



January 2012  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE CURSILLO

# The Rooster Crows



## The Director's Chair

### Building on a Firm Foundation by Lois Schering, Lay Director



In September the Knoxville Cursillo Community will celebrate its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the diocese of Knoxville. We will have an official celebration later in the year. Please see an article on the History of Cursillo, Cursillo in the Diocese of Knoxville and an Overview of the Cursillo Movement elsewhere in the *Rooster Crows*. *There is also a picture of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cursillo in history, held not in 1947 or 1949 but earlier on August 20, 1944 in which Eduardo Bonnin, the founder of Cursillo, was the 1<sup>st</sup> Rector.*

The Secretariat held an election in December and voted for Toni Jacobs as the new Secretary to the Secretariat. Toni attends Holy Family in Seymour and is the wife of Deacon Bill Jacobs. The Jacobs' recently moved to East Tennessee from West Palm Beach, FL. The Secretariat also welcomes Micheline Parkey as an Assistant to the Secretariat as Coordinator for Cursillo. She made her Cursillo in January, 2010. Micheline attends St. Stephen's in Chattanooga.

We say good-bye to Kay Sheldon, former Secretary to the Secretariat, and Alicia Mora, former Director of the Spanish 4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop. Both ladies were on the Secretariat six years each. When you see them, thank them for their commitment to Cursillo.

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Day Workshop.*

At its December meeting, the Secretariat made its selection for the next English women's Rectora. We have now set the date for the English Women's Weekend, which will be held on Sept. 27-30 at Apison. I recently received notification from the Cincinnati Lay Director that the Fall Regional Encounter will be held on Oct 5-7, 2012. Information and registration will be available later in the year.

There has been a change in the location and date of the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Encounter this year. It will be held "just up the road" at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH on July 19-22 (Thursday-Sunday). More information and an application form are on our webpage.

Bishop Stika, in his column in the January, 2012 edition of the *East TN Catholic* stated in part: "...The Mass represents both an arrival in our life's procession and a departure. With the words of dismissal, in their varied formulas, we are commanded to "Go," to continue our procession to Bethlehem, announcing "...the Gospel of the Lord," and "glorifying" Him by our life. In conclusion, I wish to offer special thanks to those who offer their time and talents through the Cursillo Movement, which in its nearly 15 years in our diocese has helped more than a thousand people to better continue their procession in life. I encourage you to take advantage of such opportunities to strengthen your walk in the great procession to Bethlehem."

## The Witness Box— by Pat Birnesser

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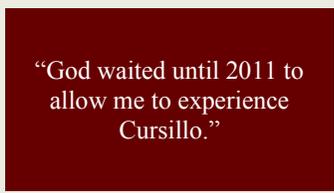
It is wonderful how God reveals Himself to us in His own timing, when our receptivity is open to grow in His truths. Our faith journey continues, we live our lives, it takes twists and turns and not always when or how we plan it. I don't remember hearing of Cursillo until perhaps several years ago. I didn't really know what it was. Perhaps a Catholic retreat and that interested me. I had only attended 2 retreats in my life: as a teenager and then a silent retreat about 5 years ago, both of which I have fond memories. They helped me to learn and grow in my faith in different ways. I read about an Ultreya meeting a few years ago in our parish bulletin and I called the contact person. Information was

given about the Ultreya meeting but not about Cursillo. Disappointed, I put it aside as I didn't just want to attend a monthly meeting. If I had been more open minded and went I would have been very pleased. I believe that is why God waited until 2011 to allow me to experience Cursillo.

Cursillo was and wasn't what I had expected. I expected it to be a retreat for learning with lots of time for reflection. The latter part disappointed me but was made up for by what God had planned for me. Just like a good father, "He always knows best". I learned, shared and experienced what I needed to at the time prescribed. I learned to be more open and to let go of expectations,

knowing God's best for me is at hand. I learned and am still experiencing how to incorporate Piety-Study-and Action. A Cursillo weekend is truly only the beginning. Since then I enjoy cultivating the wonderful relationships that began there through Ultreya and Small Group Study. My relationship with God is ever growing and I more readily see His handiwork in His creation and in situations. As always, it is a work in progress. The wonder and awe of Him increase my desire to know, believe and experience His unconditional love and to show that love to others. I thank God for giving us Cursillo and all those that experience its benefits to our faith journey.

