



May 2016



DIocese of KNOXVILLE CURSILLO

The Rooster Crows

MAY

DID YOU KNOW?

The practice of devoting the month of May to the Blessed Mother can be traced back to the late 1700s in Italy. The rector of the Jesuit College in Rome started the practice, to “counteract infidelity and immorality among the students.” The practice then spread to other Jesuit colleges in Italy, then to France and Belgium.

Crowning of statues of Mary started in the Eastern Churches around that same time. Pope Gregory XVI introduced the practice to the Latin Church in Rome in 1837. There are other traditional monthly dedications.

The month of June is dedicated to Jesus, and the month of October to the Rosary.

"Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary."

--St. Bonaventure





The Director's Chair

Building on a Firm Foundation

by Judy Holt, Lay Director

A wonderful saying I learned long ago is a quotation from the great biblical scholar, St. Jerome: “Love the Bible, and Wisdom will love you!”

While some passages may not touch our hearts in the same way as others do, every verse in the Bible is God’s Word, and, in some way or another, every verse is part of God’s communication of Himself to us. We are truly fortunate to have the written Word to read and study.

St. Jerome also wrote: “To be ignorant of Scripture is to be ignorant of Christ.” Surely, we don’t want to be ignorant of Christ! Study, especially of the Bible, is part of our Cursillo method.

This summer, let’s find some time to encounter the Lord in the books of the Bible. Consider making a resolution to read it and study it every day. If your parish offers a Bible Study, join it! If not, why not start one? Make it a priority in your life!

The prophet Isaiah says in chapter 55 verse 6, “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call to him while he is still near.” We know that God reveals Himself in His Living Word; let us open our Bibles and seek to find Him there. St. Jerome also said: “Seek to learn on earth those truths which will remain ever valid in Heaven.”

This summer, when we are running around doing all kinds of things, why not take time out and feed your spiritual life by reading and studying your Bible? You’ll be glad you did!

Inspiration Corner

by Fr. Joe Brando, Spiritual Director

We have now arrived at the Easter Season. Notice that I did not call it the *post*-Easter season. Easter was devised by the Church, many centuries ago, to be a Feast lasting fifty days. So, we should shed our Lenten attitude of looking at our faults and trying to improve. Generally, when we keep that up, we come to the conclusion that we are worse than we think, and our attempts to change by Easter did not work as planned.

But that's the whole reason for Easter! Jesus took all our sins and evil tendencies with him to the Cross and, with his death, those sins were destroyed. GONE! All we need to realize is that Jesus took our sins with Him to death. He arose, but our sins did not. They were destroyed and we became free. In baptism, we were made to be one with the risen Christ. If we give in to sin, all we need to do is go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Easter is the reminder of this truth of our religion. The Easter Season is our seven weeks of practice of living as a loving, joyful, and gracious Christian. We become more alive as Easter-Christians.

How do we live on top of that plateau? How can we act as Easter Christians? One way is to change our attitude. We should remove our over-used, repentant, violet clothes of Lent, and put on the joyful pastels of Easter. Attitude is something over which we have total control. If you notice that your present attitude is getting you down, then change it. *Choose* to be light-hearted, or life-filled, or hopeful, or in any other positive way that you want.

You have fifty days to try it on. If that doesn't work, you can either take your old attitude back or, better, you can wait for Pentecost, when the fire of the Holy Spirit can blow you away toward God.

The Deacon's Two Cents



**CURSILLO,
THE MODERN PENTECOST**
By Deacon Bill Jacobs

In the Church, the season of Easter concludes on the feast of Pentecost. At the Mass, we hear proclaimed, with great joy, the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on that special feast, as recounted in the second chapter of Acts. If we look closely at this famous story, we can see some parallels with the Cursillo weekend, and with our Fourth Day journey.

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all gathered together in one place.” We gather together on the Thursday of the Cursillo, just as the apostles did. They didn’t know what God had in store for them, and neither did we on that first Cursillo night.

“And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind.” Throughout the Three-Day Weekend, the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts in a special way, with a mighty wind that blows away our boredom, our mediocrity, our lack of zeal for the faith. We are open to being filled with the “tongues of fire” that the Spirit lights in us, as we pray, “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.”

