



The Rooster Crows

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- Why would you want to serve?
- Limiting the number of candidates at the Weekends
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National Encounter 2003

Summer days in Cincinnati, Ohio, are about as hot and muggy as they are in Tennessee. The short but intense evening thunder-showers also are reminiscent of the ones we have here. But, the heat and the rain had no adverse effects on the attendees at the 13th National Encounter in the Cintas Center at Xavier University (July 17 – 20). Somehow the over 600 Cursillistas who gathered for four days of prayer, presentations, fellowship and fiesta seemed to take it all in stride. At least if they were complaining I couldn't really tell, and it was not that I wasn't listening; over half of the attendees did not speak English! The theme of this encounter was "*Being Truly Christian*."

This year's National Encounter followed the format that was used in Mallorca in 1994 during the 50th Anni-

versary celebration of the very first *Cursillo de Cristiandad* weekend held at Cala Figuera in 1944. During that celebration, Cursillo leaders from throughout the world went to Mallorca to hear the *Conversations of Cala Figuera*.

There were ten topics that were discussed during the *Conversations of Cala Figuera* and they reflected the various aspects that were taken into consideration by the founders of the Cursillo movement as they went about listening to the Holy Spirit and studying various aspects of mankind, the Church and the world. The ten topics are: Person, Freedom, Love, Friendship, Conviction, Sincerity, Criterion, Life, Normality and Joy.

Members of the English, Spanish, Filipino, Portuguese and Vietnamese communities presented on

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the ten topics. Monsignors, priests, deacon's laywomen and laymen gave the presentations. Five topics were given in English and five topics were given in Spanish. Simultaneous translations were available throughout the entire 13th National Encounter. Ignacio and Martha provided simultaneous translations from English to Spanish and Spanish to English.



Ignacio and Martha

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From the Editor's Desk

At a recent Ecumenical Ultreya, the Cursillistas of St. Alphonsus, Crossville, exchanged special moments from our weekends with Cursillistas of various faith traditions. As we began talking about what was the most moving or inspiring moment of our individual weekends, I realized that while the weekend was wonderful, the most important part of my

life as a Cursillista is getting together in my small group every other week. We are five busy ladies who long for each other's company, support, and understanding. Our meetings are the high points of my month. We share our gains as well as our stumbles. We offer each other suggestions on how to improve our lives and our relationship with each other

Carol Rummel

grows stronger everyday. It took a while to find the group that works for me, but I can tell you, it was well worth the wait. I know my sisters feel the same as I about our group.

Therefore, if you are still searching for that 'perfect fit' in your small group, don't give up until you've found it. It might also be your highlight.

**"Next School -
Jan 24th -
Topic -
A Call to Holiness
At Our Lady of
Fatima in Alcoa
fm 10-3:00
Bring a dish to
share"**

Why Do We Have a School of Leaders

A long time ago a Major League Baseball manager, complaining about the fans, remarked that people who go to baseball games are just like people who attend Church. They both think they know all about what they're seeing, but in reality they know very little. Many Catholics have strong notions about their faith without any formal education on the subject except what was received as a child.

The same idea is true when it comes to Cursillo. We have had three days of intense instruction in 15 talks and we think we know everything. Making a Cursillo is just a beginning. A Cursillista needs ongoing

education. Attendance at the quarterly School of Leaders will make us more knowledgeable about our Ideal of piety (holiness), study (formation) and action (evangelization) and more aware of how to put them into practice. We are all Christian Leaders "under construction" regardless of whether we made our Cursillo two months ago or thirty years ago.

The next School of Leaders will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 860 Louisville Road, Alcoa, TN. in the Social Hall of the Fatima Center on Saturday, January 24, 2004, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Please bring a dish to share.

Lois Schering

Topic: A Call to Holiness. The topic examines how fellow Cursillistas are pursuing authentic piety (holiness). Also, it gives



ideas on what types of spiritual acts we can do to nourish our piety (holiness).

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**"Look who's new
in the
Secretariat?"**

Onward

As we learned on our weekend, one of the key elements of Cursillo is to build up the Church in the world through groupings of people in their environments. One form of this grouping is **Ultreyas**, a Spanish word meaning Onward. This is where members of the small friendship groups (group reunions) come together as a larger community to pray together, have access to spiritual direction, share,

inspire and encourage one another to persevere in our Fourth Day. For those Cursillistas that have not yet joined or formed a small friendship group, Ultreya enables them to connect with other Cursillistas to form these groups that meet weekly.

The small friendship group satisfies the basic need for the individual for a sense of growth and community; the Ultreya satisfies the need for

growth in community and being Church in the world. Both are necessary to achieve the ongoing work of evangelizing the environments in the world.

This fall I returned to school and have not been able to be with my usual group reunion due to a scheduling conflict. I still have contact with my group members but am not able to share regularly with them on a spiritual level. Ultreya has been my life-

line to the movement. At Ultreya, I can not only share my walk but also can hear and support my fellow Cursillistas in their walks. Ultreya helps me remain focused on living the three legs of the tripod. I look forward to rejoining my group the time, I know Ultreya is there to support me in my journey.



e-Ultreya Magazine

A new feature is in the works for the National Cursillo web site: **e-Ultreya Magazine**. This online publication will feature witness articles from Cursillistas around the country. The National Cursillo Movement's Web Development Team is calling on all Cursillistas to submit articles.

