



## Weekend Themes

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# Agenda



- † Bible Enthronement & Reflection
- † Leader's Prayer
- † Reflection & Floating Group Reunion
- † Doctrine Talk: TBD
- † Technique Talks: Weekend Themes
- † 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.



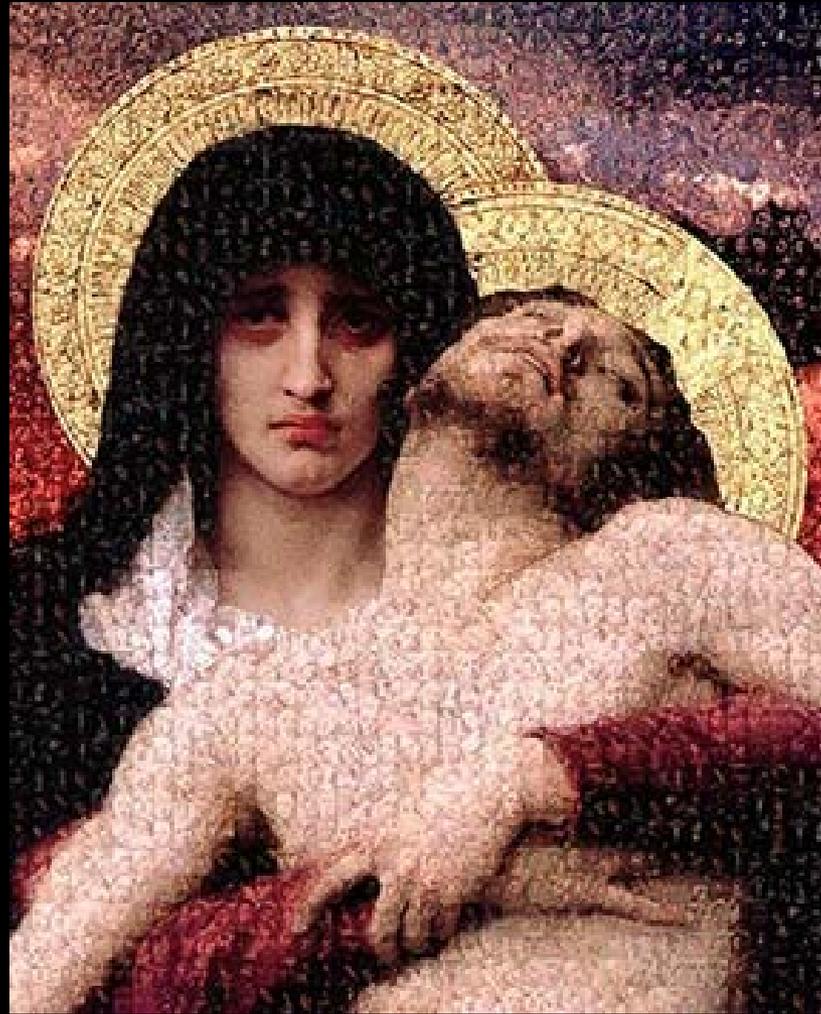
## Leader's Prayer con't



- † 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**



# Weekend Themes



- † The Cursillo 3 Day Manual says the weekend has three themes:
  - Encounter with Self
  - Encounter with God
  - Encounter with others
  
- † The design (content & flow of Rollos) of the weekend is intended to facilitate these three themes

