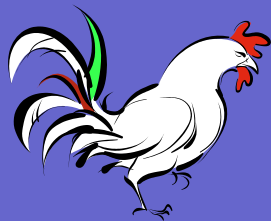




May 2013



Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo

The Rooster Crows

Blessed May!

DID YOU KNOW...

That there are 2 churches in the Diocese of Knoxville that are the oldest in the diocese, both founded in the same year?

They are

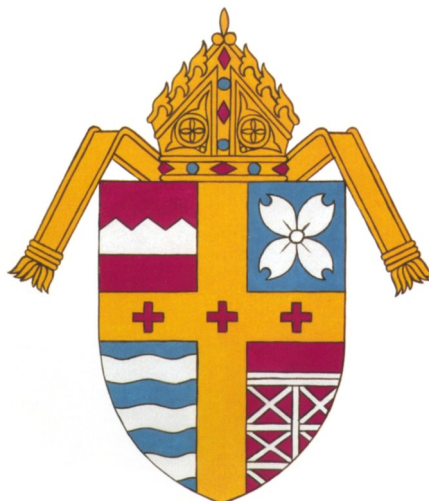
Immaculate Conception Church, Knoxville

And

Saints Peter and Paul Church, Chattanooga

Both were founded in 1852!

Remember that the Christian life is one of action; not of speech and daydreams. Saint Vincent Pallotti





The Director's Chair

Building on a Firm Foundation by Lois Schering

We want to thank **Velma Burke** for all her work as the Palanca Coordinator, as she has stepped down from this position. The work of the Palanca Coordinator is a link to the rest of the Cursillo Community, across the United States and around the world. The Palanca Coordinator shares the palanca we have offered for other candidates and teams, and they for us on our Weekends and other Cursillo events. Please welcome **Mary Williams**, who is our new Palanca Coordinator.

At our April Secretariat meeting, Fr. Joe Brando and Mary Williams of St. Mary's Parish in Gatlinburg presented Father Alex Waraksa and Lois Schering with a new tabernacle, made by **Deacon Otto Preske**. We thank Deacon Otto for his time and talent. We also thank **Fr. Joe Brando** and the parishioners of St. Mary's for the donation of the tabernacle door--the door was in disuse, and found in the attic of St. Mary's prior to its being cleaned, refurbished and attached as the door on the new tabernacle. The tabernacle will be used on all the Cursillo weekends.

Your wish is our command – For many years you have wished for a Cursillo to be held at a retreat center more centrally located, near Knoxville. The fall English Women's Cursillo will, therefore, be held at Grace Point Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center in Kingston, TN. (You may remember--we hosted Region IV's Spring Encounter at Grace Point in 2011.) Pictures of the retreat center can be found at www.gracepointcamp.org.

We received a notice from the World Organization of Cursillo ("OMCC") in early April that they are in the process of revising the Cursillo book, *Fundamental Ideas*, and want our input in the revision. This is monumental--that all the diocesan Secretariats in the United States have an opportunity to review and make recommendations for this important document. Please keep our Secretariat in your prayers for wisdom in its review of the revised draft.



Time has come, the walrus said, to speak of many things.... Where have three years gone! It seems like yesterday that I became Lay Director; but at the end of this year, my tenure is over. At the upcoming October 12 Secretariat meeting, a new Lay Director will be elected. I ask all of you to begin praying to the Holy Spirit whether you are eligible or not. If God is calling you, please submit in writing your willingness to serve by October 2, 2013, and send it via email to schering4@aol.com or by mail to Lois Schering, 1505 Cavalier Dr., Maryville, TN 37803.

Two other positions on the Secretariat are up for election/re-election in October -- they are English PreCursillo Director and English Cursillo Director. Please pray for discernment.

