



Weekend Themes

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Agenda



- † Bible Enthronement & Reflection
- † Leader's Prayer
- † Reflection & Floating Group Reunion
- † Doctrine Talk: Installation of Secretariat Members
- † 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.



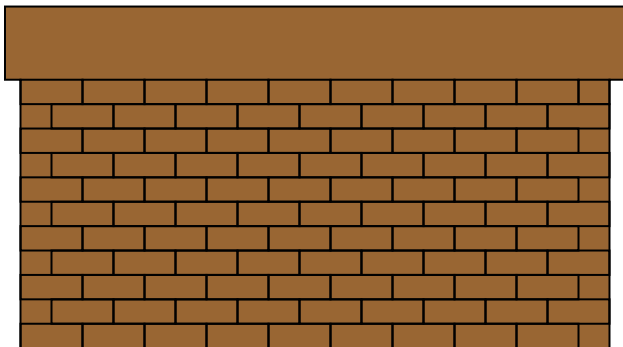
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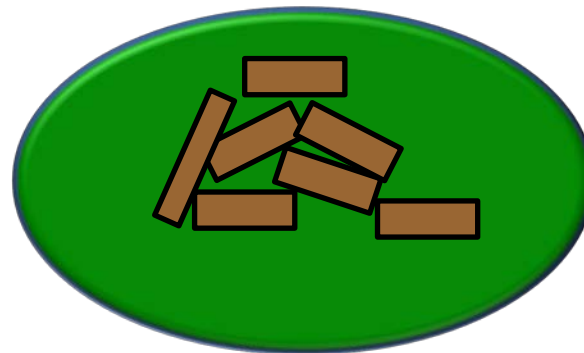
What we are Trying to Do



- † The Cursillo Weekend is intended to deliver a message, a mosaic of ideas on what is fundamental to being a Christian
- † The Rollos are the Holy Spirit's hands and feet
- † Table leaders facilitate the delivery of the message
- † But the Rollos are intended to present a unified, coherent message that results in Candidate understanding of their Piety, Study and Action



