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Growing in Grace Through Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM APG SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

My dear fellow Cursillistas,

Ordinary Time reminds us that most of our Christian life is lived not in extraordinary moments, but in the daily journey of faith. It is our work, family life, friendship, and ordinary responsibilities that Christ calls us to holiness.

This season invites us to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, the Eucharist, Scripture, and acts of charity. The color green worn in the liturgy symbolizes growth: Growth in faith, hope, and love. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to bear witness to the Gospel through kindness, patience, forgiveness, and service to others.

May this Ordinary Time be a season of spiritual renewal. Let us listen attentively to God's voice, trust in His providence, and strive each day to become more like Christ. Even the smallest acts of faithfulness, done with love, can become powerful signs of God's presence in the world.

May the Lord bless us and keep us, strengthen our faith, and fill our hearts with His grace.

Let's grow closer to Christ through faithfulness in the ordinary moments of life.

Fr. Paul T. Nguyen
APG Spiritual Advisor



***"Grow in grace and
in the knowledge
of our Lord..."***

2 Peter 3:18

Be a Friend, Make a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ

MESSAGE FROM APG PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Continuing from our last issue, let us reflect once again our Cursillo slogan:

“Be a friend, Make a friend, Bring a friend to Christ”

This simple yet profound slogan can help guide us in living out our vision:

“Cursillo: A Tool for Evangelization in the Asian Region”

It speaks especially to **Resolution No. 4** of the 23rd APG Encounter:

“To foster unity, humility and collaboration among leaders, secretariats and diocesan movements across the Asia-Pacific Region, in the spirit of service and fraternity, while respecting our cultural diversity.”

If this slogan remains in our hearts and minds, the work of evangelizing our environments, our nations, the Asian region, and ultimately the world, will become lighter and more fruitful.

Let us embrace this slogan as a common path in our course of action, strengthening our unity and our shared mission within the Cursillo Movement. It captures the essence of the Cursillo methodology in three simple steps:

- **Be a Friend** – model Christ-like friendship through sincere love, understanding and service.
- **Make a Friend** – initiate genuine relationships and build bridges of trust.
- **Bring a Friend to Christ** – fulfill the ultimate mission of evangelization.

These words are easy to say and inspiring to hear, yet they present a great challenge to every evangelizer.

Are we truly ready to be a friend? Are we free from being selective in our friendships? Can we love those who criticize us or hold difference opinions and values? These are important questions for personal reflection.

Let us consider this as the **second step in preparing our course of action**, always recognizing the realities and circumstances of each National Secretariat within our member countries.

The formal letter to Bishops' Conferences will be crafted in collaboration with each National Secretariat, taking into account the dynamics of their respective plans and pastoral situations.

Last June 5, the first Friday of the month, I attended the Holy Mass at the National Shrine of Jesus Nazareno. I offered the mass for all our Cursillo activities, entrusting them to the loving care and guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

After the mass, I had the grace of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation through Bishop Teodoro “Ted” Bacani, a longtime friend in the Cursillo Movement. Through this sacrament, I sought God's grace for my upcoming Cursillo rectorship and for my continued personal sanctification. “Apart from me, you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

By the grace of God, and through the initiative of Bro. Andrew, an organic Cursillista from Singapore, we will be holding a Men's English 3-Day Cursillo Weekend in the Philippines on October 22-25, 2026. At present, six candidates will be coming directly from Singapore. Let us pray for the success of this Weekend and for the continued growth of the Cursillo Movement throughout the Asia-Pacific Region.

De Colores!

Bro. Conrado Dizon
APG, President
06/26/26



Celebrating 40 Years of Spanish Cursillo in Melbourne

by Bro. Pablo Rossi, CM Australia



On June 13, 2026, the Archdiocese of Melbourne marked a meaningful milestone: the 40th anniversary of the very first Cursillo held for Spanish speakers in the region.

Four decades ago, a passionate group of faithful individuals brought the movement to Melbourne's Spanish-speaking community. Since that inaugural weekend, the Spanish Cursillo has served as a vibrant cornerstone of faith, fellowship, and transformation.

The anniversary celebration was a testament to the enduring spirit of the movement, drawing a crowd of over 130 cursillistas. The event brought together both current and past leaders of the

Melbourne movement, alongside visitors who travelled from other dioceses across Australia—including Sydney and Perth—to share in the joy.

As the community looks back on forty years of blessings, prayers, and transformative weekends, they also look forward with a renewed commitment to live out the core call of the movement: changing the world for Christ, one person at a time.

¡De Colores! Here's to the next 40 years of walking together in faith, hope, and love.





2026 Cursillos Spiritual Advisors Encounter in Taiwan (R.O.C.)

— Welcoming the 2028 Diamond Jubilee, Leading Evangelization with "Prophetic Charisms"
TNCS—R.O.C.

After 18 years, the 3rd Cursillos Spiritual Advisors Encounter in Taiwan (Republic of China) was held in Taipei from April 29 to May 1, this year (2026). Under the illumination of the Holy Spirit, "The Shepherd's Heart, As I Have Loved You" was chosen as the main theme of the convention. In preparing for this spiritual advisors encounter, we are grateful to the overseas Chinese Cursillistas and the Cursillistas from the Asia-Pacific region, including the Philippines, Australia, and South Korea, who offered prayers and palancas, becoming the greatest supporting force for the workshop.

