



The Rooster Crows

A Blessed Journey by Debbie Ferrari

should go”, from my insurance rep (a parishioner at my church) that I finally committed. How life changing! My Cursillo weekend was major conversion for me.

So here I am still in awe about how Loving and Merciful Our Lord is! How awesome that He can Love us with “all our moles”. It was in 1998 that Carmine Sesa had asked me if I would be interested in coming to a secretariat meeting. I said yes and here I am today the treasurer. I have been so very blessed to be a part of this awesome Movement starting with Carmine whom was the 1st Lay Director of our Diocese.

As the treasurer, I have witnessed time and time again such generous giving from my brothers and sisters in Christ. I have been blessed to be part of a group that is so generous with their monetary blessings. Sometimes it will be on the weekends, or maybe when the annual appeal letter goes out from our lay director, or it is just for no reason that a donation comes in the mail. I am amazed and so humbled by those who give so much of their treasure. Especially in an economy like today when so many are struggling just to make ends meet. So many are without jobs and see little hope for the future. How blessed are we to be part of this **Awesome Movement**

that we continue to give of our treasure because we believe in the method and know that it works.

Some of us aren't blessed with the monetary wealth that our brothers and sisters may have. It is in those of us that I see over and over again giving of their time to set up for the weekends, school of leaders, Grand Ultreya or Diocesan encounter. It is in our brothers and sisters that give in these ways that allow us to enjoy the fellowship without realizing all the prep work that is involved. I have been blessed to help with and witness the many volunteers that have helped to set up and clean up on the last few Spanish weekends. Beatrice, Alicia and Nellie and their crews gave of their time, every time help was needed. Some of their children also helped in the ways they could with the vacuuming, dusting and cleaning at Apison. Children learn by our example and what a beautiful way to pass our love for this movement to these little ones.

Another example of giving of our time is taking pictures on the weekend like Angie and Sharon do. What about name tags and the team roster and candidate address list? Angie and Sharon both have given of their time to create name tags and correct, type and print the rosters so

that they can be ready to go in the take home packets. Who sets up the rooms for school of leaders, sets up the sound system, makes coffee and prepares the other things that need to be done? Kay and Kurt always make sure that St. Thomas is ready for us when we go there. There are so many ways for us to give. These are only a few examples of those who give endlessly and in different ways. You can give in any way you can. **We need your help!**

How blessed we are to be part of a movement that has so many brothers and sister willing to give of their time, talent and treasure. I ask **you** to please search your hearts and give in whatever way you can. The success of the movement depends on us. We have to give of our treasure to keep this beautiful movement alive and growing. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have already given. May God continue to Bless each and every one of you and your families.

To quote a few words from my favorite Saint Francis, “For it is in giving that we receive-- It is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.” De Colores!



I began my fourth day in June 1998 Women's # 2 at the old Knoxville Catholic High School. My weekend was only 3 months after my dear friend whom I had cared for passed to eternal life. I wasn't sure if Father just thought I needed to learn more about the Catholic faith, or if he saw straight through my inner most being. How could he know about the baggage that I had been carrying for most of my life? Would this “retreat” he was telling me about called a Cursillo (I couldn't even pronounce it) help me in any way? I wasn't sure, I was really scared and deep down I did not want to go. It was only after a lot of prayers, the Holy Spirit guiding me, and a “yes I think you

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Palanca can be done anytime, anywhere. Please remember our movement in your prayers.



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Cursillo Family Picnic/Fundraiser—Aug 7, 2010

We are planning a Cursillo family picnic and fundraiser on Sat, August 7th from 4-8 PM at 2000 Cedar Lane, at Dick and Gail Shriver's home. Complete directions will be supplied later. This picnic is for all Cursillistas and their families so put it on your calendar **NOW!**

There will be a silent auction with all proceeds going to our Cursillo Movement to offset shortages incurred on weekends. We will also have a horse-shoe tournament, badminton, volleyball, karaoke and plenty of time to socialize. It is a pot-luck so bring something to share.

We need donations for the auction. Contact Dick Shriver at 865-384-2133 cell/865 688-8601 home.

We will have tents, so the picnic is a go--rain or shine. More information to follow. Keep watching here and our website at <http://www.knoxvillecursillo.org/> for more details.