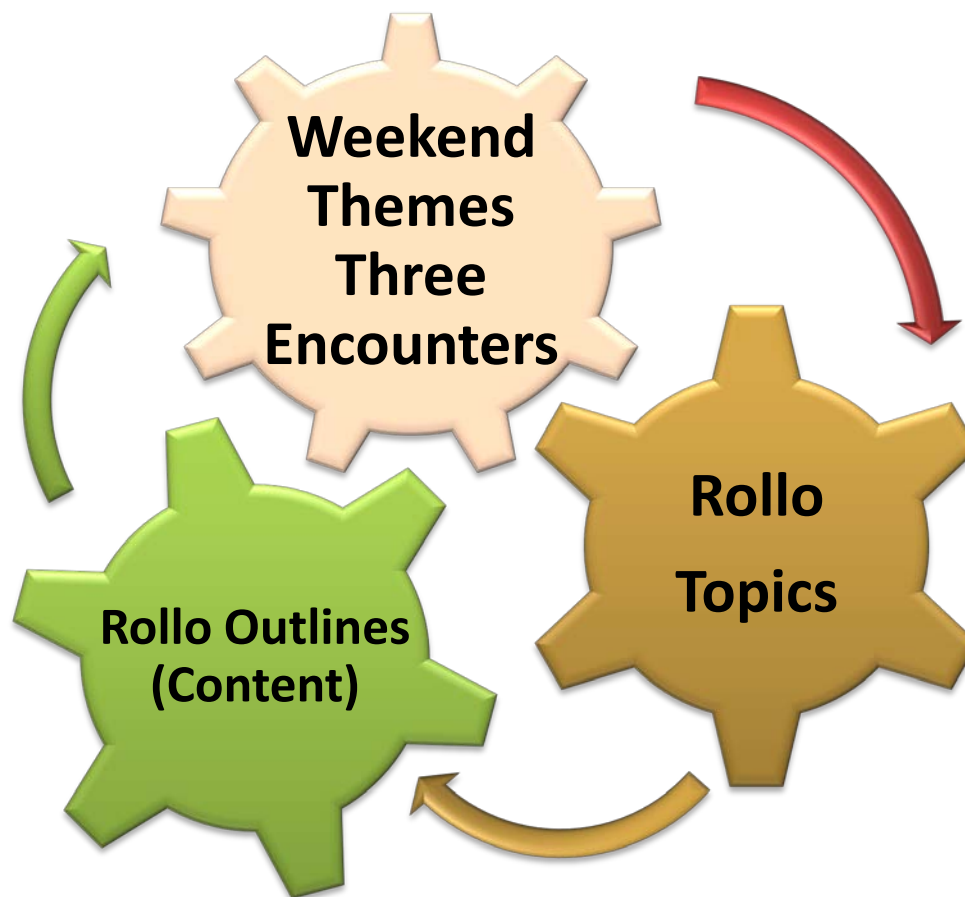
We Are Building a Wall of Ideas



Not a Pile of Bricks



Themes for the Weekend Should be Linked to Rollo Topics & Content



The Rollos Present, a Unified Coherent Message

The Cursillo Mosaic



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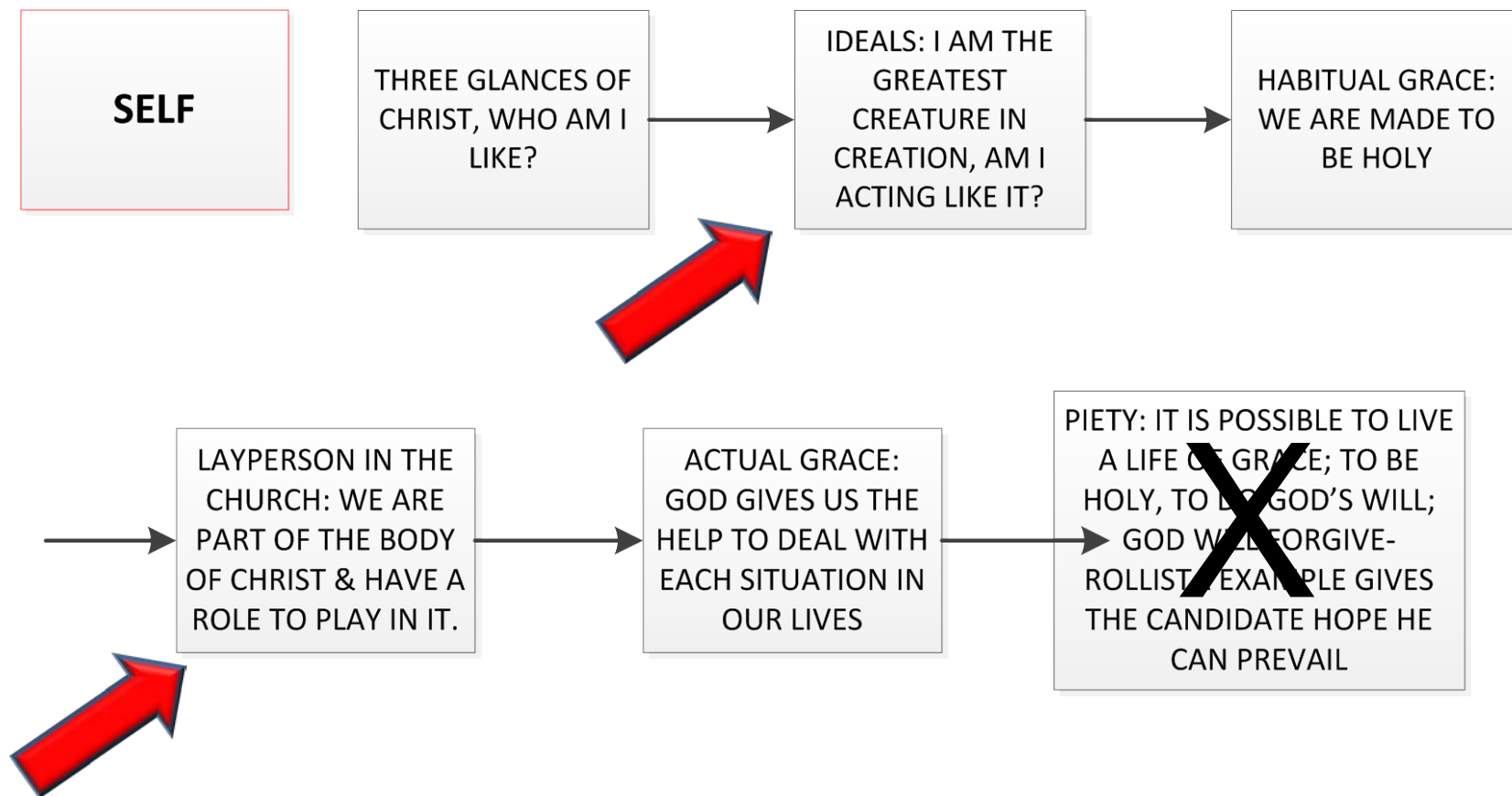
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Encounter with Self



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Ideals Rollo



† General:

- Stresses the necessity of an ideal
- Non religious framework
- Objective is to catch candidate interest

† Intro

- Man is superior to animals; human intelligence is superior to animal instinct; man has free will & can decide
- Man is superior
- Fact; man is rational, progresses
- Define intellect

† What is Ideal?

- **Governing & ordering actions to obtain something**
- Ordering ideas to give them meaning
- Having a goal to give meaning to life



Ideals Rollo



- † Definition of ideal-turn effort to reality
 - Analysis of definition
- † The elements of an ideal-vision, motivation
 - Static piece (foundation of ideas)
 - Dynamic part: exercising our will
- † Necessity of ideal:
 - Not fully human w/o ideal
 - Drives our life
 - Influence of ideal on one's life
 - Elevates all we do



Ideal Rollo



- † Qualities of an ideal:
 - Standard should be high, something to reach for
 - There are all sorts of ideals:
 - There are many ideals; ask the candidates what their ideal is
- † Necessity of knowing our ideal
- † The direction you want to take your free time & money is your ideal



Layperson in Church Rollo



- † Intro:
 - Layperson is living testimony to the Gospel; who lives life of grace in all facets of life
 - Solution to our problems is Jesus Christ
 - Laypersons are to bring Christ into the world.
- † What is the Church?
 - People of God working to restore the world
 - Church is clergy & laity working together
- † What Layperson is NOT:
 - Priestly wannabes
 - Anti-clerical
- † **What a Layperson is: one who lives his life according to Christ**



