



# The Rooster Crows

## The Weekend as it Was, January 2010 By Lois Schering

**“Christ is counting on you as he counted on his very first disciples.”**



The 38<sup>th</sup> Women’s Cursillo began as most Cursillos do. It was cold and dry but we began a little late, waiting on a candidate and her sponsor who got lost. We slept in silence overnight and as we sat in Chapel in the bunkhouse on Friday morning, we saw three minutes of a blue, purple and yellow sunrise until the sky turned grey and over the next three days we had snow, sleet, rain, and more snow. Usually Eagle Rock is so picturesque but this weekend, all we saw

was fog. On Saturday, the electricity went out in the afternoon and stayed out until the evening. It was a good thing that Eagle Rock had a generator as we had minimum light and heat, mostly from the huge roaring fireplace. Grandma Mouse, “Barbara” Eagle Rock’s cook, stayed up there with us so that we could have meals during our stay. Where would you find such content but on a spirit-filled Cursillo weekend listening as Lisa Campbell gave her Leaders talk by limited light and the candidates and team taking notes by flashlight!! These were valiant ladies who, regardless of the weather outside, kept their minds on Christ. On Saturday evening I was told that the lights had come back on but first the generator had to be cut off leaving us in the dark a few minutes. I asked everyone what they wanted most and the answer was electricity and then when the lights were turned back on everyone said turned the lights off again! It was much better in the semi-dark with the fireplace roaring and the candles lit – more atmosphere. Instead of doing posters Saturday, we shared and laughed a lot. Laughter is so good for the soul. That trend went with

the team into its nightly meeting where we laughed and laughed. At lunchtime on Sunday, we learned that an Eagle Rock staff member’s car slid off Montvale Road into a ditch (everything is OK with him and his car) and the road was impassible. Eagle Rock’s management invited us to stay overnight Sunday so there was a scramble to call family, sponsors and to get the word out to the Cursillo community not to come to the Clausura. At that point there didn’t seem to be an urgency to rush the remainder of the talks so we had a longer break time. Over the next four hours the temperature went above 32 degrees, the fog lifted and the sun came out. All of the candidates rushed outside to take pictures of the view and of each other. Twenty Cursillistas from the Cursillo Community, who didn’t get the word that the Clausura was cancelled, were able to drive up the mountain and came for the Clausura. The team and 16 “babe chicks” were notified after the Clausura that we were going home so there was a mad rush to pack and get off the mountain before the road froze again. We had a special Cursillo but it was time to

leave the mountaintop and go forth to “Make friends, be friends and bring friends to Christ.” -- Lois Schering, Rectora

### **What have I discovered about myself, Christ and the Church (others) during Cursillo?**

While listening to the talks that were presented, I was able to see that I was not alone, but also traveling on that same joyous and sometimes “bumpy” road as others around me. It is a journey that will forever draw me onward in my desire to be a part of the loving relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **What do I plan to do with what I have learned and lived?**

Cursillo has strengthened and encouraged my heart so that with the Grace of God, I pray that I will be able to “find a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Jesus.” Now I look at every fellow practicing Catholic as a possible candidate. Since my Cursillo experience, I feel comfortable enough to offer them a smile, some conversation, and a Cursillo pamphlet.  
-- Dottie O’Neill, 38<sup>th</sup> Cursillo “Babe Chick”

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anytime, anywhere.  
Please remember our  
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## 2010 Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Calendar

SOL, FEBRUARY 13  
 GRAND ULTREYA, MARCH 13,  
 SEC MEETING, MARCH 27, TBA  
 SPIRITUAL AND LAY DIRECTORS , ST LOUIS APRIL 16-19  
 SOL, MAY 8 or 15  
 MEN'S SECOND ANNUAL REUNION, JUNE 5  
 SEC MT, JULY 10, OUR LADY OF FATIMA, ALCOA  
 NATIONAL ENCOUNTER, JULY 29-Aug 1  
 MEN'S ENGLISH WKEND, AUG 26-29  
 DIOCESAN ENCOUNTER, SEPTEMBER 11  
 WOMEN'S ENGLISH WEEKEND SEP 30-OCT 3  
 MEN'S SPANISH WEEKEND JUNE 24-27  
 WOMEN'S SPANISH WEEKEND TBA  
 SEC MT, ST. THOMAS, LENOIR CITY OCT 9  
 REGIONAL ENCOUNTER, OCT TBA  
 SOL, NOVEMBER 13