



# School of Leaders (SOL) Set Up

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# Agenda



- † Bible Enthronement & Reflection
- † Leader's Prayer
- † Reflection & Floating Group Reunion
- † Doctrinal Talk: Deacon Dan Laurita
- † Technique Talk: Set Up
- † Discussion/Announcements
- † Closing Prayer





## Leader's Prayer



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- † 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



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- † 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



# Set Up



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- † George Patton once said an Army moves on its stomach
    - What he meant is logistics is important
  - † This is true about Set Up on a Cursillo Weekend
  - † Without a well planned, organized Set Up Operation:
    - Confusion can reign
    - The Flow of the weekend can be disrupted
    - The emphasis on service can be lost
    - Candidates may not get the full benefit from their participation
  - † Set Up is integral to the planning and conduct of the weekend



# Set Up Responsibilities



- † The role of the Set Up team is not defined in the 3 Day Manual
- † At a high level, the Set Up Team
  - Supplies the needs of the weekend
  - Creates the environment for the weekend activities
  - Creates the environment of service and caring
- † The role has been defined via the creation of a number of checklists, the record set is retained in a limited access vault
- † The purpose of this session is to review those checklists and to see if we can align Set Up activities with the flow of the weekend





# Weekend Major Tasks



Day 1 Major Tasks	Day 2 Major Tasks	Day 3 Major Tasks	Day 4 Major Tasks
Set up Chapel	Conduct Rollos	Book Sales	Clausura
Set Up Rollo Room	Say Rosary	Chapel Visits	Candidate Envelopes
Reserve Blessed Sacrament	Conduct confession	Italian Night	Close out
Receive Candidates	Prepare Posters	Prep for Clausura: brief schedule and tasks	
Conduct stations of the cross	Get ready for book sale - change/ calculators/paper to list books/box from sisters for change/checks payable Benedictine Sisters	Brief Close out: room cleanout; palanca and set-up packing	
Organize Palanca			
Distribute Team AAR sheets			
Team Dinner and Mass			





# Checklists



Planning Tasks	Thursday	Thursday
Schedules	Reception	Rollo Room
Servers Schedule	Envelopes for Candidate Watches	Tables/chairs
Daily Schedule	Envelopes for collected monies	Podium/sound system
Room Bed List	Room/Bed List	blackboard/chalk
	Name Tags & Holders	Clock
		DeColores song stick ons
	Palanca Chapel	Bible and candles table
	Altar	Projector and computer
	Flowers	Snack tables and covers
	Chairs	table name card holders (wooden)
	Kneeler	Leather Spools for Crosses
	Music	Name tag printer sheets
	Spiritual Readings	Coffee supplies
	Speaker Cross	Paper Towels (rolls)
	Palanca bags and signs	Hot and Cold Cups 8oz
		bells
	Main Chapel	Tape-scotch & 100MPH
	Altar and linen	Kleenex (boxes)
	Candles	Napkins
	Cruits-water and wine	Garbage bags
	All needed for mass chalice, etc	Orange Juice
	Readings for reader	
	Music	Mary & Bennet Hall
	Banner	Coffee Filters
		Reg Coffee
		Decaf Coffee
		Sugar
		Creamer
		Swt- n -Low
		Stirrers
		Cups
		Napkins
		small plates
		water
		Snacks
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# Friday-Sunday Checklists



Weekend	Sunday
<b>Liturgy Support</b>	<b>Clausura/Sunday activities</b>
How to say the rosary	Room Setup
Station of the Cross handouts	Program
Finger Rosaries	Commitment Crosses
Votive candle refills	Service Sheets
Matches (boxes)	Questions to Answer
Pilgrim guides	
Palanca prayer basket and forms and table	<b>Rector Support</b>
	Service Sheets
<b>Confessions</b>	Reunion Sheets
Act of Contrition	
Confessional set up	<b>Candidates</b>
	Clasp Envelopes 9X12
<b>Rollos</b>	Clasp Envelopes 10X13
Markers and crayons	white #10 envelopes
Notebooks and pencils	Our Fourth Day
Poster Board	
<b>Italian Night</b>	
Table cloths and decorations	
Music	
clear plates	
small juice cups	
Clear glasses for grape juice	
forks/spoons/knives	
grape juice	
knives	
salad plates - for Italian Night	
Ice Cream bowls - for Italian Night	
<b>Booksales</b>	
Books	
Change	
Account sheet	
Envelope for monies	