Layperson in Church Rollo



† Mission of Layperson:

- Personify Christ in all circumstances of life
- People who live the message

† Characteristics of Layperson's mission:

- Human-must put our gifts to work
- Supernatural-believing God gives meaning to our lives on earth
- Ecclesial-part of work of whole church
- Apostolic



Layperson in Church Rollo



† Conclusion:

- We must give truth & goodness to the world
- We must discover this truth and goodness
- We will serve the Church by transforming the world-we will be a joy to our fellow men
- Our lives are an example of what is right and good



Thoughts



- † The ideal rollo defines and ideal and talks to the necessity of an ideal
 - Importantly it talks about will, choice; having an ideal is a choice
- † Layperson is living the Christian ideal-one who is dedicated to living ones life like Christ
- † These rollos are part of encounter with self, so they need to be statements followed by questions
 - Ideal: Do you have an ideal? Is it of the world or is it of God, or both
 - Layperson: we are called as Catholics to represent the Christian ideal in who we are and what we do; are we living the Christian ideal??



Idea and Layperson in the Church Rollos

Additions to Rollo Outlines



Rollo	3 Day Manual Theme	Thoughts
Ideals	<i>Non religious expression of the need for an ideal</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rollo is clean. Outline stands alone• Rollista must remember this rollo is part of the encounter with self.• So the rollo needs to make the ideal appealing & call candidates to have one.
Layperson in the Church	<i>Layperson is Living Ideal of God</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rollo is clean. Outline stands alone• This rollo introduces the idea that we are all laypersons and therefore called to be holy.• The connection with the ideals rollo is obvious: our ideal should be to be holy.• The candidates should question their ideals and conduct after this rollo.



Environments Rollo

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Rollo	3 Day Manual Theme	Thoughts
Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If a man accepts that his reality is made up of persons• Principle message is not the Rollo Content, but the sharing of the Rolloista	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction (Add): the Environments rollos has a direct tie to the action and leader rollos. In those presentations we are called to be apostles and take action using the be a friend, make a friend and bring a friend to Christ methodology. The rollista should emphasize that evangelization is carrying a cross; there are environments in which the opportunities for evangelization will be ripe and others where opportunities are limited or non-existent. But we should always try to evangelize by our example if nothing else• 2d Front (Add): To evangelize our environments one needs to understand an individual's relationship with God but also the person's motivations, goals and fears; what motivates them.• 3d Front (Add): We are called to persevere in the conversion of our environments through our example and actions. Our example will draw some to us and by becoming friends we can bring others to Christ. Evangelization is a series of gentle nudges made by an authentic Cursillista. When the Spirit gives us opportunities to evangelize, never give up.



Action and Leader's Rollos

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Rollo	3 Day Manual Theme	Thoughts
Action	<i>The Cursillista must put his will in motion with decision</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rollo is clean. Outline stands alone• Need to add words for context: The action rollo is a call to action. It establishes the fact that we are in the world, interacting with others but we have the responsibility to spread the Kingdom of God
Leaders	<i>The Cursillista is called to lead with ...his person as a whole</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rollo is clean. Outline stands alone• Need to add words for context: The Leaders Rollo follows up on the message of the Action Rollo which establishes the requirement to act• The Leaders Rollo makes the point we are ALL leaders based on our Baptism and called to act, to make a difference, through our example and with our unique gifts



Doctrinal Talk

Announcements





SoL News



† Definitions:

- School of Leaders: the Birmingham Diocese has one SoL
- We are forming a Satellite SoL that will meeting in Huntsville & Birmingham on the 2d Saturday of each month
 - The agenda for both meetings will be identical
- The schedule we will eventually get to is the Satellite SoLs will meet in Hsv and B'Ham the first two month of each quarter
- The whole (hereafter referred to as the Combined) SoL will meet in Cullman the third month of each quarter



SoL News



- † The remote SoL will continue; Cursillistas living more than one hour outside Hsv or B'ham can get credit for attending the SoL by dialing into the remote SoL sessions the 1st Thursday (change) of each month at 1930 hrs
- † ...and physically attending either a Satellite SoL session or a combined session of the SoL physically each quarter
- † If Fort Payne desires, we will conduct a separate, additional SoL for our brothers and sisters there



SoL 2013 Schedule



Month (2013)	SoL Meeting Location	Comment
Mar	Satellite – Hsv and B'Ham	Met already twice in Cullman this year
April	Satellite – Hsv and B'Ham	Quarter 2
May	Satellite – Hsv and B'Ham	
June	Combined-Cullman	
Jul	Satellite – Hsv and B'Ham	Quarter 3
Aug	Satellite – Hsv and B'Ham	
Sep	Combined-Cullman	
Oct	Satellite – Hsv and B'Ham	Quarter 4



