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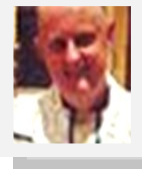
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**DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR, REV STEVE NILAND,**

**RESPONSE TO WITNESS TALK  
2018 DIOCESAN ULTREYA**

**Thank you, Lyn for your witness to us today.**

Dancing with JESUS – the idea is simply wonderful – and to do it when life seems to be throwing plenty of curve-balls is even more appealing.

In the book of Ecclesiastes chapter 3:4 it says:

*A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

In Psalm 149:3

*Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!*

And in Psalm 30:11

*You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,*

AB Facey has certainly inspired many with his book “A Fortunate Life”. As Lyn suggested: do we dance or sit it out? She also said that While Facey was not a religious man, he did have a strong faith. How richer are we who believe in GOD our heavenly Father, and call JESUS our friend; and can feel the strength of the Holy Spirit working in and through us.

Whether we have a good day or a bad day, we still need to give thanks to GOD for it. We need to continue to trust GOD that, everything that happens, happens for our good. As Christians we need to spend time with GOD and pray daily, read our bibles daily, listen to Him; and give thanks to Him for our faith and His love that we can share with others.

Lyn also spoke of the trust she has in GOD and how it has seen her through many difficult experiences – and will do so in the future. Like Lyn, we can all listen to GOD better, stick to the path GOD would have us take and accept that His guidance is 100% correct. Thankfully He loves us and when we look at the footprints in the sand and see only one set, acknowledge that He carries us through many more situations than we realise.

Martha and Mary provide us with a great example of how we should prioritise our lives. We need to keep things in balance as best as we can. There are times when we need to sit at the feet of JESUS and soak up all He has to offer; and, of course, there are times when things have to be done.

The 3 passages Lyn mentioned from Paul’s letter to the Romans are significant here today:

Chapter 8:5 *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh; but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.*

The Apostle Paul divides people into 2 categories – those who are dominated by their sinful nature; and those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit. All of us would be in the first category if JESUS hadn’t offered us a way out. Once we have said YES to JESUS, we will want to continue to follow Him – because His way brings life and peace.

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Daily, we must choose to centre our lives on GOD.  
GOD's guidelines are in the Bible and we must endeavour to follow them. In every perplexing situation we need to ask the What Would JESUS Do question. So, when the Holy Spirit points out what is right, we should do it eagerly.

Chapter 12:3 *For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that GOD has assigned.*

Healthy self esteem is important because some of us think too little of ourselves; on the other hand, some of us overestimate ourselves. The key to an honest and accurate evaluation is knowing the basis of our self-worth – our identity in JESUS. Apart from Him, we aren't capable of very much by eternal standards; in Him, we are valuable and capable of worthy service. Evaluating ourselves by the worldly standards of success can cause us to think too much about our worth in the eyes of others and thus miss our true value in GOD's eyes.

Romans 12: 9-21 – paraphrased – *Paul says: "let love be genuine, love one another with mutual affection, do not lag in zeal, rejoice in hope, live in harmony with one another, do not repay anyone evil for evil. Do not be overcome by evil; but overcome evil with action.* In other words, the mark of a true Christian is love in action.

The second last verse of this passage says this: ...if your enemy is hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on their head. What does this mean? It probably refers to an Egyptian tradition of carrying a pan of burning coals on one's head as a public act of repentance. By referring to this proverb, Paul was saying that we should treat our enemies with kindness so that they will become ashamed and turn from their sins. The best way to get rid of our enemies is to turn them into friends.

Do we still have our L-Plates attached? I hope we all learn something new every day.

Our daily walk with JESUS can only help in transforming our lives into the people He would have us become. We must never forget our Cursillo motto of: Make A Friend, Be A Friend and Bring That Friend Gently To JESUS – again and again and again.

Have we lived a fortunate life? Only the individual within us can answer that question but as Christian people who are regular recipients of GOD's amazing grace, I think we can say YES – as long as we don't look at our phones too much!

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Fr Steve 3/11/2018



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What an incredible 2 months of witnessing & experiencing God's love and action this has been for me as a lay member of the Newcastle Anglican Church, through the Cursillo Movement. My first National Cursillo in Cairns and then being part of Christ's team of Hong Kong #1.

In August Fr Steve & Maria, Jim & Barb, Glenda & I, flew to Cairns for the National Cursillo Secretariat meeting (my first) and then to celebrate on the Saturday afternoon with the Cursillistas of the Diocese of North Queensland, their 20 years of Cursillo in that Diocese.

