



Weekend Themes

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Agenda



- † Bible Enthronement & Reflection
- † Leader's Prayer
- † Reflection & Floating Group Reunion
- † 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 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.



TECHNIQUE TALK

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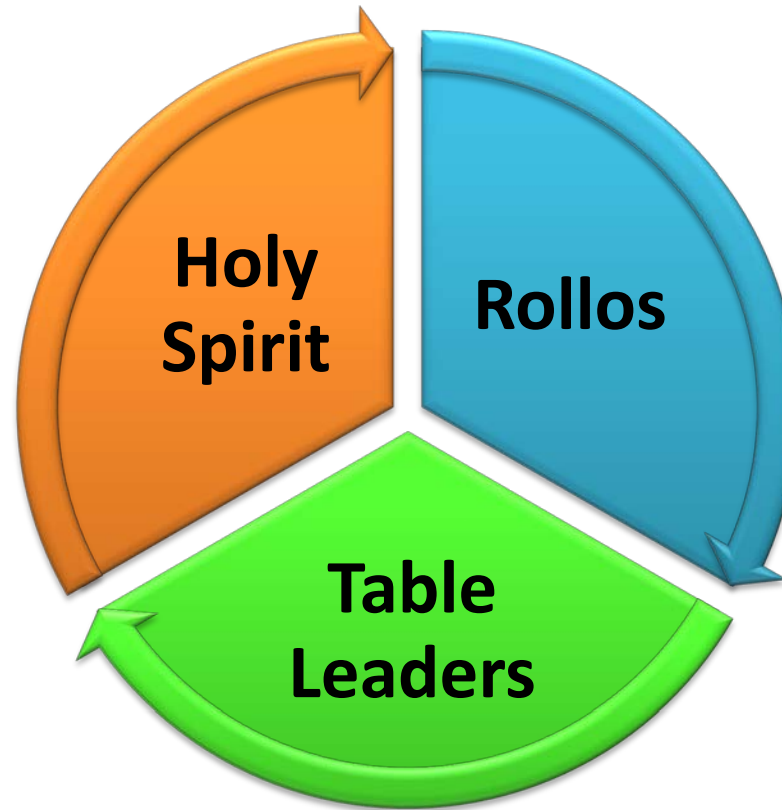
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SECURITY**

OTHERS

GOD



Presenting the Message on the Weekend





Piety Rollo



† Intro: orienting our whole lives toward God

- Rollo has liberal sharing
- Piety is part of the Tripod

† False concepts of Piety

- Sanctimonious
- Practitioners
- Pharisees

† Genuine & authentic Piety

- *Life of grace- God is in us*
- Conscious-we are awake
- Growing/Shared
- Piety is Life
- Knowing what has to be done
- Wanting to do it/Doing it



Piety Rollo



- † Piety is knowing the Kingdom of God
- † Piety is an ideal- it must be our goal; to bring meaning to our lives
- † Styles of Piety (**Outcomes of Piety**)
 - Natural-we want our piety founded on our humanity; we want confidence in God
 - Courageous- what the world calls cowardice, we call courage
 - Strong-acknowledge our faith without blushing
 - Joyful-piety makes our joy authentic



Piety Rollo



† Elements of Piety (Goals of Piety)

- We must offer our works to God
- We must realize the truth of Christ in our lives
- We must lift up our sacrifices to God
- We must realize our union w/ Christ
- We must visit where Christ is

† Other forms of Piety

† Perfection of Piety

- Piety is living a Christian life
- Perfection of our Piety is to become an Apostle



Study Rollo



† Intro

- Study is the necessity for the Christian to explain the *reality of humanity and God*
- 2d leg of Tripod

† Definition

- Application of intelligence to learn
- Necessary for anyone who wants to master a subject
- Action is based on prayer life and directed through study: heart- piety; mind- study; will-action; study aims action