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



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The Cursillo Mosaic



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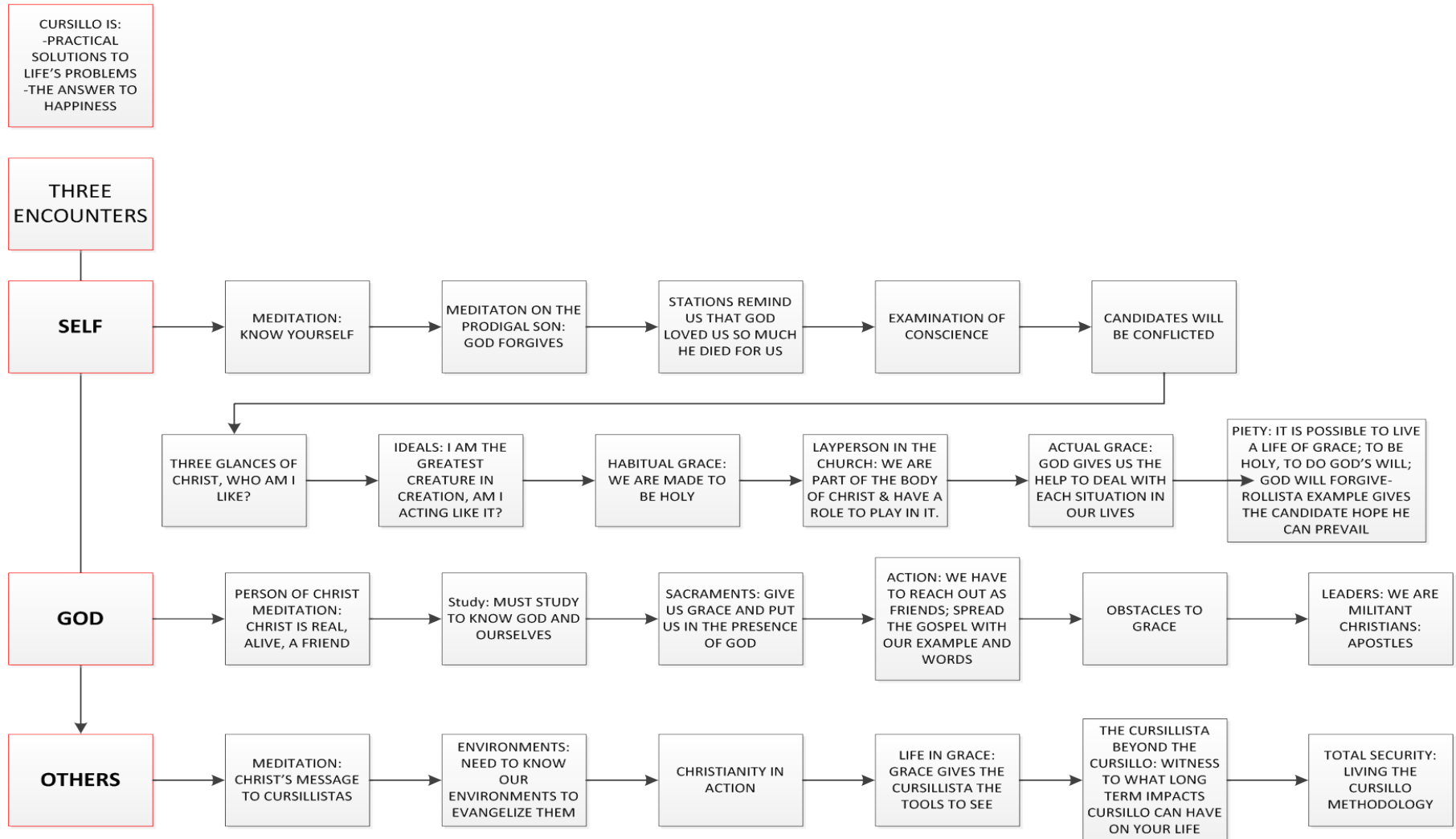
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Three Encounters on the Weekend





