

WEEKEND COMMITMENTS

My \$105 Weekend Fee and \$15 Team Fee is due no later than (3rd team meeting)

I will turn in my General Palanca Letter by _____.

I am scheduled to bring food to the team meeting on _____.

I am signed up to bring _____ for the Thursday Night Reception.

I have committed to bring the following items for the weekend.

I am scheduled to do prayer palanca for the Women's Weekend at _____.

TEAM MEMBER

Introduction

Congratulations! After prayerful consideration, you have been invited to serve on the North Georgia Men's Tres Dias Team. Before accepting your position on the team, you examined your responsibilities to God, family, church and work. Your commitment to serve covers a period of about three months from the first team meeting until the post-weekend Celebration Secuela. You can be assured your God-ordained participation will bring great blessings to those you serve and to yourself as well. You can also expect opposition from the enemy. The greater the battle, the greater the work that will be accomplished. You are participating in a life-changing event for yourself, the rest of the team, and the candidates.

Shared Tasks

The Rector has asked you to fulfill a specific assignment on this team. Each team member is an important part of Christ's body, with a specific task to do.

“If one part of the body suffers, every part suffers with it;
If one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.” 1 Corinthians 12:26

A Tres Dias weekend is a wonderful example of the Body of Christ working toward a common purpose – to glorify God. The weekend is the most effective instrument of His grace when each task is performed under the leadership of the Rector and with the heart and hands of Christ. Although a team member receives ministry and blessings during this time of service, the weekend and its activities are centered on the candidates. While each team member has a unique role to fulfill, there are some tasks that are shared. These shared tasks can be divided into three categories:

- Team Building – preparing for the weekend.
- Participating in the weekend.
- Celebrating the weekend.

Team Building – Preparing for the Weekend

Each member of the team has a part to play during the team meetings in building a cohesive team. Teamwork is greatly enhanced when you:

- Pray without ceasing for the candidates, team, their families, and the community.
- Attend all team meetings.
- Know and prepare for your own team duties.
- Contribute to times of sharing.
- Make an effort to know team members.
- Become familiar with the other team members' responsibilities.
- Provide support and assistance with agape love to teammates.
- Know the Rector is an imperfect person chosen by God to lead the weekend.
- Know the Rector operates under the authority of the Secretariat.

The Role of a Team Member, (cont.)

It is very important to bring to this team experience the same attitude you were asked to have when you made your Tres Dias Weekend:

- Believe great things are possible.
- Have a spirit of openness to God for what He is asking of you.
- Have loving concern for one another and total trust in God.

Participating in the Weekend

The second shared task takes place during the Tres Dias weekend. You are essential to the process of making the weekend effective. Remember, you will be blessed most when you are serving with God's great love. Some of the actions, which are helpful, include:

- Learn as many of the candidates' names as possible
- Be as available as possible to the candidates during breaks and off-hours.
- Be on time for events (including "lining the hall").
- Wear your nametag.
- Observe the Silent Retreat time during the weekend.
- Share in the financial support of the weekend.
- Do the tasks assigned to you, and let others do theirs.
- Trust the Rector as God's chosen leader for the weekend.

Celebrating the Weekend

The final shared task is after the weekend at the Celebration Secuela. This takes place soon after the weekend and is usually the last formal time the team and candidates will gather together as a group. The purpose of this gathering is to review weekend experiences, celebrate with the candidates, and encourage them to share the transformation that has happened in their fourth day.

Conclusion

To fulfill the assigned role on this team, a team member must:

- Know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
- Have experienced a life-changing relationship with Jesus.
- Live a life in grace through regular fellowship with other Christians, as in a Reunion Group.
- Be on a pilgrimage toward Christian maturity and perfection.

The weekend is truly a team effort. Each team member has a role to fulfill. It is the team working, praying, and worshipping with Jesus that produces the Tres Dias weekend.

Welcome to the Team!

The Essentials of Tres Dias

1.0 Preamble

The TRES DIAS Movement endeavors to bring Christians to a closer, more personal walk with their Lord Jesus Christ and encourage them to Christian leadership and Apostolic Action in their environments.

TRES DIAS is based on the principles, the method, and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement initially proposed by Bishop Juan Hervás, Eduardo Bonnin and their fellow Christians. Each candidate goes through three phases of the TRES DIAS movement: the pre-weekend, the three-day weekend and the Fourth Day. TRES DIAS is a Christian ecumenical movement.