God's Blessings



"God waited until 2011 to allow me to experience Cursillo."

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## Death notices

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Debby Stethen died on January 14, 2012 after a long battle with cancer. She was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church. Debby made Women's Cursillo #3 in 1999. She was instrumental in encouraging many others at Immaculate Conception to attend Cursillo weekends, including her husband Doug Stethen. She was active in spreading the good news of Jesus in many ministries at Immaculate Conception and in the community. She was a wonderful spirit-filled person and inspiration to us all at Immaculate Conception, including our Cursillo community. She will be greatly missed.

Deacon Joe Solis, St. Alphonsus Parish, was killed on January 14, 2012 in an auto accident. Deacon Joe, 78 yrs old, had been a Deacon for 26 years. He and his wife, Millie moved to Crossville from Naperville, Ill. He was a Cursillista for many years and was the Spiritual Advisor for St. Alphonsus Parish Cursillo Community. His honest love of God and his humble heart was always a comfort to the parishioners at St. Alphonsus. Joe worked closely with the Hispanic Community at St. Alphonsus, encouraging and celebrating many Baptisms. He loved fishing and sharing his faith with others. He is survived by his wife who is recovering from triple bi-pass surgery at Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville.

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# CURSILLO

## History

In 1932 the Spanish Catholic Action group, a group of single men ranging in age from sixteen to thirty years old, began planning a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St James the Apostle in Spain for the year 1937. Their goal at that time was to evangelize the Spanish speaking world. Because of the Spanish Civil War and World War II, the pilgrimage was repeatedly postponed until August of 1948. These men continued meeting weekly to study Scripture, Church history, social action and plan for the pilgrimage. Eduardo Bonnin, the founder of Cursillo, was one of these young men. In order to train more pilgrim leaders, they developed and presented "short courses" in Christianity (Cursillo). The first Cursillo took place on August 20, 1944 in a chalet, "Mari i Pins," in Cala Figuera (Santanyi) in Mallorca, Spain. Eduardo was the Rector. With the same outlines, lessons and rollos (talks) used at Cala Figuera (with minimum changes), four more Cursillos were given between 1945 and 1948, paving the way for all Cursillos which have been celebrated to date. This includes a Cursillo weekend held in San Honorato (Mallorca, Spain) on January 7, 1949, which was officially numbered Cursillo No. 1. Cursillo came to the United States in 1949. The first weekend in the U.S. was given by Spanish-speaking airmen at an air base in Waco, TX in 1957 and was exclusively Spanish until 1961 when the 1<sup>st</sup> English weekend was held in San Angelo, TX. Today Cursillos are held in six languages in 150 plus dioceses and there are almost one million laypersons in the United States who have made a Cursillo.

## Diocese of Knoxville

When Carmine and Sarah (deceased) Sesa moved to Knoxville area in 1994, they found there was no Cursillo Movement here and set out to rectify the situation. Together with a group of other Cursillistas who had made their weekend in other dioceses, Fr. Joe Brando, Fr. Evan Eckhoff (deceased), OFM, former director of the diocesan office of Adult Christian Living, and with the approval of the Bishop began the Cursillo Movement in East Tennessee. Carmine Sesa was named the 1<sup>st</sup> Lay Director. There have been four Lay Directors since Carmine: Irene Kernan (deceased), Butch Feldhaus, Jim Health, and Lois Schering. The 1<sup>st</sup> Spiritual Advisor was Father Joe Brando currently Pastor at St. Mary's parish in Gatlinburg and he remains an enthusiast. Fr. Alex Waraksa is the current Spiritual Advisor. He is Associate Pastor at St. Patrick's parish in Morristown.

In September of 2012, Cursillo will celebrate its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Diocese of Knoxville. The 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend was an English Men's Weekend held at the old Knoxville Catholic High School (Knoxville) on Sept 25-28, 1997. The 1<sup>st</sup> English Women's Weekend was held at Sacred Heart school (Knoxville) on October 16-19, 1997. The 1<sup>st</sup> Spanish Men's Weekend was held at Apison Retreat Center (Apison) on Oct 18-21, 2007 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Spanish Women's Weekend was held at Apison Retreat Center on January 31-Feb 3, 2008.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, former Bishop of Knoxville, has made a Cursillo as well as our present Bishop Richard Stika. Twenty-three priests, 16 Permanent Deacons, a number of men studying to be Permanent Deacons, two religious Sisters and one Brother have made a Cursillo. There are over 1,000 Cursillistas that have made a Cursillo in our diocese and many others who have made a weekend in other dioceses in the U.S. or around the world.

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## Overview

Cursillo is an encounter with Christ and not a retreat. You come together on the Cursillo and form a community. There are 15 talks given over the course of the Cursillo Weekend by both clergy and laypeople. Each talk builds on the others. One of the very strong points is that the speakers witness about their life experience. The clergy talks address the sacraments, grace, and other spiritual subjects. The lay talks address a personal relationship with Christ and the response to that relationship. It is hard to describe because one person may experience the weekend one way and someone else another way, which is why it is recommended that one finds out firsthand. When a church mission ends, usually there is no follow up. Making a 3-day Cursillo is just the beginning. Cursillo equips people to spend their 4<sup>th</sup> day in ministry and witness, which is the rest of one's life. After making a Cursillo, one continues in small communities known as "Group Reunions" and shares their life of Piety, Study and Action with 3-5 others on a weekly basis. Cursillistas attend monthly Ultreyas with the wider community, where there is a Group Reunion of both men and women, a witness talk, fellowship and prayer. Every other month Cursillistas may attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop where talks are given by a layperson and a priest or deacon on ongoing Cursillo subjects.

"Cursillo was born not as a response from the Church to the world but as a way to communicate to man that God loves him. They were designed, structured and prayed upon not to evangelize the world but to evangelize the person (by Making a friend, Being a friend and Bringing that friend to Christ). The purpose that the "idea" of Cursillo seeks is not for doing things, attending events, but to grow, develop and be Christian where God has planted each person with faith, hope and charity. This life, through its connection with Christ, can be an inexhaustible source of meaning, and a catalyst of energy and evangelical joy in the family, at work and at play (National Cursillo, Oct 2011 National Mailing)."

The original goal remains the same, only now its broader. The original goal was to evangelize the Spanish speaking world, now it is to evangelize the entire world from within, in other words, to Christianize our environment, that is, the "square meter" in which we find ourselves.

