spanish Civil War and then World War II.

They were people of deep dedication to Christ open to the modern world and determined to use the best it had to offer.

They studied the Ideal - what Christianity was and what human life should be like. They studied reality. They studied what modern man was like. They developed the Cursillo Movement and sought to answer these questions:

What is the actual state of Christianity in the modern world?

What should it be?

Can it be this today?

They had a vision of what their part of the world could be like and set about trying to make their vision a reality.

The Brisbane Cursillo Movement also has a vision.

We are a Catholic community committed to growing closer to Christ by living the Gospel message and by encouraging others to join us in making a positive difference in the world.

Our Mission Statement

To let all in our environments know that God loves them through friendship and by the way we live our lives.

I would like all Cursillistas in the Brisbane Archdiocese to take some time over the next few weeks to look at both these to see how they fit into the vision of Eduardo and his group of friends.

Do we need to change any of these?
Are we a Catholic community committed to growing closer to Christ?
Are we making a difference in our world?
Do we let everyone know in our environments that God loves them?
If not, why not?

Pope's address to the Curia, December, 2019

Pope Francis had two clear messages for the Roman Curia on December 21, 2019. The first message was a Christmas wish of joy and gratitude. The second message was the need for change in how things work in the Church, specifically the Vatican.

"We need to initiate processes and not just occupy spaces," the Pope told the assembled Vatican leaders. And he cited one of the newest saints, Saint John Henry Newman, on the importance of change in Christian life.

"For Newman change was conversion, in other words, interior transformation," the Pope recalled. *"Christian life is a journey, a pilgrimage. The history of the Bible is a journey, marked by constantly new beginnings."*

He also quoted Pope Paul VI: *"Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize"*.

We supposedly are a Movement for evangelisation. What are these words saying to us? Are we initiating processes or just occupying spaces?

How as a Movement have we looked at change and how as individuals have we managed that interior transformation?

The Holy Father further stated:

“Brothers and sisters, Christendom no longer exists! Today we are no longer the only ones who create culture, nor are we in the forefront or those most listened to.....We are no longer living in a Christian world, because faith – especially in Europe, but also in a large part of the West – is no longer an evident presupposition of social life; indeed, faith is often rejected, derided, marginalized and ridiculed.”

The Pope suggested that these immense changes in culture require significant change and response from the Church.

Our world, our environments have changed over the past 40 years. During the 70’s and 80’s, people were flocking to attend our 3 day Cursillos. It tapered off in the 90’s and now in the last decade, we find it difficult to get candidates to attend what is a valuable tool, a great experience of knowledge of our faith, an opportunity to experience those 3 encounters, of self, of God and of others.

The Holy Father is asking the Curia to initiate change in the way they do things.

We need to do the same.

As Cursillistas, the final chapter of *The Joy of the Gospel* is worthwhile spending some time pondering over and taking to heart.

What the world needs now, according to Pope Francis, is Spirit filled evangelists, empowered by the Holy Spirit - joy filled missionaries on fire with the love of Christ who boldly and courageously share the love of God in their own homes, families, workplaces, neighbourhoods and social circles where so many are distant from, or indifferent to, God.

As we remain fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit, the Pope exhorts us to proclaim the goodness and freshness of the Gospel not only with words but above all by

our lives transfigured by God's loving presence. This constant empowering Presence made Pope Francis declare, "I am mission!"

Are we spirit-filled evangelists? Are we joy filled missionaries on fire with the love of Christ? The facts seem to be saying no to these questions.

Why haven't we had a Cursillo 3 days for the past few years?

How do we build up our Cursillo community? How do we make it the vibrant, loving community that it has been in the past and hopefully will be in the future?

I believe strongly that our Movement can and should play a vital role for evangelisation in our Archdiocese.

At our creation, God gave us the gifts, the talents we would need throughout life. He wants us to use those gifts to become the best person we can be. He wants us to share those gifts with each other in building up the kingdom of God. He wants us to let everyone know that **“God loves them”**.

Now is the time to bring those gifts, those talents to the fore. Here today, we can begin the process of starting anew, acting anew, to make the Brisbane Cursillo Movement a dynamic force in our Archdiocese.

I believe it is time that we, as the Brisbane Cursillo Movement, stopped to look at all aspects of what we are trying to do in our Archdiocese.

Are we a Catholic community committed to growing closer to Christ?

Are we making a difference in our world??

What is the actual state of Christianity in the modern world?

What should it be?

Can it be this today?

