



# God is Good -All the Time!

## The Rooster Crows

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### Cursillo celebrates 10 years: Carmine and Sarah Sesa

This year Cursillo is celebrating 10 rich years here in the Diocese of Knoxville. A celebration that gives us cause to reflect with joy how awesome God is and what wonderful work He performs when we give him permission to use us as His instruments.

Some 15 years ago we moved to Tennessee and it did not take long for us to begin to yearn for the Cursillo community that we had been so involved with for all of our life as a couple. We had a house that we loved, the Smoky Mountains were our back yard and all was as we had wanted it to be. We missed our family but were in constant contact with them and they all came to celebrate a Smoky Mountain Christmas with us the first year we were living here. But there was a void for us in our Spiritual life! We had no community to share all our joys with.

I remember one night sitting down to have dinner and the tears started falling. Carmine in great dismay asked me "What's wrong Honey"? My answer was, "We have everything we want but we have no one to share it with!" I learned that what makes a house a home is the echo of life brought into the house by family and close friends.

We began asking about Cursillo and no one knew anything about it. One day at Mass Father Evan Eckhoff was the celebrant and we asked him about Cursillo. He told us that there was no Cursillo here in the Diocese of Knoxville but that he as Director of Adult Christian living would love to get it started and would do whatever we wanted him to do to help us get it started.

After about one year of deep prayer and discernment, we realized why God had chosen to lead us to Tennessee and we realized that the great yearning for community was God's way of getting our attention.

We contacted Father Eckhoff and he put us in touch with several people that had made the Walk to Emmaus and some that had made Cursillo in other locations. We grew from two to four to six, etc. Soon we were 15 (Father Brando was one of the originals) and we began to have Ultreyas and leaders school. We had the regional team come for a workshop and they said that in their opinion we were ready!

After five years of formation we began to plan the first Men's and Women's weekend. Father Brando bought those oh so comfortable air beds for us, Father Evan did a little bit of everything for us. He made copies, did the shopping with us (he had the check book) and gave us immeasurable support. Without Fathers Brando and Eckhoff we would not have made it. Father Brando was the first Spiritual Director of the Knoxville Cursillo and has remained active with us for years. Cursillo was and still is a passion of his.

Father Alex Waraksa was a candidate on the first men's weekend and he too has a passion for the Movement and has worked tirelessly with Cursillo since he made his weekend.

So, yes! It is with great joy that we realize ten years for the Movement here in the Diocese of Knoxville. We give all praise and glory to God for guiding us and strengthening us. We were but simple instruments in His hands and look what He accomplished with our "yes".

And now, the Hispanic community begins the same journey as we did all those years ago. Let us all pray for them as they plan their first weekend! Let us look forward to celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> year for the Spanish Cursillo in 2017.

DeColores! Sarah and Carmine Sesa

**Spanish Cursillo: Calling all Cursillista:** The deadline a approaching for applications for the upcoming Men's Spanish Cursillo Weekend #1. Do you have any men interested in

Cursillo. Have your candidates applications been mailed in to Carol Rummel? If not, applications are on the web site. Download one, have it filled out, and mail it now to: Carol Rummel 3007 Pueblo Drive, Crossville, 38572



Please continue to offer palanca (intercessory prayer, sacrifice, or works of mercy) for the upcoming Women's # 32 and Men's # 33 in September and the upcoming Spanish Men's # 1 weekend in October. The palanca/prayer vigil is on the web page. Add your name to the others in our community who are already offering palanca. Be a part of the success by offering your prayers and sacrifices to God.

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### Vacant Secretariat Positions

- The Pre-Cursillo Secretariat Position will become available at the end of the current year. Carol Rummel has held this position and will be stepping down at the end of her term in December 2007.
- Co-Spanish School of Leader Position was vacated when Mike Smith moved out of state.

Do you feel called to either of these two positions? Pray about it and see if God is calling you to serve as a member of our Secretariat. If HE is, or you have any questions contact Jim Heath at jimheath@charter.net or 931-788-2569 by October 1st. Elections will be held at the Oct. 13th Secretariat meeting.

## 2007 Upcoming Calendar Events

Secretariat Meeting 10 am—2 pm	Region IV Fall Encounter	Parish Representatives Meeting TBA (October)
Oct 13, St Thomas the Apostle	October 26-28 Bellville, Illinois	
School of Leaders 10 am—2 pm	Women's Weekend Sept 13-16 Apison Retreat Center No Mass prior to Closing 3 pm—Commissioning of the Spanish Men's Team	Men's Weekend Sept 27-30 Apison Retreat Center No Mass prior to Closing 2:30 pm—Grand Ultreya 10th year celebration
Nov 3, St. Thomas the Apostle, Lenoir City		Grand Ultreya September 30—2:30 pm Apison Retreat Center
Spanish Men's Weekend # 1	Oct. 18 - 21—Apison Retreat Center	