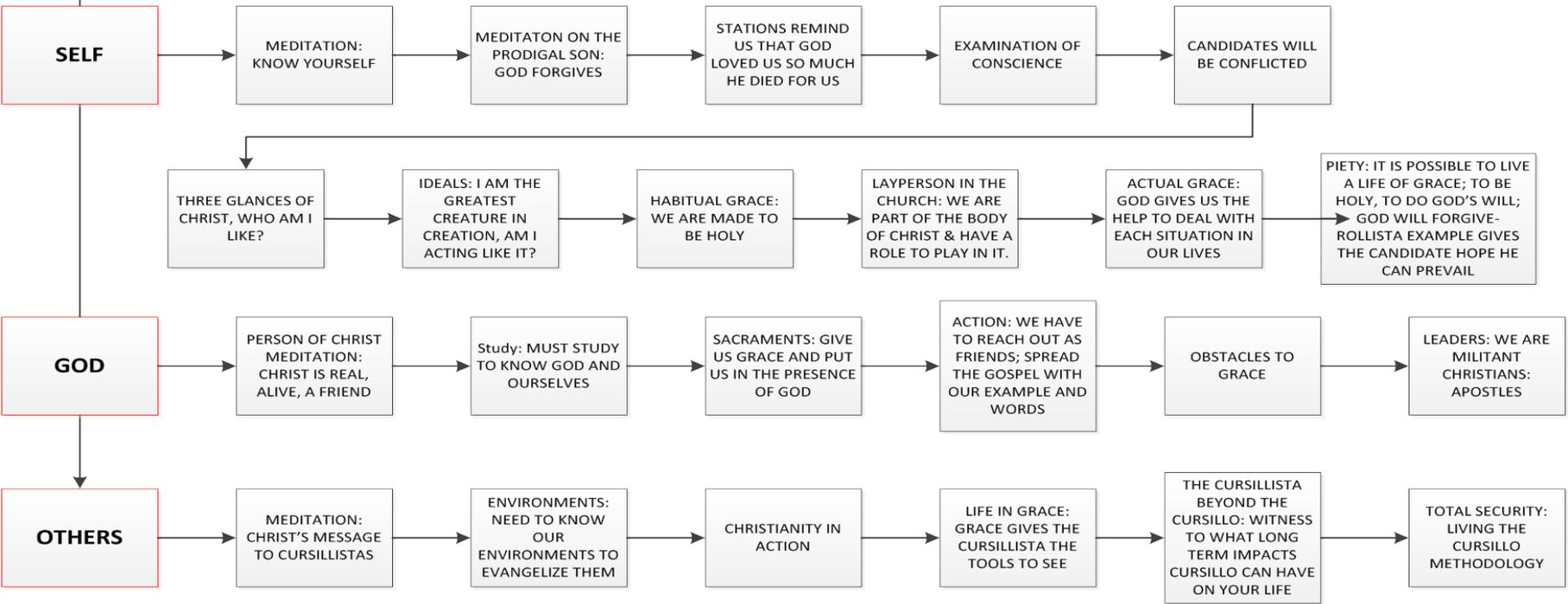


# Three Encounters on the Weekend



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## THREE ENCOUNTERS





# Encounter with Self

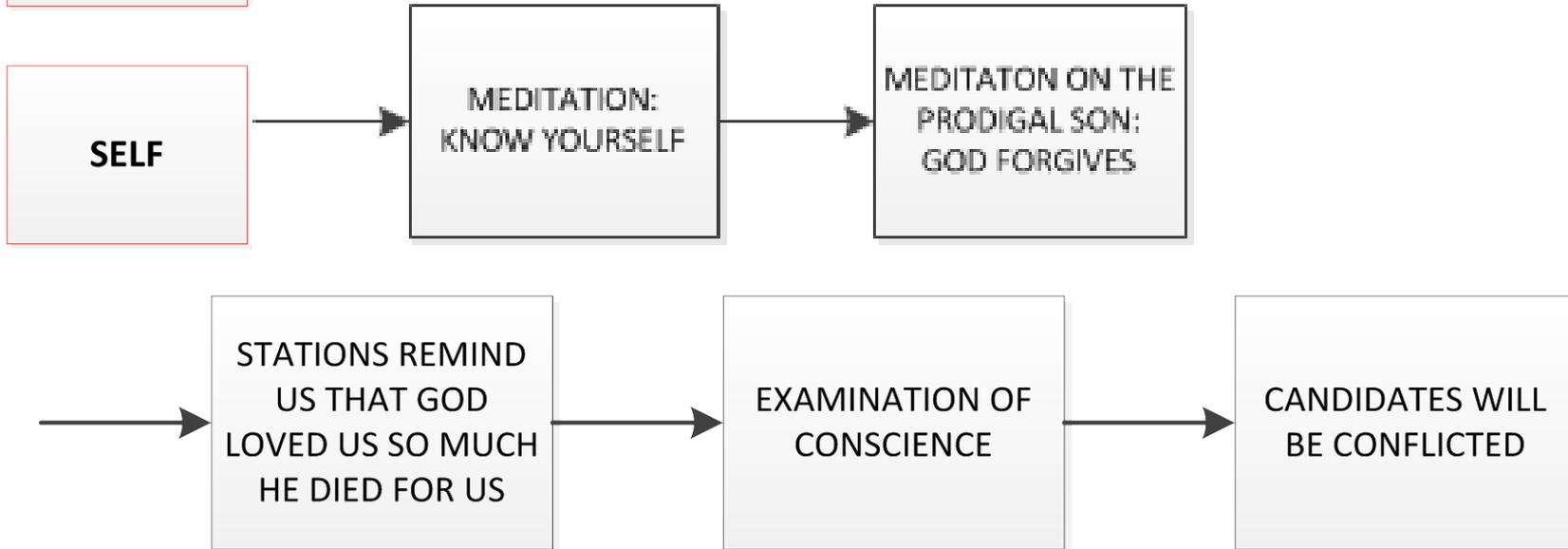
