



July 2014



Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo

The Rooster Crows

Stay Cool this July!

DID YOU KNOW?

The month of July used to be known in Rome as Quintilis (fifth month, as their calendar started in March). After the death of Julius Caesar in 44 BC, the month was named after him.

Feast days celebrated by the Church in July include Saint Thomas the Apostle, Saint Maria Goretti, Saint Bonaventure, and Saint Mary Magdalene.

Zealously do what is in your power, giving honor to God and your best efforts to your neighbors, trusting that the Holy Spirit will do what seems impossible to you. —Saint Catherine of Siena





The Director's Chair

Building on a Firm Foundation

by *Judy Holt, Lay Director*

NOW IS THE TIME

For the last two years, we have struggled to fill our Cursillo weekends and have had to cancel the English Women's weekend twice and the English Men's weekend once. The reason for this is simple; we do not have enough candidates signed up and ready to go.

Now is the time you should be looking for candidates, not when the weekend is a month away. Look around you and identify people who you think might benefit from attending a Cursillo Weekend. Once you have identified a person whom you would consider sponsoring, pray, pray, and pray about them and see if God leads you to speak to them about Cursillo. Remember to speak to God about man before speaking to man about God!

When you feel led by the Holy Spirit to speak to a potential candidate about Cursillo, tell them everything except about palanca and the closing. Witness to them the difference Cursillo has made in your life and why you believe in it. Tell them about the weekend, the rollos, the tables, the posters, the food, the singing, the Masses, tell them everything they could possibly want to know about it. The only things we don't tell them about like I said earlier, is palanca and the closing. Remember how those two things affected you? That's why we keep those two things to ourselves. Answer any questions the potential candidate may have. Ask them again if they have any questions.

Once a person has agreed to go on a Cursillo weekend, give them an application to fill out. Follow through and make sure they fill it out and return it to you with the \$10.00 deposit. Fill out your sponsor side then have your pastor sign it. Mail the applications to the addresses on the applications. The English applications go to Keith Sanford and the Spanish applications go to Sophia Delgado.

We all love to have Cursillo weekends, but we cannot have them unless we have enough candidates. Now is the time to identify potential candidates and sign them up! Remember, make a friend, be a friend, and bring your friend to Christ.

Blessings to you and Ultreya!

Judy Holt

What's New Evangelization?

Pope John Paul II proposed that the Church set out on a “New Evangelization” back in the 1990’s. In his encyclical ushering in the new millennium he specifically urged the universal church to begin in 2000 the task of a new type of evangelizing. That was 14 years ago. We’ve all heard the call; and yet we haven’t had any results yet. Perhaps, the reason for the lack of progress is that most folks have no idea what it means.

I asked a priest who is currently studying for an advanced degree in theology that very question. First, he stalled. Then, he quoted a professor who declared, “It depends on who you ask.” That is not very helpful, you’d think. But, the professor was thinking of which pope! If you ask Pope John Paul II, he may answer that it is a movement to move priests to a more powerful appreciation of the Pascal Mystery and convey that to the people they serve. If you ask Pope Benedict he did say it is “a re-proposing of the Gospel to those regions awaiting the first evangelization and to those where the roots of Christianity are deep but have experienced a serious crisis of faith due to secularization.” Ask Pope Francis and he’d tell you that we must bring the Gospel to the *barrios*. We need to get close to the sheep who haven’t heard the message of Christ and tell them the good news to the extent that we get to smell like the sheep.

The best answer I’ve come across comes from an archbishop from Croatia, a recognized expert on the subject who has identified three kinds of evangelization:

1. A regular activity of the Church, a lifelong process directed to practicing Catholics.
2. The first proclamation of Christ to non-Christians.
3. “New Evangelization,” meaning outreach to baptized Catholics who have become distant from the faith.

Let’s agree on Archbishop Eterovic’s third category. It fits right into Cursillo’s job description. All agree that there is a problem of faith in Christian countries including the United States. Here the problem has been identified as secularization. Dr. Tim O’Malley, a theology professor at Notre Dame University and a native of Maryville, presented our priest study days this month. His studies indicate our secularization comes from all the ads we see. They all have one common purpose, namely to make us desirous to accumulate things. However, the essence of following Christ is to become loving people. We are givers. They spend billions on commercials seductively tempting us to a lifestyle of consumption.

