

## The Rooster Crows

A Newsletter of the Catholic Cursillo of the Diocese of Knoxville in Tennessee www.KnoxvilleCursillo.org



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#### **DeColores!**

#### It Takes a Movement Chris Lucheon, Three Day Coordinator

As the Three Day Coordinator member of the Secretariat, it is my responsibility to make sure that every weekend is logistically cared for. It is not a one-person show by any means. Hence, the title of this article. In order for a Cursillo weekend to take place, a lot of work is done before the weekend, behind the scenes and during the weekend that many people are not aware of. The purpose for this article is to help you, as a member of the Cursillo community, to understand the necessity for an application minimum deadline and the support required for the Three Day Coordinator.

As many of you know, in June the Men's weekend had to be cancelled due to a lack of applications submitted by the deadline. Though this was a hard decision to make and it saddened all of us, it was necessary. There are a few main reasons that a minimum number of candidates are needed, that is, money, meals, and manpower.

Certain locations require a non-refundable deposit a month or more before the weekend. We cannot commit to a weekend a month or earlier if we have less than 10 candidates, it is too financially risky. Meal planning must take place, so it is important to have an idea of the number of candidates early enough to plan for food needs. A tremendous amount of manpower is put into the weekends that the team and much of the community do not typically see. Though our movement accomplishes much, we don't have the size of community that can hold very small weekends. The amount of volunteer hours put in for one weekend to take place is estimated to be over 300 hours (not including time for team members to write talks and time spent by Pre and Post Cursillo positions).

Here are just a few of the people involved with weekend logistics: A supply person, currently Clara Mathien, keeps an inventory of all supplies needed for the weekends and she delivers and picks up supplies for each weekend. Palanca is organized by Angie Feltz. Butch Feldhaus and Angie also frequently takes pictures on the weekends and prints them for the envelopes. Joan Stuart makes Rosaries for our supplies and she knits the strings for the Cursillo crosses. Debbie Ferreri assists with set up and clean up at all weekends at St. Therese. A kitchen coordinator is needed for each weekend at St. Therese. Susan Passarello helps to mentor the team coordinators. Some reunion groups regularly help to clean up at Eagle Rock. The Three Day coordinator works with this community as well as the entire Secretariat to make sure all aspects of the weekend are cared for. Jesus Martinez, who recently died, was an incredible help during the weekends at St. Therese. He was so much like the Little Flower...always willing to do the little things and the big things too. He is missed by this team but his spirit will certainly live on. I am grateful to all of these individuals for all they have done to support our weekends on a continual way.

## You as a member of our community can help to maintain and increase our movement's vitality by doing a couple of things:

- 1. Make Palanca for the movement a constant in your prayer life.
- 2. Plan your evangelization and turn in candidate applications early.
- 3. Help support the weekend logistics by doing one or some of the following:

Volunteer to be on a set up or clean up team for a weekend. Volunteer to work in the kitchen. Volunteer to help the Three-Day Coordinator Stay after a Closing to help clean up Come early for a Closing to help set up

For information on applications and Pre-Cursillo, please call Carol Rummel. To volunteer in one of the above ways, please call the Three Day Coordinator.

### **2006 Upcoming Calendar Events**

A complete downloadable PDF Calendar can be found on the Knoxville Cursillo Web site.

Secretariat Meeting — 10 am—2 pm July 8, St. Thomas the Apostle, Lenoir City October 14, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Knoxville Women's Cursillo Weekend July 13-16 St. Therese of Lisieux

School of Leaders—10 am—3 pm August 12—St. John Neumann, Farragut November 4—St. Alphonsus, Crossville Men's Cursillo Weekend September 7-10 Eagle Rock

Grand Ultreya
September 16 & December 9 Location TBA

National Encounter July 20-23 Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA

Region IV Fall Encounter October 27-29—Cincinnati, Ohio



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