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## THE THREE ENCOUNTERS IN THE THREE-DAY CURSILLO

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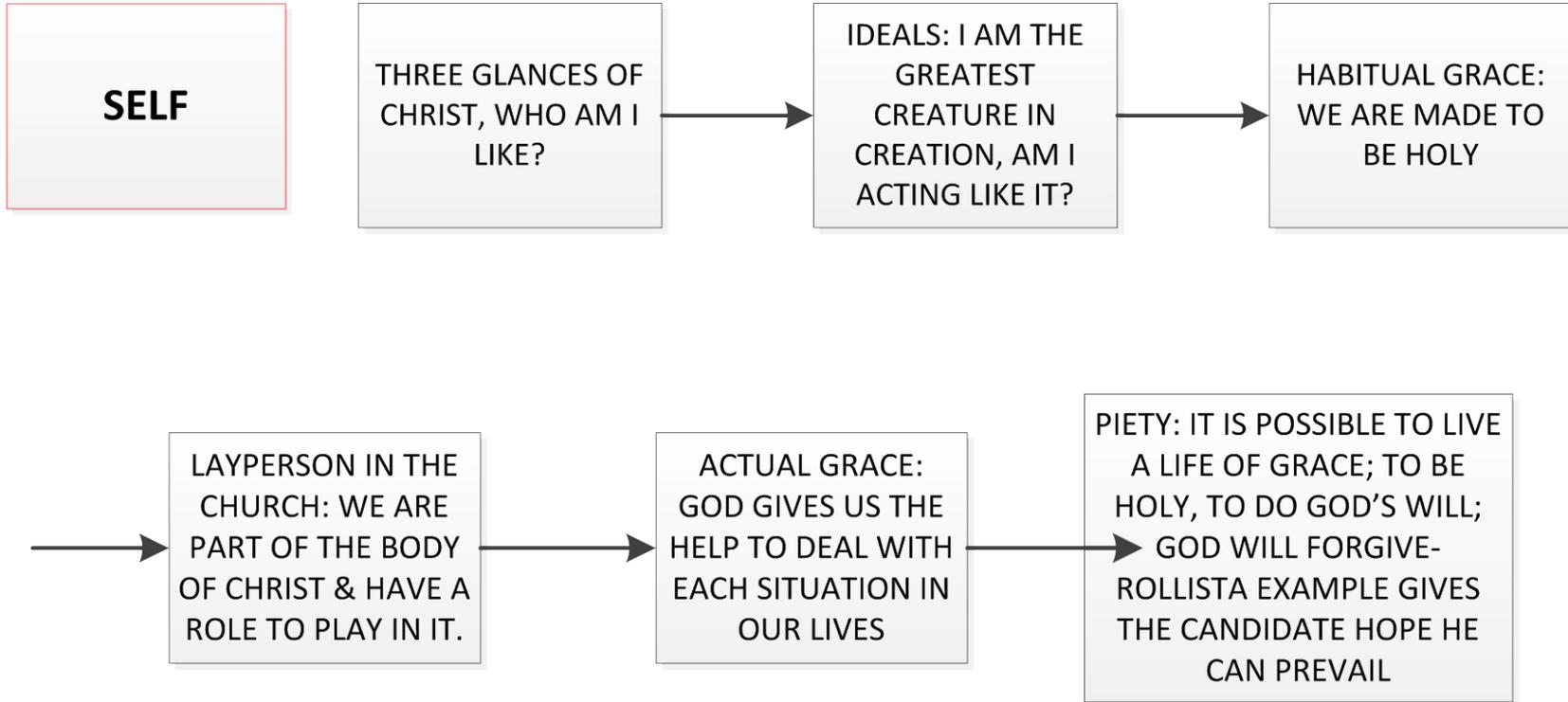
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### THURSDAY





