

LEADERS

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Leaders conscious of their mission of being baptized, incorporate a Christian axis within their personality, clearly see the requirements of their baptism and they actively make this a reality in life with their restless soul according to their possibilities. They must be laypersons, saints, apostles, men and women of their times, in line with the magisterium of the Church. Engaged in their natural and supernatural qualities:

Natural Qualities:

They have a truly human personality, centered on a Christian axis.

Supernatural Qualities:

Developing the inexhaustible potential of their baptism.

Leaders is the last rollo of the second day. It ends the third phase – the “Development of the Christian life” phase – the call to a metanoia and prepares for the last phase of the Cursillo – the “Projection” phase. The third phase intends for the Cursillistas to have an encounter with Christ. This intimacy with Christ should be the most noticeable characteristic and prominent in the life of the Christian. One must remove the misguided idea we may have of Christ. One must present a Christ alive, real, personal, and close to us.

For this reason the day begins with the meditation “The Person of Christ”. Who is Christ? How is Christ? His human nature, his heart, his intelligence, his power - his character of firmness and at the same time his kindness. This is the Christ we have in the Blessed Sacrament. The rollo of “Study” intends that the cursillistas deepen their knowledge of this Christ. The ability of each person to be a leader should be cultivated and fortified. The rollo of “Sacraments” helps the Cursillistas learn how to relate with Christ. It introduces a practical and effective way to have an intimate and personal relationship with Christ, through a double objective that one must obtain. The first objective is a call to live in His friendship.

The second objective is to show how the “Leaders” rollo is the natural bridge between the tripod of Piety, Study and Action and the message of the remaining rollos - the message of “projection”. The “Action” rollo begins to help them see that one must personify and share this Christ. Apostolic Action is both an expression and consequence of our love for God. The “Leaders” rollo illustrates the life of the true Christian in the world. The remaining rollos specifically emphasize how this is to be achieved, but the Leaders rollo, by means of the rollista’s testimony, should indicate that it is possible to achieve.

The fourth phase intends for the Cursillistas to project the living experience of Cursillo in their everyday environments. It should inspire the leader with the idea of

what is attainable in the world by a group of men and women who put all their natural and supernatural abilities to the service of the noble ideal of the Christian.

The "Leaders" rollo affirms that all of us are and should be leaders; all of us do something, with a sense of responsibility, as active members of the Mystical Body of Christ. Being a leader does not refer to those who are in "high positions", such as: presidents of corporations, or those who have outstanding talents, or those who have great wealth, or who are prominent in the world. Leader refers to those who influence others and therefore help in the transformation of our society.

Being Christian is "to be a person" in every sense, struggling and growing to be human and holy. Everyone, in their own way, is a leader; the only thing that is required is for one to totally surrender to Christ.

Natural qualities are those that every human being can possess. But to the Christian these qualities are reoriented; they are put to the service of the Christian ideal. For example, a non-Christian or a non-practicing person can be generous, but Christians are generous because of their love to Christ. The supernatural qualities, on the other hand, are qualities that only the believer can possess. They are qualities that we develop by means of our relationship with God; God produces these qualities in us. All in all, when a person surrenders themselves to Christ two things happen: his good natural qualities are reoriented to the service of Christ and also, something new is granted to us since there is something new in our life - a relationship with Christ.

This is not an opportunity, no matter how tempting, to present a personal witness of our conversion to a Christian way of life. The witness begins subsequent to that point and to where the rollista is at this moment. At the same time, the humanness of the rollista should be made evident; all examples and/or witnesses should not be instant successes, but how even through failure a person can continue to grow.

The leader's reliance on God must be clear, but also how the leader spent considerable human effort of their own should be interwoven throughout. The rollo should present a picture of the leader as one who "prays as though everything depends on God (which it does) and acts as though everything depends on them (which it does)."

The rollo should be simple in style, forthright, and strong. The rollista should present the simple message that everyone possesses the capacity to be a leader. Thus the mode of the witness should fit the level of the participants' mentality on the weekend so that each can see his/her place in the plan of God.