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DIocese of KNOXVILLE CURSILLO

The Rooster Crows

Celebrating 20 Years of Cursillo in Knoxville

DID YOU KNOW?

The Tuesday before Lent goes by many different names. It has been called Fat Tuesday (in French, Mardi Gras). This refers to the practice of eating rich, fatty foods, as a last chance before the penitential practices of Lent. It is celebrated in Brazil and other countries as Carnival.

In some countries, it is known as Pancake Tuesday, as it is traditional to eat pancakes on that day.

It is also called Shrove Tuesday, from the English word *shrive*, meaning to obtain absolution and forgiveness for one's sins; it is a custom for a Christian to be *shriven* at the beginning of Lent.

On that day in Iceland, people eat salted meat and peas. In Lithuania, they eat doughnuts. In Finland, they eat green pea soup. In Poland, they celebrate Fat Thursday the week before, and have food-eating contests!





The Director's Chair

Building on a Firm Foundation

by Dick Shriver, Lay Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My name is Dick Shriver. In 1984, I started my 4th Day after making Cursillo #51 in Indianapolis, Indiana. I have remained active in Cursillo and Group Reunion for over 30 years. This Movement has given me the strength and tools to persevere in faith for all these years.

I have held many positions on the Secretariat, both here and in Indianapolis, and have worked on many, many Cursillo Teams. I now feel God's call to give more of my time to our Knoxville Cursillo. As of this January, I now hold the position of your new Lay Director.

My goals are to improve communication within our movement, to strengthen our Secretariat, and to work with ALL to Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ through our Cursillo Movement. I know that through Palanca, and working together, we can accomplish these goals.

I look forward to seeing you all, and serving you, and Christ, as your new Lay Director.

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Dick Shriver #51

Inspiration Corner

by Fr. Joe Brando, Spiritual Director

The opening up of a new calendar is usually an invigorating moment, when we feel a surge of hope. We clear all the decks to do more things better than we did in the previous year. Well, we in Cursillo did a lot of things right this past year, and all those involved in making that happen need to be congratulated. God bless you for accepting the grace our Lord is showering on you.

In this new year, as happens every third year, Cursillo in East Tennessee re-forms its Secretariat. So, there will be some new people around (or some who are not so new doing a different job). We deeply appreciate those who served the last three years, and heartily welcome those taking on new responsibilities. May the richest of God's graces go with you always!

This month, I'd like us to focus on two parts of Cursillo that are its backbone, namely the Group Reunion and the Ultreya. *Every Cursillista should be a member of a Group Reunion. These folks meet weekly, and go over with each other the status of their prayer, study and their action.*

This last piece may be the most misunderstood concept in our movement. It is important that every Cursillista be involved in some action that will improve our environments. It may be helping a neighbor in need, or correcting an injustice at work, or assisting in a ministry in the parish, or any one of a thousand similar situations, in which Christ's presence is called for. *Christ depends on us to make that situation better. The people in our Group Reunion can listen to our progress in our apostolic action, and help us out with ideas from their experience, and with their prayers. Then, when our plan produces a breakthrough and succeeds, we can together praise God.*

That success story can be brought to the Ultreya, where that witness story can motivate others to form their own action plan. It is also to Ultreya we go if we haven't got a group reunion that meets regularly. Ultreya is where small groups go for ideas, information and motivation. We all should make it to Ultreya often.

I hope you can find some good resolutions here, to bless your new year.

Father Joe

The Deacon's Two Cents



LET'S ALL BE GREAT SPONSORS

By Deacon Bill Jacobs

The Cursillo experience has changed so many lives in the past 60 years. Each of us had a profound encounter with the Lord on our weekend, and we have discovered a way of living that brings joy and meaning to our lives.

So, it is only natural that we want others to experience the same thing! Whether we have just made a weekend, or we are “seasoned” cursillistas, we have a great desire to sponsor others in our family, or our parish, to make a Cursillo.