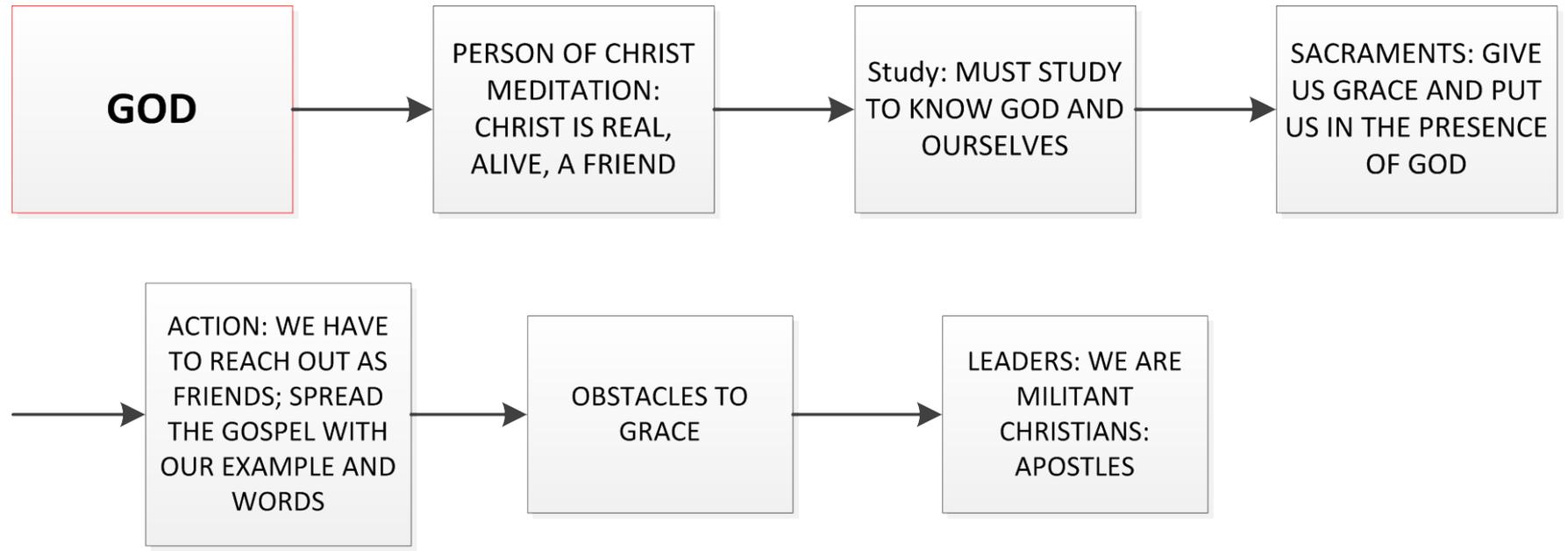
# Encounter with Self



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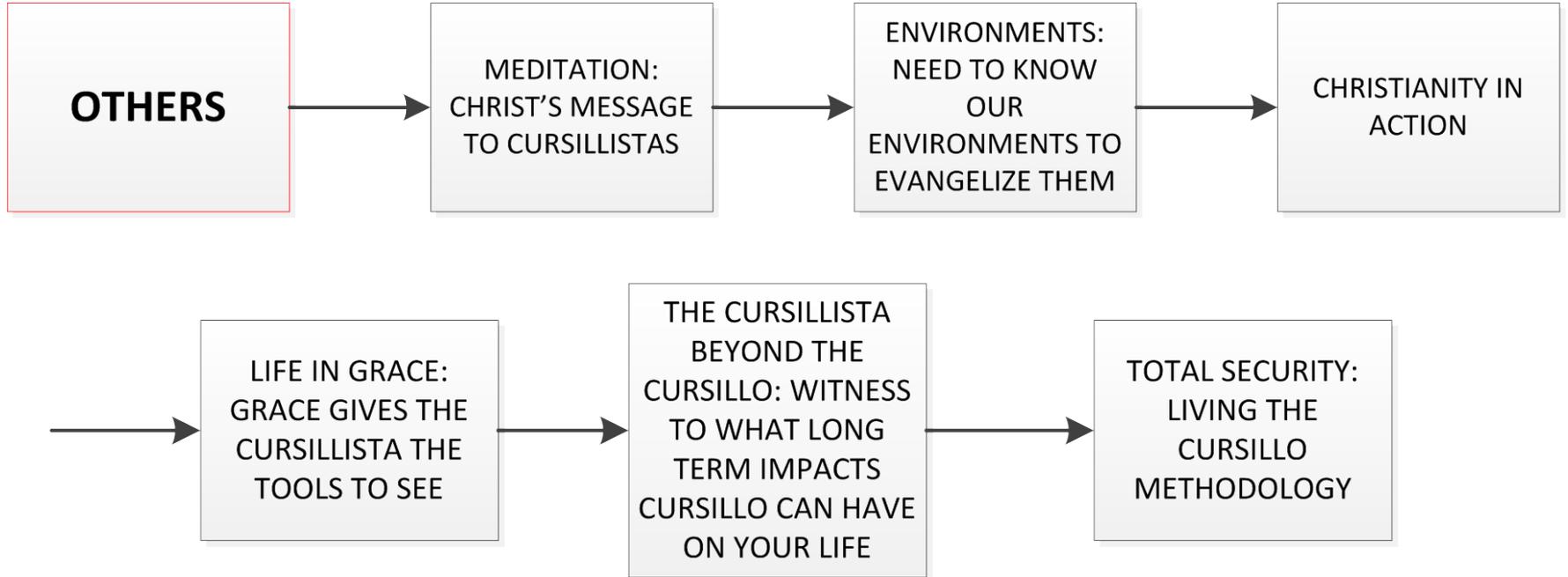
# Encounter with God



## SATURDAY



# Encounter with Others



## SUNDAY



# Weekend Themes- 3 Day Manual



- † Day one: Sanctifying grace-presentation of life in grace; direction of one's life to God; conversion; Christ our friend
  - Encounter with **self**
  - Beauty of call, importance of personal relationship w/ Christ
  - Low key, stick to outline, Just give the facts
  
- † Day two: encounter with Christ:
  - How person forms them self to be Christ like
  - Focus on relation w/ **Christ** & others
  
- † Day 3: encounter with others
  - Call to Apostolate, a Christian leader
  - Focus on relations w/ **others**
  - Vision is Christianity in action-Christians on the move trying to do something
  - Provides Method to reach vision
  - We are Militant Catholics-dedicated Christians who group themselves around Christ w/ aim to spread ideal and translating it into works; a team in operation



# Road Ahead



- † The theme of each talk is important, for example:
  - Why is Action conducted during day two when the theme is encounter with Christ
    - Unless it is strictly interpreted to be discussed in the context of part of our responsibilities to God
    - Otherwise, it should be scheduled on Sunday as part of the Encounter with others talk
  - Same thought applies to Leaders; the word leadership denotes interaction with others; unless message is we must lead as part of our relationship with God
  
- † So SoL needs to review each Rollo to insure that we accurately give future Rolloistas an accurate theme for each Rollo
  - Do not believe we should alter order of Rollos
  
- † We must conduct this review prayerfully—do not want to change what is not broken!



