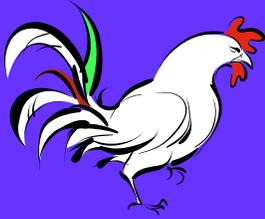




October 2014



DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE CURSILLO

The Rooster Crows

VIBRANT OCTOBER

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 23 different Eastern churches that are in union with the Roman Catholic Church, and any Catholic can validly participate in their liturgies.

These include Maronite, Coptic, Ruthenian, Melkite, and the embattled Chaldean Catholics of Iraq and Syria.

Our Church is truly Catholic (universal)!

*Grant that we may be one flock and one shepherd.
Do not allow your net to be torn, help us to be servants of unity.
—Prayer of Pope Benedict XVI*

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The Director's Chair

Building on a Firm Foundation

by Judy Holt, Lay Director

Cursillo is not just a weekend, but a way of life. It is a calling to prayer, study, action, and living in a way that witnesses to others that God is with us. We are the ones who will change the world, one person at a time. Through us, God's love is made visible when we become willing instruments of His grace.

Cursillo seeks to reveal God's work in each of our lives, and to help us to find new life in doing God's work. The goal of Cursillo is to promote leadership in the Catholic lay community, through self-giving and community involvement. This is a lay movement of the Catholic Church that helps those involved to focus on how to live their baptismal call in all of their environments: at home, at work, and at play.

I am forever grateful for the Christ-filled members of our Cursillo Community...especially the members of the Secretariat. We have a fantastic group of people who meet quarterly to take care of the administrative tasks of the Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Movement.

We have several positions on the Secretariat that will be open for elections in December. The positions are: Secretary, Treasurer, Spanish Pre-Cursillo, Spanish 4th Day Workshop, and Music. We thank Toni Jacobs, Debbie Ferreri, Nancy Kinerson and Sofia Delgado for their dedication to Cursillo and their assistance in many areas besides their duties on Secretariat. We are also looking for a Webmaster to assist with the details of our website. Are you feeling called to serve the Movement? We're always looking for people who want to help! If you are interested and would like to run for one of these positions, please email me at judymassogliaholt@gmail.com, text me at 423-767-6394, or send me a letter to: 10 Flamingo Court, Johnson City, TN 37601.

Inspiration Corner

by Fr. Joe Brando, Spiritual Director

Mary Sets the Example for Cursillistas

October is dedicated by the Church as a special time for meditating on the place of Mary, in regard to the Church, and to each of us. Spotlighting each of Mary's appearances in the Gospels, from our distinct point of view as Cursillistas, may enhance our appreciation of Mary, both as our mother and as an example of how we should mature in our quest to go upward and onward.

The first time Mary appears in the Gospels is the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel tells her she will give birth to our Savior, if she agrees to it. The amazing truth of the situation is that Mary, although troubled by the angel's words, is perfectly in command of the situation. This indicates what sort of a prayer life she enjoyed. Even an angelic visit could not ruffle her 'royal' demeanor. She calmly responded that she would do the Will of God as his handmaid.

The second situation Mary found herself in was in relation to Joseph. She let God's will be done. And, Joseph, the dreamer, got the message in his sleep. Mary's trust and coolness under fire paid off.

The third picture of Mary is with her relative, Elizabeth. Elizabeth was the wife of a high priest, a good person to seek out when dealing with unprecedented phenomena. The visit became a joy-fest, as both pregnant mothers experienced their babies jumping for joy. Having friends is a blessing.

The next two events in Mary's life were her giving birth to our Messiah and hearing the prophecy of Simeon. Both events were positive, but she knew there were tough times ahead. Those predictions did not deter her steadfast desire to do God's will.

Three very negative events backed up Simeon's warning. Mary immediately followed Joseph's leadership in fleeing the slaughter of Bethlehem's children, to find a safe place in Egypt. To this day there is a strong tradition that details Mary's journey, and points out several desert towns that Mary miraculously provided with water in thanksgiving for their help. She made joy out of sorrow. A few years later, Mary lost track of her 12-year-old son. When she found Jesus, she made it clear she wanted her son home, disregarding the authority of the high priests, who seemingly enjoyed having the Lord learning their way of life. She was in charge.

She was also in charge in the wedding feast at Cana, when she forced Jesus' hand by ordering the waiters to do whatever Jesus would tell them. She still has the same message for us.

At the Cross, Mary brings friends and relatives with her to witness the last hours of Jesus' life. We know that Jesus then gives her to the care of John and, thereby, to the Church. She comes to us with the memory of the dead body of her son on her lap. But that's not all. She is present in the Upper Room on that first Pentecost. To be with Mary is to be with the risen Christ, and to be filled with the life of the Holy Spirit.

All this is ours to reflect on during this special month. It's a time to grow stronger as a Cursillista by keeping Mary a part of our spiritual life.