† Necessity

- Christianity is a way of life; we must understand the good & bad
- People advance by ideas or are pulled forward by circumstances: people are either comfortable/passive who use religion as a shield OR are activists who are restless & dissatisfied who use religion as a motivator



Study Rollo



- † Therefore two classes of people: those guided by an ideal or those towed by circumstances
 - Saints are moved by ideas
 - Our will is stronger when understanding better
- † Object of Study: St Augustine "Lord Jesus let me know myself and know you
 - Ourselves
- † Obstacles-pride etc
- † Remedies: humility etc



Study Rollo



- † God
 - Image of God
 - God reveals himself to us through our study
- † Study forms us as apostles; an hour of study is an hour of prayer
- † Means for Study- books etc
 - Study is a means to our piety
- † Conclusion
 - *Study helps to put his mind and heart in service of the truth*
 - Study achieves the best results when practiced w/ piety and action



Thoughts on Piety



- † This is a HORRIBLE outline; Focus more on what piety is not, rather than defining what it is
- † Definition of Piety is being w/ God and letting Him lead us?
 - Without our desire, God cannot give us grace.
 - Without prayer, or contact w/ God who is truth and goodness then our morality becomes a set of rules rather than the human expression of God's life & love.
- † Styles of Piety are outcomes of being w/ God
- † Elements of Piety are goals of Piety
- † Prayer/ attending the sacraments is not mentioned in this Rollo; there is no guidance on how to be pious; only outcomes and acts of being pious



Thoughts on Study



- † Study Rollo is clean
- † Object of Study is to Know God and know Ourselves



Piety and Study Rollos

Additions to Rollo Outlines



| Rollo | 3 Day Manual Theme | Thoughts |
|-------|--|---|
| Piety | <i>Non religious expression of the need for an ideal</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rollista must define Piety; living a life with God at the center.• Styles of Piety are Outcomes of being pious• Elements of Piety are goals of piety; Rollista should include prayer and attendance at Sacraments |
| Study | Man should use his intelligence with conviction | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rollo is clean. Outline stands alone• Study is how we learn about ourselves and God.• Rollista should emphasize the dependence of piety and study; they are totally interdependent |



Announcements





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 |

Remote SoL 1st Thursday each Month; 1900
Go to Cursillo.org/birmingham for details



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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Discussion Recommendations



Idea and Layperson in the Church Rollos

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| 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 |
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| 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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| 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 |