### Sources:

National Cursillo literature

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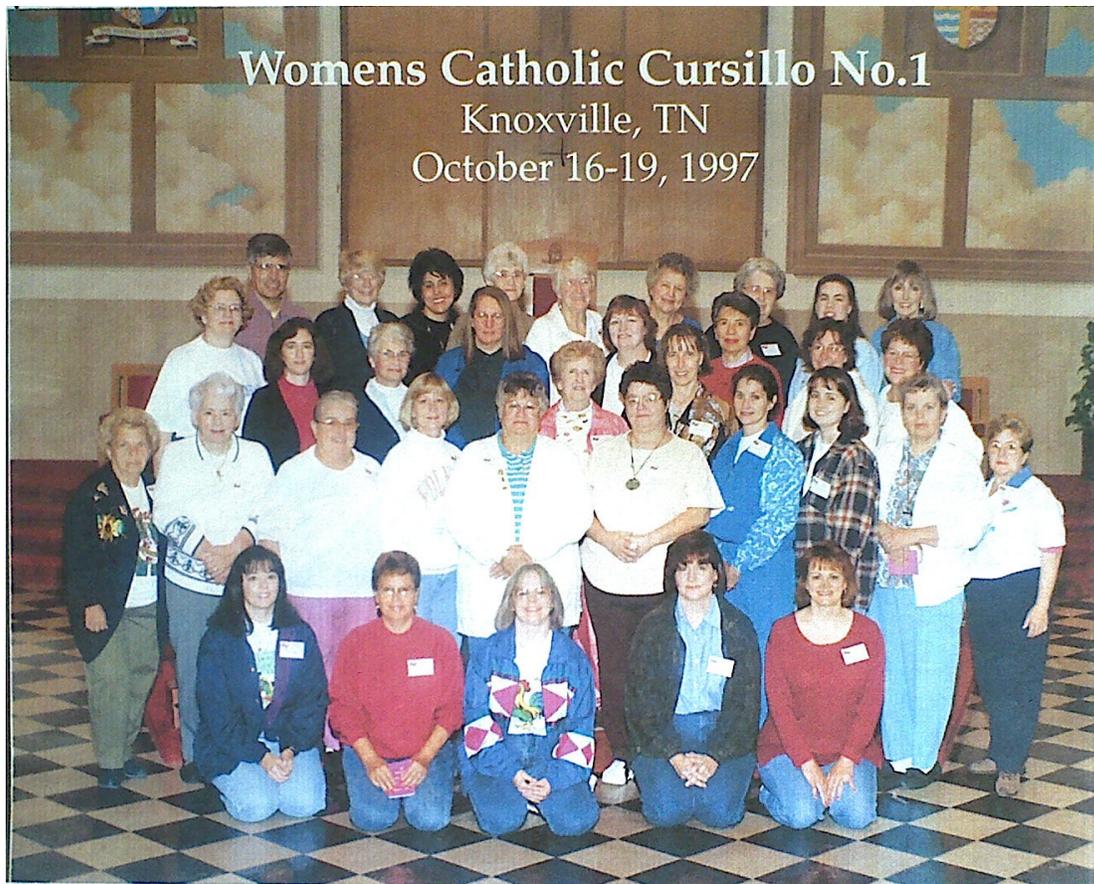
**Lois Schering, Cursillo Lay Director**

First Cursillo held in Spain, 1949. Eduardo Bonnín is the man with the circle around his head.





**Mens Catholic Cursillo No.1  
Knoxville Diocese**



**Womens Catholic Cursillo No.1  
Knoxville, TN  
October 16-19, 1997**

## Tribute to Deacon Manuel "Joe" Solis by Carol Rummel

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St Alphonsus did not have a Deacon when we first met Joe. He was assigned to Fair Field Glade and they already had three Deacons. He transferred to St. Alphonsus and we adopted him into our parish family and he adopted us into his heart.

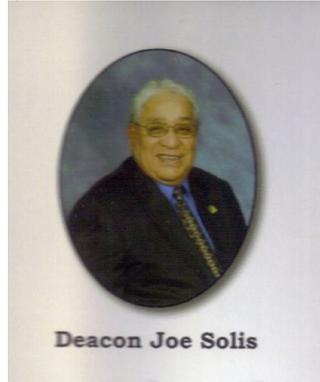
At our monthly Ultreya, just after Joe's death, we sat around the table and shared stories of this wonderful, kind, and humble man who lived his life in love. Joe's special gift was ministering to the sick and dying. He approached this ministry with the same forthright dignity, honesty and love that he lived everyday. He wasn't afraid of death nor of life.

Joe loved to fish! He went fishing whenever he could and one time he took his first love, Millie, his wife with him to enjoy his second love, fishing. Millie really didn't like fishing. They went to a friends pond and while he fished for hours, Millie sat on the porch with their friends and watched while Joe fished and fished and fished. It was a great day, together with both his loves.

When Joe was studying to be a Deacon about 27 years ago, his job required frequent travel. Millie would attend his deaconate training while taking copious notes to later discuss and explain to Joe upon his return. He once commented that perhaps she should have been ordained instead of him. Joe was seeking Holiness his whole life. Most who knew him, think he made it in spades.

Joe joined the Thursday morning prayer group of men at St. Alphonsus about five or six years ago. He shared his personal experiences with all the men as a way of creating a loving atmosphere. Whenever there were

questions about the weekly scripture, Joe would gently explain his understanding in his humble and patient way. He was always there for anyone who needed a shoulder, a prayer, or a smile.



