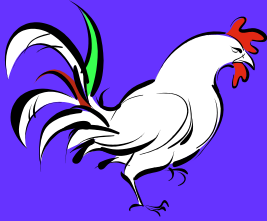




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DID YOU KNOW?

The feast of Pentecost (in Hebrew, Shavuot), or the Festival of Weeks, was given its present name by Greek-speaking Jews. They named it “fiftieth day,” as the feast was held fifty days after the first day of Passover.

There is a Jewish tradition that King David was born and died on Pentecost. That is why, after the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts chapter 2, Saint Peter quotes David, and refers to David’s tomb.

*Come, Holy Spirit, Come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.*

*– from the Golden Sequence of the
Mass of Pentecost Sunday*



The Director's Chair

Building on a Firm Foundation

by Judy Holt, Lay Director

If you didn't already know, the Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo has a prayer chain. A prayer chain is a way for people to get assistance in prayer for any problems that may arise in their lives. It is also a way for us to act on God's command to love one another...we do this by our prayers.

I know many of us do not work directly in Cursillo ministries, but we can all pray! We can even offer up our aches and pains as a form of prayer. Praying for the intentions of the Prayer Chain is a time for us to look beyond ourselves, and look to the needs of others. Jesus taught that if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, "it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." (Matt 18:19). Jesus also said, "Ask and you will receive," in Luke 11:9.

This is how the Prayer Chain works. If you want to be one of our "prayer warriors," you send an email to Nikki Parman at nikkiparman@yahoo.com. She will put you on the email list to which she sends out prayer requests. Also, if anyone has a prayer request, send it to Nikki at the email address listed here, and she will forward it to all the people on her email list. It's as simple as that.

Following these easy steps, this wonderful Prayer Chain can be utilized to its fullest. But prayer requests will only go out to those who have emailed Nikki and requested to receive them—so be sure and sign up as a prayer warrior. Remember, we can all take a few minutes out of our busy schedules to pray for our brothers and sisters that have requested our prayers. That's what we are here for! I encourage each and every one of you to consider this.

God Bless, Judy Holt

Inspiration Corner

by Fr. Joe Brando, Spiritual Director

Dear East Tennessee Cursillistas,

What a great weekend we had in St. Louis! It focused on the big picture of Cursillo. At the same time, it placed the more minute stuff where it belonged. As a result, most of us there got a better grip of how Cursillo works.

One item, that you might look at casually and ignore, is really important. Nationally, Cursillo need to grow financially. We are becoming poorer as the years go by. We can help turn the tide by pledging only \$3.00 per year. The theme of the campaign is "A Solution to a Brighter Future." To their credit, the Cursillo leadership is keeping the campaign at a quiet level. But that doesn't give us permission to "forget about it" (as we from Brooklyn still say). Please do your best to find a brochure on the financial campaign. That brochure will give you many details I'm leaving out, such as where the money goes. It really is well done as fund raising campaigns go.

Another, more personal topic is the tremendous spiritual debt I owe you. One of God's wonderful gifts He has given me is the ability to feel other people's prayers for me. So I know how many people have prayed for me in the past few months. I may not know the names, but I feel the result of those prayers. I am far closer to a normal life now, than I was back in October, when I learned that I have colon cancer. Now, I need only one more dose of that horrible blend of chemotherapy that has kept me weak, feeling constantly dizzy, nauseous, constipated and diarrheal at virtually the same time. But that part of the protocol for conquering this disease will be over on May 14th. And, it is more because of your powerful prayers, which I feel far more strongly than the medicine, that I happily approach the end of the chemo phase of the therapy.

And all of this is because of you. I owe you greatly. So, each one of you, if you need a favor of any sort where I may be of help, call me. You would not be asking with a request; it would be my response to your great gift to me. It's a means of my returning your gift of powerful prayer.

The Deacon's Two



MY TRIPOD'S WEAKEST LEG

By Deacon Bill Jacobs

The image of a three-legged stool, or tripod, is an indelible one for every cursillista. We all remember, and understand well, the importance of balance among Piety, Study, and Action in our Christian walk. Our weekly Group Reunions reaffirm our commitment to these three pillars of the Cursillo movement.