Here are a few guidelines: Articles should focus on your 4th Day, how you are living the movement, how it is affecting your life and how that might benefit others. Articles should

be short and to the point. Four to six paragraphs at the most. Ideal topics would include Holiness, Formation and Evangelization as well as Apostolic successes and failures, anything you might share with your group reunion or Ultreya.

Submit articles via the web at <http://www.cursillo.org/e-ultreya/editor.html>.

Each issue of **e-Ultreya Magazine** will be filled entirely with witness stories, so you have an excellent chance of being published. Obviously, we cannot guarantee all sto-

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ries will be used.

e-Ultreya Magazine is sponsored by the National Secretariat of the Cursillo® Movement in the United States and will be available at no cost. It is not a replacement for the printed **Ultreya Magazine**; rather it is intended as a new means of sharing our faith with a larger audience through the Internet. The National Cursillo web site had more than 2.5 million visitors last year and it continues to grow. The web address for the National Cursillo is www.cursillo.org.

portive of the Cursillo, and had it not been for a last minute scheduling problem, he had wanted to spend time with us in dialog about anything we wanted to ask or talk with him about.



(Left to Right) Deacon Bill Brandon, Fr. Robert Braun, Bishop Wilton Gregory and Fr. Al Wilson.

The rainbow stoles worn by Fr.'s Braun and Wilson were gifts to them from the Diocese of Knoxville and were made by Mary Beth Feldhaus and Debbie Ferreri.

Next year the Region IV Fall Encounter will be in Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky in Maple Mount, KY at the Motherhouse of the Mount St. Joseph Ursulines. Remember: it always takes place the last full weekend in October – mark your calendars now!

Region IV Fall Encounter 2003 (Cont. fm pg 4)

ship of the Region IV Service Team on to Bob Kostin. At this time Fr. Al Wilson also retired from the RST. It was a very emotional occasion as Becky and Fr. Al have been a strong and steady pres-

ence of peace, love and strength in the region for several years. They will be missed in their leadership roles, but will still be with us when we gather at regional and national events.

The highlight of the

weekend was the Sunday Liturgy, presided over by Bishop Wilton Gregory or the Belleville Diocese. Bishop Gregory is the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Gregory is very sup-

National Encounter 2003 (Cont. fm pg 1)

In a very special appearance, Jesus Valls, President of the Secretariat in Mallorca and personal protégé of Eduardo Bonnin (the founder of the Cursillo movement) presented on the same topic that he did in 1994 in Mallorca, *Joy*. Jesus is an engaging and powerful speaker. While his presentation was done in Spanish, he had everyone up on his or her feet singing and dancing. Not only did we hear a presentation on *Joy*, we lived it! (Jesus lived his Cursillo when he was 15 and served as a Team Coordinator for a Cursillo when he was 20.

Our days were filled with presentations, reflections, discussions, summaries and group presentations. This gathering was much more intense than the other National Encounter I attended. The energy and Spirit was much more

focused – at the end of the day you were ready to go to bed and give your body and brain a rest. The Morning and Evening prayers were



**Jesus Valls Flores
presenting on JOY**

the bookends for our presentations, and the Mass was a glorious multi-lingual celebration. Of course there was usual Saturday night events of Ultreya and Fiesta. It did not take long for one to become swept up into the excitement.

While this may sound funny, several times I got more out of the Spanish presentations rather than the English. It had to do with the

translators providing “sense for sense” translations most of the time, but when a difficult translation came about they offered a “literal” translation that may have not made sense or would have been awkward in conversation, but offered deep insight into the topic being presented. An example was a description of Joy that could only be rendered from the Spanish as “*There are flags of many colors in my heart.*”



Far Left: Fr. Pedro V. Garcia, National Spiritual Advisor, far right: the Most Reverend James A. Taimayo, National Episcopal Advisor.

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Attending the Na-



tional Encounter were over 600 persons representing many language groups (English, Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean and Portuguese). All twelve of the Cursillo Regions, Canada and Mallorca, Spain were represented.

Next year's National Encounter will be in Seattle, Washington the week of July 29 – August 1. I am planning on attending – what about you? Sounds like a really cool road-trip to me!

Region IV Fall Encounter 2003 (Cont. fm pg 12)

After our discussions, summary and presentations, we gathered for Night Prayers after which many of us retired to our rooms.

Saturday was a day filled with prayer, meetings, meals and talks. Regional Service Team member Terri Seiter presented *Living the Tripod*, and then ten of us presented a brief (ten-minute) summary of one of the *Ten Conversations* topics (see article elsewhere in this edition on the 2003 National Encounter) to form one long (two-hours!),

but very interesting talk. (I was asked to present on the topic of **Sincerity** – they would pick the one I took the least amount of notes on!) The reflections offered by the presenters on the *Ten Conversations* that we covered during the National Encounter were a refreshing re-visit to these very important topics. It was also interesting and enlightening to hear the insight offered by the presenters. The day was closed out with an Ultreya

and Fiesta! It was good that we had to change our clocks back that night – the extra hour of sleep was very welcome!

