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1 IDEALS 15 minutes

First rollo on Friday. Opens the door between the outside world and Tres Dias Weekend.

Several aspects make it unique:

1. Lead-off rollo sets the model for the other rollos (uninterrupted, prepared, formal presentations, followed by discussion time at the tables)
2. The only rollo which does *not* offer an answer to its question: “**What are your ideals?**”
3. The *only* rollo during the three days which does *not* mention God or any name of God.

These characteristics make this rollo a challenging talk to prepare and present on this Weekend. It is very important that the rollo consider these three characteristics and not use material included later. It is important the Weekend not begin with Piety and preserves the natural talk progression.

This rollo is designed to present the *concept* of a person having ideals; it is to be given from a secular point of view. The use of examples are secular. The next rollo introduces God’s grace and the final rollo of the day (Piety) makes it clear that for the Christian, there are not multiple ideals, but *one ideal*, with a person focusing his life totally and completely toward God.

Candidates come from different places in their Christian walks, and it is important to start out the Weekend with a low-key approach, which will be understood by Christians just beginning their walk with the Lord, as well as those who have been devoted Christians for many years.

2 THE CHURCH 20 minutes

The third talk of the Weekend, preceded by the **Grace** meditation which presents Christ as the full expression of God’s love. The purpose is to present the church as the whole community of those who are in union with Jesus Christ. The church is to be an instrument of God’s grace. The candidates are invited to see themselves in light of His grace.

This rollo does not give detailed doctrine. It emphasizes that all Christians, with a focus on the laity, are called to be active members of the church. This is done through regular worship, work, witness, prayer, fellowship, and bearing witness to the reality of the kingdom of God. It should have a moderate amount of personal witness.

We are the church. As such, we are called to continue His work in this world.

3 PIETY 40 minutes

PIETY holds an important place as the last rollo of the first day, and is the first rollo that gives a strong emphasis to personal witness. It brings the day to a resolution. It does this in two aspects:

1. Presents a true understanding of Piety

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2. Demonstrates that true Piety can be lived daily.

Unless these two aspects are presented clearly and are understood, the whole Tres Dias experience will be ineffective.

This talk looks back at all the previous talks of the day and is the culmination of those talks; it should bring the candidate to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Piety explains the first leg of the three-legged stool/tripod.

The rollista concentrates on the Christian's daily walk in the world with the Lord Jesus, giving examples from personal experience. Candidates should understand from this witness that a life in union with Christ is both possible and appealing. In fact, piety is a life of faith in Jesus Christ - empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is characterized by struggles, joys, failures, discoveries, seeing and not seeing, hearing and not hearing; all of which contribute to the Christian's growth in grace.

This rollo should provide specific ways in which the rollista's life is centered in God's gracious work in Jesus Christ, and is being guided by the Holy Spirit toward Christian maturity.

4 STUDY 20 minutes

Study is the first rollo of the second day. The principal appeal of this rollo is to the intellect; it should include some personal examples of study. However, this is not meant to be a rollo which is heavy in witness.

The rollo should build upon previous rollos.

1. **Ideals:** we need to have one or more ideals in life.
2. **Grace:** God's plan for salvation was explained and the way Jesus Christ lived His life is the ideal for us to follow.
3. **Piety:** living a life in piety is our response to God's love for us, something we should strive to achieve.

Study should communicate that one way to learn how to live a life in piety is to study the Holy Bible. This is the first and best source of information to learn more about what God has revealed, and accordingly, how we might please Him.

Study is a way to grow, change, and mature in our Christian walk. When studying the Bible, the Christian sees life from the perspective of a person with faith in God with the purpose of discerning God's plan for his life.

While the rollista is primarily responsible for a list of suggested reading materials, it may be well to receive recommendations from the rector, spiritual directors, and other team members. Consult with the Secretariat leadership for standards and guidelines. At a minimum should be several translations of the Bible, Bible commentaries, Bible Handbooks, and Bible dictionaries. Optional books which may be included are Christian classics, Christian novels, biographies of Christians, diaries and/or journals of Christians, hymnbooks, Christian poems, books on Christian living, etc. Christian newspapers and magazines may also be included, as well as Christian CD's and tapes. Finally, a listing of local Christian radio stations and Christian TV programs may be helpful, especially to new Christians.

It is important to provide to the rector and the spiritual directors before the Weekend, a list of all selected materials and other items planned to be included

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5 ACTION 20 minutes

Action is the third element of a strong foundation for a Christian life (after Piety and Study). Action explains the third leg of the three-legged stool/tripod.

