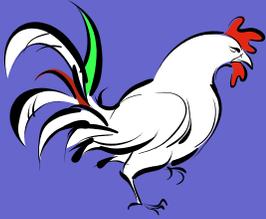




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Diocese of Knoxville Cursillo

The Rooster Crows

Have a Holy Lent

DID YOU KNOW?

...what paczki, quaresimali, and capirotada have in common?

These are all special Lenten desserts, made in Poland, Italy, and Mexico.

Find a recipe on line, and try one this year!

(If you are not giving up desserts for Lent!)

Girded with faith and the performance of good works, let us follow in His paths by the guidance of the Gospel.

—Saint Benedict





The Director's Chair

Building on a Firm Foundation

by Judy Holt, Lay Director

Greetings! I am Judy Holt, the new Lay Director for the Diocese of Knoxville, and I am truly humbled and blessed to lead this movement at this time. I began my three year term in January. I relieve Lois Schering, who did a wonderful job during her term as Lay Director and I want to thank her for all she did for our movement and the Diocese.

I lived my Cursillo weekend in October, 1982 in Sumter, South Carolina. I sat at the table of St. Teresa of Avila. She since has been important in my life, as Jim and I were married on her feast day and we named one of our daughters after her. I have been active in Cursillo since then in many capacities. Most importantly, I participate in my Friendship Group Reunion which has sustained me in my spiritual walk.

Since moving to the Diocese of Knoxville 13 years ago, I have become active in the 4th Day Workshops, eventually taking on the position of 4th Day Workshop Chair on the Secretariat with my husband Jim. I also was instrumental in getting a non-voting music position on Secretariat, that I hold. I have been going to our Ultreya in Johnson City, and participating on other diocesan-wide Cursillo activities. Currently, I am the Rectora for the upcoming English Women's Cursillo Weekend in June.

Outside of my Cursillo activities, I am married to Jim Holt for 30 years and have 5 children ages 20-28. I am the Children's Faith Formation Coordinator at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Johnson City. That job encompasses coordinating all Religious Education for Pre-K through 6th grades. I love working for the Church.

I believe this will be an exciting time for the Cursillo Movement and the Catholic Church in our Diocese. However, to make that happen, it will require all of us, leading and dedicating ourselves to grow as Christ-Centered Leaders. Direct your prayer - your palanca - towards the people God may be calling you to sponsor for upcoming Cursillo weekends.

Cursillo is still moving along in our Diocese, although we did not have any English weekends last year due to lack of candidates. The Spanish weekends were held. We have 6 English Ultreyas available across the diocese that meet regularly. Now that the Spanish Post-Cursillo position on Secretariat has been filled, it is my hope that we will get Spanish Ultreyas up and going in the coming year.

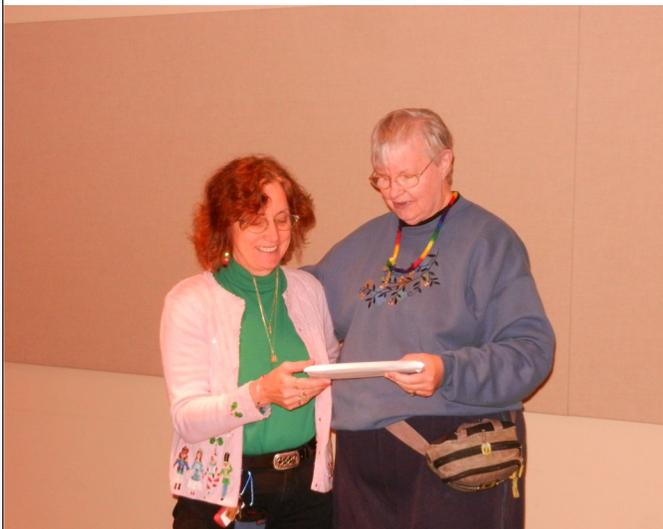
You are all in my prayers daily. I ask for your prayers and your support during my tenure, and that the Cursillo Movement serve the Church and God's People. And I would ask one more thing....search your heart...pray and listen for the answer: if you believe God is calling you to a leadership role within Cursillo--as an Ultreya Leader; a member of, or an assistant to, the Secretariat; or a speaker at the 4th Day Workshops--respond to that call! Trust that God will give to you all you need, often in abundance. Step forward! Ask someone in one of those roles about what it entails, and contact me. I ask that you not be shy in communicating with me. My email address can be found at the end of the Rooster Crows and here: judymassogliaholt@gmail.com.

