



The Rooster Crows



OUR HUMAN CAPACITY FOR SELF DECEPTION

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FROM ENGLISH TO ENGLISH/SPANISH!

By Jim Heath, Lay Director

Did you know that your Secretariat is changing? We have been an English only Secretariat as recognized by the National Secretariat from our beginnings. Now National has realized how far we have moved in bringing the Hispanic Community on board and has decided to change our status to English/Spanish. This will be a transitional status as we develop a separate Spanish Secretariat. We expect that we can accomplish this in the next two years. We are appointing a Spanish Secretariat committee which will be charged with establishing all the documentation, financial controls and training of individuals as to their responsibilities when they are elected to that new Secretariat.

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Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and a few fishes to feed several thousand men, women, and children. After everyone had eaten, there was more food leftover than there originally had been. Amazingly, after this miracle the Pharisees came and began to argue with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven. Jesus sighed from the depths of his spirit and asked, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly I say to you no sign shall be given to this generation, because of their blindness." And he left them and departed. Jesus' disciples were blind to reality. Jesus asked, "Do you still not see or comprehend? Have you eyes, but no sight, ears but no hearing?"

The obtuseness and self-deception of the human person are

alarming. A miracle can occur right before our eyes and yet we either miss it completely, totally ignore it, or refuse to understand. We call evil good and good evil. We kill millions of babies in their mothers' wombs and just pretend, contrary to all biological and scientific data, that they are not really human beings. We bomb our enemies and say that we are fighting a just war. We stare at pornographic garbage on prime time TV and call it entertainment. We accept immoral lifestyles and call this tolerance.

Are we still looking for a sign? What do we want? What do we expect? God performed many signs and miracles for the children of Israel on their journey to the Promised Land. They, however, repeatedly turned their backs on the one true God and worshipped the pagan gods. God continues to love us,

to support us, and to work signs and miracles for us, yet this generation continues to turn our backs on God and worship the gods of materialism, lust, pride, and self centeredness.

Signs will not turn this generation around. Only humbling ourselves, acknowledging our total dependency on God, prayer, and sacrifice will be effective. We must realize that we cannot be "in the world" and of God. Our attachment to the gods of this world must be relinquished. We must be attached to the things of the one true God.

We could deceive ourselves into hell, but for the grace and light of Jesus. We need Jesus desperately. He alone is the way, the truth, and the life.

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The current Secretariat may bring on individuals to develop area systems like the current Spanish School of Leaders. This would allow those who are willing to step forward, a chance to work in the Secretariat atmosphere and set the basis for that area responsibility for the future Spanish Secretariat.

We will bring you more in the next issue.

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2008 Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Calendar

Sept 11-14 Men's # 35 Apison Retreat Center
 Sept 25-28 Women's # 36 Apison Retreat Center
 Oct 4 - Secretariat Meeting St. Thomas the Apostle (Elections will be held)
 Oct 31- Nov 2 Region IV Fall Encounter St. Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana
 Nov8 - School of Leaders St. Alphonsus Crossville 10 am-2pm

Are you currently in a Group Reunion? Having trouble finding your fit?

Contact your parish representative and they will help you find a group, or come to an Ultreya in your area and connect!

Important Reminder!!!

A “movement” is only affective if it is moving. That means we need to continue to grow, learn, and work. We need to make an impact on our own environments—one day at a time, one person at a time. Make a friend and be a friend and you will be demonstrating your Christianity.