"The founders of the Cursillo movement saw a world of great need around them. They knew that the answer to the needs of the world had to be Christ and His Grace; but...they saw Christians who did not live for Christ, and they saw a church that was...ineffective and without life. They developed the Cursillo to meet part of this problem: to provide any part of the church which was ready to undertake the formation of Christian life with all the people it needed -- people who would have the deep dedication to Christ and to bringing all peoples to Him -- people who would undertake a regular program of formation in Christianity, and who would make their Christian life conscious and vital -- people who would understand how to be part of a unified apostolic effort."²

The main teaching of TRES DIAS is God's unqualified love for each of us through grace. It asks each member of the TRES DIAS community to grow in their personal piety, to study God's Word and other Christian writings and to express their love for Christ in Christian Apostolic Action.

These three aspects of Christian growth are stressed in the cloistered environment called, "the weekend." An invitation is issued during the weekend for each Pescadore to join a small group of his/her own choosing for continued support, prayer and encouragement.

In order to ensure consistency and stability within the TRES DIAS Movement, there must be certain essential aspects to which all TRES DIAS organizations conform. These Essentials fall into two categories: those which are quantitative and those which are qualitative in nature. It is the intent of TRES DIAS to use both of these categories as criteria for chartering local secretariats.

It should therefore be the policy of local secretariats to comply with these Essentials. Policies of local secretariats which deviate from these Essentials must be reviewed on an individual basis and are subject to the approval of TRES DIAS.

2.0 The Essentials of the Movement

1. TRES DIAS is a Christian movement.

The ultimate objective of the TRES DIAS Movement is to strengthen and extend the Body of Christ. No TRES DIAS organization shall change the teachings or practices of the TRES DIAS Movement to accommodate the participation of non-Christians.

For the purpose of these Essentials, "Christian" is intended to refer to those who are seeking a closer relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

2. TRES DIAS is a Christian ecumenical movement.

All TRES DIAS organizations shall actively seek the participation of persons from all the Christian denominations in their environment.

All TRES DIAS organizations shall stress those things which the Christian denominations have in common and respect those things which are different.

All TRES DIAS organizations have the duty and the authority to protect the TRES DIAS ecumenical structure.

3. TRES DIAS is a lay led movement.

TRES DIAS is a lay led movement; however, the active participation of the clergy is both essential and to be encouraged.

4. TRES DIAS is a non-profit movement.

TRES DIAS organizations should pursue prudent fiscal policies. They shall avoid accumulating assets beyond what is required to carry out their part in the TRES DIAS Movement.

5. The TRES DIAS Movement shall not assume the role of a denomination.

TRES DIAS is not a church-substitute; rather, it encourages Christians to worship and serve in their home congregations, as leaders.

6. TRES DIAS is not a service organization.

The TRES DIAS movement encourages Pescadores to participate in "worthy projects." TRES DIAS organizations shall limit their activities to those related to carrying out the TRES DIAS method.

3.0 The Essentials of the TRES DIAS Method

1. The three sequential phases of an individual's involvement shall be: The Pre-weekend phase, The Weekend phase and the Fourth Day phase.

2. The objective of the Pre-weekend phase is to prepare individuals for participation in the Weekend.

3. The purpose of the Weekend, in terms of the method, is to prepare individuals for effective participation in the Fourth Day.

3.1 The Essentials of the Pre-Weekend Phase

1. That the candidate be sponsored for participation in all phases of the TRES DIAS Movement, rather than just the Weekend.

2. That candidates be sponsored by a member of a chartered TRES DIAS community or a similar community approved by TRES DIAS.

3. That candidates have a desire for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

4. That candidates be accepted from all Christian denominations.

5. That candidates be at least 21 years of age. However, if a local secretariat, using its best judgment, finds a sound and compelling reason (such as spouse of a pescadore, or military personnel), it OCCASIONALLY, on a case by case basis, may accept a candidate who is at least 18 years of age.

6. That candidates have not previously made a TRES DIAS weekend or a similar experience recognized as equivalent by TRES DIAS.

3.2 The Essentials of the Weekend Phase

1. That the weekend have the following characteristics:

A. It is a weekend of living in Christian community involving a combination of carefully developed activities and teachings which are meant to lead to a fuller personal commitment to Christ.

B. It embodies personal witness, but it is not a revival meeting.

- C. It employs group dynamics, but it is neither sensitivity training nor group therapy.
 - D. It employs theological instruction that encourages the candidate to study his/her own Christian beliefs, but it is not a course in doctrine.
 - E. It includes a period of silent introspection, but it is not a retreat.
 - F. It is a renewal experience for Christians and is not necessarily a conversion experience.
 - G. It asks for basic faith, openness and a seeking attitude on the part of the candidate, but involves a great amount of dedication, prayer and careful planning on the part of the team.
 - H. It is an encounter with the Holy Spirit. However, TRES DIAS is not a "charismatic" movement.
 - I. The weekend is a tool of God, not an end in itself. The weekend will not produce a permanent effect without Fourth Day activity.
2. That the Spiritual Directors be qualified to teach and counsel in spiritual matters.
 3. That at least one of the Spiritual Directors on the Weekend be ordained and be authorized to regularly celebrate Holy Communion by his/her denomination.