I am glad to have this opportunity to serve the Cursillo Community as Lay Director, and I look forward to what God has in store for us as a diocesan movement. It is my prayer that each and every one of you keep your eyes focused on God as you live your fourth day, that is, the rest of your life. Remember to be aware of your "moveable square meter" around you, and to bring Christ to those with whom you come in contact. Make a friend, be a friend, and bring your friend to Christ.

Ultreya!

A JOB WELL DONE!

With gratitude for service on the Secretariat to Robb Morris, Aurora Gardner, Judy Holt, and Lois Schering.



Lent

Lent is a time of renewal. A time of preparation for change. Who do I want to be when I implement some changes in my life?

Do I want to be the “Christ and I” that is an overwhelming majority?

Do I want to say with St. Paul, “It is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me?”

Am I willing to die to something I like, and to prefer to do the will of God?

To die to myself means to rise to who I can become in Christ.

Does my piety include some prayer, devotions or practices that help me die to myself and make sacrifices? Does my study include learning about saints or others who made changes in their life with the help of God’s grace? Does my action show a desire to change myself and become Christ-like? Does my Action put others first, in order to serve Christ through serving them?

Our Cursillo movement has a method to help us become like Christ, and serve others, and do the will of God. Perhaps, in Lent, I could use the Cursillo method to make fruitful sacrifices and offer loving charity in building up the Kingdom of God.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Fr. Alex Waraksa, National Spiritual Advisor

The National Secretariat and National Staff extend a warm welcome to Fr. Alex Waraksa as National Spiritual Advisor for the Cursillo Movement in the US. Fr. Alex grew up in Oak Ridge, TN. He was ordained a priest in 1990 for the Diocese of Knoxville, TN and has served in 10 different parishes, 5 as associate pastor and 5 as pastor. Fr. Alex is currently associate Pastor at St. Patrick Church in Morristown, TN and the 5 Rivers deanery coordinator of Hispanic Ministry, which gives him responsibilities in other parishes as well for Spanish speaking parishioners. He has also served in the past as Diocesan Youth Director and Director of the office of Worship and Liturgy and as a teacher at Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, TN. Fr. Alex lived his 3-Day Cursillo in September 1997 and has served on most Cursillo Weekends in his diocese since then. Fr. Alex has also served as Region 4 Spiritual Advisor since 2009 and has attended most National Encounters since 2006. Congratulations Fr. Alex!

The Deacon's Two Cents



Holy Spirit Prayer – unpacked

By Deacon Bill Jacobs

“Come, Holy Spirit...” We say it so often that we have it memorized. We recite it at every Cursillo gathering with a kindergarten cadence. But have we ever sat and contemplated the meaning of the prayer? What do we seek by invoking the Holy Spirit in Cursillo? As with any prayer, there are many aspects to be considered; let’s explore just a few.

The Holy Spirit prayer comes from the liturgy celebrated at Pentecost. Since this prayer is so often recited at Cursillo, this suggests that our movement should be permeated with the spirit of Pentecost. We should be filled with the spirit of excitement and evangelization that those in the Upper Room felt that day. Our zeal for proclaiming the gospel and bringing new souls to Christ and his Church should be re-energized every time we say the prayer.

“Fill the hearts of us your faithful...” By invoking the Holy Spirit, we seek to be whole-hearted Christians. Our efforts at evangelizing others cannot be “half-hearted,” giving up at the first setback, or the first sign of resistance. Remember that you may be only the one who plants the seed of faith in an individual—you may not see that seed sprout and grow, but that could be God’s plan for that person.

“Kindle in us the fire of your love.” “God is love.” 1John 4:17b. And His love is a fire which we ask Him to kindle in us. This fire burns away the impurities of our sins. But most of all, that fire sheds light—the light of joy and peace that only Christ can bring to a world mired in darkness, sadness, and division. As Cursillistas, we have a crucial role to play in spreading that love.

“Send forth your Spirit, and we will be created...” I thought we were already created! Why should we pray for this to happen? Because we need the Spirit to re-create who we are as Christians. We must never be satisfied with the status quo of our evangelization efforts. If we look back on the past year, or two, or three, and see that we have been doing the same repetitive things in our faith (however beautiful those things may be), then we are not being created anew, which is what we are praying for!

“And you shall renew the face of the earth.” If we are open to the working of the Spirit, giving us zeal for souls, using a full-hearted love of Christ to spread his gospel message, being open to the re-creation of our minds and hearts to better follow Christ, then our little section of the “face of the earth” will be renewed by the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Holy Spirit will come. May we all be ready to receive Him and, through His guidance, change the world for God.

SCHOOL OF LEADERS = 4th DAY WORKSHOP

The School of Leaders is a section of the Cursillo that is not talked about on the Cursillo Weekend, so many do not understand what it is all about. This article seeks to explain the purpose of the 4th Day Workshop, in the hope that you will want to come and learn. We all know the mission of the 3-day weekend, that of making everyone understand the most important message that, for each one of us, “God Loves Me.”

