



The Rooster Crows

The Group Reunion: *Its value and how it works*

By Piotr Ulmer

Mark your calendar for
August 7th

Cursillo Family Picnic

Check the website for
Details and directions

We need **YOU** to make
It work!

Happy Father's Day!

The Cursillo weekend has changed my life. My fourth day, Monday, started with the 6:30AM Mass. I cried through the whole thing. I barely made it to the box of tissues at the entrance to the SJN School gym. On my way to the office I knew I could not allow myself to lose what I just lived through and I wasn't going back where I was before. I wasn't exactly sure how to put it together from the start; however, over the next few days, I resolved to go to Mass daily, to order Magnificat and to get to the Weekly Group Reunion. As it turned out, this combi-

nation can't be beat.

When you pray about it, God listens. Within the first three weeks I received an invitation to join a newly forming group at 6:30am Saturday morning. The fire of my Cursillo weekend didn't go down. I am still in the same group. I continue asking The Holy Spirit to kindle the fire of God's love in me. It has become an integral part of my life. I've learned to count on it. I've found my Brothers. They strengthen and purify me. They are my "secret magic mirror" I use weekly to check if I'm still OK on my daily path. They lift me up. They teach me. I want to hug them every time we meet. I sense necessity of praying before meeting my Brothers. I need and want to be ready for their sincere and humble hearts. I need to bring humility. This terrific feeling comes over me every weekend: I'm growing up for Jesus.

Nineteen months later this weekly group reunion is the cornerstone of my "post-Cursillo" life. We are a group of men, who are friends and Christians, and we come to-

gether to become better friends and better Christians. By now we enjoy stability and commitment. We share and encourage one another. We provide each other with means for ongoing conversion and we participate in the fueling of each other's apostolic activities. It's an honor to witness others change, it's a pleasure to interact with others in the light of Christ, it's exhilarating to sense the "behind the scenes" of humble and authentic story sharing, where main characters come after The Trinity, a family and other brothers and sisters.

Through a steady format of the weekly group reunion ("tripod as prescribed": piety, study, action), we-people are led to holiness, as is the entire group. Following the format allows for keeping eyes on The Lord, staying focused in the right direction, and as shown in reality, assuring the long term survival of a group. Through adherence to the "format," we experience the fun of brotherhood humor and joking, but all grounded in seriousness

and sincerity. In this kind of sharing no one is a subordinate or a companion. Everyone participates on the same level, in the same adventure of being a Christian. Only in such sharing born of friendship, in the presence of The Holy Spirit, can there be a sharing that is free and in-depth. After all, we humans need special and precise circumstances in order to decide about sharing "the deep stuff."

The goal of the Cursillo movement is achieved through the way the group members live their lives. In big part, it's our sharing in friendship with one another. If every Cursillo succeeds in yielding weekly groups, which can become seeds of Christian communities, we will be accomplishing our life's purpose: building The Church.

This year God gave me an opportunity to build The Church. I'll be on a men's Cursillo team. I can hardly wait.

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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. 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.

Secretariat Meeting, July 10, 10 AM, Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa