



The Rooster Crows

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ONE FAMILY LISTENING TO GOD'S CALL TO MAKE LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

**YOUR
MOVEMENT
NEEDS YOU!**

**ATTEND
SCHOOL OF
LEADERS!**

**WORK IN
AND FOR
CURSILLO!**

The Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Weekend this past August 26th through the 29th was fabulous. I Greatly enjoyed over 70 hours with my nineteen year old grandson, Joseph, his dad, Russ, my son-in-law, and over thirty Catholic Men of "like mind" regarding God and His creations. Daily Cursillo discussions focused on loving God, loving family, loving neighbors, loving yourself, loving significant others, and what that specifically means. Since my wife of 53 years had recently gone to be with the Lord, I was particularly pleased to have my grandson and son-in-law comfort me during the Cursillo. We learned a lot about ourselves and how we each loved and respected each other.

During this special weekend, constructive insights were presented to grow our faith by improving our holiness through more in-depth study, and forward reaching actions. Personally, I was deeply touched and moved to think about new "outreach action-efforts" and new directions that build on three significant thoughts. (1) Look into yourself to determine who you were and who you are now. (2) Think not about how you

started your life; it's how you finish your life that counts. (3) Loving God, loving neighbors, and loving yourself requires making substantial efforts to know much more about God, neighbors, yourself and those you love. Each of us needs to realize that love is NOT an emotion, it is a decision. These fundamental thoughts made me think about my existing family with five grown children (44 to 53 years old, three sons and two daughters) and ten grand-kids (14 to 28 years old, eight grandsons and two granddaughters).

My "impossible wish" is that I had learned what the Cursillo Weekend had taught me sooner about His Love Commandment, and that I had put this Cursillo knowledge into practice with my own loved ones over thirty years ago. While all my family are loving and caring people only a relatively few are practicing Catholics, some "dabble" in non-denominational services, some do not want to hear anything about Jesus Christ or care to be a part of any growing piety discussions on the many treasures (the Eucharist, the Sacraments, Adoration, etc.) God has given us. It is my conclusion that these very diverse family

piety profiles probably evolved from my own abdication of the responsibility to Sheppard and direct my children for thirty odd years of my own middle life (what I was to who I am now).

Moving forward on what I am and know now, I can begin to plan on how I wish to finish my life by taking steps to build "bridges of love", starting within my own family. There are significant opportunities for us to answer God's call to make more loving family relationships. We need to get with each family member "one-on-one" to confirm our love and affection for them and to describe and share our heartfelt love for them, so we can know each other better, and discuss God's love for us. These conversations of "Love" then become the fundamental basis of knowledge in each other that can form the decision for everlasting love and respect between each heart that we touch.

Wouldn't Our Lord be pleased with all our families initiating an "outreach" program. For each family member could then hold up things they admire, love and respect about each other, and that they need to know about us, them, and Him?

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ARE YOURS!**



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Women's Spanish Weekend, October 14-17

Regional Encounter, October 22-24, Indianapolis, Indiana

Men's Spanish Weekend, November 4-7

School of Leaders, November 13

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