

Mobile Rooster



April 2022

"Something Worth Crowing About"

Something to think about...

It is time to celebrate the return of our Cursillo Movement activities back to Alabama. It's been a long year and finally it is looking like there is a light on the horizon. Now the work of making it happen belongs to you .

We can't have a weekend without candidates and that's where you come in.

In May 1957, seventeen Spanish-speaking men candidates and a team composed of two lay persons and one priest held the first Cursillo in the United States at St. Francis Church in Waco, Texas.

A few years later, sometime in the '70s a team from Chicago IL put on the first Cursillo in the Birmingham AL Diocese, and that was the beginning, As you probably know, in the Mobile diocese today we hold Cursillo weekends two times a year, spring and fall, for both men and women .

Having worked on many teams since making my Cursillo in 1968 in Chicago IL., I cannot imagine how two lay persons and one priest were able to put on the first weekend. I guess The Holy Spirit really wanted Cursillo brought to these United States. Praise God for this!

In preparing for the weekends there is usually an opportunity for the team workers to answer the question of why they come back to work. Many reasons are given, but one reason everyone seems to cite is

"We come to give back."

So please, come back and experience this wonderful time, and you will also understand the 2nd part of the workers comments, which is

"It is in giving that we receive."

Please keep the Cursillo In Christianity Movement in your prayers as we restart!

For anyone reading this who may have never worked a weekend, please consider working one of the upcoming fall weekends, and try to sponsor a candidate without you or candidates there is no Cursillo !

De Colores,

Go to mobilecursillo.org for applications and send to the Secretariat!



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**A Word From
Deacon
Joe Mueller**

JESUS KNOWS US

There was a beggar who came every week to appeal to a wealthy philanthropist for charity. Every week the rich man listened to the beggar’s tale of woe and graciously doled out a generous gift. One day, the philanthropist took the beggar aside and said to him, “Listen, you know I will continue giving you a nice amount every week. You don’t have to convince me any more. A little less cringing, a little less whining about your condition, and we would both be happier.”

The beggar drew himself up to the full stature of his ragged pride and dignity. “My good sir,” he replied indignantly, “I don’t teach you how to be a millionaire, please don’t teach me how to be a beggar.”

Jesus knows who we are. How often do we try to convince Jesus who we are? Whether we’re a millionaire or a beggar, Jesus accepts who we are. Certainly there are times when we can accept others for who they are as Jesus does!



A piece of news to share, and it’s exciting!

Sr. Chris Wiltrakis, who we know and love from Blessed Trinity, will be joining us in Montgomery at Holy Spirit parish on Saturday, May 7 for a morning of reflection. Her talk is scheduled to follow the 8:15 am Mass. We will start with a light breakfast and her program, which will focus on Mary, will last about 2 hours. There is no cost and everyone is welcome. Please spread the word and let’s fill the parish hall and show her a great welcome as well as receive all of the blessings of her presentation.



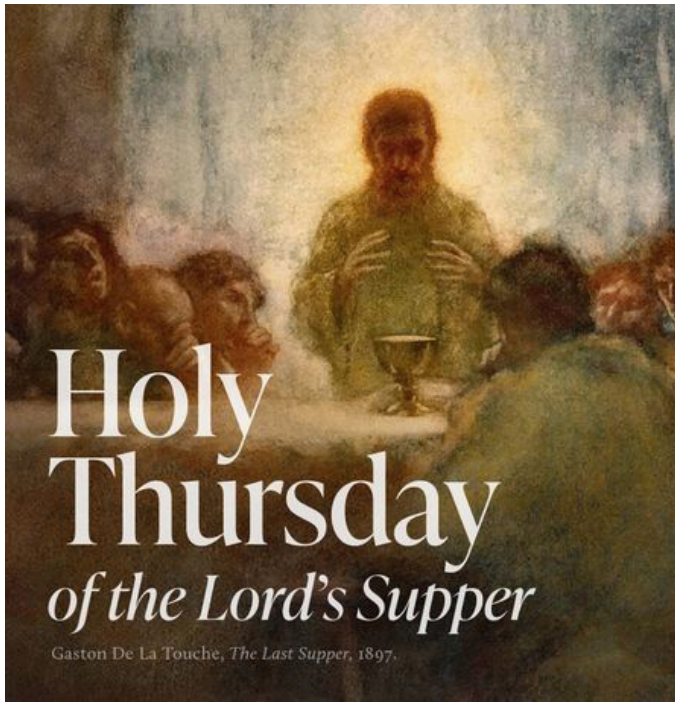
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SUMMER NATIONAL ENCOUNTER
The next National Encounter will be held
July 21 – 24, 2022
at Chapman University,
1 University Dr, Orange, CA 92866.