**Announcements**



## SoL News



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- † Remote SoL is third Thursday of each month at 7PM. Attendance information is at [cursillo.org/birmingham](http://cursillo.org/birmingham) – THERE WILL BE NO REMOTE SOL IN AUGUST
  - † Change to the bylaws:
    - Recommendation has been introduced that states to be a member of the SoL, Cursillistas must attend a SoL session *physically* once a quarter and routinely participate in remote telecoms
    - Second change to the bylaws has been introduced which states no weekends will be scheduled until 16 candidate applications are on hand. Team formation will not begin until date has been approved.
    - Secretariat will vote on this change at the Aug meeting
    - Scheduling appointment with Bishop Baker to get them approved-next year
  - † Pastoral Plan in draft by EOM September
  - † Next SoL is 2d Saturday of September in Cullman, 0930 (September 14)



**Discussion**



## Closing Prayer



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- † 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 Six Month Schedule



	Jan	Feb [Ultreyas]	Mar [Ultreyas]	Ap [Cullman]	May [Cullman]	June [Cullman]
<b>Doctrine</b>	Role of the SoL	Ultreya Role	Ultreya Role	Sister Anne Marie	Sister Anne Marie	Theology of Friendship
<b>Technique</b>	Bylaw Revision	Ultreya Conduct	Sponsorship	Palanca	New Team Member Orientation	Being a Friend
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Doctrine</b>	The Holy Spirit	Deacon Dan				No SoL
<b>Technique</b>	The Holy Spirit & Cursillo	Set Up				



## 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
Need to update Ultreya Facilitators on Web Site	Post Cursillo	Complete
Need to identify all <i>groups</i> on Cursillo website	Post Cursillo	Working
Provide list of eligible team members to 3 day chair for Cursillo #s 127 & 128	SoL	Complete
Update Bylaws and schedule an appointment with Bishop Baker once approved	SoL	Complete



# Gifts of the Holy Spirit

## (From the Novena to the Holy Spirit)

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- † Love: the Spirit is the Spirit of light, strength and love
  - She enlightens the mind, strengthens the will and inflames the heart with the love of God
- † Fear of the Lord: the Spirit teaches us humility and filial submission to God
  - It is fear beginning of wisdom, detaching ourselves from worldly affairs that separate us from God and praising God
- † Piety: the Spirit inspires us to love God and respect persons and things consecrated to Him
  - One filled with Piety finds the practice of religion a delightful service vice a burdensome duty



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- † Fortitude: the Spirit strengthens the soul against fear and supports the performance of duty
  - Fortitude is the impulse and energy to take under without hesitancy the most arduous tasks, danger, or human abuse
- † Knowledge: gives the ability to evaluate created things in relation to God; reveals emptiness and pretense
  - Shows us the loving care of God even in adversity
  - Directs us to glorify Him in all things
  - Gives us the ability to put first things first
- † Understanding: gives us the ability to grasp and appreciate the meaning of our religious truths
  - Inspires a way of life that bears testimony to the faith inside us



