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## School of Leaders (SOL)

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# Agenda

- † Bible Enthronement & Reflection
- † Leader's Prayer
- † Reflection & Floating Group Reunion
- † Doctrinal Talk: Sister Anne Marie
- † Technique Talk: Palanca
- † Discussion/Announcements
- † 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.

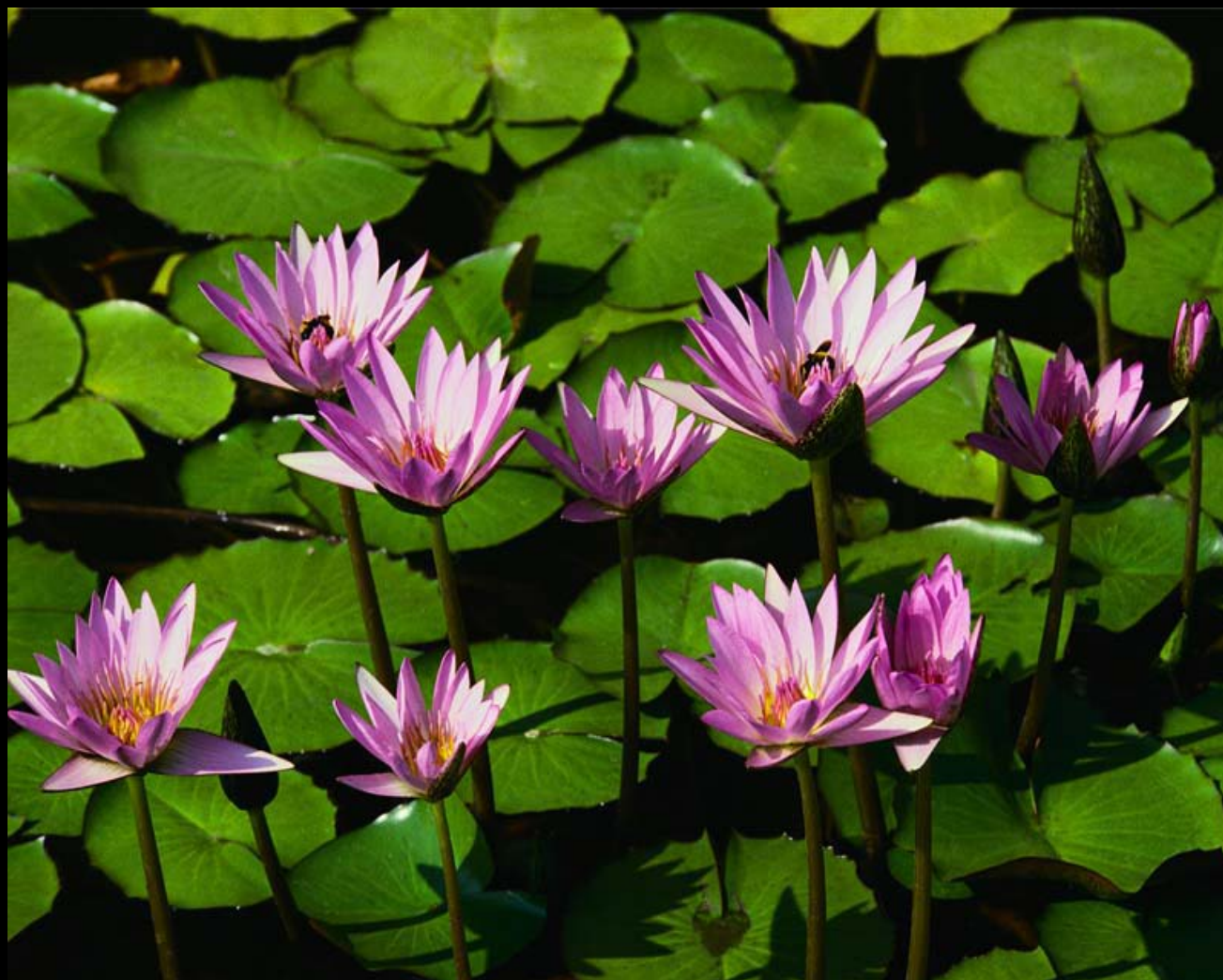


## Leader's Prayer con't

- † **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.**



# Doctrinal Talk



# Technique Talk



# Palanca Guidance

## † National Cursillo Center Mailing, Feb 08:

- Palanca means lever, where we lift others up like a seesaw through our prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Communion, Rosary, reading Scripture, Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, visits to Blessed Sacrament, fasting, almsgiving & any other acts of self denial offered with a prayer
- Prayer and sacrifice are not “pleasant things”, but they are effective in securing God’s grace.
  - It must be understood that letters are not Palanca. Letters are merely the means of communicating the Palanca currently being done.
- Within the Movement, we must be vigilant that the term Palanca not be misunderstood and abused, so that incidentals do not overshadow its inner calling and meaning.

## † Cursillo Leader’s Manual:

- Colorful posters and banners (in themselves) are not Palanca; neither are flowers, edibles, friendship letters or good wishes. This is false Palanca under the guise of “pleasant things”.



## Questions for Discussion

- † Palanca is prayer:
  - Communicating that we are praying seems okay?
  - Key is to address all Palanca to entire group, not an individual?
  - Posters can be Palanca if they are addressed to the whole group?
- † Gifts: personal notes, rosaries etc. are okay if given at the end of the weekend??





## Conclusion

**But when you pray, go to your inner room,  
close the door, and pray to your Father in  
secret. And your Father who sees in secret  
will repay you. Mt: 6:6**



# Announcements



# What it Means to be a Member of the SoL

## † Pre Cursillo:

- Always trying to make a friend; always awake to bring friends to Cursillo
- Periodically sponsor a candidate for a weekend
- Praying for and offering Palanca for the team and candidates

## † Cursillo:

- Participate on teams when asked and able
- Attend Weekend Clausuras

## † Post Cursillo:

- Walk the faith journey; live the Tripod
- Group regularly; accept new members into your group
- Attend your Ultreya regularly
- Help your fellow Cursillistas to find a place to group and attend Ultreyas
- Be a member of the SoL



# SoL News

- † SoL is forming a doctrine subcommittee
  - First task is to develop themes for the rollos
    - Have help from National Cursillo
  - Researching all “non Doctrinal practices”- and will bring to SoL for resolution
  - If interested, let us know
- † We are investigating having a second SoL each month via VTC...thoughts on participation and how we would do it are welcome
- † Next SoL is 2d Saturday of May in Cullman, 0930



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# SoL Six Month Schedule

	Jan	Feb [Ultreyas]	Mar [Ultreyas]	Ap [Cullman]	May [Cullman]	June [Cullman]
Doctrine	Role of the SoL	Ultreya Role	Ultreya Role	Sister Anne Marie	Sister Anne Marie	Sister Anne Marie
Technique	Bylaw Revision	Ultreya Conduct	Sponsorship	Palanca	New Team Member Orientation	Rollo Themes (T)



# SoL Action Log

ISSUE	POC	STATUS
Revise By Laws-last updated 2004	SoL	Approved Secretariat Mtg 10 March; posted on Website
Develop a list of potential alternate sites for the weekend	March Secretariat agenda item	Working; having trouble identifying alternate locations
Need to identify all <i>groups</i> on Cursillo website	Post Cursillo	Working
Need to share information with Cursillistas via email and twitter etc.	Post Cursillo	Working
Clausura is too long	3 Day Chair	Resolved



## 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



**I Am Third**