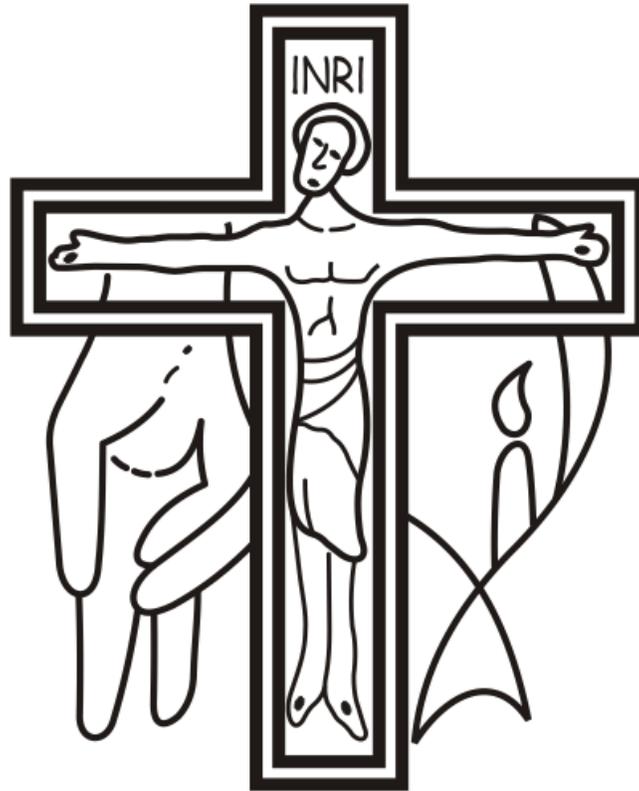


Via de Cristo



“Christ is counting on you”

Name: _____

Total Security in Your Fourth Day

Rollo # 14

35 – 40 Minutes

TOTAL SECURITY IN YOUR FOURTH DAY

Time: 35-40 minutes. Content of this rollo is expected to take 15 minutes, allowing for 15 – 20 minutes of personal story integrated into the outline.

Orientation: This is the last talk of the weekend. The environment is generally fervent and enthusiastic. Weekenders are beginning to think about tomorrow perhaps with some concern. Their sense of commitment to transform their environments will usually create in them the need for reinforcement and encouragement.

Style: Enthusiasm and conviction. This talk must be given by a person who is committed to the concept of living a life of grace. It is critical for the weekenders/pilgrims to understand the importance of participation in a local congregation, active in a renewal group, and participate in ultreyas.

Objectives: We want them to know in no uncertain terms that they have been called to this weekend and now are being called to bring the mission of Christ into their environments. Toward that end, the participation in their local congregation, the concept of group reunion, and the support of friends is important and the key point of this talk.

Preparation: Prepare to write your Rollo with prayerful consideration of the above orientation, style, and objectives. Remember, you are delivering God's message through your words. Studying the following verses will provide context and guidance.

Matthew 17:1-9

Luke 9:28-43

John 15:5

Matthew 18:20

Hebrews 10:24-25

I Corinthians 12

Matthew 13:46

Matthew 7:21

Do not include all the verses in your talk. Pick two to four verses that speak to you and share them to emphasize your point. The Rector and Spiritual Director may also have verse selections to include.

1. INTRODUCTION

- A. If this weekend experience simply fades into a pleasant memory, it will have little effect on the advancement of the Kingdom, either within you or in the world.
- B. God called you to this Via de Cristo weekend to:
(refer to weekend rollos)
- Direct your whole life to God (Piety).
 - Develop a fully Christian attitude by transforming your mind. (Study)
 - Be an evangelizer (share the Good News), witnessing to Christ in your life. (Apostolic Action)
 - Be God's agent for change to those you influence. (Leaders)
 - Attempt to transform each of your environments into a living Christian community. (Study and Environment)
 - Be the Church in the world where you live. (Laity and Christian Community in Action)
- C. In order to meet this challenge, we need to allow the Holy Spirit to change our lives and help you persevere.
- D. Via de Cristo provides a proven method to persevere. It enables us to continue to grow in our faith and share the gospel with all parts of our world.

2. COMING DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN Top – VdC method of perseverance.

Please use the Transfiguration text of Matthew 17:1-9.

- A. Participate in your local congregation. If you do not have one, talk to your sponsor or spiritual director.
- B. Renewal Group is a small group of 3-8 Christian friends which is meant to support the spiritual growth of each member.
- C. An Ultreya is a gathering of larger VdC community, most often a gathering of your local VdC community.
- D. Spiritual Direction by pastor or Spiritual Director.

3. LIVING A LIFE OF GRACE – My Story

- A. Immediately following the weekend:
- Post weekend euphoria and post weekend let down.

- Post weekend Ultreya, an opportunity for you to connect with those who were present on the weekend and share your experiences. As with all our gatherings we begin our time together with the Prayer of the Holy Spirit, join our voices in song, share a witness talk, worship together and enjoy food and fellowship.
- B. Incorporating the weekend into my daily life.
Share personal examples of how you incorporate the VdC principals using the points below. Make sure to include why it's important and how you are sustained by these practices. This would be a time to remind weekenders/pilgrims of the tripod (Piety, Study and Action)

- Worship and participate in a local congregation
- Renewal groups
- Ongoing relationship or connecting with a Pastor or Spiritual Director

4. RENEWAL GROUPS

A. Renewal Group Characteristics

- Three to eight friends that consistently gather (once a week or every other week) with Christ in the center.
- A safe and confidential space to reflect on and share God's presence in our lives and how we are living out our lives of faith utilizing the VdC tripod.
- While this is a time of sincerity and reflection it can also be a time of joy and happiness.

B. Renewal Group Method – this is the time to introduce the renewal group card.

- Pray the Prayer of the Holy Spirit.
- Check in with questions like:
 - What has nourished your life?
 - What moments in the week were you most aware of Christ's presence?
 - What insight have you had as you encountered God's word since we last met?
 - What success or challenges have you experienced sharing the Good News and serving others?
- This can also be a time for bible study or service event (action).

C. Renewal Group Disclaimer – Please make sure to reference the fact that each renewal group has a distinct personality. What may work for some

may not be a fit for others, that's ok, encourage them to continue to seek out another group and ask for help if needed.

5. **ULTREYA**

The Ultreya is another Spanish word for “onward, or upward”. It is the gathering of the large VdC community for a time of renewal, worship and fellowship. The Ultreya connects you to the larger community for encouragement and support.

- A. Invite and provide information about the Ultreya. Date, Time and location.
- B. Briefly explain the components of an Ultreya:
 - Worship generally with communion
 - Witness Talk and sharing
 - Food and fellowship

6. **CONCLUSION –**

Rectors final reflections:

- A. How has God touched you and worked through you in your life and this weekend?
- B. Give thanks and acknowledgement to weekenders, the team, and **GOD**.
- C. Your hope and wish for each weekender.
- D. Invite weekenders / pilgrims to personally reflect:
How has God touched you this weekend?