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School of Leaders (SOL)

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Agenda

- † Leader's Prayer
- † Leader's Group Reunion
- † Doctrinal Talk
- † Technique Talk: School of Leaders
- † Secretariat Nominations
- † Discussion Items
- † Announcements
- † 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



School of Leaders [SOL]

- † Accelerate what is fundamental to what is being a Christian
- † For the Individual Leader:
 - Provide norms and spirit
 - Make the ideas come to life
- † For the Movement:
 - Stirring up dissatisfaction with the way things are
 - Give impulse to group reunions
 - Perfecting Ultreyas: the SOL is to the Ultreya what the team is to the weekend
 - Accelerating the conversion of Ultreya members
 - Discovering and encouraging leaders

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- † SOL attendance was by invitation only; selection was the result of a screening process
- † Members of the School are proclaimers of the Gospel
- † SOL is for the movement, not just the three days
- † It is a sanctifying center
- † A doctrine center
- † A technique center for three day weekend
- † SOL is responsible for creation of an *apostolic mentality* in the Leaders
 - Facilitated spiritual direction as part of the leader's life
- † A community within a community

Proceedings of the First National Seminar for Diocesan Priest Directors,
Father Juan Capo, 1973. Page 40



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† So the School Should:

- Form leaders who are spiritually and technically prepared to:
 - Be on a team
 - To energetically evangelize
- Spread the proper understanding of movement
- Help leaders with their spiritual formation - Mentor
- Doctrinally and organizationally support the teams
- FIRE UP the Ultreyas!

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Secretariat Nominations





Requirements

- † The Nominees should be Cursillistas for at least two (2) years since living their Three Day Weekend.
 - The Nominees should be actively living the Movement. At a minimum, this means Grouping and attending Ultreya on a regular basis. Being an active member of the School of Leaders is preferred, but not a disqualifying requirement.
 - However, Nominees elected must be available and committed to attend both School of Leaders and Secretariat meetings monthly, and have the additional time necessary to accomplish the responsibilities and duties of their position.
- † Nominees selected will serve a three (3) year term as per the Bylaws



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- † **Cursillo Chair** shall be responsible for the overall coordination of the Three-Day Weekend and associated activities including Clausura. The Chair shall recommend to the Secretariat for approval, the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator for each Three-Day Weekend. *The Cursillo Chair shall be an ex-rector.*
- † **The Secretary** shall:
 - Keep accurate minutes of all Secretariat meetings
 - Distribute the Minutes promptly to Secretariat members via email, or regular mail if necessary.
 - After the Minutes have been approved by the Secretariat, keep copies of the Minutes on file or disk, and hard copy folder for referral at meetings.
 - Be responsible for collection and distribution of mail, or the delegation thereof.



Procedures

- † Chairman SoL will call for nominations
- † Any Cursillista may nominate a person for the Secretariat
- † Once nominations have been made, the Chairman SoL will read a list of the nominees and ask the nominees for their consent to serve
- † After the SoL, members of the Secretariat will briefly meet with nominees to provide them with a list of questions that need to be returned to the Secretariat within one week (email acceptable)
- † Nominees may be contacted to answer additional questions between their nomination and the election in November
- † Current Lay Director will notify those persons who have been elected
- † New Secretariat members will be given materials to begin their duties immediately and will be installed by a Spiritual Advisor at the Secretariat Annual Retreat or the next SoL; which ever comes first



Procedures

- Questions that each nominee will need to answer within a week of nomination in order to be considered for selection. These questions are:
 - Why the Nominee is willing to serve in that position
 - Why the Nominee feels qualified to serve in that position
 - What knowledge/education the Nominee has concerning the Cursillo Movement
 - Whether the Nominee truly has the time required to serve in that position
 - Any other question(s) posed by any Secretariat member, other than those listed above.



Discussion



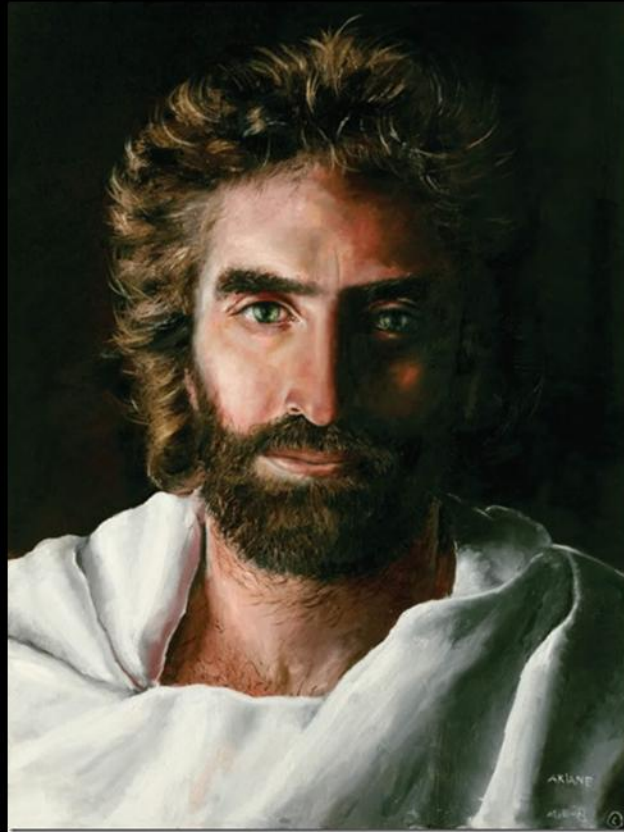
Discussion Items

- † Termination of the remote School of Leaders
- † Establishment of a 2d Satellite SoL in Tuscaloosa

Announcements



The Diocese of Birmingham School of Leaders



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