What is our response? Simply, but effectively, we can use the Cursillo method of becoming a friend, making a friend, and bringing that friend to Christ. Quite simply we are to become salesmen and women for Christ. One advantage we have over Madison Avenue has to do with the ultimate point of all sales – the close. The secular world can saturate American minds, 24 hours a day, with ads and commercials. But they need a person to invite them to buy the luxury car or drink the alcoholic beverage that makes you elite. Though such people exist, they have to get to you. We need people to make a ‘close’ as well. You are that person, as is every other Catholic. You can bring a friend to Christ every day. It costs them nothing but their soul. Yet, you are giving them the greatest joy possible. You have become a New Evangelizer.

The Deacon's Two Cents



Self, God, Others
By Deacon Bill Jacobs

Another summer is upon us, with all our many plans – vacations, visiting, outdoor activities that we have been waiting all year to do. (Whatever happened to lazy, hazy, crazy?) I would like to suggest a few things to focus on, in the midst of all this busyness.

The 3-Day Weekend, as you probably know, has a progressive structure over the course of the three days. On Friday, we focus on Self. Saturday has us focus on ourselves in relation to God. On the Sunday of the weekend, we consider our relationships with others.

Let's apply these to our spiritual walk this summer. What tools does the Cursillo method give us, to help us to improve on each of these three aspects of our faith journey?

To better get in touch with Self, I suggest that we reconsider how we perform our examination of conscience. Some of us may not do this on a daily basis as we should (I am guilty of this), or not do this in a structured format (guilty again), or be doing this the same way we have done it for years (guilty as charged). Maybe we should try the Jesuit approach, known as the Examen prayer. Or reflect upon the Beatitudes instead of the Ten Commandments (or the other way around). Or, you techie types should check the online store – there's an app for this! If we change up this part of our piety, we can come to know ourselves better, more deeply, closer to the way that God knows us.

An obvious way to improve our relationship with God is through prayer. Variety in our prayer life is a crucial way to grow in faith, and to keep prayer fresh. Try praying outdoors; try getting up earlier than usual to have more prayer time; try praying before the Blessed Sacrament; try praying with Scripture (learn more about *lectio divina*); try getting away from any kind of rote prayers that we do routinely. Let us use some of our summer leisure to reignite enthusiasm in prayer.

Lastly, I want to propose a radical way to change how we relate to others in faith. Does the sharing of Action in our weekly Group Reunion consist of apostolic action, or apostolic *accidents*? I would wager that all of us need to improve our apostolic plans for the future. Consider the environments in which we have been planted. Pray for God to help us to formulate a *definitive* plan to evangelize those environments, rather than just waiting for something to happen. Let us reflect on how we can be proactive in our environments, to reclaim those environments for Christ. We can then share our plans with our brothers and sisters in Group, and ask them to hold us accountable for our plans.

The Cursillo Method is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us all cooperate with that Spirit this summer, refreshing and renewing our faith, along with our bodies and our minds. Come Fall, all of us just might be "filled with the fire of His love."

Secretariat Positions

CONGRATULATIONS to **Maria Cornejo** and **Yurisan Cornejo** on their election to the positions as co-representatives of the English 3-Day Cursillo Weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS also to **Dave Campbell** on election to the position as English 4th Day Workshop Representative.

TWO POSITIONS ON THE SECRETARIAT ARE UP FOR ELECTION:

Spanish Post Cursillo Representative and Music Representative. They begin immediately.

The Spanish Post Cursillo Representative duties include overseeing Ultreyas in the diocese, keeping the web page updated, making a prayer vigil list for the duration of the Cursillo weekends, communicating the details of the Clausura to the Cursillo community, and working with parish representatives.

The Music Representative

If God is calling you to one of these positions, please submit in writing your willingness to serve and send it via email to: judymassogliaholt@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*

Proposed Amendments (in red) to the By-Laws in 2014:

Article V. The Secretariat shall be composed of lay people and ~~a~~ priest advisors.

