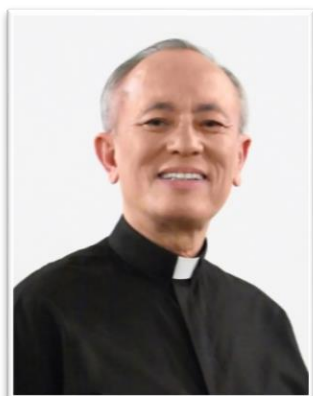




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## Thank You, Fr. Joseph Dao Vu, SVD



The National Secretariat and Staff extend their sincere thanks and gratitude to Fr. Joseph Dao Vu, SVD for his exemplary leadership while he served as Assistant National Spiritual Advisor since October 2015 and National Spiritual Advisor since November 2018. Fr. Joseph is currently assigned to Preaching Ministry at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis, MS. Fr. Joseph lived his Three Day Cursillo in August 1988 in Marywood, CA and has served on several Cursillo Weekends and Cursillo de Cursillos. Please join the National Secretariat in thanking Fr. Joseph for his dedication, friendship, for inspiring us and encouraging us. May the Lord bless Fr. Joseph in all his future endeavors. You can reach Fr. Joseph at [yusvd@hotmail.com](mailto:yusvd@hotmail.com).

## Thank You, Hoang Tran



The National Secretariat and Staff extend their sincere thanks and gratitude to Hoang Tran for his exemplary leadership while he served as National Cursillo Service Administrator (NCSA) from 2013-2019. The NCSA position has not been a job but a special vocation. Hoang's initiative, friendship, attentiveness, self-giving and love for Christ and Cursillo will always be remembered. Hoang took the NCSA position during challenging times, but he managed, through grace, friendship and perseverance, to transform the challenge into a positive journey for all Cursillistas. May the Lord bless Hoang and his family in all their future endeavors. You can reach Hoang at [hoangtran888@gmail.com](mailto:hoangtran888@gmail.com).

## Welcome, Nadia Lopez Valladolid



The National Secretariat is pleased to announce that Nadia Lopez Valladolid has been selected to serve at the new National Cursillo Service Administrator for a 3-year term effective August 12, 2019.

Nadia lived her Cursillo Weekend in November 2003 in the Diocese of San Bernardino where she currently resides. She is the second of 4 children, and only daughter. Nadia is blessed to have been surrounded by a Cursillista Christian community her entire life, as her parents lived their Cursillo when she was a year old. The friendship in Cursillo impacted Nadia at a very young age and she expressed her curiosity to live a Cursillo Weekend.

During her Cursillo Weekend, Nadia discovered her vocation and since then she has been an active member of a Group Reunion, Ultreya and School of Leaders. She has had the privilege to serve in many leadership responsibilities most recently as Region XI Spanish Regional Coordinator and National Executive Committee member where she served as Secretary. She has commitment, appreciation, and passion to serve Christ through the Cursillo Movement; and a desire to preserve the authenticity of the Foundational Charism.

Nadia earned a BS in Criminal Justice and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. She has several years of management experience and helping others achieve educational and financial goals. Nadia is bilingual, fluent in English and Spanish. She is an authentic witness and is continually seeking ongoing conversion. Nadia believes that there is always a reason and a purpose, and with God everything is possible. She constantly asks the Holy Spirit to guide her and help her discern God's will in her life. Nadia is humbled by the opportunity to serve the National Cursillo Movement. You can reach Nadia at [valladolidnadia@hotmail.com](mailto:valladolidnadia@hotmail.com).

## 2019 National Encounter

Approximately **900 Cursillistas**, laity, clergy and religious gathered at the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA on July 18-21, 2019 to celebrate the 29th National Encounter and the 75th Anniversary of the First Cursillo held at Cala Figuera in August 1944.



Your presence, your friendship, your culture and your love for Christ and Cursillo made this National Encounter *very* special. There was considerable diversity of language groups present at the encounter: English, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, and Vietnamese. A ‘special thanks’ to all the Cursillistas who served behind the scenes to make this encounter possible.

Miguel Sureda and Ramón Rosselló, Cursillistas from Mallorca, spoke on the *Life of Eduardo Bonín* on Friday morning and *Precursillo* and *Postcursillo* on Saturday. Most Rev. Eduardo A. Nevares, Bishop of Phoenix, spoke on *The Eucharist, The Central Theme of Cursillo* on Friday afternoon. Hoang Tran spoke about *Living Witnesses of the Foundational Charism*. Alan Becker, Maribel Gomez, and Anna Khanh Nguyen spoke on *Cursillo, Step by Step Rector's Guide* on

Saturday. Deacon Andy Carrillo, Asst. National Spiritual Advisor, Fr. David Smith, and Fr. Dinh G. Votran spoke on *The Role of the Spiritual Advisor* on Saturday. The National Encounter ended with a *Grand Fiesta* to continue socializing through friendship! The Cursillistas enjoyed the facilities, food, fellowship, faith and the message of the encounter. Copies of all the talks presented during the National Encounter will be posted at [My Resource Center](#) on the National Cursillo website. Please allow 2-3 weeks for posting.

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Hoang Tran – National Cursillo Service Administrator  
Ceferino Aguillón, Jr. – National English Coordinator  
Juan Ruiz – National Hispanic Coordinator  
Vincent Tin Pham – National Vietnamese Coordinator