# Rollo Theme Methodology



Rollo	3 Day Manual Theme	Other References	Thoughts
Environments	If a man accepts that his reality is made up of persons	Principle message is not the Rollo Content, but the sharing of the Rolloistas	

# Announcements





## SoL News



- † Remote SoL is third Thursday of each month at 7PM. Attendance information is at [cursillo.org/birmingham](http://cursillo.org/birmingham)
- † Next SoL is 2d Saturday of January in XXXX, 0930 (January 12th)-  
Topic: Environments Rollo
- † By Law Approval by Bishop Baker 2013



# SoL Six Month Schedule



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Doctrine</b>	The Holy Spirit	Deacon Dan	Father Pat	Tripod	Fr. Pat	No SoL
<b>Technique</b>	The Holy Spirit & Cursillo	Set Up	Leadership	Secretariat Nominations	Weekend Themes	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
<b>Doctrine</b>						
<b>Technique</b>	Environ-ments Rollo					



# Discussion

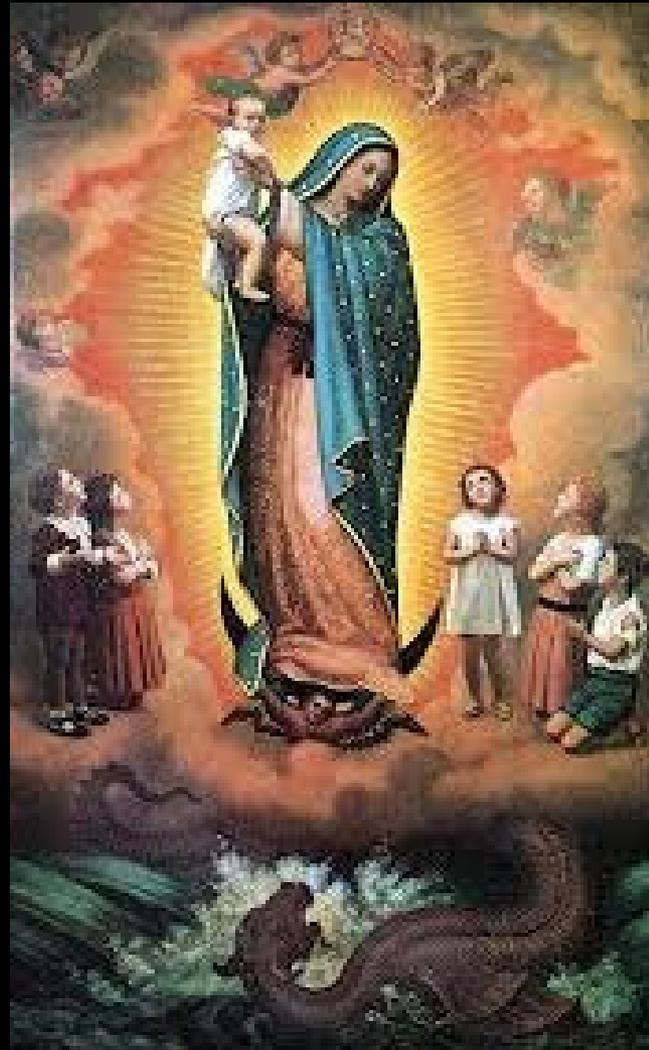


## Closing Prayer



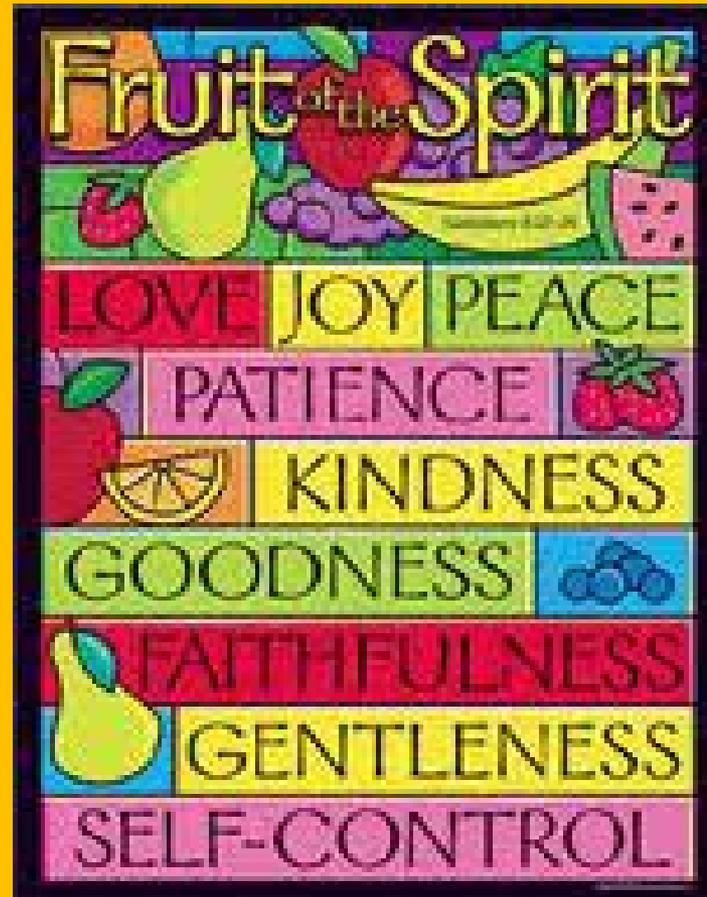
- † Dear Lord, we must have fraternal charity, or we can accomplish nothing for you.**
