



# The Colors

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## NEWS:

### Cursillo Movement goes *Green!*

We're adding ways to communicate with you, and we want you to know. Please help us choose the best ways of communicating with you!

If you'd prefer to receive The Colors by email, then simply follow the directions for 'Opt-in' below.

Or, if you still want to receive The Colors by US Mail – do nothing.

### To Opt-in:

To receive 'The Colors' by email:

1. Send an email to:  
[Colors@olycursillo.org](mailto:Colors@olycursillo.org)
2. Include:
  - your name,
  - mailing address, and
  - email address to use
3. Database update: Interested in working a weekend? Tell us!

## Piety: It's So Tempting

During extended economic downturns, it's natural to be more judicious about where and how we spend what money we have. Most of us avoid unnecessary expenses, and yet many of us are faced with a variety of difficult financial choices. As the downturn continues, the choices continue and often get harder. The repetition takes a toll mentally and emotionally -- and a natural reaction to this is to step back, to withdraw, and not act, feeling helpless to improve the situation. This is just one of many pathways to the mental attitude of scarcity.

It's very tempting to treat our spiritual resources in the same manner, even though the dynamics are different. Unlike our financial resources, our spiritual Resource is always available and unlimited. Drawing on Him doesn't diminish the supply - in fact, when we rely upon our spiritual resources, we often wind up with more than we had before we started.

We can always pray -- though it does matter how we pray. Simply praying for money isn't likely to evoke the response we might want - partly because there is hubris in the assumption that money will fix whatever is lacking. Why seek to set conditions on how God acts in our lives? Try a quietly reflective request for guidance -- "If not this way, then which way, Lord?" This approach can also help us to re-align our attitudes. Perhaps we've become distracted from the work we were given to do? If so, then returning to that focus is likely to be a necessary part of any solution.

There are simple, practical steps: Look at your life and make a list: what sustains you? What spiritual channels of energy and renewal do you draw from? Identify the things at church that feed your soul and get closer to them. If the music touches you deeply, then consider joining the choir... or at least sit closer to them during services. Listen to the sermon (yes, really). If you have questions - ask another person in your congregation about it during coffee hour! It doesn't really matter what the topic is, it's the relationship and the fact of the conversation that matter. Look for other opportunities in the life of your congregation. Listen for the still quiet voice; go where it draws you; engage there.



**CURSILLO**  
**ON FACEBOOK**

**Come Visit our Facebook Page !**

Do you have questions? We have answers!  
Do you want information? We may have it!

You can ask whatever you'd like to know – or you might see that someone else has already asked! We do want to hear from you – come visit today! Our name is "Diocese of Olympia Cursillo".

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## **Study:** Et tu 3-Legged Stool?

Sola Scriptura! During Adult Education sessions in the autumn, winter, or spring, the topic of the protestant revolution will often arise -- setting the stage for a discussion of the special Anglican/Episcopal spirituality. I was introduced to the concept of the Three Legged Stool in a class like this some years ago. As I remember it, the metaphor was ascribed to Richard Hooker, the Elizabethan theologian, this way: In the Episcopal church, we recognize 3 aspects of Spiritual Authority: Scripture, Reason, and Tradition, each of equal importance. Together, they are like a three legged stool. Take away any of the three and the stool will not stand."

It's an easy image to remember, but as often happens when things are easy, it is not actually true. What Richard Hooker(1554-1600) actually wrote is:

*"What Scripture doth plainly deliver, to that the first place both of credit and obedience is due; the next whereunto, is what any man can necessarily conclude by force of Reason; after this, the voice of the church succeedeth"*<sup>1</sup>.

The 3 elements of veracity he identifies are not independent and equal - they are in strict hierarchy: First we are to follow scripture. In some places where scripture may be vague or self-contradicting, we are then to employ reason. If there remains any area which is unclear or uncertain, in these cases, the voice of the church is to be followed. We should also note that the term 'Reason' was understood differently by Hooker and his peers than we think of it today. For them, it denoted a mixture of intuitive induction, analysis, and deduction - a much more holistic notion than our simplified sense of left-brained analysis and deduction.

