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DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE CURSILLO

The Rooster Crows

NOVEMBER

DID YOU KNOW?

The word Advent is a Latin translation of the Greek word *parousia*. This word refers to the day when Jesus will return at the end of time.

So during the 4 weeks of Advent we are meant not only to look back and remember the first coming of Jesus, in the Nativity in Bethlehem. We should also look *forward*, to the parousia, when Christ will “come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.”

By the way, the first Sunday of Advent this year falls on November 27th.





The Director's Chair

Building on a Firm Foundation

by Judy Holt, Lay Director

I'm honored to have been your Lay Director for the past three years. My term is up the end of December. Please pray for the upcoming elections on December 3rd as Secretariat will be electing a new Lay Director for the Diocese of Knoxville as well as some other positions. See the postings for the positions opening.

Please pray for the recent cursillistas from the Spanish Men's and Women's weekends and the English Women's weekend that have been held in the past few months. The English Men's weekend is coming up November 17-20, don't forget to do palanca and come to the Clausura!

It's hard to believe that the holidays are coming so quickly, especially since we haven't had any cold weather yet, but it's important to prepare both physically and spiritually. So as you unpack your Christmas decorations, also plan how you will grow spiritually during this Christmas season. Don't let that opportunity slip by you with the busy-ness of the season!

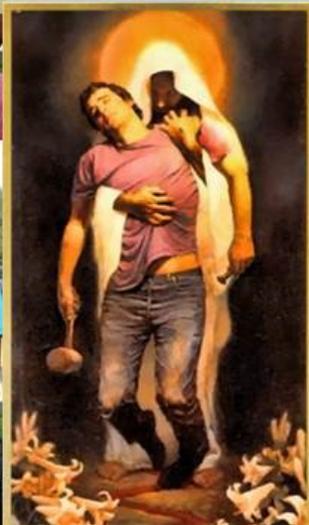
Some secular radio stations have already started to play Christmas music and will continue to do so until Christmas Day. We as Catholic Christians prepare for Christmas as we travel through Advent. We don't play Christmas music until Christmas Eve and we continue to play it until Epiphany. I love the Advent songs that prepare me for the coming of our Savior! And I especially love singing carols until Epiphany. It always saddens me to see Christmas trees on the side of the road the day after Christmas...the season has just begun for us.

I pray that you and your family have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

MEN'S SPANISH CURSILLO #10 August 25-28, Apison, TN



**CURSILLO
DE HOMBRES
EN ESPAÑOL
NO. 10**



**Diocesis de Knoxville, TN
Agosto 25-28, 2016 Apison, TN**



Inspiration Corner

by Fr. Joe Brando, Spiritual Director

Dear Fellow Cursillistas,

October is the month when championships seasons are won or lost. That's certainly true for baseball when the league playoffs and the World Series take place. But, it is also true for football when the strong teams in both college and professional ranks teams are working their hardest to stick out ahead of all the opponents in their leagues and divisions. And still, the basketball and hockey seasons are getting ready to start.

There's yet another race going on mostly in October/November that is pivotal for us. This is a season in which the Lord is depending completely on us to come out victorious. It's a race for hearts and souls, including ours. The center for these "contests" will be Apison, Tn. On October 27th to 30th a Women's Cursillo will take place. A good number of women are signed up for the event. By the end of that weekend those ladies' hearts will be burning for love of God and will be ready to do His Will. But, the real moment when the action of the Holy Spirit comes forth to impact our whole Diocese in a tangible way is at the Closing. At about 4:00pm at the Apison Center we need you and your Cursillo friends present. You are personal witnesses that since before the weekend hundreds of people were praying for them. You are also witnessing to the numbers of people they are joining to do the work of the Lord. They are not alone. Neither are we.

Trust me that the enthusiasm at the closing is crucial to the lasting effect of Cursillo. The winners not only include those making that particular weekend experience. It will bring new life to you.

That's only half the story. We'll host the Men's Cursillo Weekend on November 17th through 20th. The same reality is true for that Closing. Also at Apison, on the afternoon of Nov. 20th the center should be electric with people witnessing to God's presence in our lives ready to be friends, make friends, and bring friends to Christ. I am sure that Christ would love to see that auditorium filled with Cursillistas who, in turn, are filling East Tennessee with Christ's love.

What's at stake is more than a trophy or some hunk of money or pride. We are bringing the joy of Christ's love to our world.

See you there,

Fr. Joe

Women's CURSILLO #46

Diocese of Knoxville -
October 27-30, 2016
Apison, Tn





O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL!
COME JOIN US FOR THE
WOMEN'S CURSILLO #46
AND
MEN'S CURSILLO #47
REUNION & GRAND ULTREYA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
LENOIR CITY FROM 9:30-11:30.

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

AS YOU MEET UP
WITH CURSILLO FRIENDS

FOR A FIESTA AT 11:30

HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!

AND BRING A FRIEND!

DE COLORES!

The Deacon's Two Cents



FIRST THINGS FIRST
By Deacon Bill Jacobs

“We must bear in mind that Group Reunions are not held so that there may be people to attend the Cursillos, but the Cursillos are held so that there may be people to make a Group Reunion.” Eduardo Bonin

This important statement is quoted in the Total Security rollo on the Cursillo weekend. I believe that it is a good idea to remind us of the importance of this truth.

There should be no doubt in our minds about the importance of our weekly Group Reunion. It gives us the regular opportunity to review our spirituality in light of our baptismal calling. It encourages us to continue to pursue deeper knowledge of the faith. And, for me, without the weekly reunion, my evangelization of environments would fail if not for my group encouraging me (or embarrassing me!) to fulfill my evangelization plans.