So WHAT IS THE 4TH DAY WORKSHOP?

The 4th day workshop is like a Cursillo Weekend except... we now are in a different learning mode. On the Cursillo weekend, we learned from the Rollos that we heard. In the 4th Day Workshops, we are now are learning more about the Cursillo Movement itself. At previous workshops, we have studied the weekend, the history of the movement, and at the moment, we are working through the Leader’s Manual. We want to present to you, the Cursillistas of the Diocese of Knoxville, just what the Cursillo movement is all about. Our next chapters in the Leader’s Manual are the Secretariat, the Pastoral Plan, and some names you might recognize: Pre-Cursillo, The 3-Day Cursillo, and Post-Cursillo.

In many of our occupations, continuing education is required. Some classes keep up with new changes. But in the tripod in Cursillo, we must continue to Study to help us to grow. Why not begin to learn more about the Cursillo movement, from the days of Eduardo Bonnín onward, and what really makes the Cursillo tick. Make a friend, Be a friend and Bring your friend to Christ. Then bring your candidate, after the Cursillo Weekend, to the 4th Day Workshop, to continue to study and grow.

The soul of one who loves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in a mood for singing. – St. John of the Cross

Secretariat Positions

Two positions on the Secretariat are up for election/re-election: the English Cursillo Director and English 4th Day Workshop Director. They begin immediately.

English Cursillo Director: Among their duties is responsibility for coordinating Cursillo weekends, taking charge of weekend supplies and inventory, as well as coordinating set up and break down.

English 4th Day Workshop Director: This position replaces Judy Holt who is now Lay Director. It requires a commitment which will end December 2015. This director develops technical talks based on the Secretariat's directive for topics; sets up location for 4th Day Workshop for coming year; writes articles for *The Rooster Crows*; attends Secretariat meetings; provides background documentation to speakers, if needed; prepares agenda for workshop; purchases supplies for workshop; prior to workshop, verifies that the location and date is on parish calendar; obtains key from Kay Sheldon; working with the Database Administrator, drafts and mails a flyer to membership regarding date, place and theme; acts as Master of Ceremonies at Workshop; keeps Cursillistas on time; drafts and mails "Thank you" notes to speakers and Pastor of parish; drafts Report and emails to the Secretariat members; updates attendance records, and emails copy of attendance to Cursillo Director.

If God is calling you, please submit in writing your willingness to serve and send it via email to: judy massagliaholt@gmail.com or by mail to Judy Holt, 10 Flamingo Ct., Johnson City, TN 37601. Please 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 2014

Event	Date/Time/Location	Contact
Secretariat Retreat (Includes Assistants to the Secretariat)	Jan 18 (Sat) 10:00am-12:30pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop	Feb 1 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Jim Holt Nancy Kinerson
Secretariat	Mar 8 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt
LD/SA Regional Encounter	April 4-6 (Fri-Sun) Indianapolis	Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop	April 12 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Vacant Nancy Kinerson
4 th Day Workshop	May 10 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Vacant Nancy Kinerson
English Women's Cursillo	June 5-8 (Thurs-Sun) St. Therese	Vacant
Secretariat	June 14 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt
Diocesan Encounter/ Grand Ultreya	June 21 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt Micheline Parkey
Spanish Women's Cursillo	June 26-29 (Thurs-Sun) St. Therese	Guadalupe Esponiza
Spanish Grand Ultreya	July 12 (Sat) 10:00am-12:00pm at St. Thomas	Micheline Parkey
National Cursillo Encounter	July 31-Aug 3 (Thurs-Sun) Anaheim, CA, at Chapman University	Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop	Aug 9 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Vacant Nancy Kinerson
Spanish Men's Cursillo	Aug 14-17 (Thurs-Sun) Apison	Guadalupe Esponiza
Spanish Grand Ultreya	Aug 30 (Sat) 10:00am-12:00pm at St. Thomas	Micheline Parkey
Secretariat	Sept 13 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt
English Men's Cursillo	Sept 18-21 (Thurs-Sun) Apison	vacant
Grand Ultreya	Sept 27 (Sat) 10:00am-12:00pm	Micheline Parkey
Fall Regional Encounter	Oct 3-5 (Fri-Sun) Owensboro	Judy Holt
4 th Day Workshop	Oct 11 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Vacant Nancy Kinerson
4 th Day Workshop	Nov 8 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Vacant Nancy Kinerson
Secretariat	Dec 13 (Sat) 10:00am-2:00pm at St. Thomas (Lenoir City)	Judy Holt

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