Filled with the Spirit, the apostles began to proclaim *“the mighty works of God.”* It is that same Spirit that gives us the courage to spread the Gospel and to evangelize.

“But others, mocking, said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’” I wonder what my wife thought when I came back from my weekend, filled with the fire of the Spirit. The transformation in my life was total. She might have wondered what kind of “wine” I was drinking, to make me change so radically!

We celebrate the feast of Pentecost as the “birthday of the Church.” In a way, it was also the birthday of Cursillo. We are filled with the same Spirit as the apostles, and we are called to go forth and evangelize with the same zeal for souls. Let us be prepared to act, when the Spirit kindles in us His fire, so that, through us, God can “renew the face of the earth.”

Secretariat Positions

POSITIONS ON THE SECRETARIAT ARE UP FOR ELECTION:

Spanish PreCursillo Representative: Application coordinator, screening for eligibility, and communicating all information concerning the upcoming weekend to the candidates and the rector/a. Also works with sponsors to communicate their role in the Cursillo process.

Secretary: Duties of the Secretary include taking notes at the Secretariat meetings and then sending them to each member of the Secretariat. The notes are to be given to the Webmaster to be put on the Knoxville Cursillo website. The Secretary also is in charge of the Annual Appeal drive for the Knoxville Cursillo.

Music Representative

Webmaster (Assistant to the Secretariat)

Have you looked at the Knoxville Cursillo web page lately? It is a simple page that only takes a few moments to maintain as updates come about because of the calendar of events in our Cursillo movement. Do you have any experience maintaining a web page? Do you have a desire to work with the Secretariat in keeping everyone informed about the happenings of our Cursillo Community? Contact Micheline Parkey for more information by email michelineparkey@epbfi.com

Database Coordinator (Assistant to the Secretariat)

If God is calling you to one of these positions, please submit in writing your willingness. Send it via email to:

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Please pray for discernment.

*This is man's glory, to persevere and abide in the service of God.
--Saint Irenaeus, Father of the Church*

Cursillo Calendar 2016

Event	Date/Time/Location	Contact
4 th Day Workshop/ Secretariat	Feb 6 (Sat) 9:30am-11:30am St. John Neumann Catholic School Library 12:00pm-2:00pm Secretariat	Dave Campbell Jorge Saenz Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop/ Secretariat	April 2 (Sat) 9:30am-11:30am 12:00pm-2:00pm Secretariat	Dave Campbell Jorge Saenz Judy Holt
Spring Regional Encounter LD/SA Regional Encounter	April 22-24 (Fri-Sun) Lancaster, KY	Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop/ Secretariat	June 4 (Sat) 9:30am-11:30am 12:00pm-2:00pm Secretariat St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Dave Campbell Jorge Saenz Judy Holt
Spanish Women's Cursillo	Jun 23-26 Apison	Amelia Saucedo Berta Saucedo
Diocesan Encounter Spanish Reunion	July 9 Spanish Reunion -- 10 am (no Grand Ultreya) Diocesan Encounter Mass -- 11:30 am for English & Spanish Communities, Fiesta -- 12:30 pm	
National Cursillo Encounter	Aug 4-7 (Thurs-Sun) Lewis University in Romeoville, IL near Chicago, IL	Judy Holt
Spanish Men's Cursillo	Aug 25-28 Apison	Amelia Saucedo Berta Saucedo
4 th Day Workshop/ Secretariat	Sept 3 (Sat) 9:30am-11:30am 12:00pm-2:00pm Secretariat St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Dave Campbell Jorge Saenz Judy Holt
Spanish Reunion	Sept 11 (Sun) 2:00pm-4:00pm St. Thomas, Lenoir City	
Fall Regional Encounter	Sept 23-25 Sarto Retreat Center, Evansville, IN	Judy Holt
English Women's Cursillo	Oct 27-30 Apison	Yurisan Cornejo Maria Cornejo
English Men's Cursillo	Nov 17-20 Apison	Yurisan Cornejo Maria Cornejo
English Reunion/Grand Ultreya Secretariat	Dec 3 (Sat) 9:30am-11:30am Reunion/Grand Ultreya 12:00pm-2:00pm Secretariat TBA	Dave Campbell Jorge Saenz Judy Holt

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On You!**

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