

# The Rooster Crows

A Newsletter of the Catholic Cursillo of the Diocese of Knoxville in Tennessee

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#### Reflections

The weekend of May 2-3, 2003 I attended the Region IV Spring Meeting at the Diocese of Covington, KY, Catholic Center (it's near Cincinnati, OH). I would like to share with you a few of the notes I wrote down during the witness talks by Victor Lugo, the National English Coordinator.

- \* We are reacting to what God has already given us.
- \* We need to look at things from the other persons balcony.
- \* Live the tripod internally.
- \* Don't go looking for something to do, do something right now and right where you are.
- \* Is the Pope a Saint because he is the Pope, or because he is living his Baptism?
- \* There is no such thing as

the Fourth Day - only Ultreya!

- \* We are the living bait on the hook!
- \* You can't fill vessels that are full full of themselves.

The note that struck me most was "We are living bait on the hook!" It became clear to me that people are watching me always: at home, work, recreation, church, everywhere. I am Christ's bait. an Evangelizer in the special way I am reacting to God's call. And I am that bait always - it's not iust when I'm in church or "doing" Cursillo things - on "fishing" trips so-to speak . Because of this I must be constantly aware of the message that my disposition is sending out. Am I attracting, or scaring away,

#### **Butch Feldhaus**

those who are hungry for Christ? Through Holiness, Formation, Reconciliation and the Eucharist I will become the best bait I can be.

Victor made the point that there are over one million Cursillistas in the United States alone. Here in the Diocese of Knoxville we have over three-hundred and fifty registered with us, and who knows how many others there are that we have yet to introduce to the Cursillo, or have participated in the Cursillo elsewhere and have yet to hook-up with us.

While many are not active, it is clear that the Cursillo can be a powerful force of Formation, Holiness and Evangelization - internally (personally) and externally (your environment)!

#### From the Editor's Desk

Ever since I made my Cursillo weekend in September of 2001, I've been looking for a meaningful way to contribute to the Cursillo movement in Tennessee. Now, I have been presented with that opportunity. In my other life, prior to my retirement, I did a little writing and editing. I taught a journalistic-style reporting class as an

adjunct faculty member for several years. I hope my efforts will serve Cursillo and my fellow Cursillistas in a good way. Please forward comments, suggestions and/or articles for publication consideration to my email, cartalks@multipro.com or to my snail-mail address at 3007 Pueblo Drive, Crossville, TN 38572. All items submitted

#### **Carol Rummel**

are subject to approval by the Lay Director prior to inclusion. They will only be edited for grammar and perhaps length when necessary. Authors will be consulted prior to publication on edited articles to ensure content and nuance stays true. Let me hear from you on what you want to see in your newsletter. We'll be talking! CaR

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"Each, from babe chick to well-seasoned Cursil-lista, brought various experiences and knowledge to the work-shop."

# **School of Leaders Report**

The fourth School of Leaders session was held at St. Thomas the Apostle in Lenoir City on March 15th, 2003. Our speakers were Becky Guenthner and Fr. Al Wilson, representatives from Cursillo Region IV in Louisville, Ky., who focused their talks on Ultreya. Becky gave two technique talks on (1) the Purpose and Mission of the Ultreya and (2) the Role of the Cursillo Leader at Ultreya. Fr. Al gave a doctrinal talk on the Vatican II document - "Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity."

After the talks, each of the 29 Cursillistas

in attendance had the opportunity to formulate recommendations and actions for the Pre-Cursillo, three days, and Post Cursillo. Becky recommended that the School of Leaders have only three Cursillistas group together in each Leaders Group Reunion. Some of the other recommendations were as follows:

- 1. Publicize Ultreyas in church bulletins.
- 2. Inform candidates about Ultreyas.
- Encourage sponsors to bring potential candidates to Ultreyas.

- Leaders should listen in group reunions for potential witness talks.
- 5. Encourage Cursillistas to want to witness.
- 6. Share the operation and preparation of each parish Ultreya so as not to burnout any one leader.

The next School of Leaders will be held on July 11th at St. Therese of Lisieux in Cleveland, TN. The theme will be Hispanic Spirituality.