Are we spirit-filled evangelists? Are we joy filled missionaries on fire with the love of Christ?

The future of Cursillo here in our local area depends on us making some good decisions. What should we hold onto and what should we do differently?

Elsewhere in this Newsletter are details of how we are changing our structure to better allow us to look at all these issues and hopefully come up with workable solutions.

I am inviting you to take part in this process.

Can you offer your time, your energy, your experience, your faith in helping to make our vision a reality.

De Colores

PETER MCMAHON



~ A Message from the Diocesan Spiritual Adviser ~

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.” Jesus said this about himself, but if we are true to our calling, we should be able to say this about ourselves too. “As God loves me, so I love you.” Remaining, dwelling, living in God’s love, as we are invited to do, makes even more love possible.

Well, at least it SHOULD make more love possible. Love is meant to be potentially reciprocal. As Richard Leonard, the Jesuit scholar, says, it is impossible to really love something that can’t love us back. Another way of looking at this sentiment is: don’t cry over something if it can’t cry over you. I heard Richard Leonard speak a number of years ago and what he had to say had a profound effect on me. I used to say: “I love what I do,” or “I love the life I live,” and sometimes I still catch myself saying these things. However, the more I reflected on love, and on Richard’s ideas of love, the more I came to appreciate the reciprocity inherent in love. God loves me, so I can love God, and God’s love helps me to love others through my life as a priest.

Sounds lovely, right? So, you would be right then in asking me: “If you are so filled with love why are you so grumpy all the time?”

That’s a fair question! As much as God’s love makes it possible for me to love, God doesn’t force me to love. There’s the beauty - it’s up to me. It’s up to all of us. Therefore I guess you could say that although love isn’t necessarily always returned, there is always that possibility that God can work God’s wonders, and bring love where we have trouble, just as God can shower us with peace when there is discord. God is love - but what is all this love for?

Jesus explains that he has told us all this, and explained all this, so that his joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete. This is the only way our joy can be properly complete - through love and an awareness of love. Our awareness of God’s love is one thing - our acceptance of God’s love is another. Only when we truly embrace God’s love, accept it, and not feel guilty about it as if we don’t deserve it... only then can our joy be complete.

God loves us so much. God is besotted with us. However, God is not going to use a big stick to force us to follow God’s commandment to love each other. God will help us, but not force us. Love is still a choice. It’s up to us to do the rest.

FR PETER
DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL ADVISER



From the National President

Pentecost 2021

Hello All,

I hope this finds you well. We are fast coming to the end of the Easter season and approaching the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. We are all familiar with the story of the Apostles in the upper room, having seen the Risen Christ, but not sure exactly what they were supposed to do next. The Holy Spirit comes and fills them with the knowledge and courage to go out and do what Jesus has commanded them to do: make disciples of all nations. We traditionally regard Pentecost as the 'birthday' of the Church. We know that in the years following, the Apostles scattered in various directions to all parts of the known world preaching the Gospel and growing the Church. We read of the conversion of St Paul and his travels to various cities, establishing Christian communities and encouraging them through his letters. Some two millennia later, we Cursillistas take that same commandment, to make disciples of all nations, as applying also to us, and remain confident that that same Holy Spirit will help us in that task.

None of this would be possible without the spoken and written word. Lots of words would have been spoken that first Pentecost Sunday as the Spirit enabled the Apostles to speak in different languages. Subsequently, lots of words were written down -- the Gospels themselves, the letters of St Paul, the writings of the early Church Fathers etc.

Long before Pentecost though, a great saint lived from whom we have no record of a single spoken or written word. In the 13th century, St Francis of Assisi, himself a renowned preacher is reputed to have said something along the lines of "preach the Gospel always, and when necessary use words". In the 1st century, St Joseph anticipated St Francis'

advice, not by preaching the Gospel but by living it in the intimacy of his household, his Domestic Church. Pope Francis has declared this year to be a Year of St Joseph, so I would like us to turn our attention briefly to this great saint.

We are familiar with the drama of St Joseph's life. In particular, we know of his having to gather up his little family and flee to Egypt at short notice because the paranoid, sadistic tyrant, King Herod wanted to kill the baby. We know of his concern when the boy Jesus was "lost" for three days, staying behind in Jerusalem and finally being found in the Temple.

