

TOTAL SECURITY

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This rollo should be the bridge between the Cursillo and the Postcursillo. It is a guarantee to a joyful perseverance. During the three days we experienced and lived the Grace; we want to secure it during our 4th day.

What is insured? Whatever one does not want to lose. We want to guarantee the treasure discovered at the Cursillo. *The life of Grace in our 4th day. Grace that is conscious, growing, and shared.*

Christian sharing, sole cause of sanctification on account of the jubilant reality of the Mystical Body of Christ, is especially made possible by friendship. That is the deepest, most pleasant, and efficacious form of all human “living together”.

This is encountered in the Group Reunion, which is friendship elevated to the level of the transcendent. A guaranteed channel that allows for the most efficacies in the minimum amount of time to bring Christianity into life and into the world, to bring it into all those things that happen in the Mystical Body of Christ.

Total Security cannot be given successfully unless certain conditions have been met. First of all, the piety rollo must have been clear and effective and the Service Sheet clearly explained. Secondly, the vision of apostolic action in the Cursillo must have been clear and convincing.

In the past, the Total Security rollo was renamed “Group Reunion and Ultreya”. This may not seem to be a big deviation, however, when we in our Movements understand Cursillo only from the perspective of and within the context of the weekend, changing the name of a rollo leaves the message of the rollo open to adaptation and therefore the true message is neither understood or delivered by the rollista, nor is it received by the candidate.

If on the other hand, the rollista and in fact, all the Leaders, have a deep and thorough understanding of the purpose of the whole Movement, then perhaps the name of the rollo is not so important. The message will come through because the rollista understands its goal. It is unfortunate but true, that in many Movements the Cursillistas learn about the Movement only through the preparation of the rollos. This is a travesty.

If we look at the 4th Day in many places, we realize sadly that it is failing. This isn't because the method is faulty, it is because we haven't understood it and few are living it.

Total Security is presented as something that is of benefit rather than something that will cost something, i.e. added commitment, another reunion or meeting, etc. We can all make time for those things that are important to us (our health, sports, our favorite TV program, exercise, etc.)

Total Security not only centers on the sharing and friendship among conscious and

growing Christians, but it shows by explanation and personal witness how the two methods of the Postcursillo program fulfill the needs of the apostle. A structure can be deadening. If someone maintains a structure for the sake of the structure, they will find the structure a burden and a source of death. A structure or technique is of value only when people want to do something and are looking for the means to accomplish what they want. Holding a hammer in the hand is a major obstacle to using your hand, unless you actually want to hammer something.

We do not find “Total Security” by attending Group Reunion and Ultreya, we find Total Security by coming to understand that God loves us, unconditionally, i.e. “there is nothing that can separate us from the Love of God found in Christ Jesus”. Total Security in this context does not mean that life is now free of worries and problems. It simply means that in finding friendship with Christ, we come to understand how God loves us. It is the Group Reunion and Ultreya that give us support and helps us to continue the process of conversion in which we deepen our friendship with Christ, becoming more and more convinced of God’s love which is where we find Total Security.

We need tools to live well. The Group Reunion and Ultreya are one of the chief values of the Cursillo, one of the greatest treasures that the Cursillo contains. It is worth going to a Cursillo just to be able to make Group Reunion and live the Ultreya.

“We must bear in mind that Group Reunions are not held so that there may be more people to attend the Cursillos, but the Cursillos are held so that there may be people to make a Group Reunion.” (Structure of Ideas, p. 80).

The purpose of the weekend is to have people ready to make a Group Reunion. Great effort must be placed on the importance of this rollo and its message. The second purpose of this rollo is to clarify and to emphasize certain points of the Cursillo. It refers back to the previous rollos and “power ideas” shared during the three days; the joyful testimony of the rollista points out how they apply to “each person” so they may live what is fundamental for being Christian.

The Group Reunion thrust of the rollo is aimed at the reunion of friends; it is not directed to a mere reunion, but so they may share what is fundamental for being Christian in the tone of a reunion of friends. Too often the failure of the Group Reunion and the subsequent dropping away is due to beginning a reunion without a deep friendship, and then feeling the constraint of non-acceptance, finally causing one to leave in pain and disillusionment. This is the insistence for the need to find a friend to share with, one who accepts us right where we are.

The Ultreya is the second half of the perseverance method. Both the Group Reunion and the Ultreya must be lived if maximum growth is to be achieved. Either one by itself will eventually lead to disillusionment and discouragement, or to a stoppage of personal growth. The Group Reunion is for the spiritual growth of the individual person and those in the group. The Ultreya is for the spiritual benefit of the Community.

The form that is used for sharing is the basic Group Reunion sheet: “I am counting on

you”. While no great effort should be made to insist on this form, it does set a starting place for the new participants. The true emphasis is placed on sharing our Tripod of Piety, Study, and Action. Those sharing in the example of a Group Reunion should use this form.

After the rollo, the Rector, contrary to the way the decurias were originally distributed, asks the cursillistas to gather in groups by their parishes, environment, or friendships established during the Cursillo to share in group reunion. This group reunion has proven to be of a greater help than any theoretical explanation or any exemplary reunion by the leaders. Since the time in Cursillos is very limited, the Rector may have a preliminary distribution of the groups, but all should have the freedom to group with whomever they desire.