

THE ROOSTER CROWS

Diocese of Knoxville
CURSILLO

SPRING 2019

DeColores!



*Join us at Re-Union
May 18th - 10:30AM
At Our Lady of Fatima.
Meet the new Cursillistas
Bring a snack to share.*

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VIEW FROM THE TOP

MESSAGE FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

May 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ

As I look back on the past several months since our last Rooster Crows, much has happened in our Movement since then!

We have had two Cursillo weekends, Men's #50 in March and Women's #51 in April. These weekends were both very successful and filled with the Holy Spirit. Our new Cursillistas definitely got the message that God loves them, that they love God and that they are to love their neighbors.

We experienced a new venue for our weekends: Foothills Camp and Retreat Center in Louisville, TN.

From all indications most were very positive about this new facility. I will be sending out a full report on this after our next Secretariat meeting which will be held on May 21.

In February we started a new format for our School of Leaders, headed up by Velma Burke and Deacon Bill Jacobs. They are held every other month and are in conjunction with our Secretariat meetings (which are held monthly).

On May 18 we will have the School of Leaders at 9a.m. and immediately following will be our Reunion Ultreya for the new Cursillistas and will be held at Our Lady of Fatima. This is for ALL Cursillistas. There will be a lunch afterwards (Fiesta), so please bring a dish to share.

Our next Secretariat meeting will be held at a special time this month, it will be on Tuesday evening, May 21 at 6p.m at OLOF. This important meeting will cover many decisions that need to be made for the future of our Movement, so I humbly ask for your prayers.

May God Bless You All

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Dick Shriver, Lay Director

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A reflection for the season from Father Brando

HIS WORLD WAS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN!

The Pharaoh knew exactly the way the world was structured. He was in charge, and everyone else did what he told them. That was until Moses and Aaron came to town.

Now, *their God* was in charge. That God let the Pharaoh know that Moses would do things the way God told him and, at the end, the Pharaoh would let God's people go from Egypt to their Promised Land and he would be happy to have them leave Egypt.

Unfortunately, there was a high price to pay, for that result...namely, the first born sons of all the Egyptians and a whole Army.

We can learn that same essential lesson at a much less costly price. The Church offers us an excellent version of this secret to "happiness in the spiritual life" every year during the 40 days of Lent. Perhaps, it sneaks up on you. For others, we look forward to Lent and it's ability to move us closer to God and the Divine joys He offers.

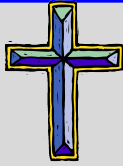
If, like the Pharaoh, you were surprised Lent came fast this year, then perhaps your life was closing in on you, and everything anyone spoke to you seemed to be in strange language, that's because the Church is getting ready to converse in a new language— a language of love and peace and joy and kindness. It's the language of God. You will find yourself doing good deeds for others and loving it. You'll be able to feel the happiness growing within you.

However, there is a slight additional cost for the best version: all you need to do to get the complete version of the new and better you is...to give up your previous life!

If you want to know what that feels like—just check out the Pharaoh at the beginning of the story. You may go through what he did. If so, good! For, going through his catharsis, you will end up with the most happy Easter ever. Like Jesus, you will rise to a new life. Like Pharaoh, you will make salvation history.

PIETY





The Deacon's Two Cents



REALLY pray the Holy Spirit
Prayer...

By Deacon Bill Jacobs

Thoughts and observations from the three-day weekend of Knoxville Men's

English Cursillo #50, March 2019

THURSDAY:

The night began with a light, intermittent rain. This struck me as symbolic of our sorrow for our sinfulness. Initial reaction of the team members is universally positive regarding our new weekend venue. As always, the night of silent retreat is very powerful, and is affecting the candidates in a profound way.

FRIDAY:

The candidates are very open to sharing and discussion, right from the beginning. Table fellowship is very valuable. These men will do great things in their eventual Group Reunions after the weekend. Quiet time doing chapel palanca for the rollistas is very peaceful and powerful. The weekend sure does fly by! Rembrandt has nothing to fear from the table "artists" and their summary posters.

SATURDAY:

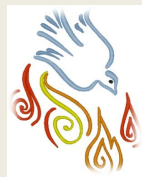
We are greeted with a beautiful blue sky and brilliant sunshine, reflecting the Holy Spirit at work on the weekend. The rollos are including personal witnessing that is becoming more emotional. The singing by the candidates at mass is definitely not professional—but with the Holy Spirit, they sound as inspired as any church choir. Later in the day, the enthusiasm and energy of the candidates has not flagged. A table secretary does his table summary in musical chant! That's a new one for me. The decuria for the day was skits instead of posters. The skits are at the same time insightful, and hilarious!