So the image of the stool didn't originate with Hooker and is, in fact, at odds with what he did write. This widely-accepted image seems to appear in use in the late 19th century, was well-used throughout the 20th century, even today. Why? Most probably because the metaphor does accurately represent some core truths about Episcopalians (though in true Episcopalian fashion we don't all agree about all the truths in the image): Some see in it the *via media* or 'middle way' , an alternative between Catholic hierarchy and the more direct Protestant emphasis on Scripture. Some people voice deep criticism of the metaphor because they see it as an over-simplification and a tool to lead the church away from the truth of scripture. Others see it as a strongly positive icon of moderation that has been very effective in helping us stay in community with others who hold differing views.

To sum up, if you were planning to use the 3-legged stool metaphor, think carefully about whether it really fits. Be aware that this image is no longer a safe, easy mnemonic. Use it only if you're comfortable with the multiple nuances it brings with it - and whatever you do, don't attribute it to Richard Hooker.

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<sup>1</sup> Lawes of Ecclesiastical Polity, Vol 5 (ca 1593)

## **Action:** Submit Applications Anytime... ... but always ASAP

In the past couple of years, there has been a 'scramble' that occurs just prior to the 'deadline' for each Cursillo weekend, where we receive and try to process applications just prior to the weekend itself. This leads to difficulties for everyone involved. The team that has been called needs to know how many candidates to prepare for. Candidates need to know whether the weekend will occur as scheduled - or not. (We had to cancel a weekend last spring when we expected some last-minute candidates that didn't materialize). In short, our previous methods haven't worked as well as we'd like -- so we're making some changes.

The process of identifying potential candidates should be an on-going one. When you find a good potential candidate, get their application started right away, and see about getting them started in a reunion group. We'll collect applications right along. Weekends will then be scheduled when we have a sufficient number of candidates. This way we can all make responsible decisions earlier, rather than cancelling weekends, which everyone can acknowledge is very disappointing.

Help us: Get your candidate's applications in asap.

## **Grouping**      **Get Re-started** **or help others to do so**

Many people throughout our Diocese are interested in getting re-started in a reunion group – but aren't sure how to find others to group with. We'd like to help. Later we hope to assist more directly through the website, but for now we can help through email:

So if any of the following conditions apply to you:

- You are not in a group currently but would like to be
- You are in a group now, but would also join another
- Your existing group is open to adding new members

Please email to 'Groups@OlyCursillo.org' with the following info:

- (1) Your name, parish, phone #
- (2) Permission to share your info w/ other local Cursillistas.



**St. Margaret's Episcopal Church**  
**4228 Factoria Blvd**  
**Bellevue, WA 98006**  
**www.saintmargarets.org**

**Nov 10-13, 2011**

**(425) 746-6650**

**Theme:** Search for the Lord and His strength. Continually seek his face  
-- Psalm 105:4

**Agape walk: 8:00 pm (Nov 12)** Assemble quietly outside church

**Mañanitas: 5:30 am** Gather in Bristol Hall, upper (main) floor

**Clausura: 3:30 pm** Meet in Chapel. Eucharist will be celebrated.

**Palanca:** We encourage *hand-written personal notes* telling candidates of the prayer and sacrifice offered on their behalf. Send or deliver palanca to candidate sponsors or to the Conference Center during the weekend. **PLEASE DO NOT MAIL IT TO THE CURSILLO OFFICE.**