In my experience, we develop deep and lasting friendships with our weekly group members. There is nowhere else where we can have such bonds of fellowship and mutual love on our Christian walk.

Yet so many cursillistas see the Group Reunions as unnecessary. They are full of excuses for not grouping—I don't have the time; there is no group in my parish; the other groups in my area get together on an inconvenient day of the week, or time of the day.

Do you know anyone who calls themselves Catholic but never attends Sunday mass? Would you consider them to be good Catholics? In the same way, anyone who does not attend a weekly Group Reunion should not consider themselves a practicing cursillista.

Eduardo Bonin knew, as we know, that the Group Reunion is absolutely critical if we are to live the Cursillo method. So if you are not grouping, you need to start, yesterday! Go to your local ultreya and find out where and when other people are grouping. Find a cursillista in your parish and start your own group. Stop making excuses, and make it happen! Remember, Christ is counting on you! (And so is Cursillo!)

*Pilgrim's Guide to be Updated**

By Lois Schering

Beginning January 1, 2017, we will be using an updated version of the *Pilgrim's Guide*. In the past, the US Cursillo took the liberty of providing additional prayers in the *Pilgrim's Guide*. These prayers included a short version of the Liturgy of the Hours, the Canticle of Zechariah, Canticle of Mary, Canticle of Simeon, Prayer of the Cursillistas, Consecration of Cursillo to Mary, Star of Evangelization, etc. These prayers were added with good intentions and eventually became the norm but other prayers that were in the original *Pilgrim's Guide* were either lost or removed. The National Secretariat began studying the Charism of the Cursillo Movement in 2003. In this study, they looked back to the origins of the Movement in making their decision, that is, the foundational ideas that were given to our founder, Eduardo Bonnin. National Cursillo is not trying to inconvenience anyone by the publishing of a new version but asks us to prayerfully work with the Knoxville Cursillo Movement in its transition. No longer, for example, will the Holy Spirit prayer be on page 5; it has moved to page 129. Copies of the "new" *Pilgrim's Guide* will be available in English and Spanish at the Grand Ultreya/English Reunion of the Groups on Saturday, December 3, at St. Thomas in Lenoir City for \$5.00. We plan to have copies also available at the 4th day workshops and in the future at the Ultreyas.

*Excerpts from National Cursillo's letter to the Cursillistas dated February 15, 2016

Secretariat Positions

Spanish PreCursillo: The Pre-Cursillo Representative shall study and propose to the Secretariat the plan of establishment of an extension of the Cursillo Movement in the diocese. He/She will process all Cursillo weekend applications, screen for eligibility, and communicate all information concerning the up-coming weekend to the candidates and the rector/rectora. Also works with sponsors to communicate their role in the Cursillo process.

Music Representative: for English and Spanish

Database Coordinator (Assistant to the Secretariat)

Coordinator Spanish Palanca (Assistant to the Secretariat)

POSITIONS UP IN DECEMBER 2016

Lay Director: Prepares agendas for and runs Secretariat meetings. He/she does everything possible to promote a spirit of unity among Secretariat members, School of Leaders, and throughout the whole diocesan Cursillo Movement. Prepares an annual report.

English Pre-Cursillo: The Pre-Cursillo Representative shall study and propose to the Secretariat the plan of establishment of an extension of the Cursillo Movement in the diocese. He/She will process all Cursillo weekend applications, screen for eligibility, and communicate all information concerning the up-coming weekend to the candidates and the rector/rectora. Also works with sponsors to communicate their role in the Cursillo process.

English Cursillo: The Cursillo Representative shall present to the Secretariat names of prospective coordinators and help all leaders to carry out all that is required on the 3 -Day Cursillo according to the official literature. He/she will preside and coordinate the Clausura of the Cursillo weekend. He/she will be responsible for getting the new Cursillista names, addresses, and email addresses from the Rector/Rectora of the Cursillo Weekends (the Roster) and give to the Cursillo Secretariat Secretary to be placed in the archives and mailing list.

4th Day Workshop English: Develops technical talks based on the Secretariat's directive for topics; Sets up location for 4th Day Workshop for coming year; writes articles for *The Rooster Crows*; attends Secretariat meetings; provides background documentation to speakers, if needed; prepares agenda for workshop; purchases supplies for workshop; prior to workshop, verifies that location and date is on parish calendar; obtains key from Kay Sheldon; working with the Database Administrator, drafts and mails a flyer to membership re date, place and theme; acts as Master of Ceremonies at Workshop; keeps Cursillistas on time; drafts and mails "Thank you" notes to speakers and Pastor of parish; drafts Report and emails to the Secretariat members; updates attendance records and emails copy of attendance to Cursillo Director.

Spanish Post Cursillo: The Post Cursillo Representative shall, for the benefit of all Cursillistas, promote the essential means of perseverance (group reunion and Ultreya) and establish fundamental standards for managing the same according to the official literature. Working with the Secretary, will publish or distribute pertinent material for the information and orientation of the Cursillistas. He/She will gather the necessary statistical data to supply for the Secretariat opportune information concerning the progress of the Movement in the diocese with particular reference to the environments to be evangelized.

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

If God is calling you to one of these positions, please submit in writing your willingness. Send it via email to: judyhmassoghiaholt@gmail.com or by mail to: Judy Holt, 10 Flamingo Ct., Johnson City, TN 37601. 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 at St. Thomas Reunion/Grand Ultreya 12:00pm-2:00pm Secretariat	Dave Campbell Jorge Saenz Judy Holt

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Spanish Leader - position eliminated

Coordinator, Prayer Chain - vacant

Webmaster - Vacant



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On You!**

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<http://www.knoxvillecursillo.org/>