A total of 4 bishops and 24 priests participated in this encounter. Among them were some who had participated in the 2nd spiritual advisors encounter in 2008. More interestingly, two of the priests were grand uncle and nephew.

Completely unaware of this, we arranged for them to stay in the same room, giving them a wonderful opportunity to talk, and they returned their expressions of gratitude to us.

Furthermore, we were honored that the Asia Pacific Group (APG) learned about our workshop, and the current President, Bro. Conrado P. Dizon, and Secretary, Sis. Goreth C. Bendoy, flew all the way from Manila, Philippines, to attend the entire event. They also brought prayer blessings from various member countries, which deeply moved us.

The three-day sharing sessions began with the Enthronement of the Bible and the reading of the Gospel. Archbishop of Taipei, Most Rev. Thomas An-Zu Chung (the national episcopal advisor), gave an encouragement to all cursillistas.

This was followed by the topics of the first day:

1. **"I am the Good Shepherd, I love you"**—An exploration of the fourth day for Cursillistas based on the exhortation "I Love You" (presented by Father Lin Zhi-ding).
2. **"The Jubilee Code"**—The Cursillo Movement opens the path of faith pilgrimage (presented by Most Rev. Norbert Pu, Bishop of Chiayi).
3. **"The Living Water of Evangelization and You & Me"**—Let the Cursillo Movement become a promoter of evangelization in the Asia-Pacific region, consensus and theme of the 23rd APG Ecounter (presented by Father Xu Da-shi).
4. **"The Cursillo Movement and Pastoral Evangelization"**—Utilizing the movement to break through the current difficulties in pastoral evangelization (presented by Brother Gao Jian-heng).

During dinner that evening, a large cake was specially prepared to celebrate the birthdays, feast days, ordinations, and pastoral anniversaries of the spiritual directors occurring in April and May.

At 06:20 the next morning, Archbishop Thomas An-Zu Chung led the meditation on "The Shepherd's Heart, As I Have Loved You—making my heart resemble the heart of Jesus, my eldest brother," followed by the celebration of Mass. The fifth topic was "The Cursillo Spiritual Director and the Practicum—5 Meditations, 5 Proclamations combined with the implementation of the 9 Proclamations to achieve practical results" (presented by Father Cheng Ruo-shi). After the session, we arranged for the spiritual directors to visit Muzha in northern Taipei to ride the Maokong Gondola and have lunch and tea at Maokong. The spiritual directors thoroughly enjoyed this rare, relaxing itinerary, allowing them to chat about family matters and their favorite foods in an open, natural environment.

That afternoon around 2:30, everyone returned to the workshop venue to listen to three lectures. Dinner was conducted in the form of an Agape Feast, where everyone grew closer in Christ amid a wonderful atmosphere. Three Vietnamese priests spontaneously took the stage without prior rehearsal and sang a beautiful, melodious Vietnamese trio, immersing the entire assembly in heavenly joy.

On May 1 at 06:40, the meditation was "Imitating Saint Francis of Assisi, being poor and weak with the poor"—led by Father Luo Ji-yuan. The morning Mass was celebrated by Father Ji Ruo-wang. After breakfast, the National Secretariat gave its report. On the final day of the workshop, during the midday commissioning prayer, everyone chanted "Only You! I give my full allegiance." In the afternoon, Archbishop Chung presided over the closing ceremony, offering exhortations and blessings...

Just as we often need to experience in the Cursillo Movement: various types of "encounters"—with the Lord, with oneself, with others, and with all creation... witnessing the Lord's love through our daily lives. Remember the morning meditation led by Archbishop Thomas An-Zu Chung : "Jesus, my eldest brother, please give me Your heart—a heart that trusts in God, a heart that has compassion for brothers and sisters, a heart that is faithful to the mission, and a heart that is courageous in sacrifice and forgiveness. Make my heart more and more resemble Yours. Amen!"



LUNCH & TEA AT MAOKONG



MOMENTS FROM THE 2026 CURSILLOS SPIRITUAL ADVISORS ENCOUNTER

TAIPEI, TAIWAN (R.O.C.) | APRIL 29 – MAY 1, 2026



TAIPEI
TAIWAN
(R.O.C.)