SUNDAY:

A beautiful sunrise greets us on a chilly morning. The strong personal witness by the speakers is very moving. What great energy at the clausura! The candidates and the team are very touched. Another great weekend in the books!

MEET OUR LEADERS

Baron Johnson is our Treasurer in Cursillo Secretariat



Author Larry Burkett once stated, "When we acknowledge God's ownership of our possessions, every spending decision becomes a spiritual decision. No longer do we ask, 'Lord, what do you want me to do with my money?' The question is restated, 'Lord what do you want me to do with Your money?'" When we have this perspective, spending and saving decisions spiritual giving decisions. (1 Chronicles 29: 11-12) ***Everything in heaven and earth is yours, and you are king, supreme ruler over all. All riches and wealth come from you; you rule everything by your strength and power, and you are able to make anyone great and strong.***

God promises to provide for us. (Matthew 6:33) ***"Seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things shall be given to you besides."*** What we can't predict is how the Lord will provide. This is the same Lord who told Elijah (1 Kings 17:4, 6) ***"The brook will supply you with water to drink and I have commanded the ravens to bring you food there."***

Society tells us: What I possess, I alone own; I alone control my destiny.

Scripture tells us: What I possess, God owns. He is the sovereign, living God who controls all events.

(1 Corinthians 13:3) ***"If I give away everything I own... but do not have love, I gain nothing."*** There is nothing more commendable than giving away everything to the poor, but if done with the wrong attitude, without love, it is of no benefit to the giver. Of course, a gift benefits the recipient, but according to God, if a gift is given with the proper attitude, the giver benefits more than the receiver. (Acts 20:35) ***"Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, that He himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'"*** Above all else our giving directs our attention and hearts to Christ. (Matthew 6:21) ***"For your heart will always be where your riches are"***. The process of consciously giving each gift to the person of Jesus Christ is so necessary. When you give your gift to him, you enlarge your heart automatically and are drawn to the Lord. Giving is not God's way of raising money; It is God's way of raising people into the likeness of his Son, Jesus.

Many people misunderstand the belief that blessings flow to the giver. (Proverbs 11:24-25) ***"Some people spend their money freely and still grow richer. Others are cautious and yet grow poorer. Be generous."*** (2 Corinthians 9:6,8) ***"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.... Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that You may have an abundance for every good work."***

As a good steward, you need to ask the question "How much do I want to give?" The blessing that we have as good stewards is that we are free to give as much as we want. The whole question of giving shouldn't be around the "minimum" gift, but the "maximum" gift. Our gifts should come from our hearts and should be an indication of both our faith and our financial ability.

Society says: Wealth brings happiness and security and I can use it for my own comfort any way I choose.

Scripture says: True Joy is based on my relationship with Christ. In him alone will I trust. If I am prosperous, I should be generous and ready to share.



Men's weekend Closing
March 25, 2019



Our actions spring
from the expression
of our ideal





Women's Weekend April 2019. What a great gathering of great leaders and future leaders.

"A Christian is a joy, a joy to herself, to God, and a joy to other people" says St. John the 23rd



Make a friend
Be a friend
Bring a friend to Christ

Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo 2019 Schedule of Meetings and Events

Secretariat Meetings Scheduled for 3rd Saturday of every month at Our Lady of Fatima in Alcoa, TN next one is May 21st at 6:00PM at OLOF

PIETY

School of Leaders Meeting: **Every other** 3rd Saturday Our Lady of Fatima Alcoa, TN

May 18th, 2019: School of Leaders Meeting—reunion for New
Cursillistas immediately following at Our Lady Of Fatima Alcoa, TN

July 18-21, 2019 National Encounter Scranton, PA

STUDY

August 3, 2019 tentative date for Cursillo PICNIC Grace Point Camp & Retreat Center

August 29—Sept 1: Spanish Women's weekend Apison

September 1st week, 2019 Appeal letter to be mailed

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September 21, 2019 Diocesan Encounter: GRAND ULTREYA

October 24-27, 2019 tentative date for CDC sessions at Foothills Retreat Center

November 21—24: Spanish Men's weekend Apison

December 7th, 2019 planning session for 2020

2019 National Encounter The 29th National Encounter will be held on July 18-21, 2019 at the University of Scranton, a beautiful Jesuit University, which is centrally located in the Northeast region of Pennsylvania. The University is located approximately 8 miles from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP). This Encounter will be special as the US Cursillo unites with Cursillistas from Mallorca in the joyful celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the First Cursillo which was held in August 1944. It is expected to be a fully packed encounter with special guests from Mallorca, hundreds of Cursillistas, clergy and laity, from the United States Cursillos' various language groups consisting of English, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, and Vietnamese. The registration for the 29th National Encounter is now open! Register today! See you there – bring a friend!

