

## ***PRAYER CHA JOB DESCRIPTION***

The prayer chas serve as an additional source of prayer before and weekend and during the weekend. They do not replace those on the team doing prayer palanca during rollos, nor do they replace the around-the-clock community prayer support during the weekend.

### ***TEAM MEETINGS***

It is your job to be in constant prayer for the rector, her leadership team, the entire team and the candidates that God has for this particular weekend.

There are several ways you can obtain prayer requests from the team during preparation time. Anything you do must be with the permission of the rector and/or at her request. One way is to have a basket with blank pieces of paper and pencils in it. Team members can fill out their needs, signed or unsigned as they wish and the prayer team can divide them up during the week and pray for the needs. In addition to this you can have people write their prayer requests on a board if there is one available in your meeting room. You may also announce at the microphone throughout the meetings that you are there to pray for them. Encourage them to come to you to share prayer requests verbally, by writing them down on the board, or using the slips of paper in the basket. The idea is for the team to be encouraged that prayer does change things and that you are ready to intercede on their behalf whatever the need. Additionally, as the weeks progress, you may share answers to prayer with the team if the person who made the request allows you to do so. This can be a real faith builder and encourage others to come to you.

Another idea is that you may stand by the door at the end of each meeting to say goodbye to team members as they leave, making yourself available to them to either pray with them then or for them later. Just ask them if there is anything they would like for you to pray for specifically for them.

During the team meetings, at rector's discretion, pass out a numbered list, 1-36 to represent each candidate so that the team can pray for a particular candidate by number. Do this several times if need be so that all candidates are prayed for. The team will find out the name of the person they have been praying for once they are on the weekend. They should be encouraged to write a personal note to "their" candidate to let them know they've been praying for them personally, or simply share that with them at some point on the weekend.

Consult with the Rector as to what her wishes are for the team meetings and do nothing apart from her wishes. And remember to ask her for her own prayer requests while you're at it!

### ***WEEDEND PREPARATION***

On large poster board, prepare a prayer palanca chart of the rollo room and for the whole team. The chart of the rollo room should actually be a diagram of the tables showing the name of each

table, the table cha for that table, the professors at each of the tables and the candidates at each table. It should be set up exactly the way the Rector has arranged the seating. It should also include the name of the Rector, Spiritual Directors, and every person on the weekend. It may require two charts. These charts are to be used by the prayer palanca team for each rollo and so should be easily read from a slight distance. Using erasable markers or correction tape for any changes that need to be made on weekend. Last minute team changes are always a possibility and you might not know about them until the team meeting on Thursday night of the weekend. Also, it is best to fill in the candidate names after that meeting using the table chart with changes made. Remember to bring your supplies on the weekend!

## **WEEKEND**

Consult with rector prior to weekend what her wishes are for your role and method during the weekend. It may be best to arrange shifts so that there is always a prayer covering and yet each prayer cha gets the rest she needs. Another way is to simply be sure that there is always at least one if not more prayer chas with the candidates at all times so that they may intercede as they observe. Another prayer cha may be available to pray for needs as they arise on the team. This would involve communication with the Head Prayer Cha to assure that all areas are covered and so that she knows where her prayer team is at all times.

Bring shoe boxes covered with decorative paper such as wrapping paper with a slit on the top and 3x5 cards and pencils to put in each candidate dorm and at one or two places in the hallway or in each team dorm room. Label these "Prayer Requests." A covered box gives a sense of confidentiality to the candidates but maybe there are other creative ways of accomplishing the same thing. The Head Prayer Cha should make sure that these are retrieved and prayed for, perhaps by dividing them up between you.

If you would like a specific place to pray, it would need to be planned and arranged in advance of weekend. Consult with the Head Cha about that. She may know what space is available.

**Please note** that the five long tables are for Dorm use only unless special arrangements are made and everyone involved agrees. A small altar w/simple decorations and cushions and/or chairs would be appropriate. Otherwise, praying outside, in the rollo room, in the dorm rooms or just walking can work fine. Occasionally, the small chapel off the main chapel that is often used for prayer palanca can be used by you depending on whether the chapel chas need to be in and out of that room or not. You may go from room to room praying over individual beds, chairs, etc. Discretion should be used so that this bothers no candidate.

Above all, let the Lord guide you throughout the weekend. He will use you mightily if you follow His leading. As intercessors, yours is a very much behind-the-scenes role. It is an incredible blessing to be used of the Lord in this way.