CITY TOUR IN TAIPEI

Discovering God's beautiful creation



DEPARTURE & WISHES

with Sis. Teresa & Bro. Jonathan



LUNCH

Sharing stories and building bonds

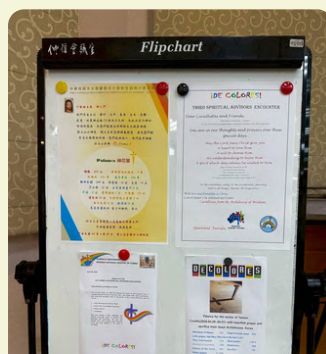


In Celebration of birthdays, feast days, ordinations and pastoral anniversaries of the spiritual directors occurring in April and May



ARRIVAL & GREETINGS

Bro. John, Sis. Goreth & Bro. Conrado



PALANCA

Prayers and sacrifices

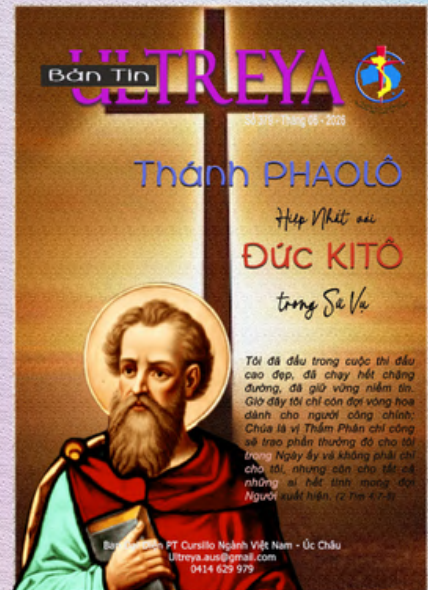


VIETNAM IN DIASPORA

AUSTRALIA GROUP



1. The monthly Newsletters: APRIL - MAY - JUNE



2. The Annual Meeting: held in Brisbane, Australia, 6th - 7th April, 2026



3. Cursillo Movement Fundamental Ideas reviewing project: ongoing collaboration between Vietnam, USA and Vietnamese in Diaspora - Australian group

4. Preparations for the CDC Forum: Melbourne - Australia, January 2027

5. Preparations for the 59th and 60th Cursillo three days courses: Sydney - Australia, September 2027



Cursillo Korea Council 50th National Weekly Meeting

by Julia Park
CM Korea

The 50th National Weekly Meeting of the Cursillo Korea Council, organized by the Cursillo of the Archdiocese of Daegu was held at the Cursillo Education Center from Friday, March 20 to Saturday, March 21.

With approximately 40 weekly leaders from each diocese and 30 members from the Archdiocese of Daegu Secretariat participating in this meeting

18th Archdiocese of Seoul Ultreya

by Julia Park
CM Korea

In Korea, the 18th Archdioces of Seoul Ultreya will be held on Septembet 5th to **commemorate the 60th anniversary** of the introduction of Cursillo.

We welcome the participation of the executives from each country. I will send the detailed schedule via email soon.



Let us continue our apostolic action—translate this newsletter into your language, print it, and share it with others so more hearts may be reached.



Upcoming Cursillo Activities

Please send your palancas to these local contact people, for offering prayers and sacrifices for their upcoming events:

CM Philippines

Men's English 3-Day Weekend
October 22-25, 2026
 Sacro Costato, Quezon City, Philippines
 Conrado P. Dizon
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Men's Tagalog 3-Day Weekend
July 09-12, 2026
 Archdiocese of Manila
 Michael Lim
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CM Vietnam

Anthony Phan
 thinhpq@titaresearch.com.vn

Vietnam National Encounter
April 13-15, 2007
Approximately 2,500 Cursillistas

CM Vietnam Workshop 2026

- The Fourth Day Life Workshop at Archdiocese of Saigon
August 8-9
- Cursillo Leadership Workshop at Diocese of Ban Me Thuot
September 11-13
- Cursillo Leadership Workshop at Diocese of Phat Diem
Sept (TBA)

3-Day Cursillo Weekend

- July 18-21 – 17th Men's 3-Day Cursillo, Diocese of Ban Me Thuot
- August 22-25 – 18th Women's 3-Day Cursillo, Diocese of Ban Me Thuot
22-25 – Men's 3-Day Cursillo, Diocese of Phu Cuong
- September 27-30 – Women's 3-Day Cursillo, Diocese of Phu Cuong
12-15 – 15th Men's 3-Day Cursillo, Diocese of Can Tho
- October 17-20 – 16th Women's 3-Day Cursillo, Diocese of Can Tho
24-27 – 9th Women's 3-Day Cursillo, Archdiocese of Hanoi
01-04 – 10th Men's 3-Day Cursillo, Archdiocese of Hanoi
08-11 – 40th Women's 3-Day Cursillo, Archdiocese of Saigon
15-18 – 41st Men's 3-Day Cursillo, Archdiocese of Saigon
TBA – 5th Men's 3-Day Cursillo, Diocese of Nha Trang
TBA – 6th Women's 3-Day Cursillo, Diocese of Nha Trang

CM U.S. Military English Korea

3-Day Cursillo Weekend
November 8-12, 2026
 U.S. Military English Korea
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CM Korea

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3-Day Cursillo Weekend

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| • July | 16-19 | Youth Cursillo |
| • August | 20-23 | Youth Cursillo |
| • September | 10-13 | Womens's Cursillo |
| • October | 8-11 | Men's Cursillo |
| | 22-25 | Women's Cursillo |
| • November | 12-15 | Men's Cursillo |
| | 26-29 | Women's Cursillo |

18th Archdiocese of Seoul Ultreya
September 5, 2026

World Encounter

April 8-11, 2027
 Seville, Spain

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