Over the years, however, I have noticed that one of the three legs of my tripod has been getting weaker and weaker. My commitments to acts of piety have never been stronger. Reading great and holy books, and learning from other sources, has made study an integral part of my life.

But action? This part of my Cursillo commitment has become the weakest part of my three-legged stool. It is the last thing shared in the Group Reunion, and always seems to get short shrift. Maybe you see your commitment to apostolic action getting slighted, too.

Think about that a minute. If anything, action is the most important of the three legs of the tripod. Without action, there is no evangelization, no spreading of the gospel, no changing of the world for Christ. Through piety and study we might be personally transformed, but their *whole purpose* is to prepare us to evangelize the world around us.

When you share your apostolic action every week, does it sound like mine? I don't often have apostolic actions, but apostolic *reactions*, based on random events in my life, to which I react in a Christian manner. I helped change a tire. I was nice to someone in the supermarket. Where is my apostolic plan? I don't have one. What environment am I targeting? None. Have I identified the key agents of change in my environments, to try and influence them with the Christian message? Nope, not happening.

Maybe I am thinking of someone who might be available as a candidate for the next Cursillo weekend. That's it? That's the extent of my evangelization? At this rate, my environments will be transformed for Christ in, maybe, another 1000 years or so!

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, challenges all of us to be better evangelizers, to "go out into the periphery," to "smell like the sheep" of the flock that we call our environments. It is time for me (and maybe for a lot more of us) to get moving! Our environments are *aching* for the Christian message! What are we waiting for? Remember Christ is counting on me, and he is counting on you! Let's roll!



Congratulations Fr. Alex Waraksa on the silver jubilee of your ordination.

Fr. Alex was ordained on May 26, 1990 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oak Ridge, TN. He attended the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, also called Mundelein Seminary, in Chicago, IL.

Pope Francis had an audience with over 7,000 European Cursillistas on April 30, 2015. Quoting Pope Francis, "This is important: friendliness and company. ... I would like to say to your movement: you have not engaged in proselytism! And this is a virtue. The Church grows not by proselytism but by witness, as Pope Benedict said. And it is true. ... Today you too wish to announce the Good News of God's love, making yourself close to others ... so that they can have a personal experience of Christ's infinite love that frees and transforms life." The Pope answered some questions from the participants, suggesting to them how to make their charism fruitful, and beginning by explaining that to help others grow in faith, first of all it is necessary to experience first-hand God's goodness and tenderness to then communicate it with benevolence and mercy. "This is the amicable witness of dialogue between friends."

A video of Pope Francis' full remarks is located on The National Cursillo's web page. www.cursillo.org

REGION IV CURSILLO ENCOUNTER

by Angela Feltz

The Archdiocese of St. Louis Cursillo Community hosted the Region IV Cursillo Encounter on Apr 24th – 26th. The Region IV Service Team presented Rollos on “Friendship and Cursillo” by Pat Williams (Louisville), “Essence and Purpose of Cursillo” by Bruce Bonenberger (Evansville), “Ultreya and The Sessions” by Angela Feltz and “The Groups and Its Reunion” by Bruce Bonenberger. Our own Fr. Alex Waraksa, Region IV Spiritual Advisor, presented the Keynote Address on Friday. Also attending from our movement were Judy Holt, Lay Director, Fr. Joe Brando, Spiritual Advisor, and Mary Williams, English Palanca Coordinator.

Cursillo communities included in Region IV are the diocese of Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville in Tennessee; Owensboro, Lexington and the Archdiocese of Louisville in Kentucky; Little Rock, Arkansas; Belleville, Illinois; Cincinnati, Ohio; Mount St. Francis and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Springfield-Cape Girardeau in Missouri.

Along with the Rollos presented, we celebrate together with Morning and Evening Prayer, Mass, and fellowship with friends. Living out the Cursillo tripod of Piety, Study and Action during the encounter always leaves us with the feeling of being reinvigorated, to help us persevere in our fourth day journey.

