

The Rooster Crows

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My Trip Down Memory Lane

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Earlier this year The United States National Secretariat of the Cursillo Movement published its revised "Cursillo Manual." In the first paragraph of the Preface the authors note that since Cursillo in Christianity is much more than the three days (it is an experience, sharing, encountering, life, etc) the title of the manual is now the "Cursillo Manual" thus replacing the previous title "3-Day Manual."

This is the first indication that the National Secretariat is going back to the original titles, outlines, and emphasis used during the first Cursillo in Waco, Texas in 1957. This movement was in response to a request made by Pope John Paul II in 1998 that all religious orders and ecclesiastical groups go back and search their foundational charism.

This month it will be 27 years since my original weekend at St. Joseph's School in Clayton, DE. I remember during my original weekend being introduced to a host of new words and terms that were unique to the weekend: Cursillo, Cursillistas, Rollos, Rollista, Rector, De Colores, Decurias, Clausura, Piety, Study, and Action. Some of these words have endured the years and some were revised. Also, over time the emphasis for the mission of the Laity changed and the focus was placed more on their contribution to the overall mission of the Church. However, reading the new Cursillo Manual was like taking a trip down memory lane for me. All of the original terminology was there. It was also heartening to see that the emphasis was again on Laity's mission to their small world - the domestic church - and on revealing through their being the great love of God to modern man.

Recently my wife Toni was fortunate to have had some email and phone communications with Victor Lugo, the Lay Director for the National Secretariat. Through these communications and conversations she was able to learn that the National Secretariat's hope is that the local Cursillo communities will use this manual as a guide in building their community. They definitely do not want to be seen as gods at the National level who have all of the answers. In that light, we move forward to try and capture the spirit of the new Cursillo manual in returning to the original purpose of Cursillo: "providing opportunities for Jesus to transform man through the means of love and friendship, living what is fundamental for being Christian together with our fellow man, and as a group transforming our worlds from savage to human and from human to divine." ("Cursillo Manual" Preface, page 3)

De Colores!



Ultreyas-find one near you!

Directions can be found on our web page www.knoxvillecursillo.org This Ultreya is held on the first Tuesday of every month:

 At Saint Mary Church 2211 E. Lakeview Drive Johnson City, TN 37601

(For further information, please contact Judy Holt at 423-282-1616)

This Ultreya is held on the first Friday of every month:

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 Friday evenings after the 7:00 PM Mass - St. Jude in Chattanooga, TN
 (For further information, please contact Joe Palladino at 423-870-

These Ultreyas are held on the second Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of every month:

- Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM (CT) St. Alphonsus Crossville, TN
 (For further information, please contact Bob Thomas 931-788-
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- Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM after the 5:30 Mass St.
 Therese of Lisieux Cleveland, TN
 (For further information, please call Sharon Prohaska 423-614-5795)
- Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM Our Lady of Fatima Alcoa, TN in the Hall

(For further information, please call Velma Burke 865-983-2812)

 Saturday mornings after the 8:00 AM Mass and Rosary - Saint John Neumann Knoxville, TN in the Great Room (For further information, please call Steve Pacitti 865-458-6717)

Calendar of Events—2006

School of Leaders

November 4th — 10 am—3 pm St. Alphonsus, Crossville

Grand Ultreya

December 9th Location TBA

Region IV Fall Encounter

October 27-29th—Cincinnati, Ohio

Parish Representatives Workshop

November 11th—9—11 am St. John Neumann, Knoxville

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us Pray,

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant, that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

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Does your parish have a "Parish Representative"? If you are interested in finding out what to do as a parish rep, call Dick Shriver at (865) 688-8601, or email him at Shriver51@aol.com.

There will be a work-shop on Saturday Nov. 11th from 9-11 am at St John Neumann Church in Farragut. Dick will be happy to let you know more information. Give him a call or an email.