If you are one of those people who think you have something to offer, **you are!** You were selected to make a Cursillo for a reason. Your sponsor saw something in you that spoke to leadership and Christian commitment. Did your weekend make an impact on you? The Movement needs you! We need new ideas, fresh thinking, a different perspective, all things that keep the Movement alive, vital and progressing. Otherwise, we can get stuck in a rut. If God is calling you, please submit in writing your willingness to serve by October 2, 2013, and send it via email to schering4@aol.com or by mail to Lois Schering, 1505 Cavalier Dr., Maryville, TN 37803.

Ultreya!

NEWS FLASH ---

The National Cursillo Movement has selected **Hoang Tran** to serve in the capacity of National Cursillo Service Administrator (“NCSA”). Hoang lived his Cursillo in 2007, and he encountered Christ in such an intimate way that his spiritual life has changed dramatically. He fell in love with the mentality, essence, purpose and the Charism of the Cursillo Movement. Hoang has served the San Jose Vietnamese Cursillo Movement as the School of Leaders chairperson since 2009. He has earned two Master’s Degrees, in Business Administration and Systems Engineering. In the past 16 years, he has held many managerial roles in high-tech companies, and a Non-profit organization, specializing in system and process optimization. Hoang has discerned the calling to serve the National Cursillo Movement with conviction. The NCSA position is not a job, but a special vocation to him. He lives in San Jose, CA with his wife and two sons. His family is devoted to actualizing Christ in the Eucharistic ministry at Most Holy Trinity Parish. Please join the National Secretariat in congratulating Hoang, as he begins this new chapter in life and service to Christ through the gift of Cursillo. *April 2013 National Mailing; reprinted with permission of the National Cursillo Movement.*



Try to serve the Lord with all your heart and with all your will. He will always bless you more than you deserve. Saint Padre Pio

Inspiration Corner

by Fr. Alex Waraksa, Spiritual Director

Evangelization includes both successes and failures.

We share this during group reunion when we speak of our Action or our apostolic plan for the upcoming week, month, year etc.

One failure to evangelize is the first step, when we think, “I can’t” or “I don’t know how.” Someone shared recently that we don’t say we don’t know how to tell someone about a new restaurant that we like, or other worldly things. Why aren’t we as natural as that with sharing our faith?

Failures might be seen in the scriptures—such as when Pharaoh and the Egyptians didn’t listen to Moses. Or when the rich young man asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life, and then when Jesus told him, he went away sad, for he had many possessions. (We heard this story in one of the Thursday night meditations, when we lived our Cursillo weekend.)

What about when Jesus talks about receiving Him as Holy Communion, and people walk away thinking he is speaking about cannibalism? In John 6:48 and following Jesus says, “I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.” These things he said while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Then many of his disciples who were listening said, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, “Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.”

As a result of this, many [of] his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

Successes might be seen in Jesus forgiving the woman caught in adultery. Or in the Easter season, when Jesus asked Peter if he loves Him. The result of love is to feed his lambs. To feed them with love, with prayer, with a life that imitates Jesus and that gives an example of Christian living, and tells them about our life in Christ.

The Easter season is a season of victory, victory of Christ over sin and death. And the Good News is that He offers us a share in His victory.

When we do not have a success, we do not give up. Even though Pharaoh did not listen to Moses, Moses did not give up. Even though Peter and the Apostles had fished all night long and caught nothing, they did not give up, but lowered the nets again and made an abundant catch of fish.

Even though not everyone followed Jesus, our Savior did not give up on them.

In society, if a country loses a battle, such as in World War II, they do not give up on the war. If someone does not prepare a recipe well the first time, perhaps they do not give up cooking. Who was able to ride a bike well the first time they got on it to try? Or to swim well their first time in the water? We also are to persevere as did those in the early church. We too may not see all the fruits of our labor, but if we are doing the Lord’s work, that is enough.

The following Scripture comes to mind: John 4:34-37 “Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘In four months the harvest will be here’? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving his payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.”

Let us then continue to make friends, be friends and bring friends to Christ, because who knows when the abundant catch of fish will come.

