



ursillo

Diocese Of Birmingham Alabama

Combined School of Leaders

January 2015

at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Cullman, AL



SOL Agenda



- † Bible Enthronement
- † Leader's Prayer
- † Leader's Group Reunion
- † Doctrinal Talk: Deacon Tim Vaughn
 Spirituality and Self Discipline
- † Technique Talk: Sally Smith
 “What School of Leaders is to me”
- † Work of the Sections: What it is and Breakout Session
- † Announcements
- † Closing Prayer- Bible Dethronement
- † 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



Presenter: **Deacon Tim Vaughn**

Spiritual Director for our Birmingham Diocese Cursillo

Deacon at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Gardendale, AL

Topic: **Spirituality and Self-Discipline**



Techniques Talk



Presenter: **Sally Smith**

New School of Leaders Chair for Birmingham Diocese Cursillo
Attends Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Anniston, AL

Topic: **What the School of Leaders is to me**



The Secretariat



- † “The Secretariats exist to preserve the **dynamic unity** of the Cursillo Movement...” (FI#578)
- † “The Secretariats have as their foremost objective the inescapable duty of preserving, developing, actualizing and invigorating the mentality, the purpose and the basic core of methodology that defines and characterizes the Cursillo Movement as a Movement of the Church.” (FI #582)



School of Leaders (SOL)



- † “The School is an instrument of apostolic outreach to people who have lived the experience of a Cursillo weekend. It helps them discover, accept, and grow in their vocations, bringing them together so that together they can take on the responsibility of being leaders in the Church, in the Movement and in their respective secular environments.” (FI #532)
- † **I don't come because I don't want to be a leader.
OR**
- † **I am not a good leader, so I do not want to come.**



SOIL



- † “The School of Leaders is has a three fold role:
 - To be a school of holiness; (Piety)
 - To be a school of community, (Action) and
 - To be a school of formation. (Study)

The School is to the Ultreya what the team is to the 3-Day weekend. “Just as the team is what makes the Cursillo weekend possible, it is also a team that makes the Postcursillo possible.” (FI #513)

- † Sally says it should be a school to train Catholics to be influencers/not just leaders.
- † Everyone wants to influence their home, work, church, etc.
- † **SOIL - School of Influence and Leadership.**



SoL Discussion Items



- † Is it time for a third satellite SoL to be established in Tuscaloosa or to alternate satellite locations between B'ham and Tuscaloosa, keeping Huntsville satellite location, either way?
- † Is it time to eliminate the Remote (dial in) School of Leaders?
 - “Call in” was First Thursdays at 7:00 pm/1900 hours.
 - Participation has been very small
 - The SoL Chair cannot do Thursdays; needs it to be Mondays



Work of the Sections



- † “Work of the Sections” is the part of the SoL meeting when we break into groups to discuss, identify, design, and help implement solutions to any issues within the three Cursillo sections--PreCursillo, Cursillo and PostCursillo
- † The breakout groups are facilitated under the leadership and guidance of the current Secretariat member for the Section (Rosalie Geoffroy –Pre-Cursillo, TBD – Cursillo, Christina Semmens –Post Cursillo)
- † YOU decide which one of the groups to brainstorm
- † Palanca committee members work with Precursillo section, Communications committee members work with PostCursillo,



SoL 2015 Schedule

Locations Tentative



Month (2015)	SoL Meeting Location	Comment
★ Jan.	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	Quarter 1
Feb./March	Satellite – Huntsville and B'ham	Second Saturday
Apr.	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	Quarter 2
May/June	Satellite – Huntsville and TBD	Second Saturday
July	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	Quarter 3
Aug./Sept.	Satellite – Huntsville and B'ham	Second Saturday
Oct.	Combined-Cullman-Sacred Heart	Quarter 4
Nov.	Satellite – Huntsville and TBD Or Day of Reflection (B'ham)	Second Saturday

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Announcements



- † The next Women's Cursillo Weekend is Feb. 26 – March 1
 - Do palanca (prayers and sacrifices)
 - Sponsor a candidate
 - Attend Closures at 3:30 pm
 - Rectora is Mary Ann Lopacki from Tuscaloosa

- † The next Men's Cursillo Weekend needs more candidates – minimum of 16



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 - † Cursillo Chair - TBD
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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.
- † **Perform Bible Dethronement.**