- † In loving you, help us to have a genuine concern for one another, a generosity in sharing one another's burdens, a gallantry in defending the reputation of our group, a sincere sympathy in sharing one another's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

# The Northern Alabama School of Leaders



**I Am Third**

# Back UP Charts





# SoL Action Log



ISSUE	POC	STATUS
Revise By Laws-last updated Mar 12	SoL	Changes include scheduling of weekends and remote SoL guidance
Develop a list of potential alternate sites for the weekend	Secretariat	Partially Complete
Update Bylaws and schedule an appointment with Bishop Baker once approved	SoL	Complete



## Th/Friday & Saturday Rollos



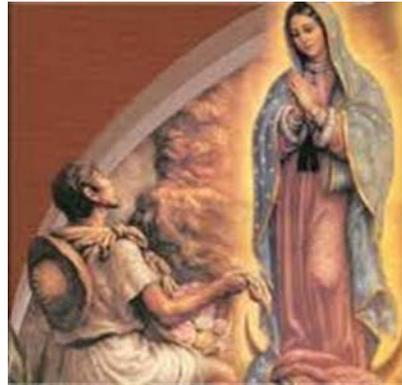
- † Know yourself: how you are
- † Prodigal son: how Christ is
- † The Three glances: how Christ sees you
- † Ideal: man can be more & be better
- † Habitual grace: with Divine Life
- † Layperson: he can be from where he is
- † Actual grace: Divine Life's promoter and achievement
- † Piety: man discovers his heart spontaneously
- † The Person of Christ: how you should see Christ
- † Study: if he uses his intelligence with conviction
- † Sacraments: The source of Divine Life
- † Action: puts his will in motion with decision
- † Obstacles: the enemies of the Divine Life
- † Leaders: and his person as a whole