Encounter with Self



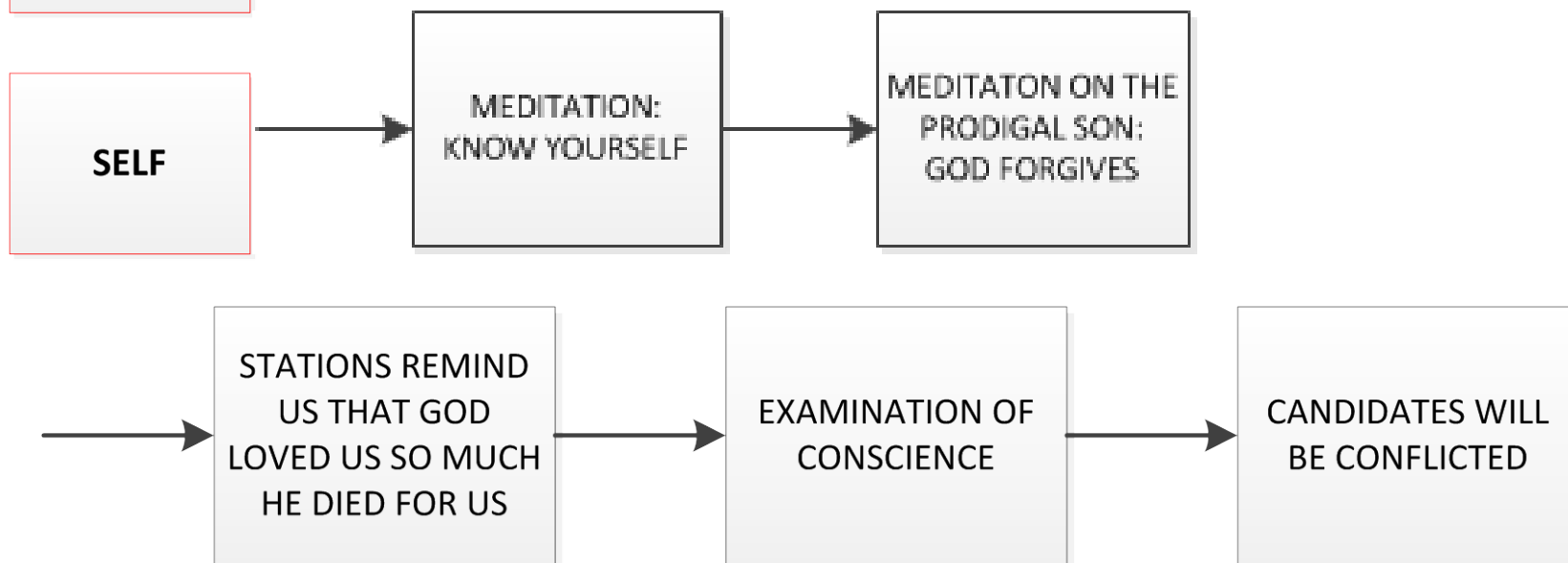
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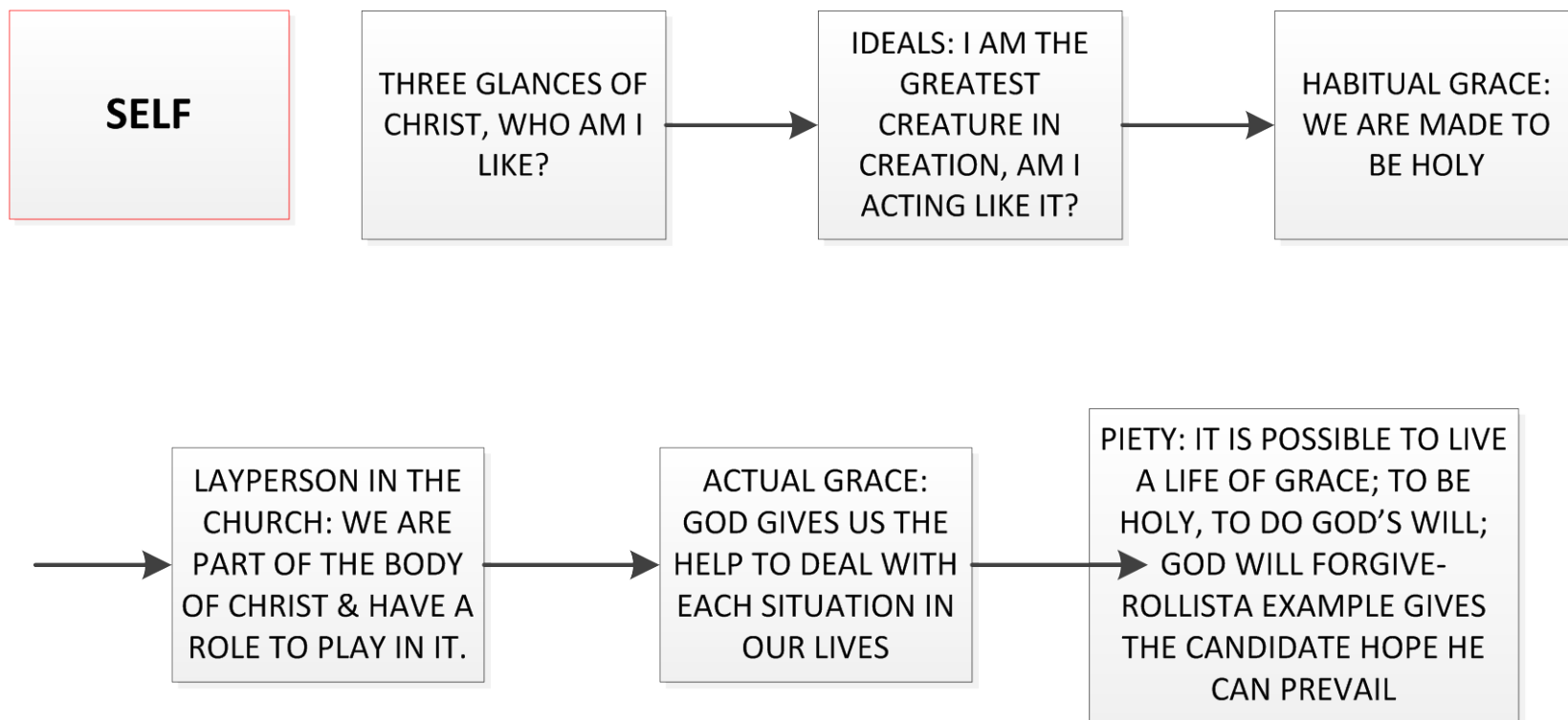
