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Growth Comes on the Fourth Day

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Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ! Growth comes next!

My name is Sharon Prohaska and I am one of the newest members on the Secretariat as the Post Cursillo Director. It is my responsibility to help provide Cursillistas with a community where they will be understood, helped, and motivated to grow and share their Christian life together. The purpose of the Post Cursillo is to help Cursillistas **BE THE CHURCH**. This will depend on two things, **our contact with Christ and our contact with our brothers and sisters**.

I lived my Three Day Weekend in Kansas City, KS on April 13-16, 1978 making the Eighth Women's Cursillo. What a difference that would make in my life! Living out my Fourth Day has given me many opportunities to share and learn from others within the environments that God has placed me. However, the best part is that my Fourth Day is a continuous journey and one that is still ongoing! Be patient with me, God isn't finished with me yet!

The Fourth Day is designed to increase and continue the conversion process and the living out of what is fundamental for being a Christian. As wonderful as your Three Day Weekend may have been, it was only a process to get you to your Fourth Day, a starting point that lasts the rest of your life. The Fourth Day, or Post Cursillo, is composed of three major elements: The Group Reunion, the Ultreya, and Spiritual Direction.

The Group Reunion is a small group of friends with whom we can share. The purpose of this meeting is to share with one another the growth that has taken place within each of us. We share our spiritual growth as well as our growth in becoming a person who strives to bring a Christ-like attitude to our environments. We will sometimes become frustrated as we attempt to bring Christ into our various environments. The Group Reunion also provides the continual support we need in order to persevere as a part of God's plan. If you do not have a Group Reunion, you are missing a very important part of Cursillo. All sponsors have a responsibility to help new Cursillistas find a Group. I would like to work with the Parish Reps to have a list of all the Groups so others can join in with them. Invite others to join your group if you know they do not have one. You can also Group with your spouse. The important thing is to find a group that can help you to grow.

The Ultreya is the members of friendship groups coming together in order to form a larger community. Whereas the Friendship Group Reunion provides for the good of the individual, the Ultreya provides for the good of the community. Both are essential in terms of the method.


Both are important for the realization of the direction of our whole life in the light of the Gospel and the opportunity to share that life with other evangelizers. We all have very busy lives, but the rewards of attending an Ultreya and being uplifted by other Cursillistas outweighs the sacrifices made. God might want to use **YOU** to spread a message to a friend at an Ultreya. We sometimes gather as a diocese for a Grand Ultreya, as we did at St. Augustine's in January. We do this so that we can connect with the larger Cursillo Community.

Spiritual Direction is important to keep us on the right path. Find someone that can help you to grow spiritually and give you the focus you need. It is an important element of the Cursillo movement. It is a commitment to seek out skilled laypersons or clerics for spiritual direction to provide help in deepening your union with Christ.

We have an opportunity on February 11 and April 29 to meet at the Apison Retreat Center to welcome the new Cursillistas into the larger Cursillo Community. This is so important because it sends the message that Cursillo is not just about the Three Day Weekend, but what we do with it on our Fourth Day.

As the Post Cursillo Director, I would like to hear from you. What can I do to help you on your Fourth Day? Do you have a parish that does not have an Ultreya and you would like help starting one? Do you need to find a Group Reunion? Would you like opportunities to get together socially with others in the diocese to renew friendships you developed on the weekends? Help us to keep in contact with you. If you change your address or e-mail, let us know. We will try to keep communication open through the monthly newsletter, *The Rooster Crows*, our diocesan Web Page at <http://www.knoxvillecursillo.org>, and through the Parish Reps.

You may be tempted to think that the Cursillo Movement is primarily a source of individual spiritual growth, but there is much more to it. We need to be apostolic. Growth needs to continue on your Fourth Day! St. Paul did not become a saint upon his conversion; but what he did after his conversion. How have you grown on your Fourth Day? De Colores!

Feb. 8-11th is the dates for the next Women's Weekend – If you haven't signed up for the Palanca/Prayer Vigil, there is still time to do so. Go to the web page and click on Women's Weekend. Then select the plus symbol left of the time and fill in the form. More than one name is allowed for each time slot... Then during the weekend, offer your palanca for the team and candidates. 

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**Closing for the Women's #30
Weekend, February 11
and Men's #31 Weekend, April
29 at the Apison Retreat Center**
We will have a Mass starting at 2:30
pm. This would fulfill your Sunday
obligation, but remember to tithe to
your parish. If you are not coming
for Mass, please arrive around
3:30 . You should drive around to
the auditorium and look for the door
marked 4th Day. For the Mass on
Feb. 11, Fr. Joe Brando will
celebrate and commission the team
for the Men's #31 Weekend. Come
and welcome the new Cursillistas!

And the Lord Said, "Go"
And I said, "Who me?"
And He said, "Yes, you."
And I said,
"But I'm not ready yet
And there is company coming
And I can't leave the kids
And you know there's no one to take
my place."
And He said, "You're stalling."
Again the Lord said, "Go."
And I said, "But I don't want to."
And He said, "I didn't ask if you
wanted to."
And I said, "Listen, I'm not the kind
of person
To get involved in controversy.
Besides my family won't like it

And what will my neighbors
think?"
And He said, "Baloney."
And yet a third time the Lord said,
"Go."
And I said, "Do I have to?"
And He said, "Do you love me?"
And I said,
"Look, I'm scared
People are going to hate me
And cut me up in little pieces,
I can't take it all by myself."
And He said, "Where do you think I'll
be?"
And the Lord said, "Go."
And I sighed,
"Here I am, send me."

Parish Representatives are still needed for the following parishes: St. Jude, St. Peter and Paul, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and St. Stephens in Chattanooga. If you are a member of one of these parishes and would like to be a contact person to Cursillistas within your parish, please contact Dick Shriver. Email: shriver51@aol.com (865) 688-8601.

2007 Upcoming Calendar Events

A complete downloadable PDF Calendar can be found on the Knoxville Cursillo Web site.

Secretariat Meeting 10 am—2 pm
April 14, St Therese, Cleveland
July 14, Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa
October 13, St Thomas the Apostle

Women's Weekend
Feb 8-11 / Sept 13-16

Region IV Fall Encounter
October 26-28

School of Leaders 10 am—2 pm
Feb 24, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Knoxville
May 12, St. Therese, Cleveland
August 11, St. Augustine, Signal Mountain
November 3, St. Thomas the Apostle, Lenoir City

Men's Weekend
April 26-29 / Sept 27-30
Apison Retreat Center

**National
Cursillo Encounter**
June 29-July 2
University of Texas, Arlington

Grand Ultreya TBA

Parish Reps Meeting— March 10, 2007 10:00 am to Noon
St Thomas the Apostle, Lenoir City