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Backup Charts



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Flow Charts

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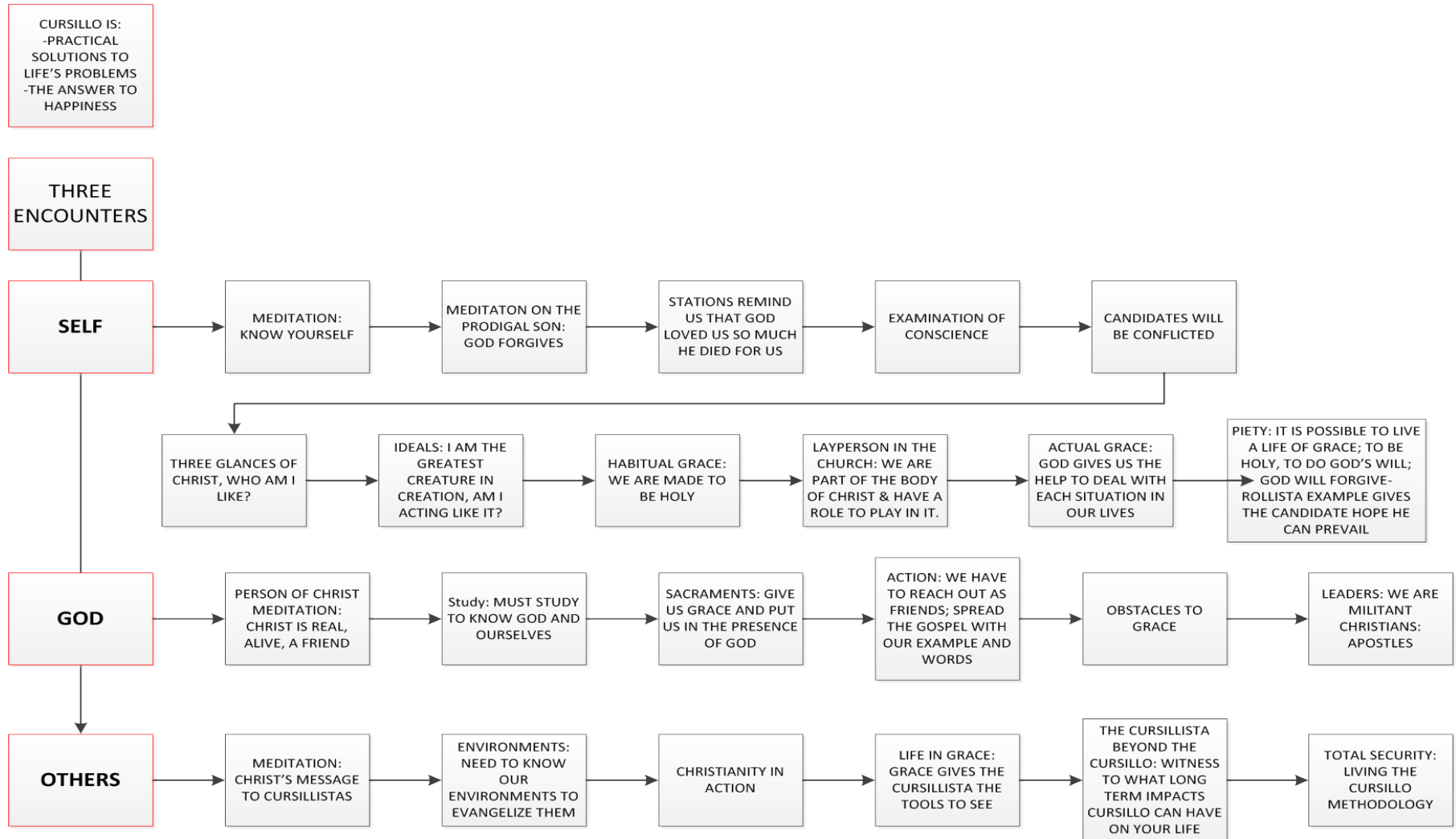
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Three Encounters on the Weekend