But even in his everyday life, the head of the Holy Family was required to accomplish some pretty daunting tasks, given that he knew who Jesus was. In the society in which they lived, in any devout Jewish family it was the role of the husband and father to lead the family in their daily prayers. In fact, the task of teaching Jesus the Scriptures and how to pray was first and foremost St Joseph's. As Fr Donald H. Calloway, author of *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* has observed, both Jesus and Mary were better equipped when it came to prayer. But as this was St Joseph's role, we can only suppose they happily submitted to his authority in this area.

1st May was chosen by Pope Pius XII as the feast of St Joseph the Worker, or St Joseph, Patron Saint of Workers. As St Josemaria Escriva has pointed out, "In human life, Joseph was Jesus' master in their daily contact" and he "made Jesus a craftsman, transmitting his own professional skill to him.... Jesus worked in Joseph's workshop and by Joseph's side.... Jesus must have resembled Joseph: in his way of working, in the features of his character, in his way of speaking."

So this humble man was tasked with teaching the Son of God, through Whom all things were created, how to be a craftsman.

Pope Francis recalled the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church with his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”) and has commented on the fatherhood of St Joseph.

Our society is one in which there is something of a crisis in fatherhood. Fr Tony Lees O.P., writing in this month’s edition of *Magnificat* magazine observes, “So many children in our society, knowing no meaningful love from an

earthly father, cannot conceive of the heavenly Father’s love. They feel the need for it, but they have no human analogy by which they can understand it.”

In this year of St Joseph, let us keep in mind and heart and in our prayers all the fatherless children of the world, and all those who are struggling to find meaningful work, or who are exploited or otherwise unjustly treated in their work.

Blessings

TERRIE



Brisbane Cursillo Renewal

Cursillo is not the only way to connect with God - but it is one way that works.

Friends in Cursillo,

Do you remember a feeling of awakening to a personal connection with God either on your Cursillo Three Days or in the time afterwards?

Perhaps you felt a sense of belonging or a desire to share with other like-minded people and explore your experience. Deep stuff that is hard to put into words.

Further to our recent Renewal Day, Brisbane Cursillo is planning to “rekindle the flame” and “reignite the fire” of that connection with God. To look at all the issues facing our Movement, we have decided to form 3 Groups and would like your active participation in these groups.

The 3 groups are Pre Cursillo, Cursillo and Post Cursillo. Each group will have a representative of the School of Leaders who will coordinate the meeting and discussion of these groups.

Depending on who is involved, they may be by meeting face to face or could be conducted via Skype or Zoom.

We are inviting you now to join us in these efforts. We believe there are Cursillistas out there who have a great deal to offer and suggestions to make.

Please consider this invitation to offer your input and let us know if you are willing to add your “two bobs worth” by replying to this message or calling Peter McMahon on 0407 588 014 or Lionel Outen on 0417 786 542 or Rosemary Haydock 0431 464 211.

We hope to hear from you soon and ask that you indicate a preference if you have one as to which Group you would like to join.

Peter McMahon

Diocesan Cursillo President

OUR ULTREYAS

BRISBANE ARCHDIOCESE CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Brisbane Cursillo invites YOU
to the next Ultreya
At Queen of Apostles
70 Appleby Road, Stafford
on Tuesday night,
11th May, 2021

Find JOY
at our

ULTREYA

de
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Be Fishers of
men and women

Please note

**the date of Ultreyas from now on is the second
Tuesday of each month.**

Michael

COVID-19 IS NOT GOD'S JUDGMENT, BUT A CALL TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY, POPE FRANCIS SAYS



CBS News (Photo)

VATICAN CITY -- Pope Francis in his traditional Easter Sunday address denounced as "scandalous" how armed conflicts continue to rage even as the coronavirus pandemic has triggered severe social and economic suffering and swollen the ranks of the poor.

Francis tempered his "Urbi et Orbi" address (Latin for "To the city and to the world") wishes of joy on the Christian feast day along with accounts of pain from the globe's many armed conflicts in Africa, the Mideast, Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe.

Describing vaccines as an "essential tool" in the pandemic battle, Francis called for a "spirit of global responsibility" as he encouraged nations to overcome "delays in the distribution of vaccines" and ensure that the shots reach the poorest nations.

"Everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us, requires assistance and has the right to have access to necessary care," the pontiff said.

He sounded a note of indignation at the start of his address, decrying that there has been no shortage of war and conflict during the world's worst health crisis in a century.

