

CURSILLISTA BEYOND THE CURSILLO

ORIENTATION

This talk is intended to be presented by a member of the Fourth Day community at the Closing. This person is not a member of the team. The presenter is to provide a witness as to how he/she is bringing out the message of the Cursillo. He/she must be able to give witness to being in a Group Reunion, attending Ultreya, and evangelizing his/her environment, ideally as part of an environmental group in one of his/her environments.

This talk serves as a wrap-up talk to what the participants on the Weekend have heard for three days. It also serves as a continuing witness to others in the Fourth Day community that living a life of Holiness, Formation, and Evangelization is possible in our world today. This talk will provide additional evidence that they (we) can change the world one environment at a time.

As a wrap-up talk, it exhorts the new cursillistas to perseverance and to value the methods of perseverance offered in the Cursillo (Group Reunion and Ultreya). The new cursillistas, at this point, know the importance of a life directed to Christ and his/her role in the lay apostolate. They are also aware that there is a need for a regular program of growth as a Christian leader. They have a general picture of how to work as an apostle in their environments.

GENERAL COMMENTS

This talk is to be enthusiastic because it considers the problems we face in pursuing in our world in the context of a central truth of the Cursillo: Christ and I are an overwhelming majority. It is also enthusiastic because it is the personal witness of a cursillista who has lived the message of Cursillo in his/her daily life and has seen Christ at work in the speakers family, work, and social environments.

METHOD OF PREPARING THE TALK

In Section 1, the Cursillistas are reminded that they are sent into the world by Christ. They are reminded that the world is the same now as when they left it on Thursday evening. However, they have changed and they return to face the same families, friends, and co-workers. They have to be ready for that reality.

Section 2 deals with the greatness of the responsibility to be apostles in the world. It expresses that this responsibility is a natural consequence of being Christian, that the responsibility arises out of our baptism and confirmation.

Section 3 deals with how the presenter has been able to keep his/her focus on the responsibility to be an apostle. The cursillistas are reinforced in the value and essentiality of

maintaining contact with Christ and with their brothers and sisters in Christ. The speaker witnesses how he/she has maintained contact with Christ through prayer, liturgy, sacraments, and a program of formation.

The speaker witnesses as to how he/she has maintained contact with his/her brothers and sisters through regular participation in Group Reunion and Ultreya; keeping in contact with those who also are dedicated apostles. The speaker stresses how we are much stronger as a team than we are as individuals. He/She also stresses that an isolated Christian is a paralyzed Christian. The speaker also emphasizes that through contact with brothers and sisters in Group and Ultreya, new apostolic horizons open up to us and we are encouraged in our evangelization efforts. The speaker witnesses as to his/her evangelization efforts in his/her environments, hopefully through the efforts of an Environmental Group Reunion.

Section 4 contains a few final admonitions to the cursillistas. The witness should emphasize that even though we cannot do everything, we all can and must do something.

The final section, Section 5, emphasizes that all of our lives should be a perennial Cursillo in the sense that we should live the life we have found, rediscovered, or strengthened in the Cursillo in our normal surroundings. Apostolic Christians should be in all parts of society, in every environment, changing the world.

The speaker must be enthusiastic about his/her role in being an apostle. He/She must present a picture of how a person made the Cursillo and has become a dedicated apostle and has seen the results of his/her apostolic efforts.

The person selected to give the talk at the closing must be living what he/she is presenting. The speaker must be one who is convinced of the value of the Cursillo message and convinced of its value in his/her own family, workplace, and social gatherings as he/she lives out his/her life by giving of their own idealism, dedication (self-surrender) and spirit of love.

Time: 15 minutes.

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OUTLINE

1. INTRODUCTION

- A. The world we left on Thursday evening is the same as when we left it.
- B. However, we have changed, and we return to face the same families, friends, and co-workers.

C. We return, however, with a commitment to a life of idealism, dedication, and love.

2. RESPONSIBILITY TO FULFILL CHRIST'S MISSION

We have a responsibility to be apostles in the world; a responsibility to make Christ known in all of our environments. This responsibility arises out of our baptism and confirmation.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AN APOSTLE, AN EVANGELIZER

We are able to accept this responsibility by:

- (1) Maintaining contact with Christ—a life of Holiness and Formation.
- (2) Maintaining contact with our brothers and sisters—Group Reunion and Ultreya.
- (3) Forming and sustaining Group Reunions within our environments.

[Speaker should witness to how he/she has accepted the responsibility to be an evangelizer by maintaining contact with Christ and with others (Group and Ultreya). The speaker must also witness to how this contact has enabled him/her to be an effective evangelizer, as a member of a Group Reunion in his/her environment. ***The witness of our personal conversion is not appropriate to this witness or to the presentation in general.*** It is a witness of the speakers life from their Cursillo onward.]

4. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF US?

- A. It is obvious that we cannot do everything in every environment.
- B. However, we all can do something.
- C. We must continue to be part of the evangelizing community and to be bearers of the Good News.

5. LIFE AS A PERENNIAL CURSILLO

- A. We must continue to live our lives and take on the responsibility of an apostle with a spirit of joy.
- B. We shall live this Christian life we have found, rediscovered, or strengthened during the Cursillo Weekend in all of our natural surroundings.
- C. We do so with a spirit of enthusiasm for living a life in grace.

D. We share this enthusiasm with others so that there may be more of us working towards the goal of evangelizing all of society.

[This talk should not exceed 15 minutes.]