On Saturday afternoon, the Regional Service Team meet with the Lay and Spiritual Directors for a two-hour business meeting. Elections were held, decisions were made, motions were voted on, action items were assigned, and minutes were recorded. In all of this, the Diocese of Knoxville got two assignments: we will be hosting the 2005 Region IV Fall

Encounter, and we will help develop a “candidate evaluation form” for those seeking a term on the Regional Service Team. Not too bad considering some of the other jobs that needed doing!

Sunday was a short day, as we were going to be dismissed after lunch for the long drive home. The day started with Morning Prayer and a presentation by Becky Guenther, “*Blessed are the Flexible.*” After her presentation Becky passed the leader-

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Secretariat Changes

During the October 2003 Secretariat meeting, the positions of **Cursillo** and **School of Leaders** were up for appointment. The position of **Post-Cursillo** was also up for appointment due to the early retirement of Susan Passarello who has held this position for two years. Carol Bolton and Jim Heath held the positions of **Cursillo** and **School of Leaders** respectively. On behalf of all the Cursillistas in the Diocese of Knoxville, the Secretariat wishes to say a big "Thank You" to Carol, Jim and Susan for all their hard work and dedication.

Before the new appointments were made,

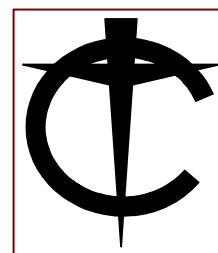
a little "housekeeping" item was taken care of; the current **School of Leaders** position was changed from one to two positions: **School of Leaders - English** and **School of Leaders - Spanish**. This change reflects our desire, and the beginning of the process, to conduct Spanish language (only) weekends in our Diocese. We are pleased to announce the following appointments that will take effect in the new year:

School of Leaders - English - Lois Schering
School of Leaders - Spanish - Maria Martinez
Post Cursillo - Steve Pacitti
(Steve will serve the remaining year of Susan's three-year term, only.)

At this time we have left the position of **Cursillo** unfilled as we are trying to restructure it to be less demanding. Right now this position is responsible for every aspect of the three-day Cursillo weekends, a task that can be very time-consuming, intimidating and stressful. (See **Team Members Needed** elsewhere in this edition). As soon as we finalize the structure of this team we will discern whom the "Secretariat Level" leader will be, and begin recruiting members to form the team.

If you are interested in serving on the Secretariat please let us know. Appointments for the three-year terms are made by the Secretariat in the last quarter of

the calendar year, with approximately one-third of the positions being up for consideration. Appointments are made based on information we receive from the Cursillo Community, which is usually not a lot. Next October the positions of **Lay Director**, **Pre-Cursillo** and **Post-Cursillo** will be up for consideration - are you interested? Let us know!



Team Members Needed

The Cursillo representative on the Secretariat is probably one of the most time-consuming and busiest positions there is. This person is responsible for every aspect of the weekend from team preparation to final cleanup. Carol Bolton has held this position for the last three years and has reported to the Secretariat that it is just too much work for one person. To that end, the Secretariat has decided to take a team approach to this position. The Cursillo representative on the Secretariat will be the Captain of this team and the following positions will be its members:

Supplies - Responsible for ordering, storing, delivering, inventorying all the materials we use on the

weekends.

Mentoring - Responsible for assisting with team preparation, maintaining the notebooks, files pertaining to the weekend and providing coaching and council for the Weekend Team Coordinators.

Palanca - Responsible for coordinating all aspects of Palanca relating to the Cursillo (collection, delivery, etc.) and sending Palanca to other Cursillo Centers.

Setup - Responsible for getting supplies from the Supplies team member

and preparing the weekend site (registration, conference room, dormitory, chapel, etc.)

Cleanup - Responsible for assuring wherever we conduct a weekend, we leave it as clean and orderly as we found it, or even better.

Kitchen - When needed prepares the menu and meals for a weekend.

The Cursillo representative on the Secretariat will be responsible for securing facilities to conduct our weekends and everything that goes with that (contracts, deposits, communicating our needs, etc.) and will oversee the work and finances of the team members. This person

will also be responsible for succession planning and working with the School of Leaders to select the members of future weekend teams.

Do you think you might be interested in being a part of this team? Other than the person who sits on the Secretariat, more than one person could hold any of these positions, possibly even a Reunion Group could assume responsibility for one of them!

Please contact the Lay Director, Butch Feldhaus, or Carol Bolton for more information or to put your name into consideration.

Butch Feldhaus

National Executive Director Resigns

On Sept 9, 2003 the Executive Director of the National Cursillo Movement, Tom Sarg, resigned the position he has held for 11 years. In a letter to the National Secretariat, Tom acknowledged his love for the Cursillo and his enthusiasm that the unity and congeniality among all the language groups is at an all time high. Tom noted that a lack of ability to stabilize the finan-

cial situation of the National Cursillo Movement was a contributing factor to his decision to request resignation from the Executive Committee.

The proper processes to select a new National Executive Director are beginning.