Please remember to pray for this meeting.

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"Who's who in the Secretariat?"

#### What Would Your Answer Be?

At a recent day of preparation for Confirmation, a group of teenagers gathered to pray and share. As one of their projects, they were each given magazines and a poster board divided into large squares. Their assignment was to paste a picture from the magazine to answer several questions. One of the questions asked was, "What kind of car

do you think Jesus would be driving if he was physically living today?"

When I heard this question my mind immediately raced and I decided that Jesus would be driving something small and unobtrusive - perhaps a Ford Focus.
When I asked friends, their responses were certainly varied. One thought He would be in a limousine, another a

1960's type flower child van with LOVE written all over it.



What would your response be? Before you read on, try to come up with your answer.

#### Marianne Hartman

A young man found a picture of an ambulance! What insights our teenagers have!

Isn't this a wonderful sign that the world will be in good hands in the coming years.



# The Three Day Weekend

Some have heard that the weekend for men was postponed in April because it was not possible to form a team of qualified persons. A weekend for men is planned for October 23 - 26 at Eagle Rock.

The Secretariat has decided to only hold one weekend for women this year and it will be held June 19 – 22. Linda Ujcich will be the coordinator for that weekend #18, assisted by Debbie Ferrari. Palanca [prayers and sacrifices] are very much needed for the weekends forming and the work of the Cursillo both locally and globally.

Maybe you are wondering what qualifies a person for the weekend team? Currently the Secretariat considers activity in Cursillo and Church as a basis. Particularly, participation in a Group Re-

union, in Ultreva, and in the School of Leaders. The School of Leaders will be responsible for identifying possible team members based on the above criteria. In the case of a new community member that has made a Cursillo in another area, the Secretariat agrees that there needs to be participation with the Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo program before a Coordinator position be undertaken.

Again, I can not stress enough the need for prayer and sacrifice (PALANCA) so that we can continue to share this weekend with many others.

It would be most helpful if we had 12 to 15 applications on hand to better judge when to schedule a weekend.

Of course, there are many ways to help

#### **Carol Bolton**

and currently we are searching for someone to fill positions on the Secretariat for Post Cursillo. and 3 Day Weekend. There are sub-committees that we need to establish in order to make the 3 Day position function more efficiently. The Secretariat is looking for someone to be responsible for 1. Supplies, ordering literature and maintaining materials for the weekend: 2. Weekend Assistance (preparation and clean up) these could be handled by a group reunion as Palanca: 3. Site Selection committee to search out appropriate places for a week end.

At the end of my Cursillo weekend, it was recommended to me by a friend that I rest up quickly because "there is work in the vineyards" and indeed it is so.....and many hands

"What's going on with our three day weekends?
Men's cancelled, only one scheduled for women."

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#### Stretching from Johnson City to Crossville and Chattanooga, the Cursillo in the Diocese of Knoxville is represented in 36 parishes including one in Virginia, Georgia and the Diocese of Nashville. I would like to explain to you the Cursillo database and the importance of keeping it current and up to date. To do this, I plan to answer the following questions. How do we get the news to you? What information do we maintain on the database? What do we use this information for? All I ask of you is to help me update the database and continue to keep me updated if the information changes.

How do we get the news to you? There are five ways we do this: Post Office, E-Mail, Ultreva coordinators. Parish representatives and word of mouth. The sur-

# The Cursillo Database - Do You have Email?

est way of getting important

information to you is by the

when you consider that we

are mailing 290 envelopes.

That is by sending only one

to each couple. The most

pensive is by email. Out of

the 361 Cursillistas in our

4<sup>th</sup> Dav community, there

do not have an email ad-

dress. Of the 179 people

with email an average of 25

bounce each mailing. Bad

email addresses or mail-

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get information to the Cur-

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convenient and least ex-

postal service. However,

the cost is astronomical

upcoming activities, the greater the participation in

the activity.