But, maybe, you are like me. At times, I have taken too lightly my understanding of, and commitment to, what it means to be a sponsor. If we sponsor someone poorly, it is less likely that the candidate will persevere in their Fourth Day. It is an awesome responsibility, so let's do it right!

The Leader's Manual spells out several criteria for being a good sponsor. These include:

- ***Know, at least in its general outline, the goal of the Cursillo.*** Just having made a weekend is not good enough. We have to understand what we're talking about!
- ***Know the candidate as well as possible and pray for direction from the Holy Spirit: Speak to God about the candidate, before you speak to the candidate about God.*** (Not, “Hi there. What's your name? Want to make a Cursillo?”)
- ***Spark the desire for God and make it grow. Promote an attitude of conversion.*** Sounds a lot like evangelization in general.
- ***Take responsibility for the perseverance of the candidate until he or she is fully incorporated into his or her own Christian community.*** Our sponsorship duties do not end with the Clausura, but must extend forward after that, maybe for a year or more.

Many of us in our diocesan movement feel as though we are at the beginning of a resurgence in our movement. We can all be a part of that by sponsoring dynamic Christian leaders to make a weekend. I pray that each of you will be a part of that by being an awesome Cursillo sponsor!



Women's CURSILLO #46

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



Men's CURSILLO #47



Diocese of Knoxville, TN - November 17-20, 2016

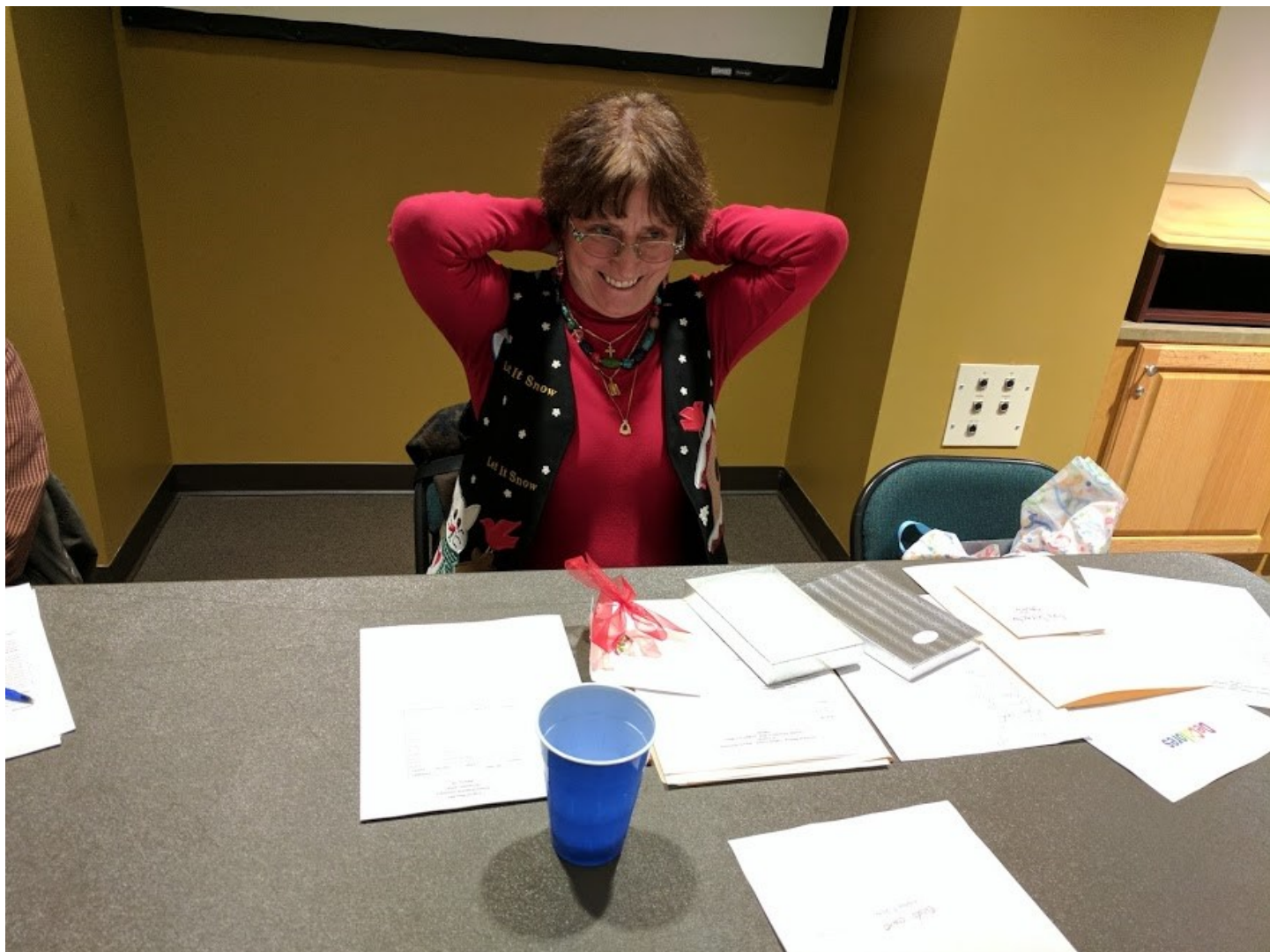


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MANY THANKS



The Secretariat and the Knoxville Cursillo thanks Judy Holt
for her three years of service as Lay Director for the
Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo Movement

CURSILLO SURVEY
(ALL Cursillistas are asked to kindly respond)

NAME_____

PARISH_____

CURSILLO #_____

PHONE #_____

EMAIL_____

What are your talents?

Do you have computer skills?

Do you play a musical instrument? If so, what do you play?

What are your hobbies?

Do you enjoy cooking?

Would you like to serve on a Cursillo team?

Would you be willing to share your witness at an Ultreya?

Would you consider serving the Secretariat (Cursillo Governing Board)?

Do you have Administrative Skills (organizational, secretarial, clerical)?