Joe was dedicated to helping our Hispanic Community. He brushed up on his Spanish so he could assist at the Spanish Mass. He instructed families wanting to Baptize a child. He helped in any way he could to make their assimilation into the parish family easier.

Deacon Joe attended Cursillo in 1968 or 69. He was the Spiritual Director for the St. Alphonsus Cursillo family. His gentle and humble reflections shared at our Ultreyas were always the hi-lite of the meeting. In his late 70s, sometimes Joe would fall asleep in his chair at home and miss our Ultreya meeting. He would tell us at our next one (with a smile) that he had intended to be there and then he would give us a message that was steeped in love.

Joe and Millie shared 37 years of marriage and many adventures. They married later in life and never had children.

They both have many siblings. Deacon Joe showed us

how to love God greater and encouraged us to open our hearts and hear His message for us and respond to that call.

Jim Heath wrote a special closing prayer dedicated to Deacon Joe for our Ultreya this month. It follows:

*Lord, as we come to the end of our first Ultreya of 2012, we pause to remember our brother Deacon Joe Solis. Over the past few years, we have been blessed with his inspiring words of guidance and his example of being a loving true Christian everyday of his life. We are better people because of his leadership, we thank you for the privilege of having heard those words.*

*Now Joe is talking to you one on one while receiving his just rewards. We will miss him and his guidance for along time to come, but Lord we know you will enjoy having him with you.*

*We ask Joe to help us with the Father in our current lives, to send us a continuing message of hope, love and service to our brothers and sisters. We ask that you, Lord, send us the blessings we know he is asking for us. Thank you for having shared Joe with us. Until we join you and he in heaven at the appropriate time. Thank you Lord for our bountiful blessings. Amen*

We'll miss you Joe!

Please keep Millie in your prayers while she is recovering from triple bi-pass surgery.

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## SMALL GROUPS AND ULTREYAS AROUND THE DIOCESE

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### CURSILLO PRAYER GROUPS

Immaculate Conception Parish meets weekly on Saturdays after the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to attend, especially those who have attended a Cursillo weekend or are thinking about attending a future weekend. We come together to share our lives of Christian prayer, study, and action and to encourage one another as we continue our spiritual journeys. Please gather at the Cry Room area of the church after mass. For information, contact Ted Newsom at 206-3507.

St. Alphonsus Parish has several small groups that meet regularly around the area. On Thursday morning prior to daily Mass, men of the parish meet to share their journey of faith in prayer. They meet in the conference room at 7:00 AM. All are welcome. There are at least two small groups of women that meet regularly. For information on joining a group or starting your own, contact Carol Rummel, 931-788-2718, or Sue Heath, 931-788-6925.

There is another small group that meets at the Strawberry Plains Cracker Barrel every Saturday at 9:00 AM.

St. John Neuman has several small groups that meet regularly. Contact Steve Pacitti for more info.

New Ultreya held at St. Stephen's in Chattanooga, TN. The first Thursday of every month beginning February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fellowship and refreshments from 6:30 to 7:00 PM and Ultreya from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. All are welcome. For more information go to [knoxvillecursillo.org](http://knoxvillecursillo.org) or contact Micheline Parkey at [michel-](mailto:michel-)

[ineparkey@epbfi.com](mailto:ineparkey@epbfi.com) or call [423-893-9832](tel:423-893-9832).

### Current listing of Ultreyas meeting in the Diocese

**Our Lady of Fatima / St. Thomas**  
Held at OLOF, Alcoa, TN  
Fourth Tuesday 7:30 PM, Social Hall  
Fellowship and refreshments from 7 to 7:30 PM

**St. Alphonsus Crossville, TN**  
Third Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00 PM (CT)

**St. John Neumann / All Saints**  
Third Tuesday 7:30 - 8:30 PM  
Saint John Neumann school library  
Fellowship begins at 7:00 PM

**Saint Mary Church , Johnson City**  
First Tuesday 7:30 PM - in the Day Chapel

**St. Therese of Lisieux , Cleveland**  
Second Tuesday 6:30 pm, in the Trinity Room

**St. Stephen's, Chattanooga**  
First Thursday 7-8:00 PM, Social 6:30-7 PM

If your Ultreya is not listed, please let us know and we will include it in our next issue. Also any small groups that are meeting regularly could be added if we know about you.

