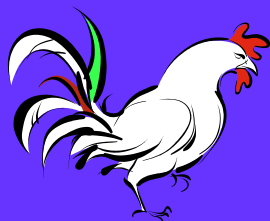




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DIocese of KNOXVILLE CURSILLO

The Rooster Crows

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DID YOU KNOW?

In September, Pope Francis will canonize the great missionary of western North America, Junipero Serra. Blessed Junipero was born on the island of Mallorca, off the coast of Spain. That is the same island where the founder of Cursillo, Eduardo Bonnín, was born!

In May 2014, a Street in Mallorca was named after Bonnín. This Street is at the site of the former prison yard, where Bonnín ministered to the inmates.

(Go to <http://www.cursillo.org/> and click on “Edward Bonnín Street” to see the actual Street in Mallorca)

Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only—there is nobody to make them Christians.
—Saint Francis Xavier





The Director's Chair

Building on a Firm Foundation

by Judy Holt, Lay Director

I would like to take this opportunity to extend warm wishes to you and your family in this New Year. Since we have started 2015, it's a good time to look at what we've done so far, and what our plans are for the Knoxville Cursillo Movement.

I can hardly believe that another year has come and gone, and I have completed my first year as Lay Director for the Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo. It has been a good year. We have had two Spanish weekends, one Men's and one Women's; and we have had one English Men's weekend. We held 4th Day Workshops throughout the year, which allowed all of us, together, to learn more about authentic Cursillo methodology and doctrine. We have Ultreyas in various places in the Diocese. In November, we had a Grand Ultreya/Diocesan Encounter. We have many small Group Reunions, scattered throughout the Diocese.

Many New Year's resolutions fall by the wayside after a few weeks. I know this Rooster Crows is coming out in February, but it's not too late to make one more resolution. This resolution can help you much more than losing 2 or 3 pounds! Why not resolve to become more active in Cursillo?

How can you do that, you might ask yourself? Let me give you some suggestions:

Make a new friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ.

Attend a Group Reunion, if you aren't already.

Join us at the 4th Day Workshop.

Sponsor a candidate for the Cursillo weekend.

Attend the Clausura of the Weekend.

Volunteer to be on team.

Volunteer to be on Secretariat.

We are all disciples of Christ and, as disciples, we are challenged to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that they may come to know Jesus Christ. Cursillo should not be a "well-kept secret." Let us spread the good news, and invite those we know to this wonderful movement called Cursillo. Think of how many lives and families would be changed if we just reached out to those around us. We can change this world one person at a time.

In this upcoming year, I encourage you to take a more active part in Cursillo activities. Check out the calendar at the end of this volume of the Rooster Crows, and put the activities in your personal calendar. Make Cursillo a priority in your life this year! Be particularly mindful of the dates of the upcoming weekends. If you are not on team, go to Clausura. It is so important for the new Cursillistas to have the support of the entire Cursillo community. So, pencil in some dates now, and follow through! Start with the February 7, 2015, 4th Day Workshop, at 10 AM in the Shea Room at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Hope to see you there!

Inspiration Corner

by Fr. Joe Brando, Spiritual Director

The Greatest Search

The other day, I had the occasion to watch the movie, *The Three Musketeers*, on television. (I had missed it whenever it came out on screen.) In one scene, one of the musketeers claims that the most important and most difficult effort in life is our search for our self.

At about the same time in history that *The Three Musketeers* was written, a philosophical reflection on that same topic was taking place, by another Frenchman, Rene Descartes. Descartes wondered: could it be proven that our ego exists? He was the first to claim that he had proved that our self exists. When, after eliminating everything else that could pretend to be our self, he came upon a statement that he considered to be clear, distinct and true, namely "I think, therefore I am."

If we want to go to the next step, and know for sure that we each have an immortal soul, then the best place to find the answer is in prayer. When I pray, I am in contact with God. I can experience God's presence. I can realize when those prayers are answered.

That powerful experience of being in contact with the infinite creator of the universe, when you come to think of it, says that we have been in contact with God. We can communicate with God. Something within us can both send messages to, and receive them from, our infinite, transcendent God. If I can pray, then there is a part of me that can enter the infinite life of heaven.

At all our Cursillo weekends, we keep a picture of Jesus easily visible. That can remind us of our prayer relationship with God, and lead us to an ever deeper relationship with God.

Joseph Ratzinger (before he was Pope Benedict) once described his vision of the moment after our death. He believed that that we will see the face of the risen, ascended Christ. This face will be so utterly beautiful that we will regret all our sins, and be purified for our entrance into heaven. How long that purification will take, will be different for each person.

The important fact is that we will be *alive*: not our body; but our soul which exists and is spiritual and made capable of entering into eternity by sharing Christ's life.

This Lent, I encourage you to search for your soul. You'll discover it in prayer. When you discern God's response to your prayers, then you will know you sent a message to the infinite and received a response. That should make your Lent a very special time. You would have discovered your real self, your soul. And that's surely a cause for total joy!