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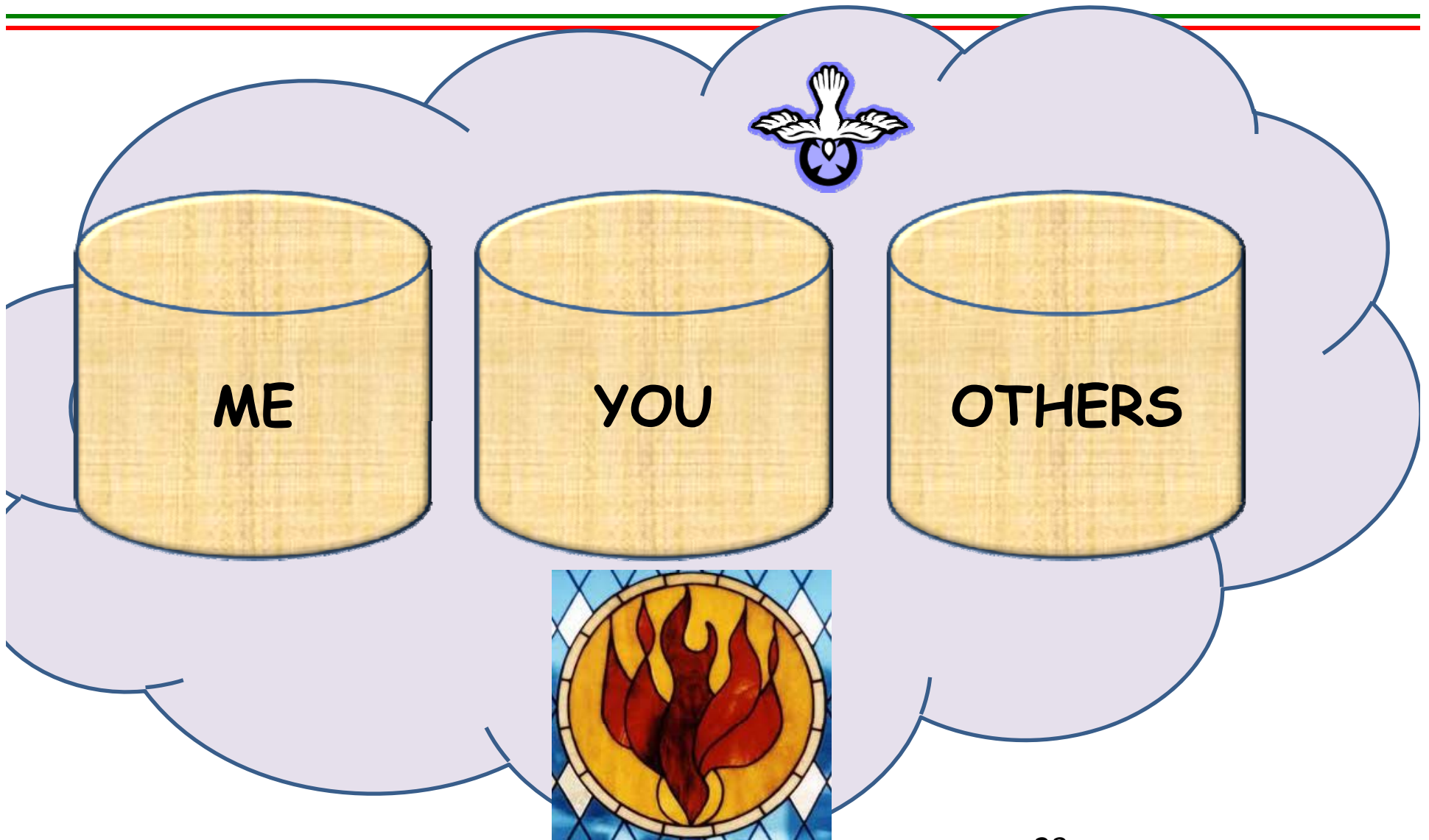
- † Counsel: allows the soul the ability to judge what must be done
  - Guided by the principles formed as a result of knowledge & understanding
  - Supernatural common sense
- † Wisdom: is the most perfect of all gifts; strengthens faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity and promotes virtue
  - Wisdom lets us discern things divine and appreciate earthly joys of our Savior
- † **Fruits of the Holy Spirit:** perfect virtue by allowing us to practice them with greater docility to divine inspiration
  - We become more sincere and generous, our practice of virtue more perfect
  - Acts of virtue fill the heart with joy and consolations that motivate us to still greater efforts





# Doctrinal Talk







# The Holy Spirit Prayer Has two Parts



- † Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of us, your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth.
- We are asking for God to create us in His image: LOVE
  - We are admitting that God can change US
  - So we can be his instruments to change the world
- † O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and *ever rejoice* in His consolations, through Christ our Lord, Amen.
- Asking God to talk to us, to teach us so we can be wise
  - So we can thank and praise God for His many gifts to us