For the purpose of these Essentials, "clergy" is intended to refer to those persons qualified to serve as Spiritual Directors.

4. That men and women attend separate weekends. The Spiritual Directors are exempted.
5. That team members represent a spectrum of Christian denominations.
6. That team members have previously made either a TRES DIAS Weekend or a similar experience recognized by TRES DIAS.
7. That the Rector be a lay person and be responsible for all aspects of the weekend, under the authority of the local sponsoring secretariat.
8. That the team meet prior to the weekend to: promote community, receive instruction on the dynamics and critique all the Rollos.
9. That the TRES DIAS weekend be an intensive three-day program lasting approximately 72 continuous hours.
10. That the team and candidates live in a cloistered environment for the entire weekend.
11. That lay-talks not be given by clergy, and Spiritual Director talks not be given by a lay person.
12. That the weekend begin in the evening with the following agenda:
 Introduction given by the Rector
 Start silent retreat to end after chapel the next morning
 KNOW THYSELF meditation, given by clergy
 PRODIGAL SON meditation (or alternatively, on a women's weekend, the Hosea-Gomer account as recorded in Hosea 1-3, or the account of the woman caught in adultery, as recorded in John 8:1-11), given by clergy
13. That the first day of the weekend have the following agenda:
 THE THREE GLANCES OF CHRIST meditation, given by clergy
 The IDEALS rollo, given by a lay person
 The GRACE rollo, given by clergy
 The CHURCH rollo, given by a lay person
 The HOLY SPIRIT rollo, given by clergy
 The PIETY rollo, given by a lay person.
14. That the second day of the weekend have the following agenda:

The FIGURE OF CHRIST meditation, given by clergy
The STUDY rollo, given by a lay person
The SACRAMENTS rollo, given by clergy, followed by Holy Communion
The ACTION rollo, given by a lay person
The OBSTACLES TO GRACE rollo, given by clergy
The LEADERS rollo, given by a lay person.

15. That chapel visits by each table occur the afternoon of the second day.

16. That the third day of the weekend have the following agenda:
CHRIST'S MESSAGE TO THE PESCADORES meditation, given by clergy
The ENVIRONMENTS rollo, given by a lay person
The LIFE IN GRACE rollo, given by clergy
The CHRISTIANITY COMMUNITY IN ACTION rollo, given by a lay person
The REUNION GROUPS rollo, given by a lay person
The FOURTH DAY rollo, given by a lay person
The Apostolic Hour
The Closing

17. That chapel visits by each table occur the morning of the third day.

18. That table discussion follow each rollo except the FOURTH DAY.

19. That all rollos and meditations follow the dynamics and outlines authorized by TRES DIAS.

20. That the team and candidates have the opportunity to celebrate Holy Communion each full day of the weekend.

21. That a diversity of environments and viewpoints must be attempted in planning the weekend itself and in forming the tables.

22. That the freedom of self-determination of each candidate be respected.

23. That the lay rollos be informal talks of a witnessing or sharing nature.

24. That a friendly creative Christian environment be developed and fostered during the TRES DIAS weekend, as opposed to a coercive or manipulative environment.

25. That the schedule allow time for informal personal contact among the team and candidates.

26. That the Closing be as well prepared as other activities of the weekend.

27. That the sponsoring secretariat encourage the community to participate in the weekend through spiritual and service Palanca.

3.3 The Essentials of the Fourth Day Phase

The Pre-weekend and Weekend phases are only a prelude to each individual's Fourth Day.

1. Reunion Groups

A. That local secretariats encourage Pescadores to participate in Reunion Groups.

B. That local secretariats utilize the form of the reunion group known as "The Working Reunion Group," to carry out the activities of the TRES DIAS Movement.

2. Secuelas

A. That local secretariats sponsor regularly scheduled Secuelas; preferably at least once each month.

B. That each Secuela include an opportunity for Pescadores to participate in the form of reunion group known as "The Floating Reunion Group."

C. That each Secuela include a "Fourth Day Talk."

4.0 The Essentials of the Local Secretariat Organization

The function of the local secretariat is to conduct an effective program in accordance with the TRES DIAS Method.