What information do we maintain on the database? The database includes the following information: Name. Address. City, State, Zip, Parish. Home Phone, Email Address. Weekend attended. Weekend Location, Weekend Positions held. Weekend talks given. We include any miscellaneous talents such as musical ability, kitchen help, or computer talents you may have that you would like to offer to the Cursillo community.

What do we use this information for? Your name and address (postal or email) is used to bring you up to date with the news and activities of our Cursillo Community. When a team coordinator is selected for an upcoming weekend, the names of Cursillistas are provided to the team coordinator to be used in conjunction with

the Holy Spirit in selecting

**Angie Feltz** 

his/her team. The database is not provided to any business, organization or individual for any reason. For example, should the Diocese of Knoxville want to send out a mailing, we insist they send it to us and we will mail it. We do not give them a copy of our information. Your personal information is safe with us.

If you have email but received this issue of The Rooster Crows by regular mail please send an email to me at angief@netzero.net. In the subject line indicate Email Address for Cursillo. I will then send you an email to verify the address. The next news update will come to you by email.

DeColores!

# "Mass and breakfast planned for mid-June to get to know all of Knoxville's Cursillistas."

# St. Thomas the Apostle Happenings

A Mass and breakfast is being planned for mid-June. All Cursillistas are invited. We are hoping to get to know each other as Cursillistas and also try to see if we can get several small groups started.

Another goal is to set a time each month to have an Ultreya here, in

our parish. Everyone is welcome whether they are able to be part of a group or not. It has been years since some have made their weekend. We want to offer the opportunity for all of us to renew our Cursillo enthusiasm, strengthen all three legs of our tripod and continue to grow as Catholic Chris-

#### Marianne Hartman

tians.

We will be announcing the upcoming weekends in our parish bulletin and hope that this too will enliven interest even if it is just a question about what is Cursillo.

Please keep our endeavors in your prayers.

# **Evil Vs. the Holy Spirit!**

I have a strong belief in the Holy Spirit. Especially that the Holy Spirit is here with us every moment of every day and if we will call on Him, He will come to our aid. Let me relate a story of just how He has been working.

Earlier this year at an Ultreya, some of you may have heard Carol Rummel, the RCIA Director for St Alphonsus Parish, ask for prayers for one of her Catechumen who was having a crisis of faith.

The candidate felt that her bad health, her husband losing his job and not being able to find another, plus some other bad things were punishment for something she or someone else had done. A misguided team member agreed by saying that sometimes God is a punishing God. The Catechumen became despondent

and left the program.

At the last School of Leaders, Father AI, the Regional Spiritual Director, said the following "Where there is the potential for the greatest good, Evil will work the hardest." I believe the Evil One worked through the misguided team member and thus driving the Catechumen from the program. But we can overcome evil with the help of the Holy Spirit.

At both our UItreya and the School of Leaders, I heard people saying they would pray for the young lady. I joined that group, but praying was just not enough for me. I decided to send an e-mail to this lady. The problem was that I did not know who she was. I decided to send the e-mail to Carol and ask her to forward the e-mail for me. A little later, I forwarded. through Carol, a couple of

#### Jim Heath

booklets to her; one on who the Holy Spirit is and the other was a Novena to the Holy Spirit.

I was greatly pleased when I heard in January she had returned to RCIA. I know that all of our prayers; masses, communions and rosaries overcame the evil. We can win against evil with the help of the Holy Spirit.

I had the great privilege of meeting this lady at our parish's last Lenten Soup and Salad evening. My biggest disappointment was that I had to be out of town for the vigil and her entry into the Catholic faith. Needless to say she is a Neophyte and very happy with a faith that grows stronger daily.

Thanks be to God!



"Where there is the potential for the greatest good, Evil will work the hardest."

# The Three Day Weekend (Continued from pg 3)

make light work. Please let someone know if you would like to help, it is satisfying work!

This past week I received a package in which someone returned a bell. Yes! One of those annoying bells!!!! from the weekend. It seems it was stolen and hidden as is common on the weekend

and some of us figured it was still hidden at some weekend site. We are happy to have it back, though. On that same note, on one of the very first Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo weekends, we had received a beautiful, colorful Palanca letter from Korea. It was encased in plastic so that it could be shared on every

weekend but at some point it did not return to the supply box. It was about 5 foot long and very unusual, if someone would return it, no questions would be asked as we would love to display it during each weekend.