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
Norman (Norm) Adams	St Andrews, Aberdeen	Dale McQueen
Molly Cady	St Clare, Snoqualmie	Cindy Remick
William (Frank) Carr	St Luke, Sequim	George Alkire
Kevin Gavalis	St Andrews, Aberdeen	Wes Rolfe Jr
Caroline Horrigan	St John's Kirkland	Karen Sjostrom
Tom Hughes	St Margaret, Bellevue	Michael Knowles
Robert (Rob) Jackson II	St Luke, Renton	Stan Burgess
Kimberly (Kim) Kite	St Andrew, Aberdeen	Bette Worth
Dennis Kurzrock	St Paul, Bremerton	Marilyn Saba
Jenifer Lewis	St John the Baptist, Seattle	Jan Peterson
Diane Lindstrand	St Claire, Snoqualmie	Cindy Remick
Robert (Bob) Miller	St Aidan, Camano Island	William Lee
Sue Mings	St Margaret, Bellevue	Connie Anderson
Amy Norton	Christ Church, Puyallup	Charles & Vickey Clayton
Barry O'Brien	Christ Church, Puyallup	Henry Nielsen
Ken Powell	St Andrew, Aberdeen	Wes Rolfe Jr
Lindell Stacy-Horton	St Andrew, Aberdeen	Gail Rolfe
Mark Stril	St James, Kent	David Coburn, Tisha Helmer
John Tennefoss	St Marks, Montesano	James Campbell Jr
Amy Teeter	Church of Good Shepherd, F-Way	Elizabeth (Liz) Johnson
Kristin Vivian	St Andrew, Aberdeen	Susan Rolfe
Maureen Wells-Henderson	St Margaret, Bellevue	Nancy Forsyth
Jacqueline Weston-Stringham	St Paul, Bremerton	Rev Kathleen Kingslight
Rozena (Anne) Williams	St Marks, Montesano	Bonnie Campbell

**Core Team:** **Rector:** Matthew Finnigan, **Vice Rectora:** Chris Webber, **Action:** Mark Dolby, **Chas:** Allegra Andersen & Hal Snyder, **Chef:** Rod Robinson, **Musica:** Michael Rader, **Palanca:** Curt LeMaster, **Spiritual Director:** Jim Eichner

**Kitchen:** Nora Cheek, Chuck Foisie, Joe Kattenhorn, Bob Morse, Leigh Price, Mary Venske, Jon Vicklund, Christen Westom

**Music:** Jeffrey Hiatt, John Heberling, Heather Irwin, Peter Moore, Daryl Storey

**Palanca:** Bob Champoux, Carrie Cone, Jim Demick, Sam Fleshman, Meredith Moses, Toni Peters Charlie Storrs, Kris Souza

**Rollo Room:** Tom Andrew, Susie Cameron, Jim Campbell, Sheila Crisp, Joel Davis, Shannon Duggan, Dawn Dunn, Babs Harrison, Tish Helmer, Joy Kuhlmann, Ed Leonard, Janice Peterson, Mike Rizzotti, Chris Webber

**Spiritual:** Sheila Crisp, Christie Demura

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Dear Cursillo Community,

The Co-Ed Cursillo Team invites you to attend:

Fall Clausura      Nov 13 at 3:30pm      Saint Margaret's, Bellevue

Please join us to welcome the newest Cursillistas, celebrate the Eucharist with Bishop Greg Rickel presiding, and enjoy the fellowship of our community.

-- Matthew Finnigan and his team

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## FOURTH DAY CELEBRATION

**When?**

**Saturday Dec 3<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Where?**

St John's, 7701 Skansie Ave, Gig Harbor • 253.858-3777

**What time?**

Not yet determined – plan for 10AM. **Watch Facebook for details**

**Who should I bring?**

**Sponsors, bring your candidates!**

**What about lunch?**

Not yet determined – **watch Facebook for more details**

**How do I get there?**

Take I-5 North or South to Tacoma. Turn north onto SR 16 and go over the bridge to Gig Harbor. Exit SR-16 on 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. Follow 38<sup>th</sup> avenue North to Rosedale St NW. Turn west onto Rosedale. Follow Rosedale west back under the freeway, then turn left (south) onto Skansie Ave (also 46<sup>th</sup> Ave NW). St. John's is on the left.

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