You will hear more details after the National Secre-

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tariat meets on Nov 14-16, 2003. Please remember Tom and Vicki Sarg, the Executive Committee and the Cursillo Movement in your prayers and Palanca. If you would wish to contact Tom personally, just mail a note addressed to him to the National Cursillo Office, PO Box 210226, Dallas, TX 75211-0226. The office personnel will gladly forward your correspondence to Tom and Vicki.

More Bible Riddles

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| 1. What do they call pastors in Germany? | match mentioned in the Bible? |
| 2. What is the best way to get to Paradise? | 6. Which Bible character had no parents? |
| 3. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy? | 7. Why didn't Noah go fishing? |
| 4. How do we know that Job went to a chiropractor? | 8. How do we know that they played cards in the ark? |
| 5. Where is the first tennis | |

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

Answers
1. German Shepherds
2. Turn right and go straight
3. The area around the Jordan; the banks were always overflowing.
4. Job 16:12 - I had come to be at ease, but he proceeded to shake me up and grabbed me by the back of the neck and smashed me.
5. When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.
6. Joshua, son of Nun.
7. He only had two worms.
8. Because Noah sat on the deck.

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TRY IT! YOU'LL LIKE IT!

A few weeks ago I made a wonderful discovery! The night before our weekly group meeting I was lying in bed, thinking about what had happened in my life during the past seven days and what I would share the next morning with our group. How had I lived out Holiness (Piety), Study and Evangelization (Action)? I thought of different examples and realized that each day had of-

ffered many opportunities in all three categories: some I had taken and some I had let slip by.

At our meeting the next morning it dawned on me that I had been missing another of the gifts of Cursillo. Why didn't I review my day every night before falling asleep to see how I was living out my commitment to keep

my commitment to keep the three legs of my tripod balanced.

Reflecting nightly helps me see where I am strong and also my weak points. So much depends on what is currently happening in my life, and that influences how balanced I can stay. I know from experience that I tend to get overly involved in one or

Marianne Hartman

to get overly involved in one or two of the legs and almost ignore the third. This examination of conscience - seeing how I am living out Holiness, Study and Evangelization and then becoming aware of the leg that needs more emphasis has helped me see a little more clearly how I am living out my call to wholeness in the Lord.

Why Would You Want to Serve

Jim Heath

Why would you want to be on the Secretariat?

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of serving as a member of your Secretariat. As my term expires at the end of the year, I have thought about my experiences in and with that group. Then I asked myself why would someone want to be on the Secretariat. There were some answers that came easily. It puts you right in the middle of everything that is going on, not only in this diocese, but also in the know about all that is developing on the national and interna-

tional levels of Cursillo. Exciting studies and discussions are going on at those levels, looking into the real reasons for Cursillo when it was started and how we can keep those philosophies in the fore front of our weekends, groupings and Ultreya. We can have a voice in how these effect changes and non changes in the way we live Cursillo.

A deeper feeling came to the surface during this contemplation. I love Cursillo and what it has done for my family and me. Cursillo changed who and what I was and am. It has been a great blessing. What do I

owe for that? Nobody has suggested that a payment is necessary. But should such a great gift go unpaid for? Should I just take the good and go my merry way? I think not. While my service on the Secretariat and on Weekend Teams has not begun to return the good we have received, it is a start and I feel better about that. Have you ever thought about your gifts from Cursillo? We need people to step up and help.

No experience is necessary other than having attended a Cursillo Weekend and a willingness to learn and to help. The Holy Spirit may be speaking to you. Will you tell

him no and turn your back.

It doesn't take a lot of time, about four Saturdays a year. Please contact someone on the Secretariat and tell him or her you would be willing to try. I will be praying for all Cursillistas. The ones who say yes and the ones who say no.

Jim Heath, St. Alphonsus Parish, Crossville, TN



Blessing Before and After Meals

Butch Feldhaus

For many years we have gathered and been sent forth from the meals on our weekends singing the *Blessing Before Meals* and the *Blessing After Meals* to the familiar melody of *Edelweiss*. Unfortunately we have had to make a change to this tradition because of the composer's intentions on how the *Edelweiss* melody may, and may not, be used. The following information was taken from a website providing information about the details of the copyright issue.

Edelweiss was written by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. There is no authorized use of the tune of *Edelweiss* unless it remains intact and unless the intact tune remains intact with the original text. Ever since its inception, people have requested the use of its melody with other lyrics for liturgical pur-

poses in houses of worship of many different faiths. As with any song created in modern times, this song enjoys protection under the copyright laws, which state that original works may not be used in any manner inconsistent with the creators' intentions. Both Messrs. Rodgers and Hammerstein II felt strongly that they did not wish their contributions to any song be separated and used with other words or music. Such is the case with *Edelweiss*. However inspired the intention, to use the *Edelweiss* tune with other words is illegal and a callous disregard of the wishes of the two composers.

We are currently considering other melodies to use. The Fall 2003 Men's weekend used the melody to *Ode To Joy*, which seemed to work really well. The Summer 2003 Women's

weekend used a melody Judy Holt got from a friend. Do you have any suggestions for a new melody, or possibly a different set of blessings? Please let the Secretariat know.



"Edelweiss to be replaced as our melody for meal blessings."

Knoxville Cursillo On The Web!