1.a. The Lay Director, in consultation with the Spiritual Advisor **and/or the Assistant Spiritual Advisor**, will convoke, preside at, direct and prepare agendas for all meetings of the Secretariat. He/She will do everything possible to promote a spirit of unity, not only among the members of the Secretariat, but in the School of Leaders and throughout the whole diocesan Cursillo Movement. He/She will see to it that each fellow member of the Secretariat fulfills his/her assigned duties. He/She will present an annual report and interim reports if necessary to the Bishop or his designee in the name of the Secretariat. The Lay Director shall serve for three (3) years and for a serious reason may be re-elected for another term of office. The Lay Director may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

3. The Bishop or his designee shall appoint a priest Spiritual Advisor **and may appoint an Assistant Spiritual Advisor**. In addition to the general responsibility for the whole Cursillo Movement which **they** shares with the other members of the Secretariat, it will be ~~his~~ **their** specific responsibility to provide for the apostolic formation of the leaders, to advise the Movement in spiritual matters and to secure the service of priests or religious to work in the various phases of the Movement.

Proposed Amendments (in red) to the Procedure for Electing or Removing Secretariat Members

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For a vote to fill or refill a full term position, there shall be notification in the News Letter and via general email, shall be published ~~in June and September~~ **two issues** prior to the vote at the ~~October~~ **Fall** Secretariat Meeting.

CURSILLO CALENDAR 2014

Event	Date/Time/Location	Contact
Secretariat Retreat (Includes Assistants to the Secretariat)	Jan 18 (Sat) 10:00am-12:30pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop	Feb 1 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Jim Holt Nancy Kinerson
Secretariat	Mar 8 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt
LD/SA Regional Encounter	April 4-6 (Fri-Sun) Indianapolis	Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop	April 12 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Vacant Nancy Kinerson
4 th Day Workshop	May 10 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Vacant Nancy Kinerson
English Women's Cursillo	June 5-8 (Thurs-Sun) St. Therese – cancelled	Vacant
Secretariat	June 14 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt
Diocesan Encounter/ Grand Ultreya	June 21 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt Micheline Parkey
Spanish Women's Cursillo	June 26-29 (Thurs-Sun) St. Therese	Guadalupe Esponiza
Spanish Grand Ultreya	July 12 (Sat) 10:00am-12:00pm at St. Thomas	Micheline Parkey Manuel Quintino
National Cursillo Encounter	July 31-Aug 3 (Thurs-Sun) Anaheim, CA, at Chapman University	Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop	Aug 9 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Dave Campbell Nancy Kinerson
Spanish Men's Cursillo	Aug 28-31 (Thurs-Sun) Apison	Guadalupe Esponiza
Secretariat	Sept 20 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City), Downstairs room 118	Judy Holt
Spanish Grand Ultreya	Sept 27 (Sat) 10:00am-12:00pm	Micheline Parkey Maneul Quintino
Fall Regional Encounter	Oct 3-5 (Fri-Sun) Owensboro	Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop	Oct 11 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Dave Campbell Nancy Kinerson
English Men's Cursillo	Oct 16-19 (Thurs-Sun) Apison	Yurisan Cornejo Maria Cornejo Rector: Dick Shriver
English Grand Ultreya	Nov 8 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Micheline Parkey Manuel Quintino
Secretariat	Dec 13 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt

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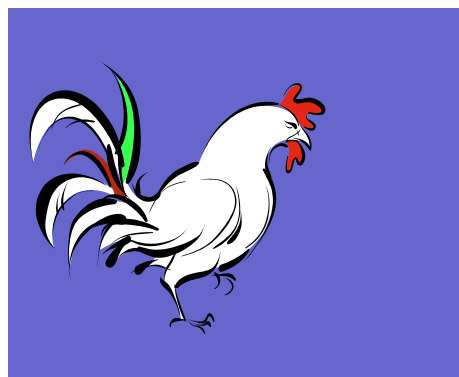
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