



December 2017



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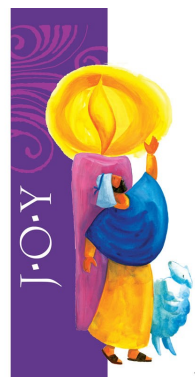
DID YOU KNOW?

There are many traditions around the world associated with Advent:

- In Alpine countries, children carry a statue of Saint Joseph from house to house.
- Homes in the Middle East keep in water a branch from a cherry tree, called a Barbara branch, named after an Egyptian martyr. If the branch blooms before Christmas, the family will have good fortune.
- In the Philippines, Advent is marked by attending daily mass for 9 days in a row, starting December 16.
- In China, colorful paper lanterns are hung in Christian homes during Advent.
- And in Australia, Advent is in the summer season. Traditionally, they break out the barbecue and cook hamburgers on the feast of the Immaculate Conception!

The Rooster Crows

DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE CURSILLO





The Director's Chair

Building on a Firm Foundation

by Dick Shriver, Lay Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Have you ever had an 'Aha' Moment?

I tend to experience mine in the middle of the night...I will actually have to get out of bed and think or pray about what is on my mind. I believe that in most instances it is the Holy Spirit opening my mind to what He is trying to tell me. My latest 'Aha' Moment was last night. I was awakened by "Let the Children Come to Me".....Matthew 19:14

I have Cursillo on my mind a lot, even when I am at rest, so I am not surprised that I right away thought of Cursillo. Cursillo functions, especially Closings and Ultreyas are perfect examples of events to expose our children to and to let them experience firsthand our excitement of what it means to be a Cursillista. Also, to show them that we want to share this with them. Our Cursillo Movement teaches: God first, Family second, Job third and then Cursillo.

We all lead busy lives and have schedules to adhere to and our family time is precious. So is our time with God.

Cursillo has taught me how God works in my life and has given me the tools: Piety, Study and Action to help guide me daily. How then can I not teach my children these very ideals? There is nothing secretive about what we do at Closings and Ultreyas that our children should not be witness to. If anything, this can bring our children closer to Christ.

Think about this scripture reading: 'Let the Children Come to Me', then think about "What Would Jesus Do"? Or better yet: "What Would Jesus Want Me to Do"?

I invite you to make Cursillo a part of your family's life, not just something that 'you' do. Let us sing and rejoice for God is Good, and know that Cursillo is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

We must share our love and joy of Cursillo and its teachings with our family. Bring your children to our Cursillo activities. It could change their lives and yours as well....."Let the Children Come to Me".

Inspiration Corner

by Fr. Joe Brando, Spiritual Director

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“Let’s play two.” Even though these words were a trademark of Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs, they joyfully resound in the minds of millions. They remind us that, when we fall into a losing streak, and we are scheduled to play a weekend series against the first place team, Ernie would encourage us to redouble our strength by shouting “Let’s play two, today.”

I was reminded of this phrase when I looked at my calendar and saw that Christmas Day falls on a Monday and is preceded by the Fourth Sunday of Advent. In the middle of observing Christmas, we need to come together with our Church family two days in a row and still celebrate all the traditions our families have made mandatory in our homes. It’s difficult; but it builds our family into a strong unit of Christianity bubbling with joy. Our smiles grow as we remind others about God’s coming to be with us.

Perhaps the Faith and Love we cherish at Christmas Mass (times two in a row this year) will spill over to our other Catholic responsibilities. Like the shepherds, we must re-double our efforts to spread the Gospel message. I’m referring to the Cursillo promises we made and the method we have taken. It began in Bethlehem and the small group that gathered at the stable around the Child. We belong to another small group. We need to join with them this Christmastime, and influence others to join us in doubling our religious fervor with our friends, as we “play two” for the Lord.

God bless you all,

Father Joe

The Deacon's Two Cents



THE SAINTS TALK ABOUT CURSILLO

By Deacon Bill Jacobs

Cursillo and the Cursillo Method are not some new invention in the Catholic Church. Cursillo takes timeless truths, like how to understand our faith and how to live it out, and presents them to us in a new and exciting way. So say the great saints of the Church! We can read quotations from them, and it sounds like they are talking about Cursillo:

PIETY

By your morning prayer, you open your soul's window to the sunshine of Righteousness. St. Francis de Sales

Mental Prayer is the furnace which should inflame everything with the fire of love. St. Therese de Lisieux

Just as the body cannot survive without food, so the soul cannot survive without God's word and without confession. St. Catherine of Siena

STUDY

The person who knows God better does God's work more easily. St. Theresa of Avila

Draw upon the riches opened up by Our Lord in the Gospels. I search the depths of His adorable words. St. T. de L.

The Word of God is pure, and it will make those pure who study it. St.F.deS.

ACTION

Our Lord came Himself to teach us what we ought to do. How happy we will be if we imitate Him faithfully and follow His example. St.F.deS.

You must not wish to see the fruits of your efforts. Jesus takes pleasure in keeping for Himself alone those nothings which console Him. St.TdeL.