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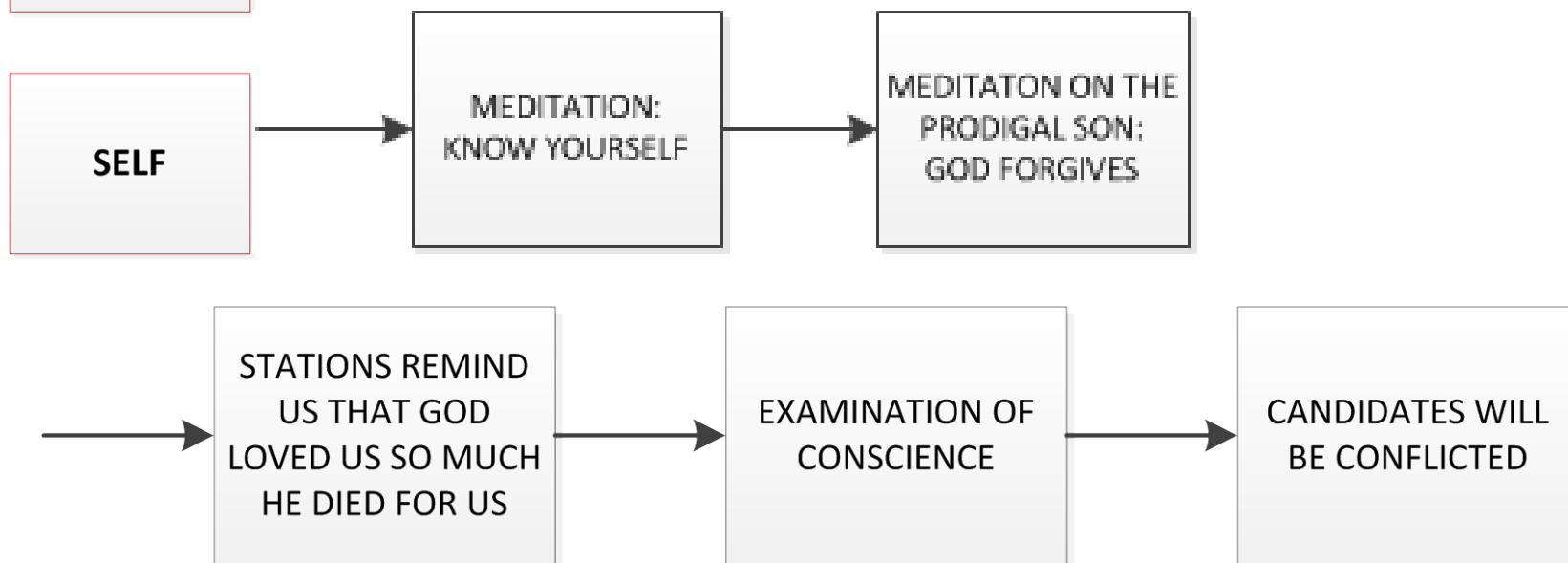
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-PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO LIFE'S PROBLEMS
-THE ANSWER TO HAPPINESS