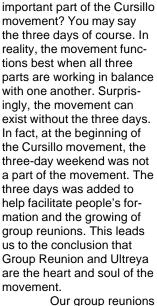


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#### The Heart of the Cursillo Movement

What is the most

" ... Group
Reunion and
Ultreya are the
heart and soul
of the
movement."



Our group reunions allow us to share our journey in a safe place and help us be accountable for our efforts of evangelization. Ultreya is where we hear others speak of their successes and failures regarding evangelization and keeps us connected to the larger movement. We often hear on a weekend "an isolated Christian is a paralyzed Christian" The same can be said for a

group reunion. When our group reunions do not connect with the larger Cursillo community, we run the risk of becoming something other than a Cursillo group. Our groups can become places where we share our personal spiritual growth to the exclusion of any efforts of evangelization. Our efforts of changing our environments are what define us as cursillistas.

You may think. "Gosh I don't have one more hour in my month" and this may be true. What I would like for those of you in group reunions to consider is sending one person in your group to Ultreya every month. That person could come back to the group and report on what is going on in the larger movement. If you have 5 people in your group you would only be committing to go to Ultreva about twice a year. I am hoping that this person's experience would encourage others to attend more often, if not, then at least the reunion group would be in constant contact with the larger movement. If

#### Susan Passarello

you aren't in a group come to Ultreya, let people know you are looking for a group, you never know what the Holy Spirit has up his sleeve. The schedule for Ultreyas follows if you have any questions or concerns please call me Susan Passarello 531-6251

St. Therese, Cleveland Second Wednesday, 6:30

St. Alphonsus, Crossville Second Tuesday, 7:00 Central time

Sacred Heart, Knoxville Fourth Friday, 7:00

Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa, Second Thursday, 7:00

#### **ULTREYA!**



# **Cursillo Wish List**

This past week I received my first Christmas catalog this year and I want to share with you the Cursillo Wish List in case someone wanted to know what was needed.

- 1. 5 or 6 Round tables to seat 6 8
- 2. Padded chairs
- 3. Lap top computer

#### 4. Digital Camera

- 5. Covered 2 wheel trailer (to house tables, chairs, and week-end materials)
- 6. Retreat Center

Of course, the Secretariat reserves the right to approve acceptance of these items, so advance notice would be necessary.

#### **Carol Bolton**



"Knoxville
Cursillo Movement needs a
few good
items."

#### **Pre-Cursillo Notes**

The process of candidate selection has taken on new significance in the Knoxville Diocese. For the first time, there were more candidates than slots available for the June weekend. It is a wonderful problem to have, but certainly fraught with potential hard feelings and demands for solutions. If the reader has access to the "Fundamentals of Cursillo" book, what I like to call the "Catechism" of the Cursillo movement. you will recall that there are three possible types candidates.

First, there are the Catholics, who by their spheres of influence have the potential to Christianize their environments. These are individuals who can bring more souls to Christ and the Cursillo method will aid them significantly. These candidates must

be our top priority. As a Cursillo community is it our task to seek out these individuals and invite them into our group reunions and Ultreyas. By the time they attend a weekend. they are prepared to hear the full message and will be fortified by it. It is the sponsor's responsibility to nurture these individuals every step of the wav.

Second are the Catholics who would benefit personally from the weekend experience. Remember, the weekend is not designed to be a personal retreat. It is a Christian community building exercise. With the graces of the weekend, there is always the potential for the person to become energized to make a real Christian impact on their environments.

#### Velma Burke

The last potential candidate is the individual who should not attend the weekend. These Catholics may have physical or emotional barriers that will impede the Christian community building process. They have shown no interest in attending group reunion or Ultreya. And there is no close relationship with an active Cursillo sponsor. These Catholics may be appropriate for another weekend after one or more of these barriers have been resolved. With prayer and an active sponsor interest, these individuals can move up in candidate priority.

