



God is Good -All the Time!

The Rooster Crows

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Please help us! Ginger Hutton, Co-Cursillo, Secretariat

By the time you read this, we will have held four weekends at Apison Retreat Center and are just weeks away from our fifth this year - the first Spanish three-day weekend for the Diocese of Knoxville. So I thought this might be a good time to give everyone an update on how things are developing at Apison.

Jim Heath came up to me at the last closing and said, "We're getting better and better at this." That is what Steve and I have been trying to do: figure out how we can make each weekend run more smoothly so that the candidates and team can have a better experience. Overall, we have been pleased with the Apison facility. The space and equipment was set-up specifically for cursillo-style weekends which makes the facility very suitable for our weekends. The Tres Dias community which owns Apison has made improvements as well. Those who have attended recent closings have seen the new pews which have transformed the old auditorium into a much more comfortable place for Mass and closings. One of the real joys of having weekends at Apison is working with the Tres Dias community. Everyone there has been friendly, helpful and willing to work with us. Apison has made it possible for us to put on weekends with larger numbers of candidates which has presented some new challenges in terms of supplies and preparation. To help with this Tres Dias has given us our own storage space so that Steve and I can leave most of our supplies there and not have to haul them in and out every time we have a weekend. This has been a tremendous benefit for us.

Steve and I have an excellent system for set-up but we could use more people to help with the work. What takes four or five hours now, we could do in two if we just had three or four committed

volunteers working with us. **We encourage anyone who is free the Wednesday evening before a weekend to contact us and help.** It's a good way to contribute to the weekend when you're not on team.

We've come a long way since the first weekend when four of us cleaned the entire facility except for the kitchen. We now recruit teams who arrive an hour early for the closing and clean the dorm areas. Other volunteers stay after and help pack and clean up the remaining rooms while the weekend kitchen team cleans the kitchen area. We still need more help to get it done more quickly. Therefore we are now looking for a clean-up coordinator. Steve and I will still be there to make sure things get back where they belong and to help clean but we are hoping to make this more of a community effort by having someone else do the recruiting and organizing of the clean-up volunteers. We would ask you to please pray about helping us out, either as a volunteer for clean-up or as clean-up coordinator. With help from the Fourth Day community, there is every reason to believe that we can have better and better weekends every time we go to Apison.

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We wish to extend our thanks to everyone who helped to make the Women's and Men's weekend as well as the Grand Ultreya a great success. You did a great job

Please continue to offer palanca (intercessory prayer, sacrifice, or works of mercy) for the upcoming Spanish Men's # 1 weekend in October. The palanca/prayer vigil is on the web page. Add your name to the others in our community who are already offering palanca. Be a part of the success by offering your prayers and sacrifices to God.

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LAST CALL Vacant Secretariat Positions

- The Pre-Cursillo Secretariat Position will become available at the end of the current year. Carol Rummel has held this position and will be stepping down at the end of her term in December 2007.
 - Co-Spanish School of Leader Position was vacated when Mike Smith moved out of state.
- Do you feel called to either of these two positions? Pray about it and see if God is calling you to serve as a member of our Secretariat. If you have any questions contact Jim Heath at jimheath@charter.net or 931-788-2569 by October 9th. Elections will be held on Oct. 13th.

2007 Upcoming Calendar Events

Secretariat Meeting 10 am—2 pm	Region IV Fall Encounter	Parish Representatives Meeting TBA
Oct 13, St Thomas the Apostle	October 26-28 Bellville, Illinois	
School of Leaders 10 am—2 pm	Spanish Men's Weekend # 1	
Nov 3, St. Thomas the Apostle, Lenoir City	Oct. 18 - 21—Apison Retreat Center	