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THE THREE ENCOUNTERS IN THE THREE-DAY CURSILLO

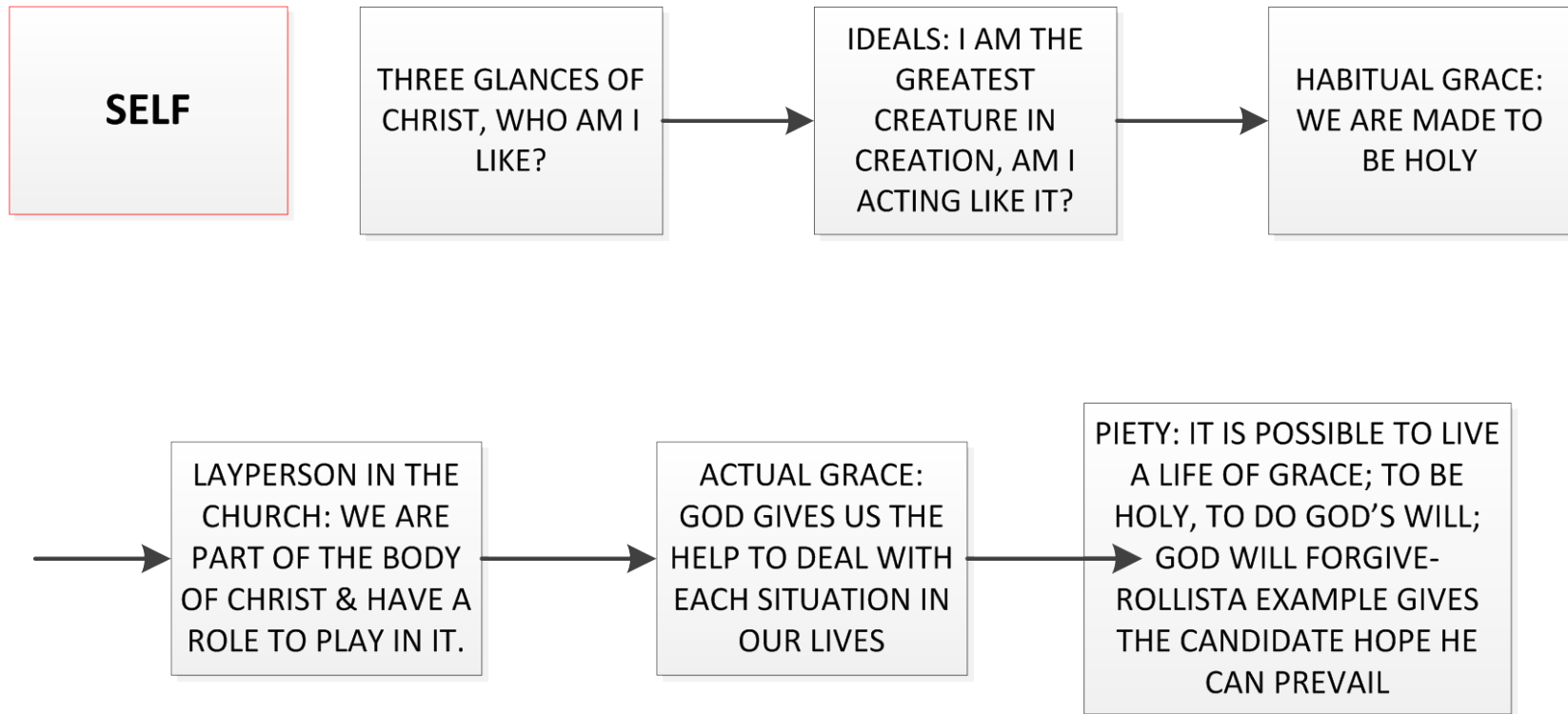
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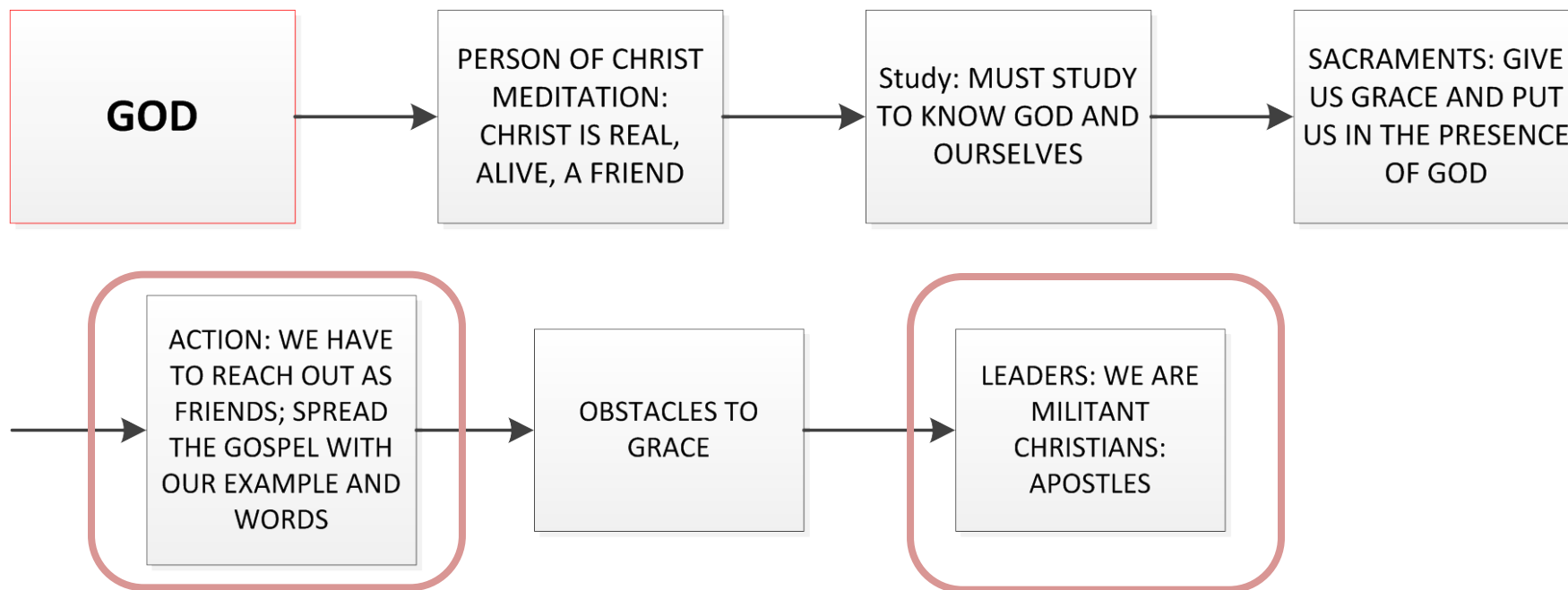
