

"So also, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace." (Romans 11:5)



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Dear Cursillistas,

My friends, I have recently been appointed by Bishop Lynch as the new Spiritual Advisor to the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. I am looking forward to meeting all of you, rekindling old friendships, and helping you to renew the Cursillo Movement in our Diocese. My role is primarily to join the movement to the Diocese. I have taken practical steps to cement this relationship and can assure you that Bishop Lynch and our Vicar General, Msgr. Morris, fully support the Cursillo Movement.

I am embracing this appointment and have been collaborating with the School of Leaders to develop a "Roadmap to Recovery," wherein we will set practical goals and develop plans necessary to bring the Cursillo Movement to its rightful place as a principal lay movement for evangelization in the Diocese. The Cursillo Movement answers the call of Jesus' Great Commission (MT 26: 18-20), reflected in Vatican II's "Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity," and most recently, Pope Francis' first encyclical, "Lumen Fidei," to bring the Catholic faith into our environments - to get out of the church building and into the streets. The time for the Worldwide Cursillo Movement has come! I am convinced that together and with the help of the Holy Spirit, to whom we pray for assistance, all things are possible.

To accomplish our common goal of renewal, we need the Cursillistas of the Diocese of St. Petersburg to be united in very real ways with their brothers and sisters through active Friendship Groups and in Ultreyas. I ask each Cursillista to offer sincere palanca for a renewal of the Cursillo Movement in our Diocese. Next, we need leaders to step forward to take on the task of renewal. Many hands make for light work, and we really need you (Yes you, the one reading this letter right now!) to join us in renewal. The Movement needs your active presence as never before.

There has not been a time in human history when the Cursillo Movement has been more needed than right now. Let us re-visit and embrace that energetic spirit of metanoia which we experienced on our Weekends, let us live it in our Fourth Day, and together let us strive to make the Cursillo experience better than ever in our Diocese.

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