### Organizing Your Ultreya

Ultreyas are the life-blood of the Cursillo movement along with the many small groups gathering in His name. Unfortunately, many parishes are experiencing very minimal numbers at their Ultreyas, sometimes 3 or 4 people. That isn't an Ultreya, that is a small group. Cursillistas at St. Alphonsus Parish in Crossville have a wonderful track record of attendance at their monthly Ultreyas. It is quite common for them to have 15-20 or more members in attendance. So, how are they doing that? What do they do

that encourages their Cursillistas to attend every month?

St. Alphonsus does have a large retired community, but they also are a very active community. They first took a survey of the Cursillistas as to the optimum time to hold their Ultreyas. It was determined that night was not the preferred time as many of the members do not like to drive at night. They determined that 3:30-4:00 PM would work well for the social time, with the Ultreya beginning at 4:00 and lasting until 5:00 PM. At each of the Ultreya meetings, the facilitator for that month's Ultreya passes around the "sign-up sheet" with the list of duties for each Ultreya. They include: Moderator, Opening Prayer, Closing Prayer, Song Leader, Set-up, Clean-up, Snack persons, Witness Speaker, and Spiritual Message. Having the members take responsibility for the Ultreya has made them realize that they own the Ultreya and it will only be as successful as they make it. They also encourage carpooling and bringing prospective Cursillistas to Ultreyas in order to meet the folks involved and get a feel for the movement. Sponsors continue to follow their "Babe Chicks" and bring them to Ultreyas until they are committed to the monthly gathering.

Obviously, these are only suggestions. They may work at your parish too. Give it a try and let us know if you begin to have more successful Ultreyas. What did you do to make them better?





### Coming to know Jesus

As we reflect on Jesus becoming human during the Christmas season, we can reflect on how we get to know others also. Some people we encounter seem very different from us. From our experience of their preferences, personality and values our initial impression might be that I don't think I'm going to get to know that person well or become friends with them. With others we encounter in our experiences, we share much in common and it seems that a friendship easily builds. We can recognize this from lifetime friendships, or the experience of people during

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times when they are dating or become engaged and married, they are naturally and easily friends.

Which of these situations is it more like our relationship with Jesus? Do I think Jesus is someone so different, so divine and godly that I don't think I will ever get to know Him well or even develop a friendship with him? Do I only focus on the differences between myself and Jesus? Or would Jesus be more like the person that we would naturally and easily come to know? In John's Gospel Chapter 5:14-15, Jesus himself said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have

called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father." If Jesus calls us friends, who are we to say that this friendship is not possible.

In the Second Eucharist Prayer for Reconciliation, we pray in union with the whole Church, "Just as you have gathered us now at the table of your Son, so also bring together, with the glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with your blessed Apostles and all the Saints, with our brothers and sisters and those of every race and tongue who have died in your friendship."

Friendship with Jesus is possible, let us continue to work towards it in our prayer lives, especially with participation in Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.

## A Prayer for Renewal of the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Knoxville by Ted Newsom

Come Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in us the fire of your love. We thank you Lord for the Cursillo movement that enriches our lives and helps us to live in your kingdom according to your will. We firmly believe that Cursillo is your movement and that you provide the graces we need to accomplish your will in our individual lives and in the overall life of our Cursillo community. So, we come to you confidently to pray for renewal of the Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Knoxville.