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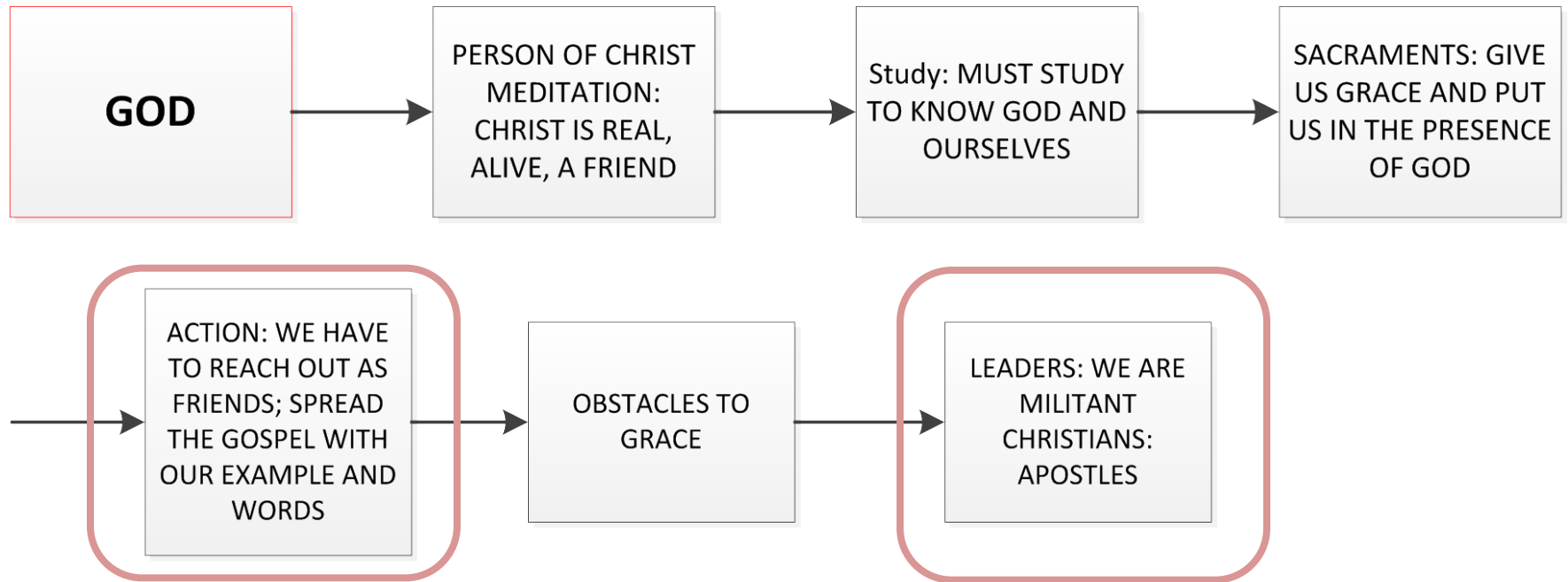
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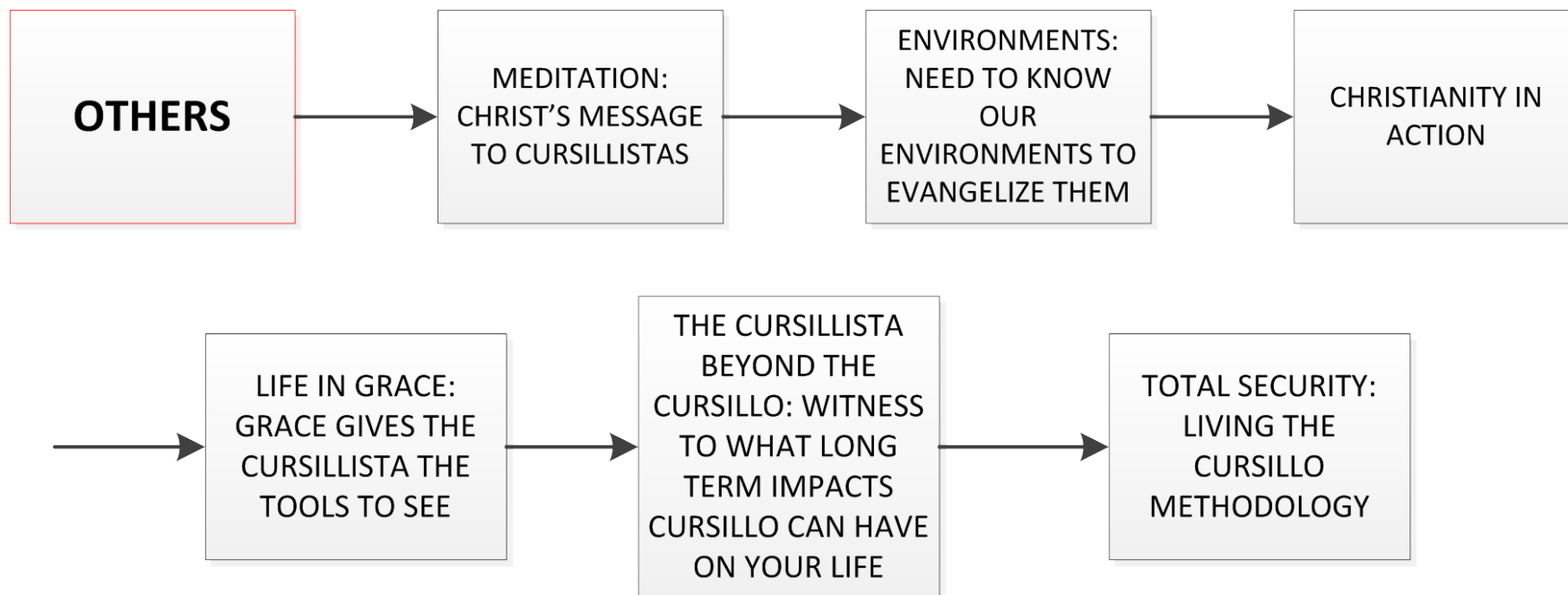
Encounter with God