The Deacon's Two Cents



**HOW IS YOUR
METANOIA LATELY?**
By Deacon Bill Jacobs

The Cursillo weekend teaches us many things, if we are willing to listen. Among these, we hear of a concept which is new to many of us—metanoia. This Greek word has been translated in many ways, such as repentance, conversion, or a complete turn-around. I like to think of metanoia as a “spiritual 180,” where we completely turn ourselves away from the direction that we are heading, and start in a new direction, bringing us closer to Christ.

For many of us, the inspiration of the Three-Day Weekend creates an immediate metanoia in many parts of our life. And that is one of the beautiful fruits of the Cursillo weekend, truly a wonder to behold.

But we need to be reminded that our personal metanoias do not stop there. We need to be continuously, daily, examining ourselves, to find areas in our lives that still need to be transformed. We need to break out of our existing habits, which may be turning us away from Jesus in small ways or large. Even though we are living a more Christian life now, there are always parts of us that still need to undergo that complete turn-around.

In prayer and examination of conscience, we discern those parts of ourselves that need changing. Also, our spiritual director helps to “lead me on a level path.” (Psalm 27:11) The Sacrament of Reconciliation can also help us to understand those sinful parts of our lives that need transforming.

With prayer and the help of the Holy Spirit, we must then resolve to make that change. And notice how metanoia is not a 45 degree or 90 degree change, but a complete 180 degree turn-around. We must go completely in the other direction, away from that which turns us away from Christ.

All of us want to serve God better, and to do more to build up the Kingdom of Christ. Let all of us commit to new metanoia in those parts of our lives that fall short of our ideal. We can do better, and we *must* do better, if we are to be called children of God.

Spanish Women's Cursillo #10



Diocese of Knoxville, TN June 26-29, 2014



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Spanish Men's Cursillo #8



Diocese of Knoxville, TN August 28-31, 2014



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MAKE A FRIEND—BE A FRIEND

By Micheline Parkey

I'm the Post-Cursillo Coordinator for the Diocese, and I'm afraid I've been doing a horrible job! Post-Cursillo is supposed to provide a community, fellow Christians who are there to support and encourage each other on our journey. We are pilgrims on a journey to encounter Christ.

I am very blessed. I know two lovely women who made their Cursillo years before me. The three of us meet every Saturday morning at Starbucks, to talk about our Piety, Study, and Action for the week. Usually we share at a very deep level – some tangents, but always coming back around to how we are growing as Christians. We encourage each other, support each other, and love each other as sisters in Christ. This is my Group Reunion.

How many friends do you and I have on Facebook? None of that equals friendship--not the true meaning of the word. Proverbs 18:24 says, "There are true friends more loyal than a brother." From Ephesians 4:32; "Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ." 1 Peter 4:8 says, "Above all, let your love for one another be intense..." In other words, be true friends.

A true friend is a sponsor, and a sponsor is a true friend. Cursillo is founded, and focused, on friendship. Being a friend is what we are all called to be. So, how do you sponsor someone? You be their friend. You give them some of your most precious commodity--time. Spend time with them, getting to know them before their Cursillo. Invite them to Ultreya. Talk to them at Mass. Friendship needs time--give them some of yours. An hour for coffee, 20 minutes after Mass. What about a phone call? 15 minutes can save you hundreds on your car insurance, or may help you connect even more with a friend....now that *is* priceless.

Being a friend means praying for your candidate. Offer Palanca; a rosary, Mass, any sort of suffering, fast or inconvenience can be offered up. For your candidate, for your friend.

This one-on-one friendship doesn't end with the weekend. The Post-Cursillo is where the person follows Christ. Cursillo is a movement, and we are moving together. Two by two, like the animals on Noah's Ark, saved by the Savior of the World. Or two by two, like the disciples sent out to spread the Good News.

The Leaders' Manual states, "The immediate objective of the leaders in the Post-Cursillo is to motivate and help the new Cursillistas find a group of Cursillista friends with whom they can meet to share their 4th Day." As sponsor, you lead a candidate as they seek Christ in Pre-Cursillo. As sponsor, you also lead a Cursillista to encounter Christ on the weekend. As sponsor, you continue to lead your friend, as the two of you follow Christ together.

Whenever I pray for Cursillo candidates, I pray that their encounter with Christ will continue in a community, that they will find others who will encourage them on their journey who will journey with them. I invite, I encourage, I hope.

It is our mission; to go forth and bear much fruit. Fruit trees blossom and flourish. We are to blossom in love and flourish in friendship as living witnesses of Christ's love. "Post-Cursillo is the perennial living of what is fundamental for being Christian." Perennials bloom every year...May you always continue to bloom wherever you are planted!

ANNUAL APPEAL

The following letter was sent to all Cursillistas in an effort to continue the good work of evangelization through the Knoxville Cursillo Movement.

Please consider donating if you haven't already.

