



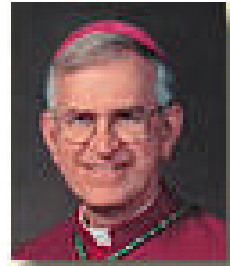
# The Rooster Crows

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## Message to our Cursillo Community from Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz

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My dear Cursillistas:

De Colores! What a great gift the Cursillo movement and each of you is to the Church and specifically to the Diocese of Knoxville. As I prepare to leave Knoxville to serve as Archbishop of Louisville, I write to send my love, affection, admiration and prayers. I will miss you all!

The Cursillo has been such a gift to me personally since my weekend in 1981 and even before that. Many of my friends in Pennsylvania, so alive with Christ, were active in the Cursillo. I would imagine that over 25 years ago I was the beneficiary of the truth by which we live: make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ. Recently I was privileged to join the men's weekend in the new Tres Dias Center at Apison to celebrate morning Mass and share breakfast. I could not help but recall this event as I read the recent words of our Holy Father who praised new ecclesial movements and exhorted bishops to support them. I believe there is no finer movement in the Diocese than Cursillo in bringing all of us, priest and lay alike, to a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus and to lead us into a truly powerful experience of conversion. Thank you for being active and alive in Christ and full participants in the life of the Church, most especially in your parish.

As I write this message, I prepare to travel to Rome in a week. I will be concelebrating the Holy Eucharist in St. Peter's Basilica with our Holy Father Pope Benedict and all the archbishops of the world who were appointed in the last year. It is each year on the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul that our Holy Father bestows a Pallium to each archbishop. This vestment (like a yoke made of pure wool) worn over a chasuble signifies the special bond between the Shepherd of the Universal Church, our Holy Father, and those bishops who have been appointed as heads of Provinces (that is, archbishops). It will be my privilege on that occasion to pray for all the faithful within the Province of Louisville, of which the Diocese of Knoxville is an important member. As I pray for you, please pray for me that I will serve humbly and faithfully.

In our Lord, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz

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God has blessed our Cursillo Community.

On behalf of the Secretariat, we congratulate and ask for your continued prayers for fellow cursillista **Deacon Christopher Riehl** who was ordained to the transitional diaconate on his way to ordination to the priesthood next summer.

We also extend our congratulations and prayers to the following cursillista who were ordained in May and June to the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Knoxville. May you all be blessed with God's grace as you serve our church in this new and wonderful capacity.

- Deacon Joseph Armento
- Deacon Brian Gabor
- Deacon Michael Jacobs
- Deacon Gordon Lowery Jr.
- Deacon David Luchon
- Deacon Paul Nelson
- Deacon James Prosak
- Deacon John Riehl

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring your Friend to Christ. One of the steps along the way is to provide your friend with an application. If you are interested in being a sponsor for a future candidate, the new bi-lingual application has been posted on the web site. From the home page, click on the Downloads on the menu. You can find the application there. For more information or to obtain an application, contact your Parish Representative.

### 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	Parish Representatives TBA (October)
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 Encounter June 29-July 2 Univ. of Texas, Arlington	Grand Ultreya TBA

Spanish School of Leaders ... Aug. 18 — St. Therese of Lisieux Cleveland  
 Spanish Weekend - Tentative Dates... Men's Weekend # 1 ... Oct. 18 - 21—Apison Retreat Center