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Agenda

- † Bible Enthronement & Reflection
- † Leader's Prayer
- † Reflection & Floating Group Reunion
- † Doctrinal Talk: Sister Anne Marie
- † Technique Talk: What First Time Team Members should Know
- † Discussion/Announcements
- † Closing Prayer



Leader's Prayer

- † Lord grant that we may understand the necessity for depth in our Movement, rather than surface glory. Convince us of the truth that colorful programs do not constitute success.
- † My God, give us a spirit of self sacrifice so that we may offer everything for Your cause: our time, our abilities, our health and even our lives if necessary. Instill in us courage in our initiatives, good judgment in our choice of the right means, and that determination, which in spit of failures, assures victory.
- † Move away from us the tiny rivalries, sensitivities, discourtesies, pride, everything which distracts from You, everything which divides or discourages.



Leader's Prayer con't

- † Help us to maintain at a high level, a meaningful supernatural and mutual charity among ourselves, so that each one will seek by preference, the most humble task and will rejoice at the good performed by others, so that all our spirits, united in a common purpose, will have one single spirit, Yours Jesus, and that this spirit may let us see Your attractive goodness marked in all our faces, Your warm accents in all our words, and in our lives something superior to the world, something that proclaims Your Living Presence among us. Amen**
- † Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas, Pray for US.**
- † St Paul, Patron of the Cursillo, Pray for US.**



Doctrinal Talk



Technique Talk



New Team Members

- † Generally feel honored to be asked to be on a team
- † Anxious to contribute
- † They do not understand team operations and schedule
- † They have a general recollection of the weekend schedule
- † The challenge is to make them as comfortable with their environment and responsibilities as possible
- † End product is a checklist for a veteran team member to discuss with a new team member at the first team meeting
- † We will now brainstorm what topics ought to be on the checklist



Checklist Items

Topic	What New Team Members need to Know
Team General	
Composition of team	Team is divided into leadership, Palanca, Setup, Liturgist & Set up - they need to associate which members of the team are doing what
Set up	General description of Set Up responsibilities to include banner, name tags, supplies, speaker escort, Rollo room maintenance and setup; room assignments. Need to be familiar with set up room and schedule.
Palanca	Chapel setup, distribution of Palanca in bags, Palanca Chief's prayer goals for weekend, how the Palanca team handles prayer requests, how the Palanca team operates and identification of the constant issue of not forgetting the Palanca team for meals and chapel.
Table Leaders	More than any other area, the new team members understand the role of the table leader. They need to understand the table leader schedule when he gives a Rollo.
Liturgist	His role in coordinating with Deacons and Spiritual Advisor on the conduct of masses, prayers etc. ;what the liturgist does on the weekend when not in the chapel.
Angel / Rector	Guide the weekend. The Rector is the facilitator of the weekend and the Angel keeps us on time. Angel coordinates Table Leader Preparation during team session prior to the weekend. Rector picks the team less clergy. Clergy are recruited by Cursillo Lay Director or Cursillo Spiritual Advisor.



Checklist Items

Team Meetings Prior to Weekend	
Purpose of Team Meetings	Why we have 4-5 meetings in advance of the weekend: they build cohesion in the team, review Rollos, conduct set-up, Palanca and liturgy planning. Emphasize the necessity for the new team member to try to attend <u>all</u> the meetings. Being on a team is a commitment.
Pre-weekend meeting sequence	First meeting is an organizational meeting; next three continue planning and get all the Rollos reviewed; final meeting is team all day intended to get the team in the right spiritual frame of mind for the weekend.
Rollo Reviews	Rollo reviews are based on outlines in 3 day manual. Reviews are intended to help the Rolloista to insure he is presenting the material in sequence, is on time, shares personal experiences where appropriate. New team members are there to provide insight to the flow of the talk, its understandability, content. At the reviews, the Rollista gives the talk, leaves the room and the comments are provided primarily by the team member assigned to review the Rollo and then the other reviewers say what they think is appropriate. When giving comments, insure your facts are right and what you are saying contributes. The Rollista is in an information gathering mode at this time.
Essential Team Member Supplies for weekend	Rosary, Commitment Cross, Pilgrim's guide, pen and any desired prayer materials. Medicines