## Holy Spirit Prayer Part I



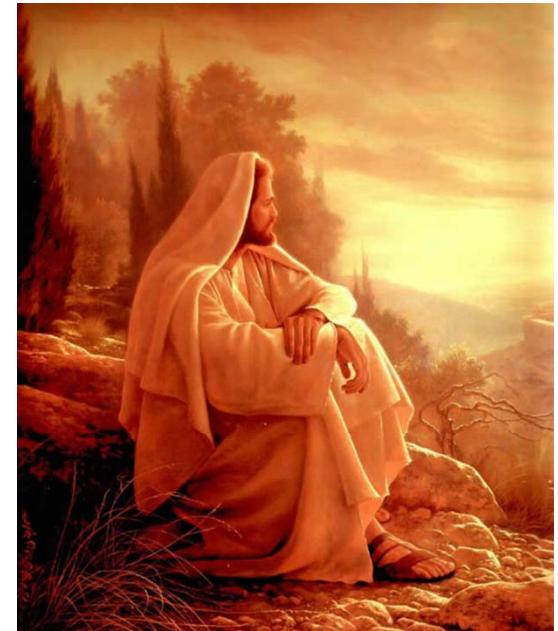
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- † All the words used to describe the Spirit are active: fire, wind, alive, moving, universal
- † Cursillistas believe Pentecost is every day; the Holy Spirit is Here; all we have to do is be awake and recognize Her presence; the presence of God, of Love
  - The Spirit is here; in us, around us, between everything
  - The Spirit is actively involved in our lives; She is not an intellectual belief
  - Interaction with God is an interaction with Love. Our piety allows us to encounter God's love



## Holy Spirit Prayer Part II



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- † O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, *instructs* the hearts of the faithful, grant that by that same Holy Spirit we may be *truly wise* and ever rejoice in His consolations, through Christ our Lord, Amen.
    - She meets us where we are and helps us in exactly the right way; She teaches, She motivates, She inspires
    - The Spirit overcomes the obstacles that we create and surrounds us with enough peace so we can endure, accept wounds and persevere
    - The Spirit animates, instructs and guides us.
    - The Spirit does most of Her work undercover; by stealth and disguise and not just in response to those who call Her
  - † As Cursillistas, we believe that the Spirit will teach us the way
  - † Knowing one is with God produces an incomprehensible joy





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- † Sinning against the Holy Spirit means no longer believing He can change the world because we no longer believe He can change us.



# The Holy Spirit



- † We say the Holy Spirit Prayer before we begin anything
- † Let's reflect on it
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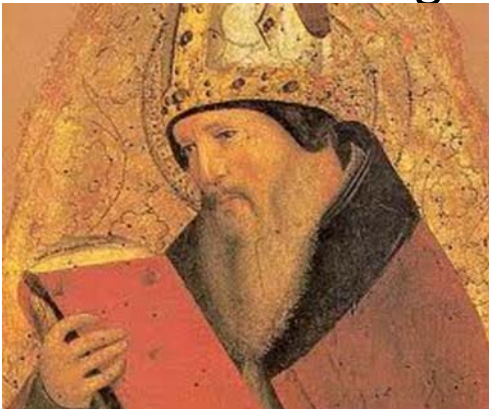
# The Spirit



- † You have received the law, and you wished to keep it but were unable to do so. You have fallen through pride, and realized your weakness. Run to the Physician and wash your face.
- † Long for Christ, confess Christ, and believe in Christ. The Spirit will be added to the letter (world), and you will be saved. If you take away the Spirit, the letter kills, and then what hope will remain? *But the Spirit gives life.*

- St Augustine, Sermon 136, 5

- † Excellent guest that He is, the Spirit finds you empty and fills you; hungry and thirsty and satisfies you abundantly.



... Spirit, Who comes from God, when He enters into  
... them to the love of God and neighbor. Indeed He is

- St Augustine, Sermon 225,4