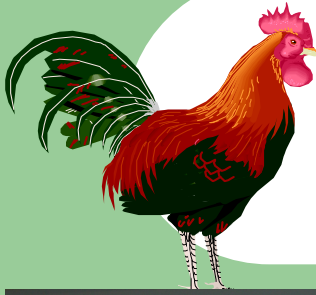


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The Rooster Crows

THE KEY TO CURSILLO—THE SMALL GROUP

By Carol Rummel



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(I'm missing! I took the picture.) 😊



If you have been a Cursillista for more than a day, you already know that the key to the whole Curillo movement is the small group. So, why aren't you grouping? I have been involved in a small group for the past 8 years. It wasn't my first, or even my second attempt at grouping. I think it took several more meetings before our group was born. Let me tell you our story and try to tell you what a difference my group has made in my life.

There are five of us, all women ranging over a 15 year age span. We came from different parts of the country to retire here in Tennessee. We really aren't very much alike, yet, in many ways our differences compliment one another. The one thing that is constant among us is our love for our faith, our God, and each other.

When we first started meeting, we followed the small group reunion outline to the letter. We tried to meet weekly and keep our encounters to 90 min. or less. Unfortunately, we are all very busy women

who have difficulty meeting each week. Our next step was not to be held to a schedule that caused stress, but rather gather with open hearts and minds, free of worry or time constraints. We have fallen into a pattern of every two weeks for 2 hours. There are those times that we need to tweak even that, but for the most part we can count on that time frame. We have at times done Bible studies or read books as a group and shared insights. No matter what we do, we share the Lord with each other.

Since our group is successful, we have offered to help others in our parish establish and begin their small groups. I guess you could say we are small group mentors. Some of these have continued, but many have not. Why is our group flourishing and others falling by the wayside? I believe it is our commitment to succeed that has made us successful. We need each other and depend on each other. Since we are located out

in the "boonies", our parish is our family and we rely on the Cursillistas in that family. Members of our small group can always be found at our monthly Ultreya. We support each other in our various ministries and personal accomplishments. We know about each other's families, worries, and joys. We laugh together, pray together, and sometimes even cry together. Being one of seven children, I understand the bonds of family and siblings. These women share my life and I share theirs. They have truly become my sisters in Christ. I couldn't get along without them.

So, in closing I encourage you to keep trying to find "your group". Grouping isn't always easy, but it is truly worth the effort. How has my group impacted my life? My sisters are Christ for me everyday. They shine the light to show me the way so I don't get lost.

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Eagle Rock Reunion— Catholic Men's Conference

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2009 Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Calendar

June 25-28, SPANISH WOMEN'S CURSILLO #5

July 11, SEC MT, ST. THOMAS, LENOIR CITY

July 30-Aug 2, National Encounter, San Barnardeno, California

August 8, SOL, SACRED HEART, KNOXVILLE

August 20-23, Men's Spanish #5, Apison Center

September 10-13, Men's # 37, Apison Center

October 1-4, Women's #38, Apison Center

October 17, SEC MT, ST. JOHN NEUMANN, FARRAGUT

October 30-Nov 1, Regional Encounter, Mount St. Joseph, Owensboro, KY

November 21, SOL, ST. THERESE, CLEVELAND

Hope you had a happy & fun Memorial Day!
Please pray for our troops!