The Deacon's Two Cents



**What Palanca is....
and What it is Not**
By Deacon Bill Jacobs

On the three-day Cursillo weekend, we are introduced to the concept of Palanca in the *Actual Grace* rollo, which is the second clergy rollo on Friday of the weekend. If you are like me, hearing about the palanca that is being offered on behalf of the candidates, from Cursillistas all over the world, is immensely powerful. But how well do we understand palanca? Perhaps by understanding it better, we can make palanca a more integral part of our Cursillo walk.

Palanca IS—prayers and sacrifices, offered for the spiritual and apostolic successes of the Movement.

Palanca IS NOT—colorful posters, banners, flowers, or good wishes.

Palanca IS NOT—a letter which is read aloud on the weekend, or sent to an individual candidate. The important part is not the letter, but the prayers and sacrifices which we document *in* the letter; the letter is merely a vehicle with which we convey the palanca that we have done.

Palanca IS—truly sacrificial in character, an effort above and beyond the routine.

Palanca IS NOT—simply offering up for the Cursillo the personal piety which we already do. If you always go to an extra Mass every Saturday, offering it up for Cursillo is not palanca; attending an additional weekday Mass at an inconvenient time or place could be palanca.

Palanca IS NOT—limited to the few weeks or months before a Three-Day Weekend. Think about the many needs that the Movement has at other times of the year—the Secretariat and guidance in their decision making, the Fourth Day Workshops and their success, the Ultreyas, the continuation of Group Reunions around the diocese. One might measure the vibrancy of a diocesan Cursillo community by the commitments of its members to ongoing palanca.

Palanca IS—or should be—a way of life for every cursillista. When prayers and sacrifices are offered, we unlock the infinite treasures of God's grace. Our movement is transformed. Lives are changed, not only the lives of those for whom we pray, but our own lives as well.

Bishop Hervas, in the original Leader's Manual, said, "We should have the intimate and absolute conviction that everything in the Cursillo is the work of God's grace." Through our palanca, our prayers and our sacrificial spirit, we tap into that grace. And remember what the Lord said to Saint Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor 12:9)

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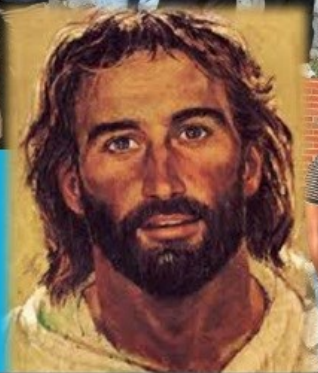
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What is a Cursillo de Cursillo?

— by Angela Feltz

Lois Schering and Angela Feltz attended a Cursillo de Cursillo weekend September 25-28, 2014 at St Bernard's Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. It was a great weekend, and everyone there learned much about the Cursillo Movement. Like a Cursillo weekend (a short course in Christianity), the Cursillo de Cursillo is a short course on the Foundational Charism of the Cursillo Movement. This weekend was designed by Eduardo Bonin, to help Cursillistas learn about the Cursillo Charism.

A Cursillo de Cursillo weekend begins on Thursday evening with the first of five meditations. There is daily Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and, like the Cursillo weekend, fifteen Rollos. There are table discussions, and a summary by the table secretary. While there were Rollos, teaching about the Cursillo movement, there is also much time to nurture encounters with self, Christ and others. If you have attended the School of Leaders or 4th Day Workshops, you have heard an introduction into some of the topics of a Cursillo de Cursillo. These topics are expanded upon, for a deeper understanding of the Cursillo Movement as a charism of Friendship. We had the opportunity to Make a Friend and Be a Friend, allowing the Cursillo de Cursillo to form us, transform us and send us, like the 72 disciples, to go out and, through friendship, to bring others to Christ.

While at St Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Lois renewed a friendship, with someone she knew when she lived in Huntsville 27 years ago. They also renewed a friendship with a deacon they met in New York, at the National Encounter a few years ago.

If you would like more information, or would be interested in attending a Cursillo de Cursillo, please contact Lois Schering at schering4@aol.com or Angela Feltz at angelafeltz127@gmail.com—they would be happy to answer your questions. DeColores!

Cursillo de Cursillo



Secretariat Positions

POSITIONS ON THE SECRETARIAT ARE UP FOR ELECTION:

Secretary: Takes notes for Minutes at each Secretariat meeting and is coordinator for the annual Cursillo appeal.

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

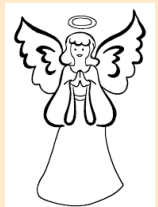
If God is calling you to one of these positions, please submit in writing your willingness to serve and send it via email to: judymassogliaholt@gmail.com or by mail to Judy Holt, 10 Flamingo Ct., Johnson City, TN 37601.

Please pray for discernment.

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

--Saint Irenaeus, Father of the Church

*Special thanks to María Ríos
our Rooster Crows translator*



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 (Thurs-Sun) Apison	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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