**Knoxville
Cursillo is now
available on the
web!**

Have you been to our website yet? It's a great place to get information about the Diocese of Knoxville-Catholic Cursillo. There is a [Calendar](#) section where we keep information about local, regional and national events that will take place during the next year or two. There is a [Download](#) section where you can find copies of our *Application, Brochure, Pastoral Plan* and the *Ultreya Guidelines* procedure. You can go to [The Rooster Crows](#) section for both the current and back editions of our newsletter, and you can go to the [School of Leaders](#) section to learn more about the

topics that will be covered during the next few sessions. [The Secretariat](#) section will provide you with contact information for the members of the Secretariat.

The website is by no means complete. We are still designing the [Palanca](#) and [Ultreya](#) sections, and are constantly updating all the others. We would like input from you on what additional sections should be added to the website, also.

We are also interested in other organizations we might list as links on our website and in turn be listed as a link on theirs. Certainly if your

church has a website let us know about it and we will contact them about establishing this relationship. Currently the [Links](#) section lists only a few local / national sites.

Please Note: We will be very careful about which organizations we link to in order to remain a Christian, family-friendly site that promotes the authentic Cursillo method.

The Webmaster for the site is Butch Feldhaus who can be contacted at webmaster@knoxvillecursillo.org.



Region IV Leadership News

There have been a few changes in the leadership of Region IV of which the Diocese of Knoxville – Catholic Cursillo is located. Many of you had the chance to meet and work with Becky Guenther who has served us for the last three years as our Regional Coordinator.



Becky + Clarence
Guenther

Becky's term was up this year, and because of our by-laws she was unable to serve another. Becky's dedication, prayerfulness

and seemingly endless supply of energy will be missed by all of us! Our new Regional Coordinator is Bob Kostin of Bedford, Indiana. Bob has been a member of the Regional Service Team (RST) for the past few years and has now taken on the role as its leader. Fr. Al Wilson has also "rotated off" the RST and we have yet to find a new Spiritual Advisor. Many of you may remember Fr. Al from his visits to our Diocese with the RST when they presented workshops for us. Fr. Al will be missed. The



Bob Kostin & Bishop Wil-

Butch Feldhaus

ton Gregory

gion is also in the process of discerning a new Re-



gional

Fr. Al Wilson

Episcopal Advisor. Bishop Edward Kmiec of Nashville had previously filled this position.

The other members of the RST are Terri Seiter, Noreen Ford, Barry Cahill, and Tony Escamilla.

**"Fr. Al Wilson
has also rotated
off the RST..."**

Keep in Touch With Ginger Hutton

I'm sure many of you will remember Ginger Hutton, a fellow Cursillista and frequent contributor to the East TN Catholic. She recently entered the Dominican Monastery of Saint Jude in Alabama. The following is a note from Ginger:

This will be my new address. The fax number is included for

people who might need to get a prayer request to the monastery quickly. Generally speaking the community prefers that you write to us except for special occasions or emergencies. I can write to friends four times a year so people should not be discouraged or surprised if it takes me a while to write back. I will

be reading the letters and praying for them and will write as soon as I am able.

Thanks,
Ginger Hutton

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Ginger Hutton

Angie Feltz

How Many? Twenty! How Soon? Thirty!

**“ . . . Facilities,
finances and
food . . .
determine the
number to
attend a
weekend”**

Early last year the Secretariat decided to set the maximum number of candidates that may attend a Cursillo weekend to twenty, and set the cut-off date for registration thirty days prior to the start of the weekend. There were several reasons why this was done, none of which was to curtail the growth of the Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Knoxville.

This limit is in place for three primary reasons: facilities, finances and food. When we use a facility like *Camp Eagle Rock* or *Camp Lookout*, we are required to pay deposits and provide them with attendance numbers. These facilities plan menus and on occasion work us in with other groups that may be using the site on the same weekend. (This is especially true at *Camp Look-*

out.) They require these numbers four to six weeks in advance of the weekend and changing them can be very difficult.

When we use a facility like St. Therese in Cleveland, we are required to provide our own meals, which require menu planning and purchasing food, and the rental of portable beds. Last minute changes can be very difficult and put an additional hardship on volunteers who are already overextended in many ways. How can you avoid having your candidate not being on a weekend? Here are two suggestions: Submit your candidates' application **now**. (A copy of the application can be downloaded from the website.)

Keep us posted on the status of your candidates' application. If they cannot attend a particular weekend, let us

know so we don't hold a place for them and disallow someone else from attending.

When we have reached the maximum number of candidates for a weekend, we will hold all remaining applications on file for the next weekend or opportunity. Should someone who has previously been accepted for a weekend not be able to attend, we will fill that vacancy with the next available applicant. We mark the applications with the date they are received, and fill openings on a first-come, first-in basis.

If you have any questions please contact the Lay Director, Butch Feldhaus.

Answers To Last Issue Bible Riddles



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1. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? **Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.**
2. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? **Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.**
3. What kind of man was Boaz before he got married? **Ruth-less.**
4. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible? **Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's**

Triumph was heard throughout the land. Honda...Because the apostles were all in one Accord. 2Nd Corinthians 48 describes going out in service in a Volkswagen Beetle: "We are pressed in every way, but not cramped beyond movement."

5. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? **Samson. He brought the house down.**

6. Where is the first baseball game in the Bible? **In the big inning, Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and the Prodigal Son came home. The**

Giants and the Angels were rained out.

7. How did Adam and Eve feel when expelled from the Garden of Eden? **They were really put out.**

8. What is one of the first things that Adam and Eve did after they were kicked out? **They really raised Cain.**

9. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden? **Your mother ate us out of house and home.**

10. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible? **David. He rocked Goliath to sleep.**

Catholic Cursillo - Diocese of Knoxville

2004 Calendar of Events

All times are Eastern unless otherwise noted.

Date	Event	Location	Time / Comments
January 24	School of Leaders <i>A Call To Holiness</i>	Our Lady of Fatima Alcoa, TN	Fellowship 9:30 am 10:00 am 3:00 pm
January 31	Secretariat Meeting	St. Thomas Lenoir City, TN	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
April 17	Secretariat Meeting	St. Jude Chattanooga, TN	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
April 23-25	Region IV Lay and Spiritual Directors Meeting	White Bluff Nashville, TN	Contact Lay Director for de- tails.
May 1	School of Leaders <i>The Ten Conversations - Part I</i>	St. Alphonsus Crossville, TN	Fellowship 9:30 am 10:00 am 3:00 pm (Central)
May 13 - 16	Cursillo Weekend #20 (Men's)	To Be Determined	Contact Cursillo Rep. for more information.
June 3 - 6	Cursillo Weekend #21 (Women's)	To Be Determined	Contact Cursillo Rep. for more information.
July 24	School of Leaders <i>The Ten Conversations - Part II</i>	St. Mary's Athens, TN	Fellowship 9:30 am 10:00 am 3:00 pm
July 24	Grand Ultreya!	St. Mary's Athens, TN	3:00 pm - 6 :00 pm
July 29 - August 1	National Encounter	Seattle, WA	Contact Lay Director for de- tails.
August 7	Secretariat Meeting	Our Lady of Fatima Alcoa, TN	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
September 16 - 19	Cursillo Weekend #22 (Men's)	Camp Eagle Rock Maryville, TN	Contact Cursillo Rep. for more information.
September 25	School of Leaders <i>The Ten Conversations - Part III</i>	St. John Newman Knoxville, TN	Fellowship 9:30 am 10:00 am 3:00 pm (Central)
October 7 - 10	Cursillo Weekend #23 (Women's)	Camp Eagle Rock Maryville, TN	Contact Cursillo Rep. for more information.
October 16	Secretariat Meeting	St. Alphonsus Crossville, TN	10:00 am - 2:00 pm (Central)
October 29 - 31	Region VI Fall Encounter	Owensboro, KY	Contact Lay Director for de- tails.
November 6	Grand Ultreya	Sacred Heart Knoxville, TN	11:00 am - 2:00 pm

For the latest information please visit the **CALENDAR** section of our website at
www.knoxvillecursillo.org

All I Need to Know

Carol Bolton

**"I learned it
takes many
people ...
Thanks to all
the helpers!"**

You may be familiar with a writing by Robert Fulghum entitled All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten. It has been printed in various magazines, newspapers and even read on radio programs. It follows:

Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt someone. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and milk are good for you. Live a balanced life—learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder.

Here's my version called What I learned as Three Day Weekend Chair-

person in Cursillo:

Share-I learned that in this position you need to be a journalist. It's all about communication in the Rooster Crows!

Play fair-I learned that if I attend a Regional and/or National Encounter, I can have a lot of laughs on the road trip and go to the Dairy Queen at 10 PM.

Put things back-I learned to make sketches of rooms on the blackboard, so that the rooms at the weekend sites can be restored to their original condition.

Clean up-I learned that it takes many people and much time to restore weekend sites. Thanks to all the helpers! Hooray!

Don't take things-Bells are frequently stolen on weekends and then, just as mysteriously, they are found. Once I received a bell by mail, months after it had been stolen and already replaced with another newly purchased one.

Warm cookies and milk-I'm sure they are! Also lots of coffee, tea and soda with lots of cookies, cake and snacks provided for the weekend by many generous people. Thanks to you!

Live a balanced life-Sounds like the Cursillo weekend to me!

When you go out-I learned I need my Group Reunion sisters on a regular basis to keep me in the right lane of traffic and for hugs and prayers when there are traffic jams.

Be aware of wonder-It's a wonder I have held this position for three years! Every time I hear the sharing at a Clausura, I know it has all been worth the effort put forth by myself and all my helpers. It is also wonderful to see how a team becomes a community and then welcomes others to that community. Truly, it is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Region IV Fall Encounter 2003 (Cont. pg 4)

Fall was in the air, as well as some rain the weekend of October 24-26,



at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. (Belleville is near St. Louis, MO. - visit them on

the web at www.snows.org). It was there that over a hundred of us gathered for the Region IV Fall Encounter. The theme of the Encounter was "**We are God's Children**" (1 John 3:2).