The Spring Encounter is for the Spiritual Advisors and the Lay Directors, as well as other key persons in the local movements. However, the Fall Encounter is open to every Cursillista, and this fall it will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. We would like to invite you to consider attending. This fall’s encounter will be on October 9-11th. Please pray about joining us for this wonderful encounter with self, Jesus, and others.

This year, scheduled to attend the Fall Encounter are Cef Aguillon, the National English Language coordinator, and Hoang Tran, the National Cursillo Service Administrator.

We are working toward creating a Spanish Service Team for Region IV. If we have a commitment from the Spanish-speaking Cursillo movements in our Region, we will have Juan Ruiz, the National Spanish Language coordinator with us at the Fall Encounter also. Come and join us, and learn more about the Cursillo movement.



Archbishop Robert Carlson of St Louis surrounded by Cursillista from the Region IV
Spring Encounter in St. Louis following Mass on Good Shepherd Sunday



Secretariat Positions

POSITIONS ON THE SECRETARIAT ARE UP FOR ELECTION:

Spanish PreCursillo Representative: Application coordinator, screening for eligibility, and communicating all information concerning the upcoming weekend to the candidates and the rector/a. He/She will also work with sponsors to communicate their role in the Cursillo process.

Music Representative

Webmaster (Assistant to the Secretariat)

Have you looked at the Knoxville Cursillo web page lately? It is a simple page that only takes a few moments to maintain as updates come about because of the calendar of events in our Cursillo movement. Do you have any experience maintaining a web page? Do you have a desire to work with the Secretariat in keeping everyone informed about the happenings of our Cursillo Community? Contact Micheline Parkey for more information by email michelineparkey@epbfi.com

If God is calling you to one of these positions, please submit in writing your willingness to serve and send it via email to: judy massagiaholt@gmail.com or by mail to Judy Holt, 10 Flamingo Ct., Johnson City, TN 37601.

Please pray for discernment.

This is man's glory, to persevere and abide in the service of God.

--Saint Irenaeus, Father of the Church

**CONGRATULATIONS Jenny Venable,
the newest member of Secretariat.
She will serve as Secretary**

Cursillo Calendar 2015

Event	Date/Time/Location	Contact
4 th Day Workshop	Feb 7 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Dave Campbell Jorge Saenz
Secretariat	Mar 14 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima (Alcoa)	Judy Holt
Parish Rep/Post Cursillo Workshop	April 11 10:00-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Micheline Parkey
Spring Regional Encounter LD/SA Regional Encounter	April 24-26 (Fri-Sun) St. Louis	Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop	May 2 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at Sacred Heart (Shea Room) Knoxville	Dave Campbell Jorge Saenz
Secretariat	June 13 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima (Alcoa)	Judy Holt
Diocesan Encounter	July 11 10:00-2:00 at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Micheline Parkey
National Cursillo Encounter	July 23-26 (Thurs-Sun) Philadelphia, PA, at Villanova University	Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop	Aug 1 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at Sacred Heart (Shea Room) Knoxville	Dave Campbell Jorge Saenz
Spanish Women's Cursillo	Aug 27-30 Postponed until further notice	Guadalupe Esponiza
Secretariat	Sept 12 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima (Alcoa)	Judy Holt
Spanish Men's Cursillo	Sept 24-27 (Thurs-Sun) Apison	Guadalupe Esponiza
Grand Ultreya/ 4 th Day Workshop	Oct 3 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Micheline Parkey Manuel Quintino Dave Campbell Jorge Saenz
Fall Regional Encounter	Oct 9-11 (Fri-Sun) Louisville, KY	Judy Holt
English Men's Cursillo	Oct 15-18 (Thurs-Sun) Apison	Yurison & Maria Cornejo
English Women's Cursillo	Nov 19-22 (Thurs-Sun) Apison	Yurison & Maria Cornejo
Grand Ultreya/English Reunion Secretariat	Dec 5 (Sat) 10:00am-12:00pm Ultreya 12:00-2:00 Secretariat at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Micheline Parkey Manuel Quintino Judy Holt

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