

**Diocese Of Birmingham Alabama**

**School of Leaders**

**March 2014**

**“A Cursillo Leader, therefore is a dedicated apostle; a person who puts all of his abilities in the service of Christ.”**



# Agenda



- † Leader's Prayer
- † Leader's Group Reunion
- † Doctrinal Talk
- † Technique Talk: Environments
- † Work of the Sections
- † Announcements
- † Discussion Items
- † Closing Prayer-Chapel visit





## 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 spite 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



# Environments



- † Our task as Cursillistas is to share the love of God with others- everyone we meet in the “Square meter around us”
  - The environment in which we do our evangelization is the conditions under which we share God’s love
  - The environment is important as it will help us understand the motivations and the potential causes of frustration for all those we encounter
- † Eduardo saw the influence that environments had on men when he was in the Army
- † He believed though, through friendship and intercession of the Holy Spirit, that any environment could be transformed
  - Eduardo always started with the formal and informal leaders of the organization





# Environments



- † There are several environments in which we evangelize:
  - The Family Environment: our first call to be holy & spread God's love
  - The casual environment: a one time interaction; a grocery clerk
    - Here we should share the joy of Christ; take an interest in the person and make their way easier
  - The work environment: here we should always try to make friends and bring Christ's love and example to the environment by being true to ourselves and doing what is right
    - Our goal is to Baptize the Jungle through our example and actions
  - The Evangelical Environment: this is the environment of the person where we are trying to use the Cursillo Methodology to bring them to Christ
    - The focus is the potential Candidate's environment which we study to know the person better
- † The person is always the focus of our study of environments, they help us understand those we are trying to befriend





# An Example of Evangelization

## John 1: 43-49



- † Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter.
- † Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth.”
- † But Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”
- † Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him.”
- † Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”
- † Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”



## Lesson Learned



- † Philip knew his brothers goodness, he wanted him to be with Jesus
- † Based on Nathanael's response Philip knew he could not get Philip to believe on his own
  - Nathanael's metanoia would come when he encountered Christ
- † Philip and Nathanael were brothers; they trusted each other
  - Nathanael followed Philip because he trusted him
- † Thoughts:
  - We must know the person (and his/her environment)
  - Friendship and trust are critical in bringing people to Christ
  - We must have patience, some must encounter Christ to believe but we should always be planting the seeds to facilitate that encounter

# Work of the Sections





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- † Work of the Sections is designed to be the opportunity for the members of the School of Leaders to identify, design, and help implement solutions to any issues within the three sections--PreCursillo, Cursillo and PostCursillo
- † Work of the Sections is directed and conducted under the leadership and guidance of the current Secretariat member responsible for that section
- † SOL members count off and distribute evenly between the 3 sections—unless they are actively serving on a particular committee within a particular section (i.e. Palanca committee members work with the Precursillo section, Communications committee members work with PostCursillo, etc...)

# Announcement Items







# SoL 2014 Schedule



Month (2014)	SoL Meeting Location	Comment
Jan	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
Feb/Mar	Satellite – Hsv and B’Ham	Quarter 1
Apr	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
★ May/Jun	Satellite – Hsv and B’Ham	Quarter 2
Jul	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
Aug/Sep	Satellite – Hsv and B’Ham	Quarter 3
Oct	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	
Nov	Satellite – Hsv and B’Ham	Quarter 4

**Remote SoL 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each Month; 1900**  
**Go to [www.BhmCursillo.org](http://www.BhmCursillo.org) for details**



# Announcements



- † Secretariat meetings during 2014 will be held after each of the Combined SOLs and other months will held the first Sunday afternoon with location TBD by the Secretariat
- † Next Cursillo Region VII Encounter, April25-26, 2014 in Palm Beach, FL. Link to Registration form and other info is on Region VII website, [www.cursillo.org/region7](http://www.cursillo.org/region7)
- † Cursillo de Cursillos weekend will be 25-28 September 2014 at St Bernard's Retreat Center. Registration is now underway.



# Discussion

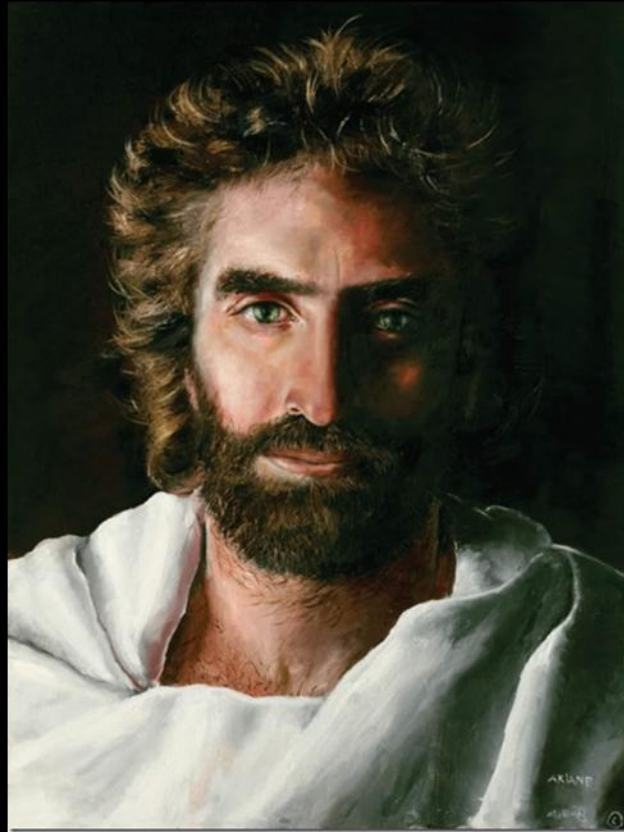


## Closing Prayer



- † 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 Diocese of Birmingham School of Leaders



**I Am Third**