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



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

Environments ROLLO





Environments Rollo



- † Environments Rollo:
 - 1st Rollo on Sunday
 - Follows meditation Christ's message to Cursillista which is a call to action
 - Everyone is full of Spirit
 - Follows leaders Rollo- 2 messages: we are all called to be leaders-to show the way to God 2) we must have an understanding of the ideal and enthusiasm for it.
- † Two parts to Rollo
 - Explain environments
 - Explain how to influence environments
- † Intro- winning environments is critical; environments are important
- † Battle Plan
- † First front is ourselves; we must form our
 - Will
 - Prayer
 - Mind
 - Heart



Environments Rollo



- † 2d front: others
 - Those who believe in God, love God & want to do good
 - Those who believe in God, love God & want to feel good
 - Those who believe in God- nothing more
 - Those who do not believe because they do not know God
 - Those who do not believe because they do not believe He exists

- † Approach others w/ heart, mind, will, prayer

- † Third front the environment: we must continually form ourselves and persevere

- † Conclusion: helping others find God is what it is all about



Environments Outline Suggestions



- † The front part of the rollo is good; definition of environments
- † The first front is clear, we must form ourselves to change our environments
- † The 2d front is unclear; we need to understand people's relationship with God as part of our action but:
 - Environment is more than just understanding one's relationship with God its also addressing their motivations, goals and the fear many people experience in their work environments and life
- † The third front calls for our persistence in evangelizing our environments, but there is no reference back to action rollo which:
 - Advocates friendship as the method to change the world
 - And stresses the powerful example our witness brings



Recommendations

Add these statements to the Outline



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Encounter with Others



Sunday

- Meditation: Christ's message to Cursillistas; call to action
- Environments: Need to know our environments to evangelize them
- Christianity in action
- Life in Grace: Grace gives the Cursillista the tools to see
- The Cursillista beyond the Cursillo: Witness to what long term impacts Cursillo can have on your life
- Total Security: Living the Cursillo methodology



Encounter with Self



Thursday

- Meditation: Know Yourself
- Meditation on the Prodigal Son: God Forgives

Friday

- Meditation: Three Glances of Christ – Who am I like?
- Ideals: I am the greatest creature in creation, am I acting like it?
- Habitual Grace: We are made to be Holy
- Layperson in the Church: We are part of the Body of Christ, and have a role to play in it.
- Actual Grace: God gives us the help to deal with each situation in our lives.
- Piety: It is possible to live a life of Grace; to be Holy, to do God's Will; God will forgive – Rollista example gives the candidate hope he can prevail.



Encounter with God



Saturday

- Meditation Person of Christ: Christ is real, alive, and a friend
- Study: Must Study to know God and ourselves
- Sacraments: Give us Grace and put us in the Presence of God
- Action: We have to reach out as friends; Spread the Gospel with our example and words
- Obstacles to Grace
- Leaders: We are called to lead people to God with enthusiasm & commitment:
Apostles



How We Deliver the Message



The Holy
Spirit



Table
Leaders



Rollos

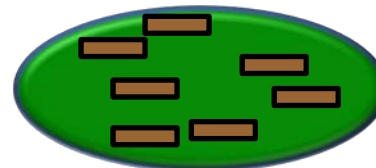
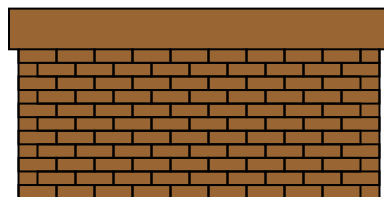