The Deacon's Two Cents



A Rainy Night in March

By Deacon Bill Jacobs

To be in Saint Peter's Square when a new pope is elected. The possibility always excited me. I have never written up a "bucket list," but if I had, this idea would have topped it.

And then we heard of the resignation of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. Immediately the wheels started turning, the internet was searched, and the credit card made a little lighter. Our pilgrimage to Rome was on! Toni and I packed our bags, ordered some euros, and the flight from Atlanta made the dream a reality.

As soon as we hit the ground, we started planning how, when and where we would place ourselves to get a great view of the balcony, and of course that famous chimney! Big screen TVs were posted all around the square to catch the action, but we wanted to see it all with our own eyes. (It struck me as comical that the giant TVs spent a lot of time focused on the rusty chimney pipe sticking out of the Sistine Chapel. And did you see that seagull?)



On Wednesday, March 13, we saw the black smoke in the morning. After getting some lunch (you can't get a bad meal in Rome), we took a tour of Saint Peter's Basilica. There, many prayers were offered for the Holy Spirit to guide the cardinals in the chapel, just next door.

The tour was done about 4 PM. We decided to stake out a spot right up close to the barricade, with great views. What started at 4 with a light rain became a heavier rain as the evening wore on. Umbrellas sprouted across the square like so many mushrooms. We prayed a rosary together, with our rain gear dripping wet.

At 5:30 PM, there might have come some white smoke, if the conclave had reached a decision, but there was none. Just more of the incessant, cold rain. Our hands were freezing, and our legs were cramping from all the standing we had done. But we dare not leave—this is a prime spot!

Smoke would come from the chimney at 7 PM for sure, either white or black. The great clock on the façade of Saint Peter's (the one on the left; the one on the right has been out of order for months, they tell me) turns 7. The smoke starts, and there is a brief uncertainty as to its color. After a few seconds, there is no doubt—*fumare bianco*! White smoke! The great bells of Saint Peter's ring in jubilation.

All of the cold hands and cramping legs heal in an instant. The crowds around us shout, clap, cheer, and jump up and down like schoolkids. We shout ourselves hoarse in excitement.

The cardinal deacon announces the ancient *habemus papam* speech. Thank the Lord someone next to us understands Latin. An Argentinian! Named Francis! Has there ever been a Francis before? We wonder.

It takes over an hour for the new pope to appear. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, during that hour the rain begins to slow to a drizzle, then stop altogether. By the time of his appearance on the balcony, the only water flowing is tears of joy from the pilgrims in the square. (Mine and my wife's among them.)

The next day, Toni and I go back to Saint Peter's Square, where the TVs are now showing a mass celebrated by the new pope with his cardinals in the Sistine Chapel. Knots of people criss-cross the square, nuns here, tour guides there, business as usual. But my wife and I see the place where we stood the night before and reflect upon what we had seen and felt. I look at the barricade that was packed with bodies the night before, and I remember: We felt the rain. We saw the smoke. We cheered the new Holy Father. We were privileged to witness a new page turned in the history of the Church.



The following letter appeared in the Archdiocese of Detroit Cursillo newsletter:

*Letter from Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, (now **Pope Francis**)
to the Cursillistas of the Archdiocese of Detroit (June 13, 2011, Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church)*

My dear Cursillistas:

"The good seed are the children of the kingdom." (Mt. 13:38)

As we approach the celebration of the feast of Saint Paul, your patron and model of how to live "*de colors*," we give thanks to God for all the fruits that the Cursillos in Christianity Movement has generously given the Church.

Your service of proclaiming Christ by being his witnesses in your everyday environments, is an embodiment, a concrete renewal of the Baptism that we have received in Him and makes you disciples and missionaries of the Word, as this was expressed in the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*: "Through their baptism and confirmation all are commissioned to the apostolate by the Lord Himself" (*Lumen Gentium* no. 33).

