



The Rooster Crows

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CHRISTIAN LEADERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION Lois Schering, English School of Leaders

The 14th School of Leaders in the Diocese of Knoxville will be held at St. John Neumann, 225 Jamestowne Boulevard, Knoxville, TN (Farragut) on **Saturday, August 12, 2006** **from 9 am to 2 pm.** Topic: Duties of Team Members. Please bring a dish to share for lunch. The Speakers will be the Regional Service Team. This will be a good school to attend if you are interested in becoming a team member and wondered what it is the team does on the Weekend. Check the web page for Directions.



The November 4, 2006 School of Leaders will held at St. Alphonsus in Crossville from 10 am to 2 pm (Central Standard Time). Topics: Sponsorship and Group Reunion. Please bring a dish to share. Directions will be on the web page when we get closer to the date.



BUILDING ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

Lois Schering, English School of Leaders

From the moment the Dr. said “breast cancer,” God gave me the gift of deep peace. In thinking back, it was as if He was giving me a plan to follow. Everyone around me including my husband was anxious but I was calm and have had peace throughout pre-testing, surgery, chemotherapy (“chemo”) treatments and post chemo. Even though I had peace, I surrendered myself to God. After surgery you may feel as good as new. Six weeks after surgery I began chemo, which is like a double and triple whammy to the system. If you aren’t aware, chemo kills not only the bad cells but the good ones too. During the first set of chemo, I wasn’t able to swallow for six weeks because of a sore in my throat—one of the side affects of chemo. During the second set of chemo, I had fatigue to the point I slept most of the time and my immune system was low. My impression was I wasn’t living but existing. I didn’t cry or say “Why me”! Throughout it all, I rolled with the punches. I didn’t let anything go to waste—I offered the pain, discomfort and setbacks for the Souls in Purgatory, especially those on my Father’s side of the family, my Mother’s

side, my Father-in-law’s side, my Mother-in-law’s side and souls that have touched my life. It is surprising but when you offer it up, the pain is not as intense.

After surgery, I was required to keep my right arm raised 80 percent of the time straight up over my head for about a month. Most of the time, I accomplished this by positioning pillows so that my arm rested comfortably. In a minuscule way, I have a better understanding of the pain of Jesus’ arms on the cross. I now raise my arm periodically during the day to maintain complete range of motion.

We hear “Let Go Let God” mentioned often during the talks on the Cursillo Weekend. Not only did I let go spiritually but I had to let go of my household duties. My husband, as caregiver, shopped for food, cooked, did the dishes, cleaned the house and did the laundry. Since the house was no longer my domain, I felt I had no right to complain. I frowned when I looked at the dirty kitchen floor but didn’t say anything – I let it go.

I did have one weak moment during chemo when I was stubborn and wanted things done “my

The deadline is upon us. August 8th is around the corner. Did you send in your candidates application for the Men’s Weekend? If not... DO IT NOW!

way.” I was four weeks from the end of chemo; I could see “light” at the end of the tunnel and I wanted to finish so badly. The Dr. wanted to stop for awhile because I could no longer write my signature because of the numbness in my fingers (another side affect). I begged her to give me the chemo. She relented. Afterwards, the numbness began to burn. That is why my chemo ended three treatments short of completion (13 out of 16 treatments). I asked God for forgiveness and again surrendered myself.

I am now in therapy to gain stamina in my legs and arms. Also, I am receiving therapy for the numbness in my fingers and toes as well as the swelling in my right arm. My taste buds aren’t back yet but I can now taste corn on the cob, so I want to eat more of it. Thank you for your prayers. Prayer sustained me during this time. God is good...all the time!

Calendar of Events—2006

Secretariat Meeting—10-2 pm

September 30, Apison Retreat Center

School of Leaders

August 12 — 9 am—2 pm (note time change)

St. John Neumann, Farragut

November 4 — 10 am—3 pm

St. Alphonsus, Crossville

Grand Ultreya

September 16 & December 9 Location TBA

Region IV Fall Encounter

October 27-29—Cincinnati, Ohio

Men’s Cursillo Weekend

September 7-10—Eagle Rock

IN MEMORY OF CURSILLISTAS WHO HAVE DIED, ESPECIALLY



Fr. Joseph Julius,
Jesus Martinez, and
Bob Mc Guff

Sign up now for the Palanca/Prayer Vigil for the Men’s Weekend #29. We hope to fill in the hours at least one week prior to the beginning of the weekend. You can find it on the web site at www.knoxvillecursillo.org.

Weekend Prayer Vigil

Men’s Weekend is listed on the Menu.

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