"The pandemic is still spreading, while the social and economic crisis remains severe, especially for the poor. Nevertheless -- and this is scandalous -- armed conflicts have not ended, and military arsenals are being strengthened," Francis said, sounding angry. "That is today's scandal." The pontiff prayed that public authorities would see to it that those needing assistance have a decent standard of living. Sadly, the pandemic has dramatically increased the number of the poor and the despair of thousands of people.

He lamented the plight of people afflicted by war and other conflicts, citing Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries and which has been wracked by violent protests and political strife including an alleged coup. Francis urged Haitians "not to be overwhelmed by difficulties, but to look to the future with confidence and hope."

Francis offered encouragement to young people in Myanmar who are "committed to supporting democracy and making their voices heard peacefully." Demonstrators in Myanmar took to the streets holding painted eggs in a reference to Easter. Myanmar's military has violently sought to quash those opposed to a February 1 coup that ousted a democratically elected government.

Francis thanked Lebanon and Jordan for taking in refugees from war in Syria, praying that peace finally comes to "millions who are living in inhumane conditions." He also prayed for ends to conflicts in Yemen and Libya.



Citing suffering of people in Africa, he decried "internal violence and international terrorism, especially in the Sahel and Nigeria." Other troubled areas he mentioned were Ethiopia's Tigray province and Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province, which has been blooded by days of fighting with rebels for control of a town.

Francis prayed for the safe return home of prisoners of long conflicts in Europe, in eastern Ukraine and in Nagorno-Karabkh.

Earlier in the day, Francis celebrated Easter Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, where the faithful in the pews barely numbered 200 in keeping with pandemic protocols, compared to the usual thousands. Normally, Francis would give his Easter speech about world affairs delivered from the central balcony of the basilica overlooking St. Peter's Square. Instead, for the second consecutive Easter, he read it indoors to discourage crowds from gathering.

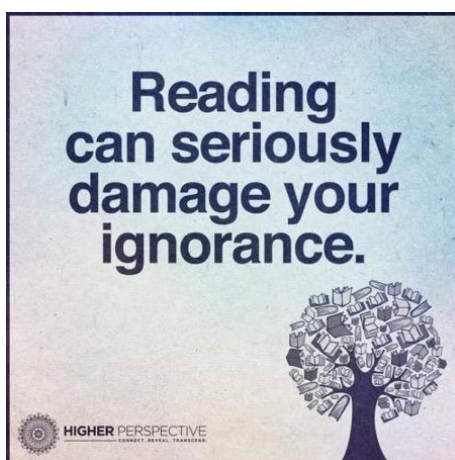
"Dear brothers and sisters, once again this year, in various places, many Christians have celebrated Easter under severe restrictions and, at times, without being able to attend liturgical celebrations," Francis said, before offering a special Apostolic blessing to faithful worldwide.

"We pray that those restrictions, as well as all restrictions on freedom of worship and religion worldwide, may be lifted and everyone be allowed to pray and praise God freely," the pontiff said.

Proverbs 1:7

How then does a man gain the essence of wisdom? We cross the threshold of true knowledge when we live in complete awe and adoration of God. Stubborn know-it-alls will never stop to do this, for they scorn true wisdom and knowledge.

– *Proverbs 1:7 (The Passion Translation)*



From the Editor

I hope the content in this edition will help inspire you to continually try to enhance your relationship with our God and saviour Jesus Christ. I hope also that the De Colores Newsletter helps you in your spiritual journey and to spreading the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES FOR FUTURE DE COLORES NEWSLETTERS

If you feel so inclined, all articles of interest are most welcome for inclusion in future De Colores Newsletters. Please email any contributions to lout.home@gmail.com

May you all be blessed by Our Lord Jesus Christ throughout 2018 and beyond.

PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR RECOVERING

Please continue to pray for all those people who are sick or recovering. We also pray for our own family and friends suffering illness and difficulties in life at this time.

PRAYERS ARE ALSO ASKED FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for those Cursillistas who have died since our last newsletter. Also please pray for their families.

OTHERS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

For all those affected by the conflicts which are occurring throughout the world.

We must continually keep each other in our prayers, and especially when we celebrate the Eucharist

In God we trust

Bob feared his wife Peg wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid.

Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doctor to discuss the problem.

The Doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

'Here's what you do,' said the Doctor, 'stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response.'

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, 'I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens.'

Then in a normal tone he asks, 'Honey, what's for dinner?' No response.

So the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats,

'Peg, what's for dinner?' Still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his Wife and asks,

'Honey, what's for dinner?' Again he gets no response.

So, he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away.

'Honey, what's for dinner?' Again there is no response.

