

Mobile Rooster



July 2022

"Something Worth Crowing About"

Your Secretariat has heard your requests!

Dates will soon be on the calendar for the next 3-Day Cursillos in the Spring of 2023! More to come on that – please check our website as the updates will be there soon!. Thank you for your patience as we work through the new normal, the new Guide and restarting our Movement.

It's an exciting time for us all! We need your palanca, your enthusiasm and your hearts open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. It is now YOUR time. Who are you thinking of when you live your 4th day? Have you made a friend, been a friend and brought a friend to Christ? Are they meeting with your small group or have you invited them to your Ultreya? If your Ultreya needs leadership, are you willing to help? Cursillo touched and changed our lives; we have been blessed by the movement.

We can be renewed, and we will be. In the course of restarting our Movement through 3-Day weekends, Ultreya, friendship reunions and living our 4th day, we have so much to look forward to.

I am reading "Sober Intoxication of the Spirit" by Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M. Cap. Let me share a bit of it with you.

"In the fourth-century hymn by St. Ambrose that we read this morning in the breviary, there is a simple phrase that is difficult to translate: Laeti, which means "with joy", bibamus, which means "let us drink, sobriam which means "sober" or "temperate, profusionem Spiritus which means "the abundant outpouring of the Spirit." Laeti bibamus sobriam profusionem Spiritus. ... what the Fathers of the church meant when they spoke of the "sober intoxication of the Spirit" is ... a state in which a person feels possessed by and led by God, a state rather than driving us away from participation in the community, leads us precisely to commitment, requires it of us and often even makes it easier and more joyful. ... it is an enthusiasm brought about by the wine of the cross ... the only wine that produces the intoxication of the Spirit. Growing should become the watchword for charismatics today – "growing up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ." This is pilgrimage. As our Pilgrim's Guide (pg. 5) notes: "To be on Pilgrimage is; to journey to the Father through Christ, with the help of Mary and all the saints, bringing your brother and sisters along with you."

Let's together become aware of the wonder of our life journeying together in the adventure of what it is to be fully alive in our Christian faith!

De Colores,
Theresa Gorman



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**This will be the last Rooster until October of this year.
Until then, have a wonderful summer!!!**



A Word From
Deacon
Joe Mueller

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

An incredible truth about gratitude is that it is impossible to feel both a positive emotion of thankfulness with a negative emotion such as anger, fear or hopelessness. Gratitude brings out positive feelings in us. Positive feelings of compassion, love, joy, even hope. If we focus on what we are thankful for, the negative feelings of anger, bitterness, fear, jealousy all seem to fall away.

How is this? Well, gratitude helps us track our success and failures. Think of the adage, “turn a negative into a positive.” Here’s a wonderful example! Many of us have seen a baby learn something new, like trying to walk. The baby stands up puts one foot out and BOOM, down they go. Their balance isn’t quite there yet. But instead of getting mad, blaming the floor

or the shoes, the baby gets up and tries again.

As we get older, we get schooled in our mistakes. We learn to focus on what’s lacking, missing or painful in our life. This is why gratitude is so powerful. It helps us to return to our natural state of joyfulness where we notice what’s right instead of what’s wrong. Gratitude reminds us of like being a plant, we turn to the light which brightens life around us.

“Can you see the holiness in those things you take for granted? If you concentrate on finding good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul.”

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

John O'Brien

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM,
O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON HIM. MAY HIS SOUL, AND
THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY
OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.

WORD on FIRE

Friends, It is with great sadness in my heart that I convey to all of you the news that John O'Brien, one of the most pivotal players in the history of Word on Fire, has passed away after a lengthy illness.

Many years ago, I visited John in order to ask him for help in funding an episode of the Catholicism Series. In the course of the conversation, he asked whether our fledgling Word on Fire organization had a central office. When I told him that we met at the local Panera Bread Company, he laughed. He then calmly asked, "Well, if you had a headquarters, what would be in it?" I responded, "I suppose offices for the various staff members." He said, "what else?" "Oh, a conference room where we could all meet." He said, "yes, that makes sense. What else?" At this point, I was smiling, not really sure what was going on. "Well, a chapel," I finally managed to get out, "and a library for our research materials."

Within about three months of that meeting, through John's incredible generosity, we had that headquarters, with every feature I had described. He really launched us institutionally, enabling us to evangelize in ways that we never before had dreamed possible. A man of tremendous humility and spiritual depth, he never drew attention to himself and never sought any recognition for his massive contribution to Word on Fire. I want to recognize him now and encourage any and all who benefit from the ministry of Word on Fire to say a prayer for him. God rest you, John.

Bishop Robert Barron



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THIS AND THAT



*Something Worth
Crowing About*

A couple of weeks ago Deacon Joe Mueller gave this homily and I remember sitting there listening and I thought "this is exactly what we as Cursillistas are about," so I asked Joe if he would allow me to use it in the newsletter. Thanks, Joe, for giving me that push I need every so often!

Friday, July 1, 2022

Amos 8:4-6, 9-12, Matthew 9: 9-13

How does God call you in your life? Jesus chooses Matthew to be one of his followers, not because Matthew was super religious or a learned scholar. He certainly was not a very popular guy in the neighborhood. His profession was not very admirable, probably the most corrupt and despised by everyone because as a tax collector he got wealthy by over-charging and threatening people if they didn't pay their tax.

Jesus sees Matthew sitting at his tax office and He speaks two words, "Follow me." As soon as Matthew hears these words, he does not linger or delay, but "he arose and followed him."

What would have made Matthew get up and leave his post as a tax collector? Matthew may have recognized the futility of his profession, cheating and scamming his fellow citizens of their money for his own benefit. Matthew may have overheard Jesus speaking to the Pharisees when he quoted the prophet Hosea. "I desire mercy more than sacrifices." Matthew could have recognized his own sinfulness and had the desire to seek mercy rather than wealth. Perhaps he recognized his need for healing.

Jesus called Matthew at a time when He knew Matthew would surrender to His call. "Follow me" changed Matthew from a self-serving porter to an apostle of Jesus Christ.

What would we do if Jesus said to us, "Follow me!" Would we be willing to surrender our lives over to Jesus? And if we say yes, we allow the love and mercy of our Lord Jesus bring us the same healing the sinners and tax collectors received from Jesus.

A posture of humility helps us never to take God's mercy for granted. A short example from St. Francis: One day Brother Elias found St. Francis crying over how terrible a sinner he (St. Francis) was. Bro Elias asked how he could think such a thing. St. Francis recalled all the graces he had received and reflected that if any other man had received them, they would have been a far greater man than he (St. Francis). *Crowley, A Day With the Lord, p. 146.* Such are the saints, never satisfied with themselves, always in need of God and His mercy.

We know the mercy and forgiveness Jesus offers. All we need is to have a heart ready to change and be ready to receive God's grace. Think about it. As members of the Body of Christ are we not in good company with Jesus, the apostles and the saints?

Deacon Joe Mueller