For those of you who have not been to one of these events, a Regional Encounter is a lot like the National Encounter or a Cursillo weekend. It is a time of Spiritual renewal, refreshment and relaxation. Unlike the Cursillo weekend, the pace is much more relaxed, and there is more time

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for private reflection, personal contact and just being present to whatever happens. Everyone in the region is welcome and encouraged to attend. The location of the Fall Encounter moves around the Region, but it is always the same time – the last full weekend in October. (As the time for the next Fall Encounter draws closer, visit our website www.knoxvillecursillo.org for more information.)

On Friday night after registration, we gathered around a Hors d'oeuvre buffet

and renewed our friendships. Later that evening we assembled for our first presentation of the weekend, which was given by Fr. Al Wilson, "**We ARE God's Children**." (The format for the presentations on this weekend is very similar to the format on the Cursillo weekends; a fifteen-minute talk, a brief period of reflection, group discussion for ten minutes or so, and then summary presentations by each of the small groups to the larger group.) Fr. Al reminded us that we **ARE** God's children, no matter what we say, think or do.

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Palanca

What do you think Palanca is? We hear the word through out the 3 day Cursillo weekend, but do we understand what it is all about. Plain and simple, palanca is **SACRIFICIAL PRAYER and works of Mercy!**

Before asking someone to make a Cursillo, we pray.....

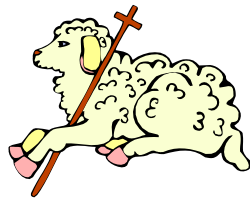
During this person's 3 day Cursillo Weekend, we pray... When this new Cursillista returns to their previous environment, we pray....

This is Palanca

Did you know that we, as a Cursillo Community, are offering our prayers and works of mercy for the intentions of the Cursillo Movement throughout the

Carol Bolton

world? You have heard of this on your weekend when Palanca was read aloud. Cursillista from around the world were praying for you. Now it is our duty and responsibility to pray for not only our Cursillo Community but also Cursillo Communities around the world. Will you step forward and pray with us?



Light School

In the event you are not aware, each School of Leaders is audiotaped and if you miss a workshop, a lending library is available to you. Audiotapes that are available are: Personal Evangelization; Parish Evangelization; Cursillo, the Three Days; Group Evangelization; the Purpose and Mission of the Ultreya; the Role of the Cursillo Leader at Ultreya, Role of the Spiritual Director on the Weekend; Ideas on Evangelization – Communication; Group Reunion; Ultreya; Environmental Groups; Sponsors; Selection of Key Persons; personal contact, dynamics and at-

Lois Schering

mosphere of the 3-days; and the Vatican II document – “Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity.” Also available are all the talks given at the Cursillo 11th National Encounter and 2001 Bakers Dozen. Please contact Lois Schering if you would like to borrow any of the audiotapes.



Pre-Cursillo Report

“Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ”. These phrases are familiar to all Cursillista. And that pretty well sums up the Pre-Cursillo process. As the recipient of applications for the Cursillo weekends, I must admit that I am not always sure that a friendship has formed between the candidate and sponsor. I will also admit that the individual I sponsored was only an “acquaintance” who I thought would benefit from the weekend experience.

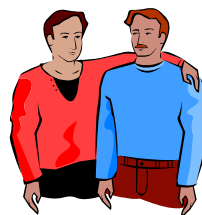
I now take the application and sponsorship much more seriously. The current thinking for possible candidates is “bring your friend to Christ” by bringing them to group reunions and

Ultreyas. At the last Grand Ultreya held at Sacred Heart there was a prospective candidate. She was surrounded by a warm and joyous group of fellow Christians. What a better place to be drawn by the Light of Christ. She had an exceptional orientation and I found myself wishing more future Cursillista could have joined her.

The Pre-Cursillo period is only half of the equation however. Our motto “make a friend....” may sound like a sponsors job is done when the weekend is over. Making frequent follow-up calls, seeing that the new person finds a group, and offering to transport to Ultreyas are all part of the sponsors’ responsibilities.

Velma Burke

During my term as Pre-Cursillo coordinator, we have had small numbers of excited, eager candidates.



Maybe all these tasks are too heavy for most sponsors. I pray not. The Cursillo movement relies on everyone of us to complete His work on earth. “Bring your friend to Christ” at the next Ultreya or group reunion

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St. Paul Seton Group



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Front: Dan Alexander, Gerald Nugent

St. Christopher Group



L→R **Back:** Bill Smith, Peter Minneci
Front: Robb Morris, Irv Harmon

St. Anthony Group



L→R **Back:** Jack Frisbie, Jeff Parsons, Jim Heath
Front: Dave Campbell, Jerry Orman

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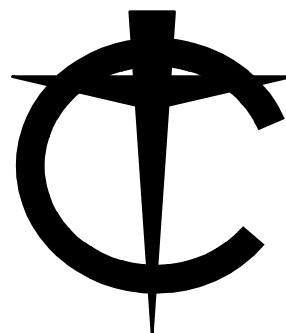
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Ray Bolton
Front: Bob Thomas, Fr. John O'Neal, Fr. Alex Waraksa

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October 23 - 26, 2003 Camp Eagle Rock -
Maryville, Tennessee



Building on a Firm Foundation

Lois Schering

SCHOOL OF LEADERS REPORTS

Bienvenidos (Welcome) to all our Spanish Cursillistas and parishioners in our various parishes. The general theme for the **5th School of Leaders** was Spanish Spirituality, which was held at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church in Cleveland, TN on July 12, 2003. A video was shown entitled Cultural Blessings from Franciscan Communications. Our speakers were Maria Martinez, who spoke on the History of Spanish Community Developed in America, and Butch Feldhaus, who spoke on how far along the pathway we have come and where we as a Cursillo Community in the diocese of Knoxville are going to eventually put on a Spanish Cursillo. We had a panel discussion. Members of the panel were Fr. Antonio Giraldo, Associate Pastor of St. Therese, and parishioners Terry Farmer, Beatriz Rincón, Maria and Jesus Martinez. Questions were taken from the floor.

