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Our Lady Summons You—by Angie Feltz

What an awesome weekend was presented to us at the Regional Encounter at Our Lady of the Snows in Bellville Illinois. Our arrival brought the renewal of meetings among friends from 15 different dioceses in Kentucky, Arkansas, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and friends from across the state of Tennessee. This bond of friendship between Cursillistas always brings joy to my heart. We are fellow pilgrims on a journey to the same destination of our life in Christ. And this year we walked that journey to Jesus Christ with Mary, Our Mother. Her summons to us was accompanied by one of our favorite songs: "The Summons" by John L. Bell. The tune is by Kelvingrove.

Each talk during the weekend was centered on Mary and included one of the verses of this song: 1. Mother of Beautiful Love, 2. Thy Will Be Done, 3. Cause of Our Joy, and 4. Queen of Peace. And how could they not call out to us to live our life with Mary for Christ like is set forth in these verses. *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?*
***** We may be in trouble already. Yes we will follow Him. But being called and giving a resounding "YES" is difficult because we do not feel qualified or worthy. Then we remember Fr. Alex saying on our weekend... "God qualifies the Called" and then we know that we will leave ourselves behind and allow Him to answer prayer in us. We will allow God to use us to answer the prayers of others. But most of all, we must learn to love "the me" we hide. We must learn to conquer the fears inside and to allow the faith we have found reshape our world.

Did you know that Piety, Study and Action go back to before Jesus was born? Look at the life of Mary. First *Piety* – Her unequivocal "Yes" to the angel when the angel appeared to her and said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." In Luke 1:38, "Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Mary put her complete love and trust in God. Next we have *Study*. Mary did this as we read in Luke 1:29,

"But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be." She studied this in her heart. And last *Action*. Mary immediately went to visit Elizabeth when she heard her good news. We read in Luke 1:41-43, "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."



This has been the fourth Regional Encounter that I have attended, including the one we hosted in 2005. These encounters are the last weekend of October from 7 pm Friday evening until Sunday about noon. We have Mass on Saturday and Sunday, and are fed well both physically and spiritually. We have plenty of free time to visit the chapel for prayer or to explore the grounds.

These encounters are open to all cursillistas, so consider this an invitation to join us on Oct 31 – Nov 2nd at St Meinrad Archabbey, St Meinrad, Indiana. The archabbey contains a seminary, which has been attended by many of our diocesan priests. They also provided the formation for our Deacons ordained this past June. You will enjoy the surrounding of the seminary grounds and pictures along the walls of all previous graduating classes. Maybe your pastor's picture is there!

As I become the Pre-Cursillo representative and hand off my duties as Palanca Coordinator and Editor of the Rooster Crows, I leave you with this thought and ask you to continue to say Yes. You have said yes many times already with your support for the Palanca/Prayer Vigil for our local weekends. When I first started working on this, it was difficult to fill all the hours on the weekend. But you have said YES and have offered real palanca. I encourage you to continue to offer Palanca for the Cursillo movement both here in our diocese and around the world. Listen to the call you receive from the Holy Spirit and from Our Lady. And like Mary give a resounding YES!

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*May you and your family have a
Blessed Holy Season. We pray
with you and for you for
happiness in the New Year.*



Tentative 2008 Calendar

Jan 13	Secretariat Meeting - Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa
Jan 31-Feb 3	Spanish Women's Weekend # 2
Feb 7 - 10	English Men's Weekend # 34
Feb 9	School of Leaders - TBA
Apr 3-6	English Women's Weekend # 35
Apr 12	Secretariat Meeting - St. Therese, Cleveland
Apr 21	Regional Encounter for Lay and Spiritual Directors
May 10	School of Leaders - TBA
July 12	Secretariat Meeting - St. Alphonsus, Crossville
July 24 - 27	Spanish Men's Weekend # 3
July 31-Aug 3	National Encounter-Catholic University, Washington DC
Aug 11	School of Leaders - TBA
Sept 11-14	English Men's Weekend # 36
Sept 25-28	English Women's Weekend # 37
Oct 11	Secretariat Meeting - St. Thomas the Apostle, Lenoir City
Oct 31- Nov 2	Region IV Fall Encounter @ St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad, IN
Nov 8	School of Leaders - TBA

Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring your Friend to Christ. Please continue to offer Palanca for the team and candidates. It is time to begin sending in applications for the first Women's Spanish Cursillo scheduled January 31-Feb 3. We are hoping to have a candidate from each parish. Deadline for applications is Dec. 31st. You can find the applications and download them from the our web page—www.knoxvillecursillo.org and should be mailed to Angie Feltz—3019 Rambling Road—Maryville, TN 37801 after being signed by the pastor. Don't wait until the last minute. Do it Today. We must have the minimum number of candidates by the deadline.