

The Rooster Crows

Palanca *By Velma Burke*

We need your Candidates!!

Do you have a candidate for the upcoming Cursillo weekends? Do you have an application for your friend? If you need one they are available at www.knoxvillecursillo.org - click on download.

The Men's English Weekend is Aug 26-29th and the Women's English Weekend is Sept 30-Oct 3rd. We must have 15 confirmed candidates by July 25th for the Men's weekend and August 29th for the Women's weekend. Please mail to: Angela Feltz 3019 Rambling oad, Maryville TN 37801

Palanca, a lever, or so we learned on our Cursillo weekend. Defined in the official Cursillo literature as prayer and sacrifice directed toward the candidates and team on a weekend. But the concept of palanca extends further than that. We are a praying community, and as such, cover in prayer the entire movement; Precursillo, Post Cursillo, School of Leaders and Secretariat. According to a recent article by Victor Lugo in the June National Mailing, "We know that everything that is good has value or worth, the higher the value or worth of an item, the better it is. If we apply this logic to the idea of the type of palanca that we are asked to offer; i.e. prayer in the form of sacrifice, we should strive to pray the type of prayer that will touch the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Mr. Lugo goes on to compare our humble prayers and sacrifices to that of Jesus. "The first person to have made palanca was Our Lord Jesus, precisely when He prayed to His and our Heavenly Father, and

asked Him to decree that the Christ would stay with us to protect us from our enemies and to make us one in Him as He and the Father are one. (John 17) And His Mother Mary followed His example. "Our Blessed Mother Mary also made palanca for us in the Cenacle together with the Apostles, who were praying until the Holy Spirit came to them in Pentecost." I am inspired to be more diligent in prayer with these examples in my mind.

This article had second purpose. I have been charged with the responsibility to facilitate palanca for not only our Cursillo weekends but that of the national and international requests. To that end I am compiling an email list to send out request for prayer and sacrifices. You may recall reading letters from other countries on your weekend. The National Cursillo Movement sends requests weekly for the same from us. In the past we would acknowledge their requests with a simple "general palanca" letter. My desire is to put

some real numbers on these letters. The number of Masses, hours of fasting, rosaries, offerings of sufferings, hours of Adoration and so on would be attached to our response.

Here's where you come in. My email address is:

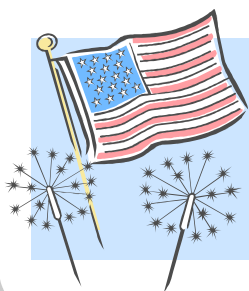
velma_burke@yahoo.com.

You can speed my email process if you send me your palanca offering on a monthly basis. You could choose to do the same amount each month and let it stand indefinitely. Or you could offer your palanca for a given weekend each month. When I know the specifics of our Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo palanca, I will begin responding to the National and International requests. God Bless You and Our Cursillo Movement.

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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