**For our Regional
Spiritual Director,
Deacon Mike Martini,
who is battling cancer.**



Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Gaston De La Touche, *The Last Supper*, 1897.

Friends, in today's Gospel, Jesus washes the disciples' feet. He is giving them a visual proclamation of his new commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

When we accept this commandment, we walk the path of joy. When we internalize this law, we become happy. And so the paradox: happiness is never a function of filling oneself up; it is a wonderful function of giving oneself away.

When the divine grace enters one's life (and everything we have is the result of divine grace), the task is to contrive a way to make it a gift. In a sense, the divine life—which exists only in gift form—can be "had" only on the fly.

Notice please that we are to love with a properly divine love: "I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father." Radical, radical, radical. Complete, excessive, over-the-top

Bishop Robert Barron

Please send in your applications so we can plan the next 3-day Cursillo!



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https://www.natl-cursillo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CNN_2021_10_ALLSAINTS_ENDr2.pdf



*Something Worth
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IT IS STARTING TO HAPPEN !

All the news that's fit to forward! So much has happened recently that I am way behind in sharing! Ultreya in April was small but mighty! I was actually out of town for work but Mat ran the show with a big assist from Debbie Meadors--thanks, Debbie! I will get the prayer request list out asap.

The email below from Elisabeth Donner at Blessed Trinity is for a photo contest that our own Carl Calderone will be helping to judge. See the info at the bottom of this email for that.

Other events coming up include many opportunities for volunteering and even a photo contest at Blessed Trinity Shrine retreat. Two cleanup days have been scheduled for May 6-8 and May 27-29 to do some needed work at the shrine including: cooking for the volunteers (BBQ for one or two of the meals); fire pit management; music for one of the nights; game creation/set up/take down for Friday and Saturday nights; adoration set up, take down and sign up (along with Sr. Pat); cleaning windows outside; cleaning statues; weeding/gardening; trail clean up/possibly helping to create a new trail; repairing, sanding, and sealing wood benches; wire brushing metal seating and painting/sealing; possibly building a 20 x 20 shed (I have to get permission and donated supplies first, but I have a PM willing to help out); possibly building a pavilion (I have to get permission and donated supplies first, but I have a PM willing to help out); installing extended drain pipe behind Nazareth; possibly digging and installing channel drains; pulling Spanish moss off trees; and potentially more, depending on the interests of the participants. If you can participate, I know it would be greatly appreciated and a blessing!

"Capturing the Beauty of Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat" photo competition is now open!

Between April 8th and 29th, submit your photos via DM (@msbt.btsr) or email to btsr.adminassistant@msbt.org.

The photos can be new or old, taken either inside or outside, but no people please. There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 per entry. No limit to the number of entries per person.

The Director will blind judge the entries in the first round, then a panel of 4 judges will blind judge the selected entries, choosing the five winning photos. B'TSR will turn the winning photos into postcards for sale in the gift shop. The winners will be notified by email or phone and announced on May 13th on FB and IG. Winners will receive a free packet of five postcards - one of each photo - and a free night at the retreat center (restrictions apply).

Our four judges - Sr. Patricia Langan, MSBT, Sr. Chris Wiltrakis, MSBT, Carl Calderone, and John Ray. See our social media posts for more information about each of our judges.

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Baldwin Ultreya is going through some changes but, thanks to Sheri Sims and Anthony Nguyen, we have started back. Our next one is March 26 at Immaculata Center at Christ the King church after the 5:30 Mass. Tim and I are in a different place in our lives which we know will not last. We are needed with family and know that's what we want to do. We plan to remain active but not in charge. Thanks for all you do.

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