That each local secretariat have a document, approved by its membership, describing its structure and operating procedures.

That the members of a local secretariat have completed a TRES DIAS weekend or a similar experience recognized by TRES DIAS.

All Pescadores of the TRES DIAS Community whom the local secretariat claims to represent must be eligible to serve as voting members and officers of the secretariat.

That the local secretariat have a plan for the periodic election of new members.

The local secretariat must be the sole sponsor of a TRES DIAS weekend held in its community.

Each local secretariat must sponsor at least two TRES DIAS weekends a year. For the purpose of chartering, this requirement may be waived by TRES DIAS.

1. Although the three-days are referred to as "the weekend," the three days of the "TRES DIAS Weekend" need not include Saturday and/or Sunday. The "TRES DIAS Weekend" may be held on any three consecutive days of the week.

2. Adapted from TRES DIAS, NOTES ON METHOD, STRUCTURE, AND DYNAMIC: March 1974

The Essentials of Tres Dias

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CHA CHAS – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Be in your service area at the time designated by your Head Cha.
- Chas should line the hall whenever appropriate.
- Remember, you are there to serve. No candidate should ever get something for himself. Also. They should not go off by themselves, but be sensitive... someone may just need a little space for awhile.
- Candidates should use restrooms during breaks, but don't make a big deal if someone needs to go at an unscheduled time.
- Your service area head should always know where you are. Do not get "lost". Do not leave your area until your work is done. If your head agrees for you to take some time off, agree on a time when you will return and honor that time limit. Remember, you are not on the weekend for your own blessing but to be a blessing to others.
- All Chas are under the direction of the Assistant Head Cha on the weekend. Any problems that come up which you cannot handle, go to your Section Head. Heads go to the Assistant Head Cha.
- All Chas are to be at the Camp of Colors by 6:00 P.M. on Thursday evening. You must be at the reception where you will be introduced to the candidates.
- You may wear your Tres Dias cross after the Piety Rollo (Friday Evening).
- Do not initiate hugs until after Saturday morning chapel...but be natural.
- Be an example for the candidates. When the bell rings, respond quickly; be silent during the spiritual retreat; be quiet and meditative in the chapel.
- Do not ask special favors of other Chas.
- Have your service area packed up and clean before going to closing on Sunday.
- This is a cloistered weekend. Leave thoughts of home work behind. Do not use the telephone for personal reasons. Do not leave the campground for any reason during the weekend unless specifically asked to do so by the Rector, Head Cha or Assistant Head Cha. Do not bring radios, TV's, cellular phones, beepers, etc to the weekend.

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING TEAM FEES

The \$15.00 team fee and the \$125.00 weekend fee are set by the Secretariat with the intent of defraying the expenses of the weekend, as well as providing a contribution to overhead expenses such as:

- Newsletter
- Postage and Printing
- Printing and Mailing Palanca Letters to other movements
- Printing
- Tres Dias applications, candidate and sponsor letters, reply cards, and candidate packet inserts

Each Tres Dias Weekend is self supporting which means that team and candidate weekend fees collected are used to pay the expenses incurred for that weekend:

- Campground rental
- Purchase of food
- Supplies
- Tres Dias Crosses
- Printing of Weekend Packet and Photo
- Bus Transportation

The \$125.00 fee was established by the Secretariat under the assumption of full payment by all team members and candidates, and in turn, the Secretariat carefully budgets the expense of the weekend with the expectation that all team members and candidates will pay the weekend fee.

No one is prohibited from serving on a team because of inability to pay the weekend fee. However, **there is no general Tres Dias Scholarship Fund** for team members or candidates. Each weekend must be fully funded by fees from the team and candidates. The team can assume responsibility of “paying its own way”, by receiving contributions from team member to provide funds for those team members who are unable to pay.

If you are unable to pay any or all of your team fees, please discuss your need with the **Assistant Head Cha, the Head Cha or the Rector**.

TEAM MEMBER GENERAL PALANCA LETTER

You may recall that General Palanca letters are read during the Spiritual Director's Divine Aid Rollo on Friday afternoon as "Palanca" is introduced to the Candidates.

The term "General" Palanca letter is used because this is **one letter written by you to the entire group of Candidates** as a whole. The Spiritual Director chooses a few of these letters to read aloud during his Rollo. All of the letters are then posted in the Rollo Room for the Candidates to read throughout the weekend.

THIS IS A SAMPLE ONLY

Dear Brother in Christ

What an honor it is to be able to serve you on this Tres Dias Weekend. I am humbled to be called of God to share this weekend with you.

It is a joy to be able to watch our Father as He touches each of you with His love. It has been my prayer for weeks that He would meet you at your point of need and take you on from there.

