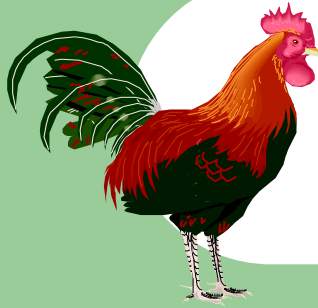


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The Rooster Crows

“One Heart, One Mission”

By Sharon Prohaska



Cursillo Movement is dedicated to spreading the Word of God and helping people form a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. It inspires Christians to pursue their mission in the world by hearing and heeding God's call. Being from St. Therese of Lisieux, the patron saint for missionaries, there was a group of us who were called to organize a Mission Trip to Marsella, a small town in Colombia, South America. God's call became a reality as we made our first Mission Trip to Colombia in June 2005 and it continues as we will make our fourth Mission Trip on June 11-23, 2009.

We started our Mission with a simple purpose, “Make a Friend. Be a Friend. Bring a Friend to Christ.” We wanted our youth to experience a deeper faith by experiencing God's love through giving of themselves to a people in need. We spent the first year getting to know the people and letting them know us through home visits, praying together, and learning about each other's culture. We were able to give a month's worth of food and live chickens to 200 families. We brought back names of several children to be sponsored to help keep them in school and meet some basic needs.

The following two years were spent deepening our relationship and adding a Vacation Bible School for over 200 children each year. We continued to meet their physical needs with groceries and their

spiritual needs with handing out over 1,000 rosaries. One evening we participated in a Walking Rosary around the town square and ended with a Mass. We spent a great deal of time with the teenagers in Marsella as we encouraged them to “Walk with Jesus.”

Part of our mission was to plant the seeds of vocation in the young adults that participated in the Mission Trip. We know that their hearts have been moved by the Holy Spirit. We were able to meet with the Bishop in Pereira and thank him for allowing Fr. Antonio Giraldo to come to Cleveland, Tennessee to help with the large Hispanic community at our parish. Last year in Pereira was the ordination of Fr. Miguel Vélez, now the associate pastor of St. Jude in Chattanooga. June 13 we will have the privilege of attending the ordination of Jorge Cano in Pereira, Colombia into the Priesthood for the Diocese of Knoxville with our new bishop, Bishop Richard Stika. The Bishop is planning on being at Fr. Jorge's first Mass in Marsella, his home town and site of our Missionary work.

Our Mission Trip, “One Heart, One Mission,” has expanded, to include many members throughout the diocese from St. Therese, St. Jude, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and All Saints. The Catholic Schools in our diocese are also looking for ways in which they can be a part of the Mission. Cursillistas participating in the Mission Trip

this year are Fr. Antonio Giraldo, Sharon Prohaska, Annette Govero, Vivian Brocato, Joe and Sheri Palladino's daughter – Gabby, and Thomas and Lucy Hughes.

This year's Mission theme is, “God's Healing Love.” On the last day of VBS, we will present over 200 children with a Hispanic Youth Bible and give their family a food bag to last for a month. We also have over a 1,000 rosaries to disperse on our home visits. St. Matthew's Gospel Ch 25: 37-40, “When did you see me hungry and feed me?”

If you would like to help feed a needy child, \$20 will purchase a Hispanic Youth Bible – Spiritually, or \$25 will purchase a month supply of food – Physically. All donations are welcome. Make payment to St. Therese Mission Trip, 900 Clingan Ridge Dr. NW, Cleveland, TN 37312. Most importantly, we need your prayers as we evangelize through, “One Heart, One Mission.”

Eagle Rock Reunion

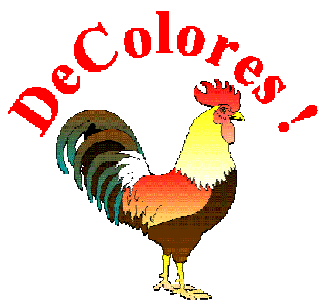
Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, June 13, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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2009 Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Calendar

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SPANISH WOMEN'S CURSILLO #5, JUNE 25-28, 2009

SEC MEETING, JULY 11, ST. THOMAS, LENOIR CITY

SOL / DIOCESAN ENCOUNTER, AUGUST 8, TBA

SPANISH MEN'S CURSILLO #5, AUGUST 20-23, 2009

ENGLISH MEN'S CURSILLO #37, SEPTEMBER 10-13, 2009

ENGLISH WOMEN'S CURSILLO #38, OCTOBER 1-4, 2009

SEC MEETING, OCTOBER 17, 2009, ST. JOHN NEUMANN, FARRAGUT

SOL, NOVEMBER 21, TBA

Eagle Rock Reunion—Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.—There are only 60 seats available on a first come-first served basis. We expect these seats to fill up quickly. If, however, we do not receive an adequate response, the conference will open up to all men in the diocese. To register, please RSVP to stevepacitti@catholicexchange.com ASAP. Cost: \$30, in advance; includes hot breakfast and hot lunch. Make checks payable to Steve Pacitti and mail to Steve Pacitti, 34000 Hwy 72, Loudon, TN 37774.