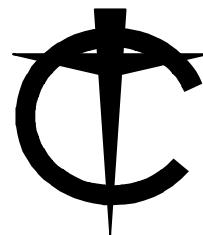


The Rooster Crows

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From the Desk of Debbie Ferreri, Treasurer

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I began my 4th day in June 1998, Women's # 2, at the old Knoxville Catholic High School. My weekend was only three months after my dear friend whom I had taken care of passed to eternal life. I wasn't sure if Father just thought I needed to learn more about the Catholic faith or if he saw straight through my inner most being. How could he know about the baggage that I had been carrying for most of my life? Would this "retreat" he was telling me about called a Cursillo (I couldn't even pronounce it) help me in any way? I wasn't sure; I was really scared and deep down I did not want to go. It was only after a lot of prayers that the Holy Spirit guiding me and a "yes, I think you should go," from my insurance rep that I finally committed. How life changing! I had a major conversion.

So here I am still in awe about how Loving and Merciful Our Lord is! How awesome that He can Love us with "all our moles" I heard once said. How true! It was in 1998 that Carmine Sesa had asked me if I would be interested in coming to a Secretariat meeting. I said yes and here I am today the treasurer. I have been so blessed to be a part of this awesome Movement, starting with Carmine whom was the 1st Lay Director of our Diocese.

As the treasurer I have witnessed time and time again such generous giving from my brothers and sisters in Christ. I have been blessed to be part of a group that is so generous with their monetary blessings. Sometimes it will be on the weekends, or maybe when the annual appeal letter goes out from our lay director, or other times it is just for no reason a donation comes in the mail. I am amazed and so humbled by those who give so much of their treasure.

Some of us aren't blessed with the monetary wealth that our brothers and sisters may have. It is in those of us that I see over and over again giving of their time to set up for the weekends especially at St. Therese of Lisieux by airing the mattresses, setting up the rollo room, moving the tables and chairs in and out, setting up the dining room, helping cook in the kitchen, chopping, washing veggies, making beverages, washing dishes, washing dishes and washing dishes, starting all over to cook again even cleaning the restrooms, sweeping the floors, washing the tablecloths, on and on. Then when the weekend is over, it is repeated--chairs and tables taken down and put away, tablecloths washed, floors mopped, food given away ... the list goes on and on.

What is the one word that is common in both giving of monetary treasurer and giving of our treasure of time? It is the

word "giving." It is a perfect word to describe our loving Jesus Martinez. He is a giver. He was a great example to us of being Christ to one another. Jesus was there to serve not to be served. He was always there for any weekend held at St. Therese. He cooked, moved, wash dishes, and did whatever was needed. I remember telling Jerry Orman a couple of years back, "Hey, Jerry, can you please come help us with the set up for the weekend?" I guess now looking back how he must of thought what has she got me into because he has been there to help ever since.

Another example of giving is in my reunion group (Jerry, Jesus, Maria, Kathy, Nancy, and Sharon). I volunteered my group to set up and to clean up when the Cursillo was in Cleveland. It is in these brothers and sisters in Christ that helped to make these weekends at St. Therese happen. What about Chris Luchon? A mom, a wife, but also a woman who works outside the home. She has given so much over and over again to make the weekends run so smoothly whether it was set up, kitchen cook, organizer, take down, cleaning, scrubbing, packing the stuff up and taking it back and forth. Carol and Ray Bolton and Sara and Carmine Sesa were there before Chris. These two couples gave a lot of there time to the weekends. They put many, many hours and lots or hard work helping make the weekends happen. They too are givers.

What about "giving" in the form of music? Our music ministers are: Butch, Mary Beth, Sheri, Judy, Steve, and Mark. I love music and I would always bug Butch and Mary Beth to sing one more song. How Blessed we are to have such awesome musicians and song leaders.

How blessed we are to be part of a Movement that has so many brothers and sister willing to give of their time, talent and treasure. I ask you to please search your hearts and give in whatever way you can. The success of the Movement depends on us. We have to give of our treasure to keep this beautiful Movement alive and growing. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have given already. May God continue to Bless each and every one of you and your families.

To quote a few words from my favorite Saint Francis, "For it is in giving that we receive-- It is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Love in Christ

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>Times and Directions for all these events can be found on the web page at www.KnoxvilleCursillo.org</u>			1	2	3 Ultreya St Jude Chattanooga	4 School of Leaders St Alphonsus Crossville
5	6	7 Ultreya St Mary's, Johnson City	8 Ultreya St Therese, Cleveland	9 Ultreya Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa	10	11 Ultreya & Parish Represen- tatives' St John Neumann, Farragut
12	13	14 Ultreya St Alphonsus Crossville	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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