What a blessing & encouragement to us all!

A total of 30 delegates & guests from the Western Australian, Victorian, Tasmanian, & Queensland & N.S.W's Anglican Diocese attended, and once again I reiterate the beauty of Cursillo, in meeting more wonderful people of God, that you can only really meet, through Cursillo's wide network. Praise God.

Our days started and finished with services in the lovely Chapel @ the Seville Mercy Conference Centre. The six workshop / discussions over the Thursday & Friday, engaged us all, and topics discussed though challenging, inspired me about perseverance in Christian faith, despite the many, many obstacles we may encounter. The catering was superb & the management & 3 Sisters of Mercy looked after all our eating needs with their usual loving and servanthood hearts.

On Saturday afternoon, we packed into St Margaret's Anglican Church, West Cairns for the 20 year celebration Ultreya! Approximately 100 people attended, plenty of uplifting singing, 4 speakers who were part of NQ#1 Cursillo (be it team or candidates) spoke of what Cursillo has done for them, in transforming their lives into a living, loving & active faith in Jesus. It was great also to meet people at the Ultreya, who hadn't attended their Cursillo, we were blessed by the wonderful muso who also wasn't a Cursillista. The wonderful day was capped off by pre dinner drinks, a splendid meal, back @ the Seville Mercy Conference Centre, with over 80 guests. Our guest speakers, Bishop Bill Rae (Bishop of North Queensland) & Bishop Ian Palmer (Bishop of Bathurst & Episcopal Bishop of Cursillo), inspired and encouraged us all in our life journeys, as we bring God's love into our environments, changing them though our gentle loving lives as Christians.

Then it was back home to Newcastle, and in the meantime experienced by 9 beautiful ladies, had experienced a new dimension to their faith journey in the loving Community of Women's 47.

Three weeks later Men's 47 Cursillo, and again the joy of witnessing the Holy Spirit's Leading of a Christian Community in action, and the many fruits and blessings that flow from these 3 day courses on Christian Living. Again this method has shown to bear much fruit, when we faithfully and diligently follow the Cursillo method, which the Diocese of Grafton gifted to us over 28 years ago.

Cheers, Blessings & Ultreya! Bill

**HONG KONG M&W #1**, the Gifting of Cursillo from the Australian Anglican Cursillo Movement.

13 Aussie Cursillistas from the Australian Anglican Cursillo Movement Dioceses of Bathurst, Bendigo, Newcastle, Perth & Tasmania were part of the 15 vet's, led by Rodger O'Hara, who made up the team of Hong Kong #1, the remaining 2 team members were Fr Will & Fr Robert, who had experienced their Cursillo's in England. The Anglican Cursillo Movement of Australia was invited by Archbishop Paul Wong of Hong Kong, to gift Cursillo to the Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong

Barb & Jim Warland and I, made up the Newcastle part of the team, which saw the three of us board the flight to Hong Kong, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, departing @ 8:45am from Sydney International Airport, and arriving Hong Kong time 3:15pm, to be greeted by Fr Will, (the inspiration for bringing Cursillo to Hong Kong) after we had collected our bags, with a large sign, saying "Cursillo".

Over the next 2 days of team preparation, last minute jobs, some site seeing and sorting out something like 3,500 letters of Palanca! Thank you so much!

The scripture theme chosen, was "Fan into flame the gift of God in you" **2 Timothy 1:6-7**, and what an encouraging scripture to all of us!

Wednesday evening, before departure Thursday afternoon, to Cheung Chau Island, we were the guests of Archbishop Paul at a sumptuous Chinese cuisine feast. What genuine, incredible hospitality, which was present all through our days with our brothers and sisters of the Hong Kong Diocese.

Thursday the team, after a beautiful morning Eucharist in St John's Cathedral, attended by all the Hong Kong Parish Clergy, where commissioned & blessed, at a by Archbishop Paul Wong, then followed a wonderful breakfast, sharing with the clergy our experiences of Cursillo.

So then, down to the fast ferry, with all our luggage & goods for the Cursillo, which was to be held in a Salesian Monastery on Cheung Chau Island, about 40 minutes from the main island. What a beautiful island, the only motorised transport is the ambulance, and numerous small noisy, motorised flat top carts, one which thankfully carried all our "gear" up to the Monastery. There was time, for a bit of shopping & ice cream delicacy at the numerous shops and stalls along the foreshore before our climb up the winding path of about 1.5km, encouraging each other with Ultreya!, as we steadily ascended the some 90 metre climb.