I write to you conscious of the challenge that today's society presents to the enculturation of the Gospel; but I trust that your audacity and apostolic fervor - born of a personal encounter with self and with Christ - will lead you to make history for the good of all. So that, many brothers and sisters, marginalized or not, who live on the fringe may feel embraced by the love of Jesus.

To be a pilgrim in our City means not becoming comfortable, but to be open to life and to pay attention to what is happening in our heart - like a good Samaritan confronted with the difficult circumstances of so many brothers and sisters. It is necessary that the Cursillos in Christianity Movement, through the participation of everyone, continue its journey of pastoral conversion as proposed at Aparecida (Cf. 5th General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, "*Disciples and Missionaries of Jesus Christ*").

As Cursillistas living through difficult times you need to ask God for the Grace to have many candidates, to have an ongoing PreCursillo, so as not to fall into the hopelessness that paralyzes and causes anguish. The gift of the Kerygma [proclaiming] that you received in your Cursillo sends you on mission as proposed by the tripod of piety, study and action.

As an Archdiocesan Church, we need the unity of all in Christ, so that He, and only He may reign in our hearts and we may thus be able to recognize him like the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

In thanking you for your journey as a Cursillista, I ask you not to stop renewing your apostolic zeal and dedication and that of your brothers and sisters in your Group Reunion before Jesus in the Eucharist.

Today more than ever we need that your nearness in the environments be a source of light and joy for so many brothers and sisters who do not yet know that God is a Father who loves them tenderly.

Today more than ever we need your presence so that many families may encounter the transcendent love of Christ - a new and greater dimension of human love.

Today more than ever we need you and your witness at the *Ultreyas*, so as to go "onward", to go beyond, in the proclamation and experience of the *Kerygma*.

I ask that you pray for me. May Jesus bless you and Our Lady, Mother of Divine Grace, keep you.

Affectionately,

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio SJ
Archbishop of Buenos Aires

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Has your chewing gum lost its flavor on the bedpost overnight?

The Knoxville Cursillo has made a second attempt to have an English men's weekend, and the Secretariat had to cancel it again, for lack of candidates. Have we evangelized all the men in our diocese, are we on a hiatus, or do we think someone else should do it? It is not, and I clearly say not, the team's responsibility to get candidates for the weekend: we are all in this together!

We came off our Cursillo weekend on a high, at peace, with conviction to change our habits. What has happened? Perhaps we are not living up to our Ideal of piety, study and action. Have we been swallowed up by the world's standards? Are we in too many ministries? Are we sharing what God has done for us? Are we actively participating in Group Reunion, attending Ultreyas, 4th day workshops, other Cursillo events?

Individuals look at us to see how we are living our lives. Are we joyful? Do we have God working in our life? People are hungry for God; do they see what we have and want it too?

Sometimes it is the candidate who, for one reason or another, can't make a Cursillo Weekend--but we should invite or re-invite them to our group reunion and Ultreyas before they make a Cursillo, so they will be more enthusiastic to make a Cursillo when we do have Weekends!

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew us with wisdom, sustainability, peace when evangelizing, joy, and the other attributes of the Holy Spirit, so we might do God's work.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us Your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of Your love! Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. **Let us pray.** O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in Your consolations, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St. Paul, patron of Cursillo, pray for us.

Our Lady, Queen of the Americas, pray for us.

Secretariat Positions

Terms will be 2014-2017

Lay Director Position:

The Lay Director holds the office for a three year term. The individual interacts with National and Regional Secretariats to ensure that proper procedure and commitment to the movement is primary. The Lay Director leads by example and reports to the Bishop on an annual basis. The Lay Director, in essence, is the servant's servant. The Lay Director prepares an agenda for the Secretariat meetings and handles with the help of the Secretariat the issues that need to be resolved. A nominee for Lay Director must have served at least one year on the Secretariat to be eligible to run. The one year experience does not need to be in our diocese. An election for the position will be held at the October meeting of Secretariat.