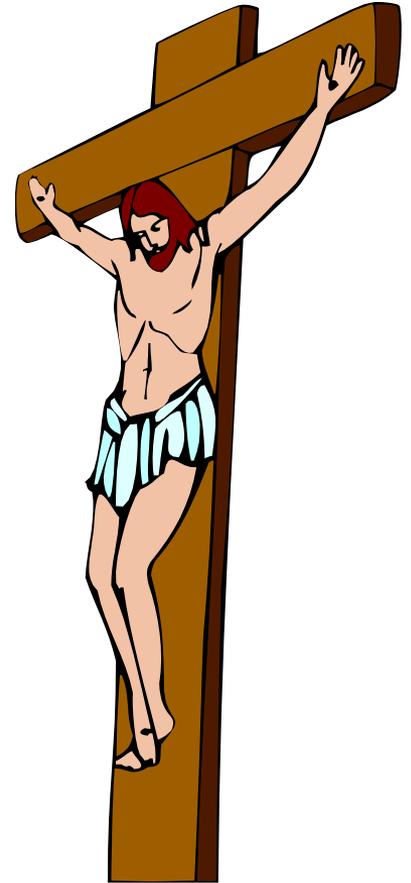


## Sunday's Rollos



- † MSG to Cursillistas: how Christ loves you
- † Environments: and if man accepts that his reality is made up of persons
- † Life in Grace: nourishment of Divine Life
- † Christianity in action: whom we can help
- † Cursillista beyond the Cursillo: as long as it is done in a personal way
- † Total Security: in friendship







# God's Mercy







# Announcements



# STUDY OF THE ENVIRONMENT Outline



- † INTRODUCTION
- † DEFINITION
  - Environment is the sum of circumstances that come together in a certain time and place. Study of the Environment will then be the application of the understanding to know the sum of ideas and circumstances that concur in a specific time and place.
- † IMPORTANCE OF WINNING THE ENVIRONMENT
- † BATTLE PLAN
  - The First Front: Ourselves
  - The Second Front: Others
  - The Third Front: Environment
- † CONCLUSION



# Environments



- † Definition Merriam-Webster
  - The circumstances, objects, or conditions by which one is surrounded
  - The aggregate of social and cultural conditions that influence the life of an individual or community
- † We are called to be Jesus' Apostle in the environments in which we find ourselves
- † Environments are important as they are the gauge as to when and how we can share the Good News
- † The environments rollout is on the third day of the 3 Day weekend and is meant to blend with Sunday's theme
- † Since environments impact all we do, to include our study and piety, does it have to stay on Sunday, or can it be moved forward?



- † Lay Rollos:
- † Ideal: man can be more & be better
- † Layperson: he can be from where he is
- † Piety: man discovers his heart spontaneously
- † Study: if he uses his intelligence with conviction
- † Action: puts his will in motion with decision
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- † Habitual grace: with Divine Life
- † Actual grace: it's promoter and achievement
- † Sacraments: it's sources
- † Obstacles: it's enemies
- † Life in Grace: it's nourishment
- † Meditations (Structure of Ideas 54)
- † Know yourself: how you are
- † Prodigal son: how Christ is
- † The Three glances: how Christ sees you
- † The Person of Christ: how you should see Christ
- † MSG to Cursillistas: how Christ loves you



# Weekend Themes



## † Friday: Includes Thursday Night Meditations

- Ideals
- Habitual Grace
- Layperson in the Church
- Actual Grace
- Piety

## † Saturday

- Study
- Sacraments
- Action
- Obstacles to Grace
- Leaders

## † Sunday

- Environments
- Life in Grace
- Christianity in Action
- The Cursillista beyond the Cursillo
- Total Security



Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Know Yourself Meditation	The Three Glances of Christ Meditation	The Person of Christ	Christ's Message to the Cursillistas
Prodigal Son Meditation	Ideals	Study	Environments
	Habitual Grace	Sacraments	Life in Grace
	Layperson in the Church	Action	Christianity in Action
	Actual Grace	Obstacles to Grace	The Cursillista beyond the Cursillo
	Piety	Leaders	Total Security