***Please either email your response to Dick Shriver or send it by snail mail:
shriver51@aol.com or 2000 Cedar Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918**

DATES OF THE 2017 CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Spanish Men August 31-September 3, 2017 Rector—Ovidio Cano

Spanish Women November 16-November 19, 2017 Rectora—Adriana Gonzalez

English Men August 3-August 6, 2017 Rector—Lance Lyons

English Women September 28-October 1, 2017 Rectora—Micheline Parkey

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. He/She will also work with sponsors to communicate their role in the Cursillo process.

3-Day 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.

If God is calling you to one of these positions, please submit in writing your willingness to serve. Send it to Dick Shriver via email or regular mail to: shriver51@aol.com or 2000 Cedar Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918 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 2017

February 18	4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting	9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00
March 18	Secretariat Meeting	10:00-12:00
April 8	4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting	9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00
April 21-23	Spring Regional Cursillo Encounter	
May 20	Secretariat Meeting	10:00-12:00
June 17	4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting	9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00
July 15	Secretariat Meeting	10:00-12:00
July 27-30	National Cursillo Encounter	
August 3-6	English Men's Cursillo #48	
August 19	4 th Day Workshop Lunch Secretariat Meeting	9:30-11:30* 12:00-2:00
August 26	English Men's Cursillo #48 Reunion Lunch	9:30-11:30*
August 31-September 3	Spanish Men's Cursillo	
September 16	Secretariat Meeting	10:00-12:00
September 28-October 1	English Women's Cursillo #49	
October 13-15	Fall Regional Cursillo Encounter	
October 21	Diocesan Encounter Grand Ultreya English Women's Cursillo #49 Reunion 20 th Anniversary Celebration Lunch	Mass 9:00 9:30-11:30*
November 16-19	Spanish Women's Cursillo	
November 18	Secretariat Meeting	10:00-12:00
December	NO MEETING	

*Those attending 9:00 Mass at St. Thomas are asked to please come straight to the 4th Day Workshop right after Mass

All 4th Day Workshops and Meetings will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1580 St. Thomas Way, Lenior City, TN 37772

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On You!**

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