Checklist Items

Weekend	
First Day	Follow Rector instructions. Team members arrive at site by mid afternoon. Unpack and prepare their rooms then immediately check with set-up and/or Palanca chiefs to help with set-up and/or setting up the Palanca chapel and distributing Palanca in the bags.
	Team meal and mass are around 5PM.
	Team Members responsibilities upon the arrival of candidates: be by the checkin table, escort candidates to their rooms, make their beds and direct them back to Rollo room once they are unpacked. Socialize with candidates prior to start.
	Be prepared to introduce yourself, Cursillo #, parish, family, interests
	Team has meeting in Bennet Hall after candidates are sent to bed.
	Team maintaining silence during retreat period is important. Sounds travel and we do not want to interrupt the candidate quiet time. Do necessary business in a whisper.
Friday, Saturday	Execute responsibilities.
	Team Meeting after Candidates sent to bed.
Sunday	Execute responsibilities; Commitment crosses are worn.
	Strip your bed when you wake up and do as much packing of personal belongings as possible.
	Do what you can do throughout the day to help with cleanup
	Team is released after Clausura. Make sure your room is squared away before you leave (linens deposited in bins)
	Say a prayer of thanksgiving for this great privilege that God has afforded you.



Conclusion



Announcements



What it Means to be a Member of the SoL

† Pre Cursillo:

- Always trying to make a friend; always awake to bring friends to Cursillo
- Periodically sponsor a candidate for a weekend
- Praying for and offering Palanca for the team and candidates

† Cursillo:

- Participate on teams when asked and able
- Attend Weekend Clausuras

† Post Cursillo:

- Walk the faith journey; live the Tripod
- Group regularly; accept new members into your group
- Attend your Ultreya regularly
- Help your fellow Cursillistas to find a place to group and attend Ultreyas
- Be a member of the SoL



SoL News

- † SoL is forming a doctrine subcommittee
 - First task is to develop themes for the rollos
 - Have help from National Cursillo
 - Researching all “non Doctrinal practices”- and will bring to SoL for resolution
 - If interested, let us know
- † We are investigating having a second SoL each month via VTC...thoughts on participation and how we would do it are welcome
- † Next SoL is 2d Saturday of May in Cullman, 0930



SoL Six Month Schedule

	Jan	Feb [Ultreyas]	Mar [Ultreyas]	Ap [Cullman]	May [Cullman]	June [Cullman]
Doctrine	Role of the SoL	Ultreya Role	Ultreya Role	Sister Anne Marie	Sister Anne Marie	Sister Anne Marie
Technique	Bylaw Revision	Ultreya Conduct	Sponsorship	Palanca	New Team Member Orientation	Rollos



SoL Action Log

ISSUE	POC	STATUS
Revise By Laws-last updated 2004	SoL	Approved Secretariat Mtg 10 March; posted on Website
Develop a list of potential alternate sites for the weekend	March Secretariat agenda item	Working; having trouble identifying alternate locations
Need to identify all <i>groups</i> on Cursillo website	Post Cursillo	Working
Need to share information with Cursillistas via email and twitter etc.	Post Cursillo	Working
Clausura is too long	3 Day Chair	Resolved
Need to send Ultreyas note on Palanca	SoL	Working



Discussion



Closing Prayer

- † Dear Lord, we must have fraternal charity, or we can accomplish nothing for you.**
- † In loving you, help us to have a genuine concern for one another, a generosity in sharing one another's burdens, a gallantry in defending the reputation of our group, a sincere sympathy in sharing one another's suffering and sorrows, and a joy in sharing their spiritual growth.**
- † By this shall all men know that we are your Apostles. Amen.**

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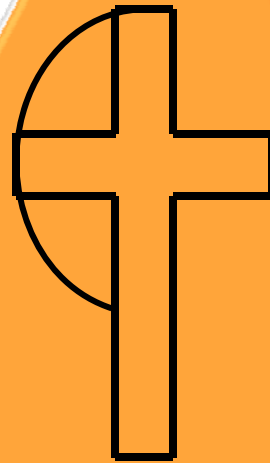
SOL Missions

Doctrine Center:

Maintains Authenticity and Integrity of the Movement

Trains Leaders: to Grow in the Movement and Spiritually

Energizes the Movement: mentors Ultreyas and energizes groups



The School Of Leaders

Unites the Movement by sharing thoughts & feelings, coordinating efforts...so the end result is a union

The Fundamental Ideas of the Cursillo Movement, p 203

