



The Rooster Crows



What Cursillo Means to Me by Beatriz Rincon

**Please,
Pray for
our
bishop
as he
recovers!**

Hello, my name is Beatriz Rincon. I would like to tell you a little bit about what the Cursillo means to me. I will start from the first time that my family and I arrived to Cleveland on January of 1996. It was a very difficult situation. We had traveled across the country from Oregon. At that time it

was winter so all the trees were bare, totally different from Oregon where it's always green. So, my question to God was why are we here in a place without life? We also did not find any Catholic people, only Protestants. I begged God to guide us. So I took action and wrote to my pastor back in Oregon and asked him if it was okay for us to visit other churches, and of course he said no. He then gave us the address to St. Therese. I remember at that time there was only bilingual mass. Then, came Father Alex and the different activities started to flourish along with the opportunities to become more involved in church. I met Jesus Martinez and his wife, Maria. They were the ones that invited me to

attend Cursillo. Ever since Cursillo, my life has changed in an enormous way. All of the love that I already felt for God became greater. What at one point began with joy but at the same time lots of fear, today it feels like St. Therese, the parish, has given me more than I could have ever imagined. I have a great family in Christ, both English speaking as well as Spanish speaking people. I have learned from the needs of others that we all need each other. We all need to put our Baptism into action, using the tools that we learned on the weekend of our Cursillo. These tools will help us to live a life full of love, not only for God but for one another. If we read and study and

try to memorize the laws of God, we will realize that when we follow these laws we become full of love therefore, our lives are filled with love. And that love is the true love like the one that God has for us. When we discover this great love, we find the purpose to our calling. If we follow that calling we will reach the sanctity that God wants us all to have. I would like to ask my Cursillo family, that wherever we are or whatever our situation may be, to offer palanca during the fourth day of Cursillo. May the mercy of God and Mary be with us always, and may Saint Michael protect us on our fourth day and until the end. De Colores!

DE COLORES



**Palanca can be done
anytime, anywhere.
Please remember our
movement in your
prayers.**



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2009 Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Calendar

September 10-13, Men's # 37, Eagle Rock

October 1-4, Women's #38, Apison Center

October 17, SEC MT, SACRED HEART, KNOXVILLE

October 30-Nov 1, Regional Encounter, Mount St. Joseph, Owensboro, KY

November 21, SOL, SACRED HEART, KNOXVILLE

Two Vacancies on the Secretariat will be open for your consideration later this year. Post Cursillo position and English School of Leaders. We will talk more about them in the next issue. And, we are still looking for a few good people to fill vacancies for a Parish Rep Coordinator, Palanca Coordinator, and Editor of the Rooster Crows. These positions can mostly be done from home, if you have a working knowledge of the computer. Contact Jim Heath, 931-788-2569 to let him know you're interested in helping the community.