On a more logistical note, I have several applications from previous weekends (both men and women) which I review as the weekends are being organized. I call or email the sponsor for updated information on the candidate. If you are a

sponsor, but are unsure about the duties and responsibilities, please call 865-983-2812 or email me at tenntwo@mindspring.com. I will send you a two page summary.

God Bless you and all our future candidates.

"There are basically three types of candidates"

#### The Secretariat

Have you ever wondered what goes on at a Secretariat meeting? Have you ever wondered what the reasons were for a particular decision or action taken by this group? Stop wondering and start attending! The Catholic Cursillo - Diocese of Knoxville Secretariat meetings are open to all Cursillistas, and you are invited and encouraged to attend. We have even started having them in

different locations around the Diocese to make it easier on you to be with us. January of this year saw us in Crossville, April we were in Chattanooga, July we will be in Alcoa, and in October we will be in Morristown. Should you like more information please contact the Lay Director, Butch Feldhaus, at 423/238-7009 or

mailto:bfeldhaus@csi.com.lf you would like to host a

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meeting of the Secretariat please let us know. We meet quarterly and will start putting together our 2004 schedule at the July meeting.



"What goes on at a meeting of our Secretariat?" Page 8 The Rooster Crows



"My whole body God made complete, without arms or hands or feet."

### **Bible Riddle Solved**

The answer to the Bible Riddle in the last edition of The Rooster Crows is: **A Whale.** 

Here is the riddle again, and an explanation of the answer.

The answer is one word, five letters long, and appears only four times in the King James Version of the Bible.

God made Adam out of dust, but thought it best to make me first; so I was made before the man according to the Lord's Holy Plan. My whole body God made complete, without arms or hands or feet. My ways and acts did the Lord control, but in my body He placed no soul. A living being I became, and Adam gave to me a name. Then from his presence I withdrew, for this man Adam I never knew. All my maker's laws I do obev. and from these laws I never stray. Thousand's of me go in fear, but seldom on the earth appear. Later, for a purpose the Lord did see, he placed a living soul in

me. But that soul of mine the Lord had to claim, and from me took it back again. And when this soul from me had fled. I was the same as when first made: without arms, legs, feet, or soul, I travel on from pole to pole. My labors are from day to night, and to men I once furnished light. Thousands of people, both young and old, did by my death bright lights behold. No right nor wrong can I conceive, the bible and it's teachings I can't believe. The fear of death does not trouble me, pure happiness I will never see. Up in Heaven I can never go, nor in the grave or Hell below. So get your Bible and read with care, you'll find my name recorded there.

The four references are located in Genesis 1:21; Job 7:12; Ezekiel 32:2; and Matthew 12:40. Here they are from the King James.

Genesis 1:20-22 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which

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the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

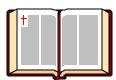
Job 7:11-13 Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?

Ezekiel 32:1-3
Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubled the waters with thy feet, and fouled their rivers.

Matthew 12:39-41
For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

This riddle was copied from <a href="http://www.becksbaptist.org">http://www.becksbaptist.org</a> and adapted for use in The Rooster Crows.

# **New Bible Riddles**



How many of these Bible Riddles can you solve before our next issue comes out with the answers?

- 1. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
- 2. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
- 3. What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?
- 4. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

- 5. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
- 6. Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?
- 7. How did Adam and Eve feel when expelled from the Garden of Eden?
- 8. What is one of the first things that Adam and Eve did after they were kicked out?
- What excuse did

#### **Butch Feldhaus**

Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

10. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?



These riddles were copied from <a href="http://halife.com/church/riddle.html">http://halife.com/church/riddle.html</a> and adapted for use in The Rooster Crows.