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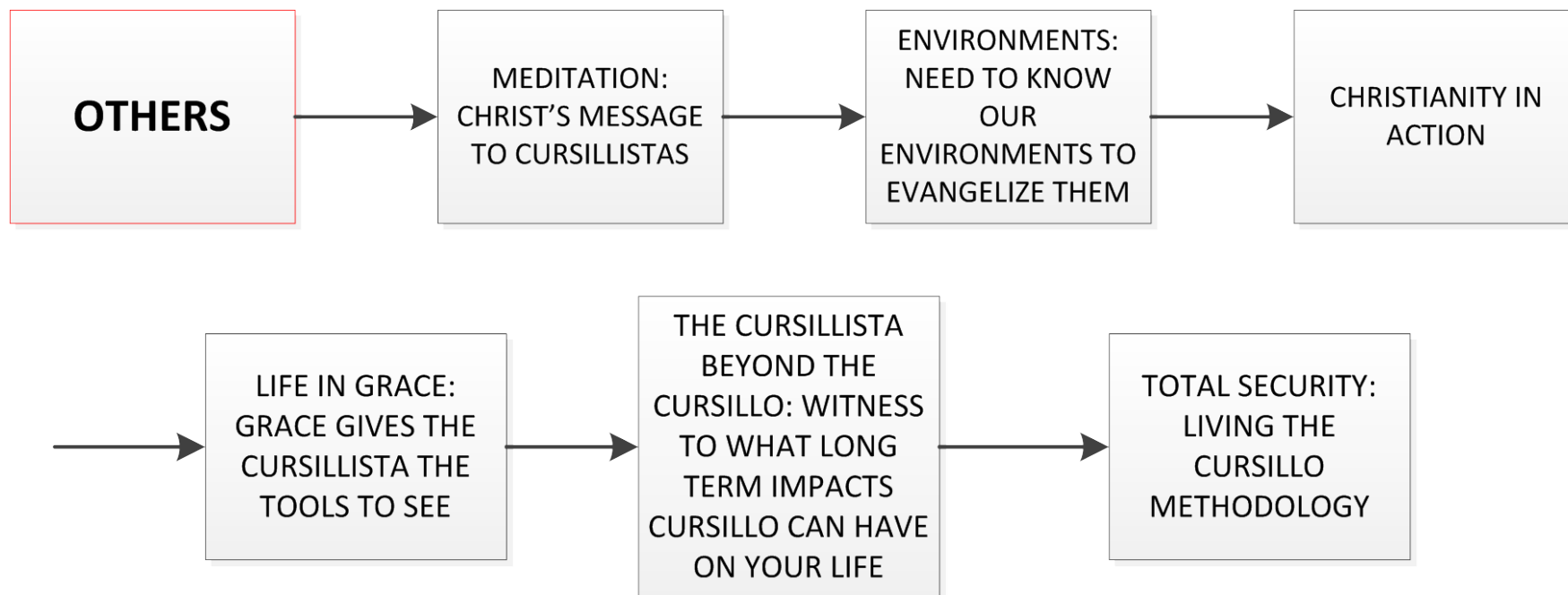
Encounter with God



SATURDAY



Encounter with Others



SUNDAY

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Reference



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