

## SLIDE # 1

The 3-Day Cursillo is a witness of Christ's friendship. What interests us most is that people become friends. This is not our doing, but the Lord's. The Post Cursillo is the most important part of the method and if the Postcursillo is functioning right, then everything else will work right. The 3-Day Cursillo, believe it or not, is not the most important of the method.

The most important thing is that there are people who live and share the essentials of Christianity in their daily lives, people as we say, live in a climate of Group Reunion and are connected with a living Christianity at the Ultreya.

We do not hold Group Reunions and Ultreya so that the 3-Day Cursillo becomes possible. On the contrary, the 3-Day Cursillo is organized so that there are groups of people whose members meet and accept each other as they are, realizing that they can be more and be better and who wish to make the journey from where God wants them to be in the company of friends.

The 3-Day Cursillo, above all, is the living and sharing of what is fundamental to being Christian through the method of friendship. It is the discovery of the invitation made to each candidate to "come and see".

A 3-Day Cursillo is a method, a technique for those interested in facilitating and accelerating the process of Group Reunion.

The technique for the 3-Day Cursillo is the application of psychology and theology in an orderly manner. That is why there is a defined schedule for each day and the sequential order of the Rollos.

What is hoped for during the 3-Day Cursillo is that each candidate may have the opportunity to experience a three - fold encounter: With Self; with Christ and With Others.

If the encounter with self does not happen, the other two encounters cannot take place because the candidate is not beginning from his true self. There are three stages established during the 3-Day Cursillo and these would be:

From the first night and through the first day until after the Piety Rollo, everything is aimed to facilitate the encounter with oneself. This is the reason for the silence of the first night, which continues until after Mass on the next day.

From the Piety Rollo until after the Leaders' Rollo, the message is aimed to facilitate an encounter with Christ.

From the Leaders Rollo to the Closing or Clausura, the message is aimed to facilitate an encounter with others.

The 3-Day Cursillo is a witness of God's friendship lived by a few people, who moved by this friendship, pass on to others the fact that Christ is the meaning and purpose of Life. And that the living Christ who is close to us, is the Way, the Truth and the Life who gives life to all the normal events of our life.

Prayer and Palanca – we need to understand that absolutely nothing happens in total effectiveness without palanca, without prayers and sacrifices from many different people.

## **SLIDE # 2**

### **A WITNESS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE CANDIDATES:**

1. There must be a friendly relationship between the team leaders, clergy and lay people.
2. The right treatment and attitude toward the candidates are important. Pay attention to the details, first with the organization. Make sure everything takes place in an atmosphere of friendship and respect for the person. The most important thing on the part of the leaders although everything is important, is to devote their attention to the candidates.
3. The corridor work technique, also referred as personal contact, is a one-to-one communication between the leader and the candidate to understand:
  - a. How the candidate is toward himself/herself
  - b. How the candidate is towards Christ
  - c. How the candidate is towards other.

This personal dialogue and sharing of the leaders with the candidates must be done based on friendship and sincerity. Only sincere friendship will offer ways for effective openness and dialogue.

The technique uses opportunity, gentleness and tact and is carried out in an apostolic spirit. The idea is to make friends with each person, so that the candidates will make friends with each other and all become friends with Christ.

Therefore, the lay leaders and clergy must ensure they are making personal contact with the candidates during table group discussions, meals break etc. However, avoid being on top of the candidates at every moment. Allow them some personal space.

### SLIDE #3

#### THE ENVIRONMENT DURING THE 3-DAY CURSILLO

- The environment or climate is progressive and it moves from a fearful curiosity of the first moments of the first day to the friendship and apostolic joy of the third day.
- The environment of each day should encourage and facilitate the spontaneity of the Cursillistas , but without being superficial.
- The environment on the third day should be the same as the environment at the Ultreya and the environment that is felt at the Ultreya should be the same as that of the 3-Day Cursillo. If this is not the case, the Cursillistas once they attend the Ultreya will feel deceived. They will think, I said “Yes” but not to this. If we are sincere, 3-Day Cursillos should not be given by leaders who do not live the 3<sup>rd</sup>-day environment.

### SLIDE #4

#### THE 3-DAY CURSILLO TEAM

1. **Team Preparation** – it is important for the leaders to be prepared technically and spiritually before serving on a team. Team leaders should have been studying the technique and methodology of Cursillo in the SOL, even before they are being considered to serve on a team. It is too late to study the Leaders Manual and the Cursillo Manual during the team meetings. Spiritual preparation is equally important before the 3-day Cursillo.
2. **Team Selection** – there are different options for selecting the team for the 3-day Cursillo:
  - The Secretariat selects the team from the SOL

- The Secretariat selects the Rector/Rectora and together select the rest of the team from the SOL
- The Cursillo (3-Day) Chairperson recommends members from the SOL for the team to the Secretariat for approval.

