



Cursillo

Diocese Of Birmingham Alabama

Satellite School of Leaders

June 13, 2015

at Holy Spirit in Huntsville, AL

at St. Francis Xavier in Birmingham, AL



SOL Agenda



- † Bible Enthronement (optional)
- † Leader's Prayer
- † Leader's Group Reunion
- † Doctrinal Talk: Pentecost – Birth of the Church
- † Technique Talk: Christian Leadership – Part Two
- † Work of the Sections: Breakout Session
- † Announcements
- † Closing Prayer
- † Bible Dethronement (in did enthronement)
- † Chapel Visit (optional, but encouraged)



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.



Leaders' Group Reunion



Count off for Grouping and discuss...

- **Summer is a good time to read. So share what you are doing or will do for “Study”.**
- **Share a “Closest Moment”**



Doctrinal Talk



Slides by Deacon Tim Vaughn

“Pentecost – Start of the Church”



Techniques Talk



Christian Leadership – Part 2 Slides Prepared by Sally Smith

*Source of Presentation: National
Cursillo Website/Resources*

*Originally Presented by Omar Baez at
the National Cursillo Encounter held at
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Christian Leadership – Part 2



- † **SUMMARY of Part 1 – from Last Month’s SOL**
- † To be a Christian leader is a call from God that He makes to you at baptism.
- † The affirmative response to this call seals a commitment to remain always in pursuit of making all of mankind live according to Christian principles.
- † It is a commitment to be an example of what we preach. In Christian talk, **“the call to leadership is a call to put oneself at the service of everyone else.”**
- † In order to be able to discern this call, we must have hope, dedication and charity.
- † But above all: We must have **Tons of HUMILITY.**
- † And serve with humility and promptness without expecting a reward, praise, or some type of recognition.



Christian Leadership – Part 2



- † Last month we talked about the **natural qualities** that a leader must possess, which are:
Discipline, Friendship, Initiative, and Generosity.

- † In order to succeed in the apostolic field, it is essential for a person to put his/her personality and qualities at the service of the Lord.

- † A Christian leader is one who is always united to the criterion of Christ and strengthens it through prayer and sacrifice.



Christian Leadership – Part 2



- † This month we will talk we will talk about the **supernatural qualities** of Christian leadership.
- † There are 4 of them:
 - a.) Living Faith
 - b.) Humility
 - c.) Hope
 - d.) Love



Christian Leadership – Part 2



- † Today's leaders must have: **Living Faith**
- † This does not mean to believe blindly, but is a part of our daily, normal, everyday life. When we incorporate the divine power of the Lord in our circumstances, we can feel Him present by our side at every moment – that is Living Faith.
- † In whatever we are doing, it is knowing that Christ and I are an overwhelming majority!
- † Jesus Himself tells us that we must have **Faith** the size of a mustard seed, and with that Faith, we will make the mountains move using Jesus' power.
- † Living the faith in this way is doing everything on our part to be useful instruments in the hands of the Lord to bring about change in our environments.



Christian Leadership – Part 2



† Today's leaders must have: **Humility**

- † “HUMILITY is a firm basis for all other virtues. We can be or do all the good things that we want, but if we don't have humility, everything is useless.”
- † We must not confuse humility with weakness or use it as our laziness in not doing something important. In fact the lack of action is a lack of holy audacity (holy boldness).
- † **The humble person recognizes that everything comes from God and accepts the responsibility to use the gifts the Lord gives him/her.**
- † Humility allows us to recognize each one of our talents and their value, and allows us to place them at the service of God and our brothers and sisters.
- † Humility recognizes the talents of others without jealousy.
- † Humility is not self-humiliation, let me explain, it is not to publicly degrade oneself, sometimes we tell ourselves that we are inferior to others and we have a very low opinion about our abilities. On the contrary, the humble person recognizes that each one has a special talent, a style that is exclusively his.



Christian Leadership – Part 2



- † Today's leaders must have: **Hope**
- † HOPE is the virtue that begins when all human hope ends. Hope is to believe in the impossible and to live as if it were a reality.
- † Having the virtue of hope, we make things possible and overcome discouragement. It is not about sitting down and waiting for the miracle to happen, but to wait for it by making a path for the miracle. **We must work as if everything depended on us, and pray as if everything depended on God. "Jesus, I trust in You."**
- † Reflect on your past life experiences, has the Lord given you a wakeup call? Does he prompt you? **If you think back, you may realize that He always puts you where He considers that you should be, no matter the place, time or situation.**



Christian Leadership – Part 1



- † Today's leaders must have: **Love**
- † Many believe that love is giving material goods or hugs to each other. But love is so much more.
- † Supernatural Love is to give oneself entirely to others through selfless service. It is the only true dimension of what is apostolic.
- † God is Love. Jesus is Love. We are to be Christ-like, so we too must love our neighbor.
- † We cannot do it alone; we need Christ and the support of our brothers to be able to persevere in our daily living. We can find the love that we are looking for in our Friendship Groups, the Ultreya, School of Leaders, the Mass, the Apostolic Hour, etc.
- † The best and largest demonstration of love towards others is to ensure they live in Grace. Love them enough to help their soul and direct them to a better life after death. Third leg of the tripod - Evangelization-Action
- † Living in community, helping each other in our walk through life is **our fourth day**.



Christian Leadership – Part 2



- † All these supernatural qualities should be directed to develop all the potential of our baptism and therefore to have the joy and the good taste of wanting to be holy.
- † All these qualities have to be applied harmoniously in order to produce good fruit.
- † **In summary:** In order to succeed as a Christian leader in the apostolic field, it is essential for a person to put his/her personality and qualities at the service of the Lord. We are His hands and feet and eyes.



Work of the Sections – 15 minutes



- † “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 to which group you want to brainstorm
- † Palanca committee members work with Precursillo section, Communications committee members work with PostCursillo.
- † **DO YOU WANT TO JOIN A COMMITTEE?**



SoL 2015 Schedule



Date	SoL Meeting Location	Comment
June 13	Satellite SOL – Holy Spirit for Huntsville and St. Francis Xavier for Birmingham	
June 23	Pilot # 2 – Ultreya with SOL Our Lady of sorrows – Homewood AL	
July 11	Combined SOL at Sacred Heart in Cullman	3rd Quarter
Aug. 8	Satellite – Queen of the Universe for Huntsville and Holy Spirit in Tuscaloosa	Women’s Team # 132 Meeting after SOL In Tuscaloosa
Sept. 12	Satellite – Locations TBD	



Announcements



- † **June 27 - Annual Grand Ultreya at Shrine of Blessed Sacrament – Hanceville**
- † **August 20-23 - Women's Cursillo Weekend # 132**
 - Do palanca (prayers and sacrifices) and sponsor a candidate
 - Come to Closures Sunday, August 23
- † **September 20-27 - World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis' visit in Philadelphia**
- † - Contact Christina Semmens phone 256-603-0225, semcsem@aol.com
- † **November 19-22 – Men's Cursillo Weekend**
 - Do palanca (prayers and sacrifices)
 - Sponsor a candidate

Go to www.BhmCursillo.org for details



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 (if did enthronement).**