

Diocese Of Birmingham Alabama

School of Leaders

May 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: US Cursillo Leaders' Manual
- † 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



US Cursillo Leaders' Manual



- † Purpose of Cursillo is two-fold—the first (immediate) purpose is to serve as a means for living what is fundamental for being Christian and the second (end) purpose is to help the person be ferment (yeast) in order to vertebrae Christianity (evangelize) in society within their environments (LM, v)
- † Therefore, the purpose of the Leaders' Manual is to communicate the Mentality that gave origin to the Cursillo Movement and to serve as a tool to help Cursillo Leaders understand that the Precursillo and the Cursillo are for the Postcursillo. (LM, v-vi)
- † The Leaders' Manual is the primary reference used by the Secretariat for guidance and making decisions regarding the Movement in the Diocese of Birmingham



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Excerpts from a Chapter in the LM



Chapter 6—School of Leaders (pp. 57-66)

Why a School of Leaders?

“It is not possible to have an authentic and truly effective Cursillo Movement unless it is served by a group of leaders who exemplify everything the Movement is supposed to be.”

Definition of the SoL:

“...the School is a community of Christians who, united in the atmosphere of a Group Reunion, seek every day to become more centered, more committed and more united, so as to accelerate in themselves, in the Movement, and in their environments the living out of what is fundamental for being a Christian.”



Excerpts from Chapter 6 cont



- Overview of the attitude and aptitude of the Leaders who comprise the SoL
 - Personal aptitude, Communitarian attitude, grouping and attending Ultreya, Holy fear of the Cursillo
- Six-fold purpose of the SoL
 - Coordinate the leaders
 - Equilibrate the different key parts
 - Endow all with a deep and heartfelt unity
 - Promote and ensure the authenticity and integrity of the Movement
 - Facilitates the process of Precursillo to the Postcursillo through the 3 Day Cursillo and to channel the restlessness of Cursillistas to a progressive state of conversion



Excerpts from Chapter 6 cont



- To establish, without control of dominion over groups, the function of the School of extending the basic ideas of its function and operation, and to activate the assembly without obligating them
- “Consequently, the School of Leaders is established to *be something*—a community of service to the Cursillistas: to serve the Cursillo Community...the School is to the Cursillo community (the Ultreyas), what the leaders (the team) is to the Cursillo weekend.”
- Practices of Cursillo Leaders
- Listing and description of the six essential parts of a SoL
 - Prayer, Leaders’ Group Reunion, Doctrinal Presentation, Technique Presentation, Work of the Sections, Announcements
- Typical SoL schedule
- Leaders’ Prayer



Why read the Leaders' Manual?



- To better live and understand the method in order to serve and safeguard it more authentically
- To assist in being in a state of progressive Christian conversion
- To improve the knowledge and practical experience of the Cursillo's purpose and method so as to acquire more deeply the Cursillo mentality and communicate it more effectively to others
- To deepen the knowledge of the Cursillo technique and its methodology, and apply it, especially the work of personal contact
- To know and live the rollos of the Cursillo Weekend more deeply
- To develop the sense of being leaders with a Church mentality
- To revitalize and invigorate the Precursillo, Cursillo, the Ultreya and the Secretariat

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...)



Summary



“The task of building the Kingdom of God is here and now. This task requires audacious and courageous Christians with personality, firm in their convictions and at the same time docile to the guidance of the Holy Spirit; men and women of the century (laity) who leaven their environments with their witness of life, because they are fully convinced that it is more important “to be” than “to do.”

--Leaders' Manual, vi

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 1st Thursday each Month; 1900
Go to www.BhmCursillo.org for details



Announcements



- † A Men's Weekend (#131) is now confirmed and will be held August 14-17, 2014. The Men's Rector is Bob McCoy from Holy Spirit, Huntsville. The team is currently being formed.
- † Registration for the **Cursillo de Cursillo (CdC)** being held in the Diocese of Birmingham, **September 25-28, 2014** at St Bernard's Retreat and Conference Center in Cullman is going on now. Slots are now "first-come, first-served" (i.e. date of registration submission determines priority).
 - The cost for this weekend currently is \$225 per person, but financial assistance IS available for anyone who needs it. Therefore, cost is not a reason for not attending the CdC.
 - Registration forms can be found and downloaded at www.bhmcursillo.org under "Postcursillo", "Cursillo de Cursillo" tab.)
- † The **Cursillo Grand Ultreya/Summer Social** will be held on **Saturday, June 28, 2014** at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Hanceville, AL from 10am-3pm. Flyers with more information available on website under "Postcursillo" tab.



Announcements



- † The next National Cursillo Encounter will be held July 31-August 3, 2014 at Chapman University in Orange Beach, CA. ANY Cursillista can participate. More information can be found at the National Cursillo website (<https://www.natl-cursillo.org/encounter/>)
- † The next Remote SOL will be held on **June 5th, 2014 at 7pm.** (The topic will from the April SOL) The Dial-in # is: (641) 715-3300. At the prompting, the access code is 1098398#. FYI—the call-in number and access code remains the same each month.
- † The next SOL will be SATELLITE, and will be held on Saturday, June 14th, 9:30-11:30am, at the following locations:
 - Birmingham: St Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, Gardendale.
 - Huntsville: St John's parish, Madison.



Discussion

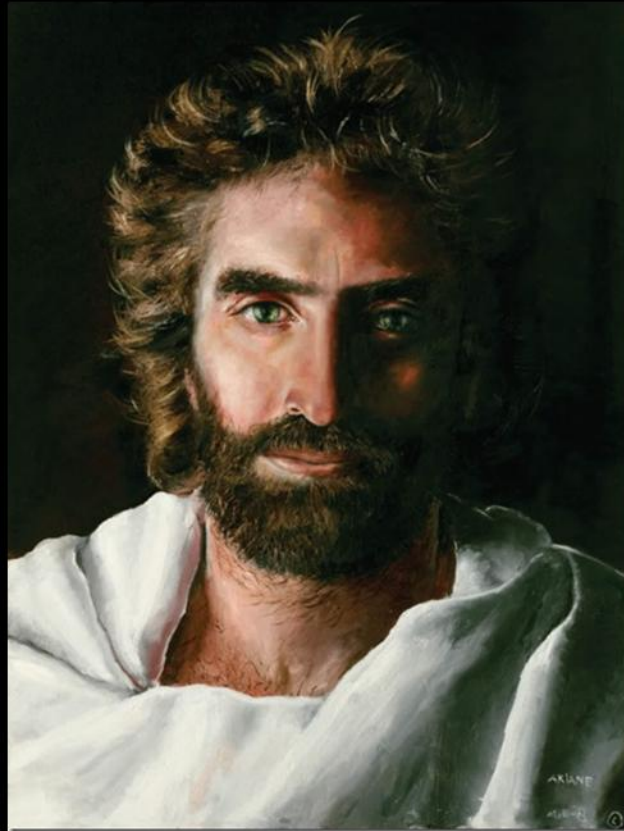


Closing Prayer



- † 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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