

# The Rooster Crows



## A Personal Encounter with Christ

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All who have lived the beautiful experience of a Cursillo in Christianity, have had, without a doubt, a personal encounter with Christ. And this encounter has changed our lives in one way or another.

In His journey, Christ encountered all kinds of people: Paralytics, blind, mute, deaf, lepers, the adulterous woman, scribes, Pharisees, publicans, tax collectors, fishermen, sinners, etc... Each person's reaction in their encounter with Christ was different; just as different as the famous encounters Jesus had with the Young Rich Man, Judas and Peter. (Meditation "The Three Glances of Christ"). The Young Rich Man (Mt 19, 16 ss; Lc 18, 18 ss; Mc 10, 17 ss) was a man who practiced the Ten Commandments. (He was a good man, a Jewish, and Jesus said to him: "only one more thing you need to do, go sell every thing you have, give it to the poor and then come follow me") This Young Rich Man lacked courage and detachment. He probably continued to be a good man but certainly not a good Christian. Judas (Mt

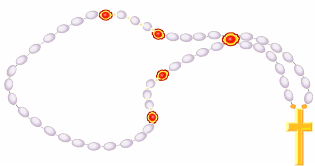
26, 14 ss; Mc 14, 10 ss; Lc 22, 3 ss) a follower of Christ, a chosen apostle, a man of trust, administrator of their common possessions, but whom for his ambition betrayed Jesus, selling Him for 30 coins, and when he kissed Him, he encountered Christ in his life, and this encounter was so profound that it led him to take his own life. Peter (Mt 26, 30 ss; Lc 22, 31 ss; Mc 14, 26 ss; Jn 13, 36 ss) the chosen one by Jesus to build His church, a good man, extroverted, sincere, determined, but also very weak in his human nature, he denied Jesus 3 times. But he admitted his weakness, his sins and followed Jesus until the end.

We too, have had a personal encounter with Christ. What did He say to you? What did you tell Him? Only you know the answers. That encounter is still alive in our Fourth Day or Post-Cursillo. We don't know if our encounter was like that of the Young Rich Man, or that of Judas or Peter's. Lots of times we act as the Young Rich Man, we are good and fulfill our religious duties but when it

comes to our material goods, that is when we get away from Christ. We stop coming to Mass, we stop coming to the small group reunion or the Ultreya if it interferes with how we earn our money, and we lack the courage to follow Christ. Sometimes we act like Judas who apparently was a follower of Christ, with a somehow good Christian formation, who has Jesus' trust but who easily betrays and sells Him. Sometimes is like Peter, who denied Jesus, but at the end knew how to respond to Him positively. We fall many times and we get up again. Christ awaits our answer to Him and asks for our individual transformation as well as for our transformation as a community; He also asks that we show enthusiasm, self giving, and a true spirit of charity; He asks that we have perseverance and responsibility. I now ask myself: how is my personal encounter with Christ going after this Cursillo?



We encounter Christ in the Eucharist, scripture, and in our personal prayers and devotions, as well as through others we meet.



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- Jul 24 - 27 Spanish Men's # 3 Apison Retreat Center,
- Jul 31-Aug 3 National Encounter Catholic University, Washington DC
- Aug 16 School of Leaders St. Therese of Lisieux, Cleveland 10 am-2pm
- Aug 21-24 Spanish Women's #4 Apison Retreat Center
- Sept 11-14 Men's # 35 Apison Retreat Center
- Sept 25-28 Women's # 36 Apison Retreat Center
- Oct 11 Secretariat Meeting St. Thomas the Apostle
- Oct 31- Nov 2 Region IV Fall Encounter St. Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana
- Nov8 - School of Leaders St. Alphonsus Crossville 10 am-2pm