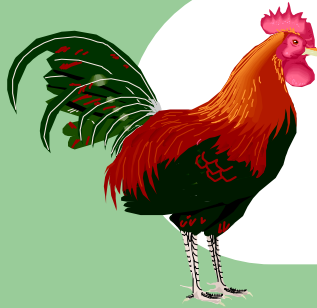


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## The Rooster Crows

**CHARITY** By Kay Sheldon

**Our kids  
are back in  
school!**



**Good luck**

Charity should be the governing factor in our lives, guiding and shaping everything we do. Without charity we are nothing. But while we all know that charity should be central to our lives, we are not always clear as to the precise nature of charity and the burden that it lays upon us. We are often confused between charitable and "nice."

The two, however, are essentially quite different.

Being nice is not necessarily bad, but it is not the most admirable and valuable of human achievements. Being "nice" is being consistently and impeccably inoffensive in everything we say and do. While this seems good on the surface, problems arise. A nice person is universally and indiscriminately tolerant. He is comprehensively nonjudgmental, a subscriber to moral relativism. He is supersensitive and fluent in the language of political correctness.

But the nice person is ineffective. Sometimes it is necessary to be offensive, for the sake of truth and goodness. Charitable people are able to be

offensive when there is a need. They understand that sometimes it is necessary to offend others. Yes, sometimes the truth hurts. A nice person could never be a true friend. The truest friend is a charitable person.

Charity is a theological virtue, a totally gratuitous gift of God. It is sanctifying grace, a sharing of, a co-living of the very life of God. Charity enables a person to act according to its dictates. To be charitable is to have an authentic love for others, to will what is really good for them, the Supreme Good of God Himself.

Like a conscientious physician, a charitable person knows that it is

sometimes necessary to hurt in order to heal. We have all been offended and then found that it was a blessing, for it awoke us from our moral stupor, made us aware of the disastrous path we were following, and made us take the necessary steps to straighten out our crooked ways.

As in everything else, our Lord is our role model and guide. A great many people found Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist offensive. The scribes and Pharisees were offended by almost everything that Jesus said. But our Lord never modified his message. He never deviated from the truth. We should not either.

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## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DIOCESAN CURSILLO ENCOUNTER

Will be held at  
Sacred Heart Cathedral  
711 Northshore Drive,  
SW, Knoxville  
On Saturday, August 8,  
2009

From 10 am to 3 pm  
Beginning with Mass in  
the Church  
Followed by a Grand  
Ultreya  
and Fiesta (weather  
permitting  
in the Pavilion)

Theme:

"Love the Lord Your God  
With All Your Heart"

This is one day we can  
"all" gather together  
to pray, share and have  
fellowship  
Please bring a dish to  
share  
and a lawn chair



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### 2009 Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Calendar

August 8, 1st Diocesan Cursillo Encounter, SACRED HEART, KNOXVILLE  
August 20-23, Men's Spanish #5, Apison Center  
September 10-13, Men's # 37, Apison Center  
October 1-4, Women's #38, Apison Center  
October 17, SEC MT, ST. JOHN NEUMANN, FARRAGUT  
October 30-Nov 1, Regional Encounter, Mount St. Joseph, Owensboro, KY  
November 21, SOL, ST. THERESE, CLEVELAND

Two Vacancies on the Secretariat will be open for your consideration later this year. Post Cursillo position and English School of Leaders. We will talk more about them in the next issue. And, we are still looking for a few good people to fill vacancies for a Parish Rep Coordinator, Palanca Coordinator, and Editor of the Rooster Crows. These positions can mostly be done from home, if you have a working knowledge of the computer. Contact Jim Heath, 931-788-2569 to let him know you're interested in helping the community.