Then to the busy task of "putting our digs in order" and setting up the conference room of (5 tables, 2 for the women & two for the men, plus the top table) & prayer chapel, before the arrival of our 14 guests, of 7 women & 7 men, whom we entertained outside with pre dinner nibbles and drinks, with a back drop of the ocean and soaring sea birds, before saying grace, sharing a meal and then back to the conference room for introductions, meditations and then the silence of our first night, to reflect on an incredible day, with Christ as our head!

The ensuing 3 day program was modified, due to time constraints, and allowance for cultural differences of some more free time.

### WITH A THANKFUL HEART

Dear friends, Please accept my very sincere thanks for your prayers and good wishes over the past few months. I am very happy to say that I have recovered remarkably and am just about back to my old self. I am now reengaged in the work that matters and thank God for my friends of the Cursillo family and for the mission opportunities that God has entrusted to us. Blessings Brian Walsh.



### KAIROS MEN'S INSIDE HUNTER NEWS.

Kairos Prison Ministry, all about apostolic action of showing God's love for the incarcerated in our Correctional Centres, will be running 2 short courses in the Hunter Valley in 2019. If you would like to get involved in this life changing ministry @ either or both prisons, please see details below on who to contact..

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**“WELCOME! TO OUR NEW CURSILLISTAS”**

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The ensuing 3 day program was modified, due to time constraints, and allowance for cultural differences of some more free time.

Talks over the 3 days, were limited to 10 minutes each, only 1 song per talk, and only the one poster summarising day 1. This allowed a lot more family discussion time, and a sense of a relaxed sharing / caring community. From the onset all of the 14 shared, talked sang and prayed as if we had known each met long before.

As this was a mixed Cursillo, very new to all of us, there was, I suppose some unasked questions in our minds, as to how will this work? By separating the table families to either side of the conference room, allowed for table talk which was not heard, or interrupted by adjoining table discussions. The combined different range of voices in the singing, and the mixing of us all at the dining room for our meals, blessed the whole community.

Day 2, saw most of us having had a “better beauty sleep” and culminated with the Healing Eucharist & Emmaus walk being held late afternoon after the Obstacles to Grace Talk. Dinner followed @ 6:30pm, then the “PANEL”, compline & off to bed!

Day 3 Mananita, saw us all outside, singing to our wonderful friends. A community of 29! Breakfast followed, more inspiring talks, lunch and then a time constrained Clausura, as many new vets had to catch the 3:45 pm fast ferry home.

At the final Eucharist and presentation of crosses by Dean Mathias, another incredibly hospitable and humble man, Fr Will encouraged the new vets with some sharing of their experience.

One comment from a new vet, which we must reflect and rejoice in, was “in Hong Kong culture, if you get something for nothing, it is junk! Cursillo has turned that on its head! “. Our Fond farewells made, tidy up, then the walk downhill with all our gear, to catch the “slow ferry” back to the mainland, tired maybe, however still on fire from the experience that Cursillo continues to bring!

Tuesday saw Barb, Jim & I, leaving a very wet Hong Kong behind @ 8:45 am, taking with us, many wonderful blessings & memories of the new friends we had made, the recognition of Christ’s strength in all of us oldies, as we were upheld in prayer by all of you over this inspiring journey.

Would we do it again? You bet!

May I encourage us all to keep in our prayer all our news vets and clergy of Hong Kong #1 as they live out their 4<sup>th</sup> Day & for us all, to look beyond our horizons of bringing the good news of God’s love for us all into our own environments.

Cheers, Blessings & Ultreya!

Bill, Men’s 2 Newcastle 1990. Table of St Matthew.



## Diocesan Ultreya @St Peter's East Maitland

The day was hot, windy and very uncomfortable BUT there is nothing like a church full of Cursillistas to change the atmosphere!

We sang, celebrated, worshipped, listened and fellowshiped. A perfect way to spend a day.

Great music supplied by a marvellous group of musicians and naturally the singing was amazing. Fortunately, my voice was drowned out. Thank you musos.

We decommissioned and then commissioned Cursillistas for the next three years. Thank you to everyone who undertook roles for the last 3 years and those who have taken on roles for the next 3 years. Working together we will continue to serve our God by living our fourth day and being friends and bringing new friends to God. What a privilege.

