



The Rooster Crows

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Piety—Kay Sheldon, Secretariat Secretary

Cursillo encourages the layperson to carry out the mission to which he has been called in three part harmony, Piety, Study, and Action.

Many people, however, are confused about what is true Piety. False concepts of Piety make it hard to understand fully genuine and authentic piety. Some examples of persons engaging in false Piety are the Sanctimonious, the Practitioner, and the Pharisee.

The Sanctimonious person smells of candle wax and confuses sanctity with life on one's knees. He sees the world as the enemy of the soul. He looks to his own salvation and turns his backs on the salvation of others. His heart does not beat with the desire of God.

The Practitioners concentrate on external acts designed to be a "safe-conduct pass." He walks in fear because he doesn't know love. His prayers are nothing but words. He knows nothing about an inner life and has really never tried it.

The Pharisee strips his soul bare of all virtue and wears a cloak of justice on the outside. He scales the summits of human glory, which gives meaning to his virtue and zeal. His virtue does not go from the inside out.

Genuine and authentic piety exists in a life of grace with the life of Christ in us. The authentically pious person is conscious that by grace we are the sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sisters of Christ, and living temples of the Holy Spirit. The

authentically pious person constantly grows in his relationship with Christ and this life is fully shared with others.

The styles of authentic piety are natural, courageous, strong, and joyful. It is natural because we have the confidence of a child in its Father. It is courageous because we know that the world belongs to God. We don't fear men because we fear God. It is strong because we are willing to acknowledge the faith that we profess without blushing or caring what anyone thinks. Our attitude in prayer is straightforward and firm. We live with God's strength within us. We are joyful because our joy is truly authentic, constant, and sure. It comes from deep within us.

The pious person lifts everything up to God. He meditates on the truth of Christ realized in our own lives. The pious person frequently attends Mass and receives Holy Communion because he realizes the reality of Christ's sacrifice coming down to us, and our sacrifice being lifted up to heaven with that of Christ. The pious person makes frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle where Christ is, because He is the source of our authentic piety. There are many other forms of authentic piety that we will naturally practice as we draw closer to God and seek appropriate ways of responding to Him.

As active Christians we live our Christianity deeply by knowing it, understanding it, and spreading it. Our actions speak louder than our words. We are generous and we want the best for others. We are ambitious and we won't rest until others know that God loves them also.

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On the occasion of our 25th Wedding Anniversary,

We invite you to join with us as we celebrate
The Holy Mass and renewal
Of our Marriage Covenant .

Eleven O'clock AM - Saturday May 12, 2007
Saint Therese Catholic Church
701 South Charles Seviars Boulevard
Clinton, Tennessee

A reception will be held in the Social Area
Immediately following the Mass.
Please RSVP to Carmine and Sarah
No later than May 6th.
Sarah & Carmine Sesa

May School of Leaders has been canceled. Please plan on attending the August 11 School at Saint Augustine's, Signal Mountain
Theme: Spirituality on the Weekend.
Topic: Friday on the Weekend.

Plans are in progress for the 1st Spanish Cursillo in the Diocese of Knoxville. More information will be available in the June issue of the Rooster Crows. Please begin to offer Palanca for team formation and candidates.

2007 Upcoming Calendar Events

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

Secretariat Meeting 10 am—2 pm Jul 14, Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa Oct 13, St Thomas the Apostle	Women's Weekend Sept 13-16 Apison Retreat Center	Region IV Fall Encounter October 26-28 Bellville, Illinois	Spanish Cursillo News Ultreya
School of Leaders 10 am—2 pm Aug 11, St. Augustine, Signal Mountain Nov 3, St. Thomas the Apostle, Lenoir City	Men's Weekend Sept 27-30 Apison Retreat Center	National Cursillo Encounter June 29-July 2 Univ. of Texas, Arlington	School of Leaders Men's Weekend Dates TBA
Grand Ultreya TBA	Parish Representatives — TBA		