ACTION is the third rollo of the second day and should leave the candidates wanting to move outside themselves. It shows a way to come to know Christ better by finding Him in and with other people. To accept God's free grace for oneself, and to respond to it in loving service and relationship with others in Jesus' name, is truly to have begun to live the life in grace.

Throughout this rollo, there should be strong personal examples of action. The witness should also include examples of how the Christian action of others has influenced the rollista's life. At the same time, it should be made very clear that Christians are called to act out of their own unique personality and style.

6 LEADERS 25 minutes

LEADERS is the fifth and final rollo of the second day. The first day discusses the nature of our relationship with God. The second day describes the daily living of this relationship. This rollo provides examples of living in Christ's presence and being Christ's presence in the world.

This rollo is not concerned with the principles of leadership as taught in the secular world; rather it describes the qualities needed to be a successful Christian leader. It clarifies the ideal that has been presented to the candidate and gives a model of what he should become. The intent of the rollo is to excite the candidates with a desire to know and to accept God's calling to be Christian leaders. The rollista shows that being a leader occurs in day-to-day action within every Christian's environment.

A leader is a person who influences others. The focus of this rollo is to show the candidates that they are leaders and are to become effective in their environments. Leaders are to make use of their abilities in making an impact for Christ and developing oneself into an effective Christian leader.

This rollo helps the candidate to think about himself and how he will have to change to become an effective Christian leader.

The rollista's personal witness is essential to this rollo; it should be shared throughout the rollo. Through realistic, enthusiastic and transparent witness, the rollista sets forth a way of life which will influence and strengthen others in their faith to reach out in love. The examples should enable the candidates to see themselves as leaders.

7 ENVIRONMENTS 20 minutes

ENVIRONMENTS is the first rollo of the third and last day of the Weekend. It begins the third phase of the Weekend, the re-entry into the world.

The first day presents the Christian Ideal, the priority of living a life totally dedicated to God. The second day is a day to learn how this life of grace is nurtured and developed through Piety, Study, and Action while taking one's place as a Christian Leader – influencing others for Christ. The

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rollos of this day are based on the candidates' normal environments, their daily Christian walk, their communities of Christian action, and their small group participation.

Today the candidate is to learn how he can live in the world and influence every situation to see many come to Jesus. The vision of the candidate is turned, through Christ, from themselves (inward) to bringing the life of grace to the world (outward); fully realizing *Whose* they are and filled with the confidence of Christ who has overcome the world. Today the candidates will discover the task ahead in their environments. Hopefully they will realize they are empowered by the Holy Spirit with the support of the Christian community.

The Environments rollo should challenge the candidates to discover, assess and then influence their environments. The candidates should see the state of the world today and the urgency to win over their environments for Christ. This rollo is intended to fill the candidates with optimism over the many opportunities to reflect Jesus, knowing Jesus has already secured the victory.

The points in the outline are best clarified with short, to the point witnessing.

8 Christian Community In Action 20 minutes

This is the third rollo of the third and last day of Tres Dias. It follows the **Life in Grace** meditation and continues the process of preparing the candidate for faithful living during the **Fourth Day**, and to some extent, for re-entry back into the world following three days of living in the cloistered atmosphere of a Christian community.

The rollo is meant to encourage the candidates to begin thinking less about themselves and more about community. The rollista should describe how a Christian community nurtures and equips its people and discuss the formation, composition, and support of the Christian community. It is also helpful to a limited extent to set forth the mission of any individual community.

Further, the rollista should develop how the mission of any Christian community might be accomplished. The rollo might best indicate that the community can be a dynamic and purposeful instrument in performing Christ's work here on earth; in the life of the believer, in the church, and in the world.

It is suggested that the rollista deal realistically with some of the problems and shortcomings of living and working in community; also, he should discuss how some of these problems might be confronted and overcome.

Finally, the rollista is encouraged to give personal examples of how he has worked as a member of the Christian community to build teamwork and accomplish some specific aspect of the Lord's work. He might describe how the community determined the objective to be accomplished. Information would also be helpful regarding how they acted creatively to accomplish the objective, what pitfalls or obstacles were encountered along the way, how they worked in community to resolve these problems, and what were the final results.

While being careful not to discuss the material designated for the next rollo (**Reunion Groups**), this rollo does, nevertheless, establish the idea of working in community. However, the rollista should avoid talking in any significant detail about any projects or programs emanating from the small groups we know as **Reunion Groups**; leave that to the next rollista.