Catholic Cursillo - Diocese of Knoxville

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August 2014

Dear Cursillista(s):

Another year has passed and the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Knoxville continues to move "onward."

Cursillo in the Diocese of Knoxville needs your support, both prayerful and financial. In an effort to go green and at the same time reduce the cost of a large mailing, the Secretariat has decided to e-mail the annual donation appeal.

Financial priorities for the coming year include restocking supplies, buying Pilgrim's Guides and other Cursillo literature, and purchasing items for the Cursillo weekends. We have two weekends scheduled for the remainder of 2014, the Spanish Men's Weekend August 28-31 and the English Men's Weekend October 16-19.

As with all organizations, finances play a role in Cursillo. We need your help and support to continue to grow the Cursillo Movement in East Tennessee. Please be generous. **Please mail your donation to Ms. Debra Ferreri, 1324 Haun Drive, Cleveland, TN 37311** or hand them deliver it to her.

God Bless,
Judy Holt
Lay Director

Secretariat Positions

POSITIONS ON THE SECRETARIAT ARE UP FOR ELECTION:

Secretary: Takes notes for Minutes at each Secretariat meeting and is coordinator for the annual Cursillo appeal.

Treasurer: Responsible for all transactions; all records and receipts are kept and documented with all transactions recorded in Quicken; attends all Secretariat meetings and creates report for each one; pays & submits dues, deposits for weekends along with any other donation expenses; must be present each Cursillo weekend to purchase food/supplies and/or make arrangements for designated person to get checks and be responsible for food/supplies.

Spanish 4th Day Workshop: Helps develop talks and sets up location for 4th Day Workshop for coming year; prepares agenda for workshop; prior to workshop, works with the Database Administrator to draft and mail flyers to members re: date, place and theme; acts as Master of Ceremonies at Workshop; drafts and mails “Thank you” notes to speakers and Pastor of parish; emails copy of attendance to Lay Director.

Spanish PreCursillo Representative: Application coordinator, screening for eligibility, and communicating all information concerning the upcoming weekend to the candidates and the rector/a. He/She will also work with sponsors to communicate their role in the Cursillo process.

Music Representative

If God is calling you to one of these positions, please submit in writing your willingness to serve and send it via email to: judymassogliaholt@gmail.com or by mail to Judy Holt, 10 Flamingo Ct., Johnson City, TN 37601.

Please pray for discernment.

Webmaster (Assistant to the Secretariat)

Have you looked at the Knoxville Cursillo web page lately? It is a simple page that only takes a few moments to maintain as updates come about because of the calendar of events in our Cursillo movement. Do you have any experience maintaining a web page? Do you have a desire to work with the Secretariat in keeping everyone informed about the happenings of our Cursillo Community? Contact Micheline Parkey for more information by email - michelineparkey@epbf.com

This is man's glory, to persevere and abide in the service of God.

--Saint Irenaeus, Father of the Church

Cursillo Calendar 2014

Event	Date/Time/Location	Contact
Secretariat Retreat	Jan 18 (Sat) 10:00am-12:30pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt
4th Day Workshop	Feb 1 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Jim Holt Nancy Kinerson
Secretariat Meeting	Mar 8 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt
LD/SA Regional Encounter	April 4-6 (Fri-Sun) Indianapolis	Judy Holt
4th Day Workshop	April 12 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Vacante Nancy Kinerson
4th Day Workshop	May 10 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Vacante Nancy Kinerson
English Women's Weekend	June 5-8 (Thurs-Sun) St. Therese—cancelado	Vacante
Secretariat Meeting	June 14 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt
Diocesan Encounter/ Grand Ultreya	June 21 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt Micheline Parkey
Spanish Women's Weekend	June 26-29 (Thurs-Sun) St. Therese	Guadalupe Esponiza
Spanish Grand Ultreya	July 12 (Sat) 10:00am-12:00pm at St. Thomas	Micheline Parkey
National Encounter	July 31-Aug 3 (Thurs-Sun) Anaheim, CA, at Chapman University	Judy Holt
4th Day Workshop	Aug 9 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Vacante Nancy Kinerson
Spanish Men's Weekend	Aug 28-31 (Thurs-Sun) Apison	Guadalupe Esponiza
Secretariat Meeting	Sept 13 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt
Spanish Grand Ultreya	Sept 27 (Sat) 10:00am-12:00pm	Micheline Parkey
Fall Regional Encounter	Oct 3-5 (Fri-Sun) Owensboro	Judy Holt
4th Day Workshop	Oct 11 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City) POSTPONED	Dave Campbell Nancy Kinerson
English Men's Weekend	Oct 16-19 (Thurs-Sun) Apison	Yurisan Cornejo Maria Cornejo Rector: Dick Shriver
English Grand Ultreya/4th Day Wkshop	Nov 8 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Micheline Parkey Maneul Quintino
Secretariat Meeting	Dec 13 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas	Judy Holt

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