The announcement of next year's Weekend Lay Directors for W48 and M48 was a great celebration. They are Glenda Grono and Robert Marsh and I'm sure that they will bring together great teams and their weekends will be perfect for the next candidates. Our job now is to pray for them, their teams and the future candidates.

Lyn Wickham was the witness speaker who talked about 'learning to dance with Jesus'. We all need to put on our dancing shoes and practice dancing together with Jesus.

It is always special to celebrate Eucharist together. Bishop Peter celebrated for us and his sermon was about where he thought we could do and grow especially with a spirit of invitation. Invite people to everything we think they will enjoy.

Thank you to the many Cursillistas who paid their contributions. Remember it is never too late and your contributions help to subsidise the weekend cost.

Sue Cook and Laurel Mitchell did an amazing job organising the day, true disciples.

We finished about 12.30 and many stayed for lunch to continue to fellowship. It was an uplifting day. Looking forward to next year on November 2nd at St John's, Wyong.

De Colores and Ultreya Barb Hayes



Willie Denley (right) her friend and prayer-partner Denise Amman and Fr Chris Bullock who had extended the invitation to Willie.



Willie signing a copy of her book.



Tuesday 9 October 2018: An Evening with Willie Denley - a wonderfully encouraging prayer journey shared.

Willie Denley was an active member of Cursillo at Stockton before she moved to Canberra for family reasons. On Tuesday evening (9 October), an eclectic group of over 50 people gathered at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Kotara, to hear Willie Denley share her story that had led to the publication of her book "When His Whispers Flow". There was a group from Stockton where Willie and her husband, David, had ministered, who enjoyed the opportunity of renewing old friendships. A large contingent from Belmont M U were present as part of their annual exchange visit with MU at Kotara, both evening and day groups. Cursillo members from across parishes, friends from Hunter Prayer Connection, friends from other parishes and of course, parishioners from Kotara.

Willie traced the story of her personal journey of prayer. The impact of praying with others, especially her prayer partner over many years, was outlined. An important point in her story was her dependence on God's leading. Her intimacy with Scripture was reflected in her talk and in her records of her understanding of God's leading in all things. Her contention is that no matter what the situation God was able to speak to her through His Word. (A recording of the talk has been posted on the Kotara web page. The link is <http://www.kotaraanglican.org.au/3811-2/>.)

The book is a reflection of her understandings, written in a style where God speaks personally and directly, gathered together over the years. Those present would thoroughly recommend it.

It was a wonderful evening of like-minded Christian folk rejoicing in God's grace, encouraged by Willie's personal discipleship. We were greatly blessed having her with us.

Chris Bullock  
(on behalf of those present)



New Secretariat Members

Noelene Lentfer, Rosemary Allen, Brian Taylor



Above— W48 LD Glenda Grono and M48 LD Robert Marsh

Below—Some of the Cursillistas enjoying the Ultreya





## Women Celebrating Our Faith

*Jesus said, "Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." Matthew 11:30 MSG*

Please come and join us. We will be exploring what the Bible says about self care, mindfulness and intentionality along with spending quality time with Jesus.

The venue will be the Catalina Conference Centre at Rathmines.

This is a spacious, very comfortable, single-level facility, surrounded by parks and walkways. A beautiful and peaceful place.

**Date:** March 1st to 3rd

**Cost:** Single Room \$350  
Shared Room (2 or 3) \$300

All linen supplied.

Arrival is from 4pm (with a welcome at 6pm and dinner at 6.30pm). We will finish at 3pm on Sunday.

Deadline for bookings is February 15, 2019

Application forms available on line at—<http://www.cursillonewcastle.org.au/>

More info Barb Hayes 0423 045 072- Lyn Carter 0408 684 172



## Registration Form

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Please send your registration by 15th February 2019 to:  
Barb Hayes: 2/7 Anderson Pl; Salamander Bay, NSW 2317

Weekend Co-Ordinator, Barb Hayes ph: 0423045072

Email: [bjhayes54@gmail.com](mailto:bjhayes54@gmail.com) or

Lyn Carter 0408 684 172 Email [glcart@bigpond.com](mailto:glcart@bigpond.com)

(NB Cancellation: over 14 days: 100% of fee refundable,  
over 5 days 50% of fee refundable)

All linen is supplied.

Do you have any special dietary requirements?

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