Based on the Section Reports, below are the following key recommendations from the 5th School of Leaders to the Secretariat for their decisions and future actions.

1. Establishing classes for Spanish/English speaking in the parishes. At least learn greetings and phrases.
2. Recruit bilinguals to English Cursillo Weekend so they can work on Spanish Cursillo Weekend.
3. Bienvenidos – special effort should be made to blend backgrounds on Thursday of the Spanish Cursillo Weekend.
4. Overemphasize commitment – what is involved
5. Provide “scholarships” to pay for the Spanish Cursillo Weekend.
6. Support the development of community prior to Cursillo – do things together.
7. Provide information about Cursillo to Spanish-speaking newcomers and invite them to a Spanish Ultreya.

The general theme for the **6th School of Leaders** that was held on October 11, 2003 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Jefferson City, TN was Group Leadership. One of our speakers, Ted Newsom, spoke on Group Leadership. We had an audiotape of former National Executive Director of the Cursillo Movement, Tom Sarg, who spoke on Personal Contact, Dynamics and Atmosphere of the 3-days. Tom Sarg's talk was originally given at Cursillo 11th National Encounter. In order to get a better perspective and to put into practice what we learned during the day, we did a practical situation with group participation. We read scripture (Numbers 21:4-9) and looked at it from the viewpoint of God, Satan, and the Israelites. Ted Newsom was the group leader; Lois Schering, Asst. Group Leader and the eight other participants pulled a piece of paper “from a box.” Four Cursillistas acted out the following parts as we discussed the scripture: the extrovert, the very shy person, the bored and antsy person and the person who talked in the third person (“my friend” did this and that). The other Cursillistas were asked to be themselves. At the end of the scripture discussion, we talked about the dynamics and those who have been group leaders in the past shared their experiences. A handout entitled “Tips for Group Leaders” was given to the Cursillistas in attendance.

It's important that all our Cursillo programs and activities be “bathed” in prayer and palanca. Perpetual adoration adorers from Our Lady of Fatima in Alcoa prayed for the speakers and the participants from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. For the **6th School of Leaders** received palanca from outside the state: Little Rock, Ark. diocese, Oklahoma archdiocese, North Mississippi Emmaus #43 and #44 and North Mississippi Chrysallis #39 and diocese of Waikato, New Zealand. We also received palanca from an individual living in Bedford, Indiana and a local Cursillista. Specific palanca reported for the School of Leaders were 65 rosaries, a novena and rising 30 minutes early on October 11 for prayer.

Based on the Section Reports, below are the following key recommendations from the 6th School of Leaders to the Secretariat for their decisions and future actions.

1. Change parish Ultreyas to larger regional Ultreyas – gives newer perspective on how we experience our ideal of piety (holiness), study (formation) and action (evangelization).
2. Need fellowship - a social time after the program portion of the Ultreya.
3. Ask team to say the words “group reunion” and “Ultreya” during the Weekend to help candidates make these connections.
4. Sponsor should introduce new Cursillistas to other Cursillistas in parish, at group reunions and Ultreyas and act as a mentor in getting them involved in the Cursillo Movement.
5. There are no secrets in Cursillo – respond to inquiries about Cursillo; get information you don't know.
6. Make personal contact to invite Cursillistas to Ultreyas.



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The Rooster Crows

To :

When I Whine

Today, upon a bus, I saw
a girl with golden hair
I looked at her and sighed
and wished I was as fair.
When suddenly she rose
to leave, I saw her hobble
down the aisle.
She had one leg and
used a crutch
But as she passed, she
passed a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me
when I whine
I have 2 legs, the world is
mine.

I stopped to buy some
candy
The lad who sold it had
such charm
I talked with him a while,
he seemed so very glad
If I were late, it'd do no
harm.
And as I left, he said to
me,

"I thank you, you've been
so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks
like you.
You see," he said, "I'm
blind."

Oh, God, forgive me
when I whine.
I have 2 eyes, the world is
mine.

Later while walking down
the street,
I saw a child with eyes of
blue
He stood and watched the
others play
He did not know what to
do.

I stopped a moment and
then I said,
"Why don't you join the
others, dear?"
He looked ahead without
a word.
And then I knew, he

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couldn't hear.
Oh, God, forgive me
when I whine.
I have 2 ears, the world is
mine.

With feet to take me
where I'd go.
With eyes to see the sun-
set's glow.

With ears to hear what I
would know.
Oh, God, forgive me
when I whine.
I've been blessed indeed,
The world is mine.