Holy Lord, we ask that you stoke the fire that once ignited our minds, bodies, hearts, and spirits to initiate and conduct the necessary work of the Cursillo movement. Generously pour out your graces upon the movement to set it ablaze once again. For those of us who are aging with the movement, we pray for the energy to persevere and make contributions in ways that pass on the wisdom of our experiences to those now maturing with the movement. For those who are maturing with the movement, we pray for the motivation they need to step forward and assume the leadership roles to keep the movement going. And for those new to the movement, we pray for the inspiration they need to continue to share their fresh spiritual enthusiasm through participation in fourth day activities. And for the community as a whole, we pray for a renewed zeal and excitement for the movement that is sustained by our active participation in Cursillo weekends, reunion groups and Ultreyas.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth – and the Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Knoxville. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**Let's all pray this prayer daily as a plea for Candidates for the up-coming Men's weekend.**

## There's no "I" in "TEAM" by Micheline Parkey

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That nice little catch phrase is literally true, but only figuratively so, until the team is formed. You see, I had to join the team, I had to say yes, "Here I am, Lord, I come to do Your Will." I'm so glad I answered that call from our fearless leader and said yes, I will join the Team for the Fall 2011 Cursillo Women's Weekend. Funny thing about listening to God's will for you, it doesn't always seem like a good idea at first. Who has the time to dedicate to being on Cursillo Team? I certainly do not. A veritable plethora of excuses ran through my head...I'm too busy, my kids need me, my husband needs me, my job needs me, my church needs me...did I mention that I was too busy? But I prayed and I listened, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." And the message was loud and clear. So I joined the Cursillo Team and I began to decrease so that God could increase.

Think back to your Cursillo weekend. Do you remember how much you learned? How much you grew?

How much the fire of the Holy Spirit burned in your heart? How high you floated on the Grace of God? I do. I remember feeling the overwhelming desire to share this experience with everyone. Fueled by the confidence that God and I are an overwhelming majority, I was ready to go wherever He called. But as time passed, that fire turned into more of a smolder. The busyness of life set in and instead of feeling like the overwhelming majority, I just felt overwhelmed. There I was when God spoke to me in the voice of our Rectora, "Will you follow me?"

Yes, I was one of the leaders at the table of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Knoxville Women's Cursillo #41. With faith the size of a mustard seed, "I" became "we" as part of a team of lovely women. I knew this would be a sacrifice of time, but from the moment I said yes, I was continually surprised with many blessings and abundant grace received. That mustard seed of faith grew as I witnessed the unfailing faith of my team members and also the loving trust of the

candidates.

What a blessing it was to hear those talks again! As I'm sure you remember there is so much to learn in this short course. As a leader, you really get to take this course for a second time. If you ever have had the opportunity to teach, then you certainly know that you always learn more by teaching. Here I was in a new place spiritually, having grown as a Catholic Christian through sharing piety, study, and action with my small group. By joining the team I automatically increased my prayer life, studied in preparation for my talk, and participated in preparation for the weekend itself. What a wonderful way to grow in all three areas. I learned so much! We learned so much!

John 3:30 says, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Joining Cursillo Team is a fantastic way to do this...everyone knows there is no "I" in "TEAM."

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## Keeping Up With the News

Communicating is an important part of everything we do in life; our families, co-workers, friends and most important our God. We talk to these different groups in different ways; telephones, notes, emails and prayers. If we don't keep up to date with your phone numbers, addresses and emails we cannot send you important information. Getting the news to you is making a change. We have established a new email address to be used to communicate the news to you. It is [Information@KnoxvilleCursillo.org](mailto:Information@KnoxvilleCursillo.org). So if you have not received a letter from our lay director through "snail mail" or an email with "Christmas Wishes" from the Secretariat, then your information is not current. Send an email to us so we can update the Cursillo database at our new email address - [information@knoxvillecursillo.org](mailto:information@knoxvillecursillo.org) today.

# DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!

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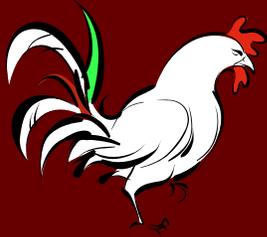


## 2012 Cursillo Calendar

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Time/Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
<b>Secretariat Meeting</b>	<b>Feb 11</b> , 10:00 – 2:00 St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Lois Schering
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop</b>	<b>Mar 3</b> , 10:00 – 2:00 St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Jim & Judy Holt Nancy Kinerson
<b>English Men's Weekend</b>	<b>Mar 15-18</b> , Thurs-Sun, Apison Center	Aurora Gardner
<b>Secretariat Meeting</b>	<b>Apr 14</b> , 10:00 – 2:00 OLOF, Alcoa	Lois Schering
<b>Spring Encounter for Spiritual &amp; Lay Directors</b>	<b>Apr 20-22</b> , Fri-Sun, Louisville, Kentucky	Lois Schering
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop</b>	<b>May 5</b> , 10:00 – 2:00 St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Jim & Judy Holt Nancy Kinerson
<b>Secretariat Meeting</b>	<b>Jun 9</b> , 10:00 – 2:00 St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Lois Schering
<b>Spanish Men's Weekend</b>	<b>Jun 21-24</b> , Thurs-Sun, Apison Center	Beatriz Rincon
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop</b>	<b>Jul 7</b> , 10:00 – 2:00 St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Jim & Judy Holt Nancy Kinerson
<b>Cursillo National Encounter</b>	<b>Jul 26-29</b> , Fri-Sun San Francisco, CA	Lois Schering
<b>Secretariat Meeting</b>	<b>Aug 11</b> , 10:00 – 2:00 OLOF, Alcoa	Lois Schering
<b>Spanish Women's Weekend</b>	<b>Aug 16-19</b> , Thurs-Sun, St. Therese, Cleveland	Beatriz Rincon
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Day Workshop</b>	<b>Sep 8</b> , 10:00 – 2:00 St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Jim & Judy Holt Nancy Kinerson
<b>Fall Regional Encounter</b>	<b>Oct 5-7</b> , Cincinnati, Ohio	Lois Schering
<b>English Women's Weekend</b>	<b>Sep 27-30</b> , Thurs-Sun, Apison Center	Aurora Gardner
<b>Secretariat Meeting</b>	<b>Oct 13, 10:00 – 2:00</b> St. Thomas, Lenoir City	<b>Lois Schering</b>
<b>Diocesan Encounter &amp; Reunion</b>	<b>Nov 10 (Sat)</b> 9:30 am-3 pm, OLOF, Alcoa Keynote Speaker T/B/A Mass followed by Grand Ultreya and Fiesta	Lois Schering & Dick Shriver
<b>Secretariat Meeting</b>	<b>Dec 1</b> , 10:00 – 2:00 OLOF, Alcoa	Lois Schering



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*Cursillo proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived, and shared in any area of human life, where there are Christians willing to dedicate their lives to Christ in an ongoing manner. The method is introduced on a Cursillo weekend.*

*In 1963, Pope Paul the VI appointed St. Paul as the official Patron of the Cursillo Movement. On that occasion he said:*

*"This method of Christian teaching, commonly called Cursillos in Christianity, extends already over a great number of faithful and has produced abundant fruit; Christian renewal of the family life, visualization of parishes, faithful observance of duties, in private, as well as public. All this has filled the Bishops and other Shepherds of souls with the greatest satisfaction."*

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## **Cursillo Basics— The 4th day by Dick Shriver, 4th Day Coordinator**

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### **What is the 4th day?**

After you have made the Cursillo weekend, the 4th day is the rest of your life. What we have learned on the weekend gives us the tools to live a christian life; a life with Christ. Through piety, study and action, spiritual direction and reconciliation, attending mass and receiving communion we draw closer to Christ and a destiny to be with Christ in

heaven.

The Cursillo Movement helps its members through small group reunion, Ultreyas and fellowship. We need each other to give us encouragement and strength. One cannot do it alone.

Please see in this Rooster Crows the listings of Ultreyas and small group reunions. Note the upcoming Men's Cursillo weekend, March 15- 18, 2012. Make it a point to come to the closing and

celebrate with the new Cursillistas at the beginning of their 4th day. The closing is at 4 pm, please be there by 3:45pm. Dave Campbell is the rector and needs your palanca, as do the team and candidates.

**Decolores!**

God bless you on your 4th day.

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