Courage, then! Let's persevere on our journey. Let's take heart, for in Christ crucified we can do anything! St. C. of S.

And finally...

Dear Cursillistas! Follow confidently the way of formation and Christian life that you have undertaken with so much generosity. St. John Paul II

MEET OUR LEADERS

By Beth Turner

Tell us about your background in the faith.

I was raised in the Catholic Church, but wandered away during my youth. Our Lord, in His Mercy, gently pulled me back, and I received the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult at the age of 31. I ask the Lord every day to never again let me be separated from Him.

What do you remember most about your Cursillo weekend?

I felt the LOVE of God more strongly than ever before.

How do you understand your role in the Secretariat?

I am responsible for communicating with candidates and their sponsors regarding upcoming Cursillo weekends, and reviewing applications of new candidates as they arrive.

How do you envision our Cursillo movement advancing in faith and holiness?

I see, in our future, an increase of Cursillo events at the parish level. This will help us to reach new candidates, while strengthening our 4th day community, and will keep us close together in our walk of faith as Cursillistas in our environments.



DISTURB US, LORD (attributed to Sir Francis Drake -1577)

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show Your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

October 21, 2017
Diocesan Ultreya
20th Anniversary





FIESTA AT GRAND ULTREYA



OPEN POSITIONS ON SECRETARIAT

Secretary
Treasurer
Spanish Leaders School
Music Leader

Dear Cursillistas:

As we come to the close of our 2017 Cursillo year first of all I would like to recognize our entire Secretariat for all the hard work that they have put into this year. Many hours of Prayer and Palanca have been done not only by the Secretariat but the whole 4th Day Community, to help make our Movement stronger.

The above positions will need to be filled as these terms will be up in December. They are presently being held by Nancy Sewell (Secretary), Lance Lyons (Treasurer), Israel Figueroa (Spanish Leaders School), and Cannon Turner (Music Leader). These positions are all 3 year terms and will be voted on at our November meeting and begin in January.

The Secretariat meets monthly. We would like for everyone to try to make every meeting but realize that occasionally you may have to miss. The meetings average about 2 hours.

We are also looking for someone to take over the "Rooster Crows" for Deacon Bill and Toni Jacobs. (it comes out every 3 months).

It takes many to 'Do God's Work'. If you are interested in any of these openings please email me (dickshriver4@gmail.com) or send in mail (Dick Shriver, 2000 Cedar Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918), as we need your intent in writing before our November meeting.

May God Bless You and Our Cursillio
DeColores
Dick Shriver Lay Director
Lay Director.

HELP WANTED

Looking for a PR Person

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

At our last Secretariat meeting we talked about getting more exposure of our Cursillo Movement out to all Catholics. We feel that a PR person could be the answer.

The job description would be as follows: Take photos of all Cursillo Activities. (you would not have to be at all activities but designate someone that is going to the event and they could forward the photo to you and or info to you). Write periodic articles about Cursillo and what is going on with our Movement. These do not have to be anything extensive, just to keep us in the public eye. The photos and/or information could be sent to the East Tennessee Catholic Newspaper, our Cursillo website, the Rooster Crows and Parish Reps, so that they may put in their church bulletin. This person could put a committee together and break it up into different responsibilities.

If you feel that God is calling you to do this please call or email me.

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Looking for a new Rooster Crows Editor

The Knoxville Cursillo is seeking a person or persons to serve as editor of the quarterly Rooster Crows newsletter. This entails coordinating the collection of articles submitted for publication, editing the articles for content, and adding special touches to make the newsletter more interesting. The editor also coordinates with the Hispanic community for the Spanish translation of the newsletter. All this has been done using Microsoft Publisher. A template of the Rooster Crows for future use will be given to the new editor.

Any interested party please contact Dick Shriver using the contact information above.

Cursillo Calendar 2017

February 18	4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting	9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00
March 18	Secretariat Meeting	10:00-12:00
April 8	4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting	9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00
April 21-23	Spring Regional Cursillo Encounter	
May 20	Secretariat Meeting	10:00-12:00
June 17	4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting	9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00
July 15	Secretariat Meeting	10:00-12:00
July 27-30	National Cursillo Encounter	
August 3-6	English Men's Cursillo #48-postponed	
August 19	4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting	9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00
August 31-September 3	Spanish Men's Cursillo	
September 16	Secretariat Meeting	10:00-12:00
September 28-October 1	English Women's Cursillo #49-postponed	
October 13-15	Fall Regional Cursillo Encounter	
October 21	Diocesan Encounter Grand Ultreya 20 th Anniversary Celebration Lunch	Mass 9:00 9:30-11:30*
November 16-19	Spanish Women's Cursillo	
November 18	Secretariat Meeting	10:00-12:00
December	NO MEETING	

*Those attending 9:00 Mass at St. Thomas are asked to please come straight to the 4th Day Workshop right after Mass

All 4th Day Workshops and Meetings will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1580 St. Thomas Way, Lenior City, TN 37772

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On You!**

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