So he walks right up behind her. 'Peg, what's for dinner?'

(I just love this)

EVANGELISATION BRISBANE

Bread for a Day, Bread for Eternity

– Thursday of the 3rd Week of Easter –

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever” [John 6:51]

It seems almost too obvious to have to say it, but humanity is dependent on food and water for survival. We cannot sustain life for longer than a few days without water, and maybe five weeks without food. We need sustenance.

In ‘first world’ countries, we rarely contemplate just how much we are dependent on food and water because we have such an abundance. But the reality is that our physical bodies are entirely dependent on food and water. Without it, we cannot live.

Understanding this reality can help us to understand something of what Jesus is saying to us in the gospel. We are of course more than our physical bodies – our bodies are animated by a spiritual soul. To quote the Catechism, “the unity of soul and body is so profound that one has to consider the soul to be the ‘form’ of the body: i.e., it is because of its spiritual soul that the body made of matter becomes a living, human body” (CCC 365).

Because we’re more than our bodies, we need more than just food and water for life. Jesus, who is the living bread, provides for us the sustenance that the whole person needs. He is the bread that brings life to the soul. This is the mystery of the Eucharist – that at every Mass we partake of the bread and wine which has become Christ’s body and blood. At every Mass we receive the bread that will lead to eternal life.

This also helps us to understand why the Church asks Catholics to attend Mass at least every weekend. Just as when we go without food and water for a long time, our bodies begin to weaken and malfunction, so, when we do not partake of the bread of life received in the Eucharist, our lives can begin to weaken and malfunction. Partaking of the Eucharist is the bread of eternal life, and this is why we recognise the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life. “Whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

Yours in Christ

Deacon Peter Pellicaan
Evangelisation Brisbane



Homily for 6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Fr Frank Brennan SJ Rector
Newman College University of Melbourne
9 May 2021

Happy Mother's Day to all of you who are mothers.

On Friday night I went to a florist buying flowers for a young Mum who had just undergone serious surgery. The florist shop was filled to the gills. I observed, 'It looks as though you are in for a big weekend.' The florist's eyes lit up. She responded, 'We certainly hope so.' I detected that it was not just the prospect of added profits that contributed to her delight. A florist shop on the eve of Mother's Day in the year after so many COVID lockdowns and with vaccinations on offer is a place of hope. The flowers speak of love and gratitude. The diversity of flowers bespeaks the diversity of mothers, each with their own beauty and resilience. Most of us count ourselves blessed with our mothers. We would not have been, without them. We would have been lost without them. We would not be who we are, nor have achieved what we have, without them. Today is a day simply to say, 'Thank you'. We know that the world is not perfect. Not all mothers are perfect. But in a broken world, we give thanks for our mothers who have held that world together for us, especially at the most precarious of times. Pope Francis has said, 'In today's fragmented world, where we risk losing our bearings, a Mother's embrace is essential. How much dispersion and solitude there is all around us! The world is completely connected, yet seems increasingly disjointed.'

When John Henry Newman celebrated his 21st birthday, he had not done well in his exams at Oxford despite showing great academic potential, and he seemed depressed. He was anxious, applying for a fellowship at Oriel College, which he was to obtain a couple of months after his 21st. On the birthday when all was still doom and gloom with nothing resolved, his mother wrote: 'I thank God, it is a day of rejoicing to us all; to your Father and me, that it is given us a Son who has uniformly persevered in improving the talents given him, and in forming his character both morally and religiously to virtue. And now that we have no more the dear child, we may boast instead, a companion, counsellor and friend.'

To your dear brothers and sisters it has given a second father, to whom they are much indebted for the improvement and cultivation of their minds; and, proud and happy am I to say, you are worthy of each otherThese and innumerable other blessings we have all of us to be grateful for, and I rely with humble but perfect confidence in that Almighty Power who has hitherto preserved you , that He will diffuse His blessings on your future years .

How often it is that our mothers are the ones who speak of and demonstrate the grace in our lives, the ones who display and evince the grace in our lives. When Newman responded to his mother, he wrote, 'When I turn and look at myself, I feel quite ashamed of the praise [your letter] contains, so numerous and so great are the deficiencies which even I can see.'

It's not as if mothers do not perceive these shortcomings. They know them all too well. They forgive, and they hope. After Newman had attained his position at Oriel College, his mother wrote, 'If I did not know your sentiments as well as I do, I should now tremble for you, but the same Power who supported you under disappointment, will, I trust, guide you now you may be said to have attained the summit of your wishes.'