Spanish Cursillo Director

The **Spanish Cursillo Director** position on the Secretariat is open for election. The term of office is 3-years and is not limited to the number of years served. Please submit a letter or note in writing via email or mail to Lois Schering, schering4@aol.com, 1505 Cavalier Dr., Maryville, TN 37803 by May 30 (10 days before the election). A vote will be held on June 8 at the Secretariat's regular meeting. The duties of the Spanish Cursillo Director are: He or she shall present to the Secretariat names of prospective Spanish coordinators and help all leaders to carry out all that is required on the 3-day Cursillo according to the official literature. He or she shall coordinate the Clausura of the Cursillo weekend. He or she will be responsible for getting the new Cursillistas names, addresses and phone numbers from the Rector/Rectora of the weekend (the Roster) and give to the Cursillo Secretariat Secretary to be placed in the archives and mailing list. Be open to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit, pray about it and say "Here I am, Lord, I come to do your Will."

Cursillo Calendar 2013

Event	Date/Time/Location	Contact
Secretariat Retreat (incl. Assistants to the Secretariat)	Jan 12 (Sat) 10 am-12:30 pm in Chapel at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Lois Schering
Secretariat Meeting	Feb 9 (Sat) 10 am-2 pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Lois Schering
4 th Day Workshop	Mar 9 (Sat) 10 am-2 pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City) Topic: Post Cursillo - 4 th Day Involvement (Perseverance & Participation). Presented by Region IV Service Team in English. \$10 per person and bring a dish to share.	Jim & Judy Holt Nancy Kinerson
Spanish Workshop	Apr 6 (Sat) 9:30 am-5:30 pm at St. Joseph the Worker (Madisonville) Pre- sented by Juan Ruiz, National Cursillo Spanish Co- ordinator. Rollos on the Foundational Charism, the Cursillo Methodology and its Operational Structures. \$10 per person and bring a dish to share.	Lois Schering Aurora Gardner
English Men's Cursillo	Apr 11-14 (Thurs-Sun) Cancelled	Aurora Gardner
Secretariat Meeting	Apr 13 (Sat) 10 am to 2 pm At St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Lois Schering
Regional Spring Encounter	Apr 19-21 Fri-Sun In Evansville, IN	Lois Schering
4 th Day Workshop	May 4 (Sat) 10 am-2 pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Jim & Judy Holt Nancy Kinerson
Secretariat Meeting	June 8 (Sat) 10 am-2 pm at St. Thomas, Lenoir City	Lois Schering

Cursillo Calendar 2013 cont.

Diocesan Encounter	July 13 (Sat) 10 am to 3 pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Lois Schering Micheline Parkey
National Encounter	July 25-28 at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY	Lois Schering
Secretariat Meeting	Aug 10 (Sat) 10 am to 2 pm, Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa	Lois Schering
Spanish Men's Weekend No. 7	Aug 8-11 (Thurs-Sun) at Apison	
Ecumenical Grand Ultreya	Aug 24 (Sat) 10 am to 12 pm Location T/B/A	Dick Shriver
Spanish Women's Cursillo No. 9	Aug 29-Sept 1 (Thurs-Sun) at Apison	
4 th Day Workshop	Sept 14 (Sat) CANCELLED Diocesan 25 th Anniversary	
English Women's Cursillo No. 44	Sept 26-29 (Thurs-Sun) Grace Point, Kingston	Aurora Gardner
Secretariat Meeting	Oct 12 (Sat) 10 am to 2 pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Lois Schering
Fall Regional Encounter	Oct 18-20 (Fri-Sun) Bellevue, IL at Our Lady of the Snows Monastery	Lois Schering
4 th Day Workshop	Nov 9 (Sat) 10 am to 2 pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Jim & Judy Holt Nancy Kinerson
Secretariat Meeting	Dec 14 (Sat) 10 am to 2 pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Lois Schering

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