Any of these options are acceptable as long as the final approval comes from the Secretariat and the team comes from the SOL. (Cursillo Manual).

### 3. **Team Members** – how many team members is enough?

- Ratio – 1 team leader for every 5 candidates. So if you have 20 candidates, you need 4 table leaders or rollistas, 1 Rector/a, 1 priest and a kitchen team. This means each team leader will need to give at least two rollos each. This is not a new approach; it is being done in many dioceses. The idea is to work with smaller teams (so as not to overwhelm the candidates).
- Table Assistants – these can be Cursillistas who can assist the table leader since this is the first time to be on a team and who one day may give rollos.
- Kitchen – common sense will dictate how many people will be needed to prepare meals for the number of candidates and team that you will have on the 3-Day Cursillo.
- No Palanca team, liturgist or music directors. The candidates should not feel overwhelmed by the team being so big.

### 4. **Teams' Mission** – The mission of the Leaders at the 3-Day Cursillo is to be authentic, to be themselves, to show themselves the way they are and to show the wonders the Lord can perform in us despite our own limitations. We are not teachers; Christ is the teacher. We do not convince anybody; it is Christ who convinces. We do not want to have followers; we want the candidates to follow Christ.

- The team must be prepared to deliver the joyful proclamation of being Christian by example!
- The team will proclaim some Gospel realities through the rollos and their testimony of life.
- The Cursillo message and the team's witness will be received according to the disposition of each candidate, that is why the Rector/a asked for their enthusiasm, self-surrender, and the spirit of charity on Thursday evening.

- The 3-Day Cursillo is not meant to satisfy the hunger for God, it is meant to create a hunger for Him or to awaken the hunger that already exists in our hearts.
- Cursillo is not meant to answer all our questions; it is designed to provoke more questions, the kind of questions that will send each one of us on our own journey of discovery.
- The team's role is to provide only what is essentially Christian, then step back, and allow God's grace to work in each person.
- **When the team fulfills their responsibilities as leader, the candidates will attribute their conversion to God's grace; not to the rollista, rector/a, best meal, new song or letter.** The candidate's witness at the Closing (Clausura) will indicate whether the team fulfilled their responsibilities in a responsible manner.

Eduardo Bonnin always said that everything in Cursillo must be about truth. If the leaders on the 3-Day Cursillo are successful in delivering the truth, the candidates will come to their own decisions about wanting to live in Grace and will realize for themselves, in their own time, what they need to do to be in grace

## SLIDE #5

### THE MESSAGE OF THE 3-DAY CURSILLO

The 3-Day Cursillo is an apostolic plan with the purpose of getting closer to the person so that whoever lives the Cursillo might have an opportunity discover or for deepening their relationship with Christ.

One aspect that helps make the three encounters possible is through the sequential timeline of the ideas or rollos presented.

What is offered is not a talk, a lecture or presentation but a **rollo**, a vital sharing of life lived and experience. The rollistas must be living the truths that are spoken about. It is important to use a personal and recent witness. Witness in a way that others will be able to identify and connect with the experiences being share.

**The Spiritual Rollos** – given by a priest, deacon or vowed religious, present the theology of living the life of Grace ( Structure of Ideas Book). (4 Rollos)

**The Meditations** – given by a priest, deacon or vowed religious are not rollos or acts of piety, but a channel toward the Cursillista's mental prayer (Structure of Ideas) (5 Meditations)

**The Lay Rollos** – present the witness to the actual living a life of Grace. (10 Rollos)

## **SLIDE #6**

### **CONCLUSION:**

What is intended during the 3-Day Cursillo is the conversion of the person, so this will motivate the conversion of the social circle that surrounds their moveable square meter. The conversion will happen through the Grace of God, the free will of the person and the proclamation of the message made by witnesses who are living what they proclaim. The 3-Day Cursillo provides the person with the necessary ideas regarding the reality of being Christian by means of the essential encounters and the living and sharing of what is fundamental to being Christian.

The friendship and love of God in Jesus Christ is the center of what is fundamental for being Christian and, in the Cursillo Weekend, friendship continues to be the best method to transmit His friendship and love to all the new Cursillistas.

As leaders, who evangelize, we are called to become the Good News of God's love and friendship, and help the person become the Good New to others.

In closing, let us reflect on this quote by our founder: "We need to be faithful to the Gospel, attentive to the Person and open to the reality in which we live." – Eduardo Bonnin Aguilo

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