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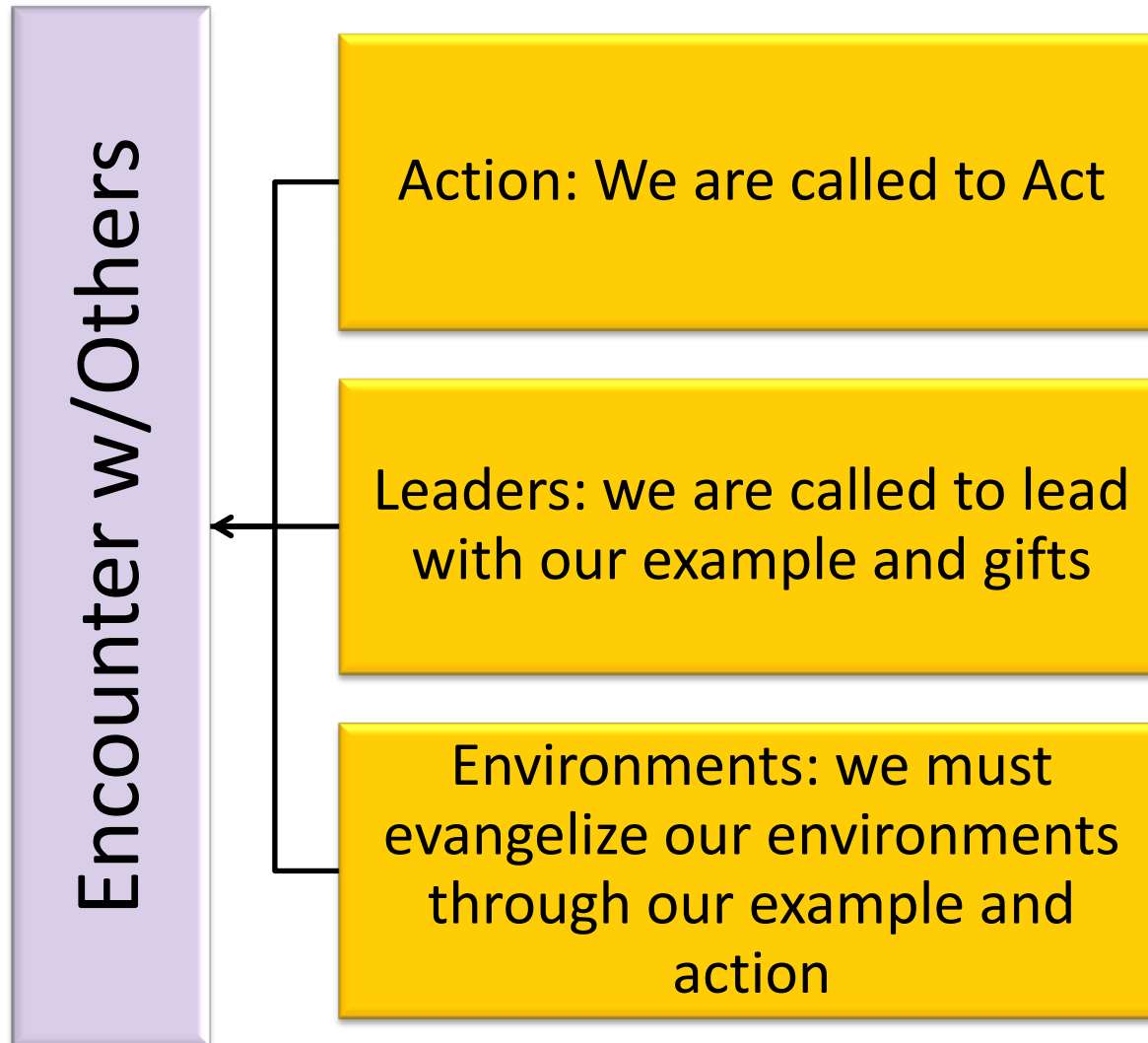


- † Does the weekend present a unified message?
- † Or are the Rollos stand alone topics intended to facilitate table discussions on that topic only
 - If that is the case, why do we have them make posters summing up the day's rollos?
- † Should the table leaders guide the table discussions on the content of the rollos or just let the candidates talk about what they heard from the rollo?
- † Are the rollos a stack of bricks that lay on the ground in any order, or are they a wall, a unified presentation?



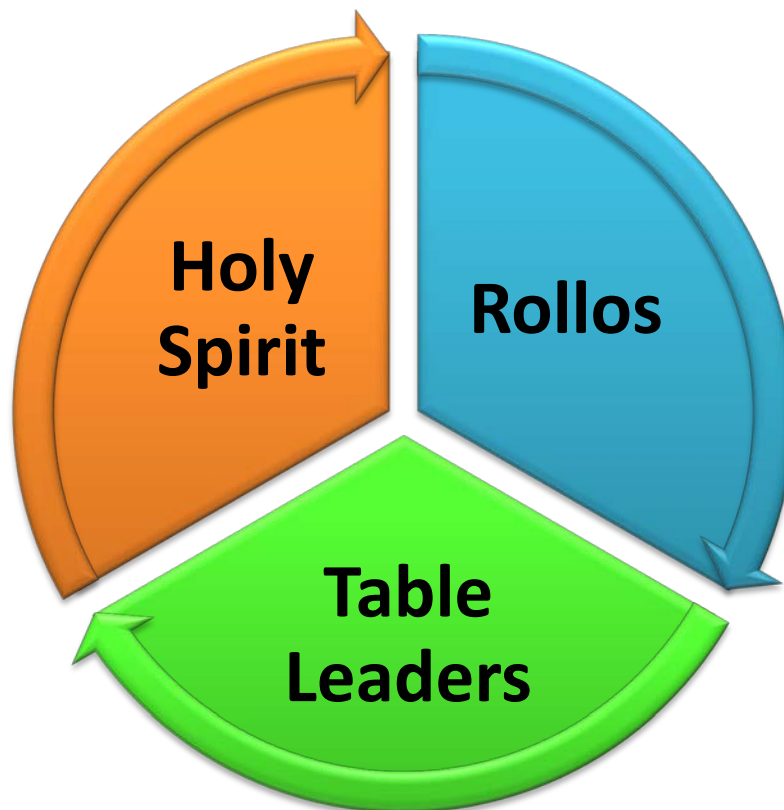


Connectivity Example: Encounters with others





Presenting the Message on the Weekend



**We Must Never forget the role of the Table Leaders
And especially the Holy Spirit in transmitting the
Message!**