This is my second Mother's Day without my mother. The fair Patricia died 19 months ago, aged 91, a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother many times over. Mum had been orphaned when she was seven. Her mother died when she was five, and her father two years later. She and her two younger brothers were spread to the four winds. As a parent, Mum gave her children everything she never had. At Mum's funeral, one of my sisters Anne, herself a mother, and now a grandmother several times over, reflected: 'The great legacy Mum leaves is her 7 well educated children with good lives. This didn't happen by accident. All parents work hard but Mum worked tirelessly and yet made time to read, relax and play. What Mum loved most was just to be with those she loved, who will always love, honour and remember her.'

The Irish poet Doris Sigerson wrote this after her own mother's death:

I want to talk to thee of many things
Or sit in silence when the robin sings
His little song, when comes the winter bleak
I want to sit beside thee, cheek to cheek.

I want to hear thy voice my name repeat
To fill my heart with echoes ever sweet
I want to hear thy love come calling me
I want to seek and find but thee, but thee.
I want to talk to thee of little things
So fond, so frail, so foolish that one clings
To keep them ours - who could but understand
A joy in speaking them, thus hand in hand.

Beside the fire; our joys, our hope, our fears,
Our secret laughter, or unhidden tears;
Each day old dreams come back with beating wings,
I want to speak of these forgotten things.
I want to feel thy arms around me pressed,
To hide my weeping eyes upon thy breast;
I want thy strength to hold and comfort me
For all the grief I had in losing thee.

Not every mother's life is blessed. And no mother's whole life is blessed. No family is perfect, and mothers are inevitably caught in the centre of the mess. For many mothers, life brings great burdens and tragedy. Today we particularly remember those mothers who do it tough, particularly those who have endured the loss of a miscarriage, those who carry the burden of caring for a child with acute disabilities, and those who have known abuse and violence in the home. And we remember those who though not mothers have done much good mothering to nurture up-and-coming generations.

In today's gospel from John, Jesus speaks of love – recalling the two images from recent Sundays – the good shepherd and the vine. A person can have no greater love than to lay down her life for her friends. We need think only of the sacrifices made by so many mothers for their children. I chose you and commissioned you 'to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last'. We thank God this day for those mothers who have given us life and opportunity commissioning us to branch out and to bear fruit, the fruit of the vine that will give new life for generations to come. Amen

THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

8:00 am: I made a snowman.

8:10 - A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman.

8:15 - So, I made a snow woman.

8:17 - My feminist neighbour complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest saying it objectified snow women everywhere.

8:20 - The gay couple living nearby threw a hissy fit and moaned it could have been two snowmen instead.

8:22 - The transgender man ... women ... person asked why I didn't just make one snow person with detachable parts?

8:25 - The vegans at the end of the lane complained about the carrot nose, as veggies are food and not to decorate snow figures with.

8:28 - I was being called a racist because the snow couple is white.

8:31 - The middle eastern gent across the road demanded the snow woman be covered up.

8:40 - The Police arrived saying someone had been offended.

8:42 - The feminist neighbour complained again that the broomstick of the snow woman needed to be removed because it depicted women in a domestic role.

8:43 - The city council equality officer arrived and threatened me with eviction.

8:45 - The TV news crew showed up. I was asked if I know the difference between snowmen and snowwomen? I replied "Snowballs" and am now called a sexist.

9:00 - I was on the News as a suspected terrorist, racist, homophobe sensibility offender, bent on stirring up trouble during difficult weather.

9:10 - I was asked if I have any accomplices. My children were taken by social services.

9:29 - Far left protesters offended by everything marched down the street demanding that I be arrested.

By noon it had all melted.

Moral:

There is no moral to this story.

It is exactly what we have become ... Lunatics caused by Snowflakes.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC CURSILLO MOVEMENT

BOOKS & OTHER RESOURCES

This will be an on-going feature available for readers of the De Colores Magazine/Newsletter. It will provide information to all Cursillistas about what resources are available about the Cursillo Movement and some other items that are available which relate to Cursillo.

In this Edition: - Below are some of the Books about the history of Cursillo available for Purchase:

RECOMMENDED READING



MY SPIRITUAL TESTAMENT by Eduardo Bonnín

(Published by Feba - Australian edition)

- Living water that flows from the Charism
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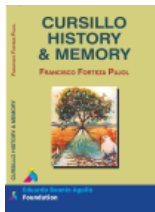
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