



The Rooster Crows

GOD KEEPS REMINDING ME by Angie Feltz

God keeps reminding me... that he is here... and attending the National Encounter was a reminder of that. Our talks were on Piety, Study and Action. Following the talks we had our group discussions and I am totally in awe of some of the things said during these discussions.

In our piety talk Victor Lugo, told us that doing pious things is not living a pious life. He said, "God does not NEED us. God is complete. He needs no one to be complete." True piety is how I respond to how God needs me to help complete others. We can do this because Jesus live in us, he works with me, and he works through me to accomplish the will of God. It is not how much I do, but how much I allow him to do. As we build on our intimate relationship with Jesus, our piety and action becomes internal. We don't think about it... we just DO IT. Our hearts, minds and actions change to accom-

plish God's will. - Our discussion was lively and during the conversations in our group, I realized that many times I have been thanked by people for doing things that I didn't even realize I had done. The gratification on their face says to me that God has used me to help complete this person where they are. That is Jesus living in me, with me and through me. And I thank God for allowing me to do His will.

Our next talk was on Study given by Cef - (the national English speaking coordinator). He told us that study is the progressive search for life itself: something that I am still seeking the answer too. Study, according to Cef, is governed by our ideal. So as we grow and our ideal changes so does our desire to study. Study calls us to be open to the three encounters we heard on our Cursillo Weekend: 1) God, 2) ourselves and 3) the world. As I sit in the Adoration Chapel in the early mornings, I sometimes select a

book, and ask God to open my mind to the words. I may not grasp anything at the moment, however; people have asked me questions and I have answered them in words and thoughts that I do not recognize and I know they did not come from me but from God. Our life is a book that God has left his imprint on for us to study, walk with him and see our potential in becoming the person God has created us to be. As my internal relationship with Jesus grows stronger, my feeble attempts to study and the results of these attempts help me to realize that with God all things are possible and I thank God again for using me.

On the continued journey through life, we come to action, which is choosing to love, as God wants us to do. Tom Perazzo told us a story about how he helps bring the blind to church once every four weeks but sometimes he does it grudgingly. It had become a chore to him

rather than seeing that what he was doing was the will of God. I found myself feeling that way once, I was visiting a shut-in and bringing her holy communion. She moved across town and wanted to come to Mass. So I began bringing her to Mass (way out of my way). I tried and tried to find people on that side of town to help but they all went to a different Mass then she could go to. Like Tom, it had become a chore for me rather than the will of God. Without prayer or study and God's love, our action is not apostolic action. Jesus wants to fill our heart with His Love so we can do things HIS WAY. If we continue to examine the desires of our heart, and pray for God's help, we can be warriors on the Spiritual battlefield in fighting against the devil who is working to destroy our souls. With apostolic action, we are working with God. If we surrender ourselves to Christ, with our Piety, Study and Action, we will reach others.

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2009 Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Calendar

Oct 1-4, Women's #38, Apison Center (Cancelled - may reschedule)
October 17, SECRETARIAT MEETING SACRED HEART, KNOXVILLE
October 30-Nov 1, Regional Encounter, Mount St. Joseph, Owensboro, KY
November 21, SCHOOL OF LEADERS, SACRED HEART, KNOXVILLE

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