### **Catholic Cursillo - Diocese of Knoxville Calendar of Events**

Date	Event	Location	Time/Eastern Time
July 12	School of Leaders  Hispanic Spirituality	St. Therese of Lisieux Cleveland, TN	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
July 12	Grand Ultreya	St. Therese of Lisieux	1:30 PM - ?
July 17 - 20	National Encounter	Cincinnati, OH	
July 26	Secretariat Meeting	Our Lady of Fatima	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
October 4	Secretariat Meeting	St. Patrick	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
October 11	School of Leaders <i>Table Leadership</i>	Holy Trinity Jefferson City, TN	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
October 23 – 26	Three Day Weekend #21	Camp Eagle Rock	
October 24—26	Region IV Fall Encounter	Our Lady of the Snow Bellview, IL	
November 8	Fourth Day Reunion	To be announced	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

# Mark your calendars!

Saturday July 12 School of Leaders

10:00 am Topic: Hispanic Spirituality

St. Therese of Lisieux—Cleveland, TN

Followed by Grand Ultreya / Fiesta!

1:30 pm

The Catholic Cursillo—Diocese of Knoxville has been asked to investigate the possibility of conducting a Spanish Cursillo weekend. This months School of Leaders is focused on helping us learn more about the culture, spirituality and environment of those who speak Spanish (only). This is the second step in building the infrastructure to support this effort. (Recall the first step is prayer!) And could there be a more fitting way to finish the day than with a Grand Ultreya and a Fiesta!

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#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Group



L-R **Back**: Dee Walker, Linda O'Shanick, Carol Rummel, Angie Feltz **Front**: Lenore Gouge, Jody Fair

#### St. Therese of Lisieux Group



L-R **Back**: Maria Martinez, Toni Pacitti, Clara Mathien, Mary Belle Flanagan **Front**: Iris Kunkel, Antonia Alexander

#### The Holy Innocents Group



L-R **Back**: Judy Holt, Fr. Alex Waraksa, Lisa Morris, Fr. Joe Brando, Sara Carey, Bobby Worcester **Front**: Linda Ujcich, Debbie Ferreri

#### St. Faustina Group



L-R **Back**: Amy Goelz, Louise Costello, Joan Stuart, Joan Stone, Anna Van Obverberghe **Front**: Rosanne Nichols, Pat Kregel

#### St. Teresa of Avila Group



L-R **Back**: Amy Roberts, Nancy (and baby) Feist, Chris Lucheon, Sue Heath, Mary Hayden **Front**: Susan Carlson, Carol Pedro

# Diocese of Knoxville Women's Cursillo #18

June 19 - 22, 2003

St. Therese of Lisieux - Cleveland, Tennessee

# The First Chattanooga Cursillo Weekend

Many folks think the first Chattanooga Cursillo Weekend was Women's #6 conducted at Camp Lookout a few years ago. Well if you think in terms of the Diocese of Knoxville that might be true. However; if you think in terms of when we were the Diocese of Nashville, it isn't. Back in the early 70's a group of men gathered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Cursillo #31. Many of the men in this picture are still active in the Cursillo and some have been active in a reunion group since that weekend!

This photo comes courtesy of Ray Morrison who attended the weekend. He can be seen in the top most row on the far right side (he's in the dark shirt next to the fellow in the glasses.) How may of these Cursillistas can you identify?

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To:

# **Heaven's Grocery Store**

As I was walking down life's highway many years ago,

I came upon a sign that read Heavens Grocery Store.

When I got a little closer the doors swung open wide

And when I came to myself I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels. They were standing everywhere

One handed me a basket and said "My child shop with care."

Everything a human needed was in that grocery store

And what you could not carry you could come back for more.

First I got some Patience. Love was in that same row.

Further down was Understanding, you need that everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of Wisdom and Faith a bag or two.

And Charity of course I would need some of that too.

I couldn't miss the Holy Ghost It was all over the place.

And then some Strength and Courage to help me run this race.

My basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed Grace,

And then I chose Salvation for Salvation was for free

I tried to get enough of that to do for you and me.

Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill

For I thought I had everything to do the Masters will.

As I went up the aisle I saw Prayer and put that in,

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For I knew when I stepped outside I would run into sin.

Peace and Joy were plentiful, the last things on the shelf.

Song and Praise were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the angel "Now how much do I owe?"

He smiled and said "Just take them everywhere you go."

Again I asked "Really now, How much do I owe?"

"My child" he said, "God paid your bill a long, long time ago."