Visit the National Cursillo website to register online or download the forms at:

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/> (English)

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/espanol/inicio/> (Spanish)

<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/tieng-viet/trang-nha/> (Vietnamese)



4th Day News you can use!

*We will be hosting Spring Regional Encounter !
In Spring of 2020 an exciting event for 2 key Posts:
Spiritual Advisor and Lay Director.
More information to follow soon*

Upcoming Mens and Womens Spanish Weekends do we have current info???

**Women's Spanish weekend will take place: August 29– Sept 1st
Men's Spanish weekend: November 21-24th
at Apison Retreat Center**

Mens #50 will be March 21-24 with David Campbell as Rector. And the Womens #51 Weekend will be April 25-28 with Velma Burke as Rectora. They both will be held at the Foothills Camp and Retreat Center, 2926 Topside Rd, Louisville, TN.

YES we are moving locations! This is on a trial basis to see how it works out. There are many reasons for this move: A few of them are: it is more centrally located in our Diocese, the Retreat Center will do the cooking , clean up is included and also all linens are provided. With these things crossed off of the Team's 'to do list' they can focus more on the Candidates.

We hope this location will make it easier for more of the 4th Day to attend the Closing, as we all know how much it means to have a nice turnout, not only for the Candidates but the Team as well. Please *start praying and doing palanca for the Team and prospective candidates.*



STUDY

In the Study of Environments, we study our personal environments (family, social, work) and, led by the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to “Christianize” these environments, with the goal of “winning” these environments for Christ.

Based on my own study of life, here are five personality types you are likely to encounter. Remember that we’re all different and that one size does not fit all.

Group 1: They believe in God. They love God. And they want “to do good”

Group 2: They believe in God. They love God. And they primarily want to “feel good”

Group 3: They believe in God.

Group 4: They do not believe in God because they don’t know God.

Group 5: They do not believe in God because God does not exist.

The First Group we will consider is a group that believes in God, that loves God, that wants to “do good.” They practice their faith 24 hours a day. They are apostles, and it shows in how they live their lives.

The Second Group believes in God, loves God, but they prefer to *feel good*. Some in this group *need to be nudged*. They have limited self-motivation. They need to be nudged by someone to wake up their faith. They are like trying to wake up a sleeping child. Their eyes open but soon they fall back to sleep.

In the third group they believe in the concept of God, but nothing more. They don’t seem to see the reality of God in the world; you might wonder why they say they are Catholic.

The Fourth Group are those who do not believe because they *do not know God*. Most of the people in this group are not Christians, because no one has told them what Christianity really is. No one ever introduced God to them in a proper way. But when the Gospel is shared about God’s love, they are open to it.

The Fifth Group includes those who do not believe in God because they believe He does not exist. This group includes two types: the *Practicing and Intellectual atheists*: They say there is no God and are often deeply convinced of this. Religion is the last of their priorities. They make use of their intelligence to kill the idea of God in the mind of the believers. This group is “too smart” to accept God. They lack the child-like ability to have faith.

The common denominator among these groups is that they are children of God. Our strategy is to MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST. Although the field may be hard and rocky to plow, our commitment to piety, study and action can allow us to bear much fruit.

De Colores!

Joe Szmids, Our lady of Fatima Parish

English ULTREYAS IN OUR DIOCESE

St Jude's Hixson, TN

1st Tuesday of the month 6:30 pm

St. Joseph the Worker Madisonville, TN

2nd Sunday of the month 2:00 pm

ST. MARY JOHNSON CITY, TN

2nd Monday of the month 7:00 pm

St Therese Cleveland, TN

2nd Thursday of the month 6:00 pm

Our Lady Of Fatima Alcoa, TN

3rd Monday of the month 6:30 pm

St Stephens Chattanooga, TN

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm

St Thomas the Apostle Lenoir City, TN

4th Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm

Spanish ULTREYAS IN OUR DIOCESE

St Thomas the Apostle Lenoir City, TN

2nd Sunday of the month 2:00 pm



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