I trust He has prepared your hearts to receive all that He has planned for you during these three days. Be open to Him. Yield your will to His will that you may partake fully of Him and His blessings to you. As the weekend progresses, may you see more and more of His love for you. I pray that those of us who serve you may become a picture of his love displayed in the body.

To the God be the glory and honor and praise.

In His Love,

Your Name

Your Team Position

TEAM MEMBER INDIVIDUAL PALANCA LETTER

It has been the tradition in our community that individual Palanca Letters are written by each team member for inclusion in each candidates' Sunday Bag. Often, these are done as short handwritten notes, similar in nature to the General Palanca Letter. They should be written in advance since many team members will not have time to write them on the weekend. They can be then individually addressed on the weekend once the candidate list is finalized. Alternately, a typewritten letter can be reproduced beforehand and addressed to each candidate on the weekend. You may want to use past tense since it is normally read at the end or after the weekend. It is appropriate to mention the fourth day.

THIS IS A SAMPLE ONLY:

Dear _____

What a delight it has been to serve you on this Tres Dias Weekend. I am honored that God has allowed me this privilege.

It has been a joy to watch our Father at work in your life as He touched you with His love. It has been my prayer for many weeks that His perfect will would be accomplished in you during this Tres Dias Weekend. I trust that He has prepared you heart to receive all that He has planned for you during these three days.

As you enter your Fourth Day, be open to Him. Receive His love. Yield your will to His will that you may be made perfect in Christ.

To God be all glory and honor and praise, forever,

In Jesus' Love,

Your Signature

Your Team Position

PALANCA GUIDELINES

- **Rollo Room Palanca:** Six (6) containers (one for each table) or 60 individual items. (This will include some extra).
- **Bed Palanca (Candidates):** 40 individual items (one for each Candidate; includes (extras). Individual bed Palanca for the Candidates is not allowed.
- **Bed Palanca (Team):** You may give individual bed Palanca to teammates or you may wish to give some to each team member (85), please remember the weekend is for the Candidates . . . think of them first.
- **Kitchen Palanca (125):** For the dining tables at meals. This Palanca should be given to the Head Kitchen to use as needed. This Palanca is greatly appreciated by the Kitchen Chas.
- **Banners:** May be “theme” banners or a banner of your choice. They should be no wider than four (4) feet and no longer than six (6) feet. Please give banners to the Palanca Cha at send-off with a list of those who helped create it and when to present it. All banners become the property of Tres Dias.
- **Prayer Palanca:** The community provides prayer throughout the entire 72-hour weekend. Even though a person is not serving on the weekend, he or she can be an essential part by praying for an hour. It is vitally important that prayer cover the whole weekend. If someone calls you to pray for a weekend on which you are not serving, please commit to pray for an hour and keep your commitment.
- **Oven Palanca:** Baked goods from the community provide desserts for the weekend. Someone may call you to help with baked goods or you may call the Secretariat Palanca Couple to volunteer. Put baked goods in something that does not need to be returned, put your name on the package and take it to send-off.

Thank you for your commitment to pray, bake, love and give of yourself! Each weekend is a blessing to the candidates, team and community. You may create a Palanca blessing by yourself, but also consider working with your reunion group or a friend to enjoy fellowship while you create your Palanca. Remember what Palanca did for you!

PRAYER PALANCA GUIDELINES

Participation in prayer Palanca for Rollos is one of the greatest blessings of working a Tres Dias Weekend.

You and another team member will go to the prayer room with the rollistas and a spiritual director. Each of you will offer up a short prayer for the rollistas, the rollo and the candidates. The rollista and the spiritual director will then leave for the rollo room. From the time they leave until they return to the chapel, you and your prayer partner will be interceding for God's purposes to be fulfilled in the rollo room.

To help you in praying specifically, a poster showing the seating arrangements will be displayed. This will enable you to pray by name and by table for each candidate and professor. Also, it will include each team member by area of service.

Here are some general guidelines to remember while you pray:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit how to pray. He is your teacher.
2. Pray in whatever position you feel most comfortable – whether kneeling, standing, sitting or walking. It is the attitude of the heart that is important to the father.
3. Be sensitive to your prayer partner concerning order of prayer, silent praying, worship and times of waiting on God.
4. You may want to pray together or individually; it is up to the two of you.
5. And remember, “Jesus Christ who died, more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.” (Romans 8:34)

After the rollistas has completed the Rollo, he will return to the prayer room with the spiritual director. All of you will join together for a time of praise and thanksgiving for what God has accomplished. Bless Him that He has used His servant to proclaim His work. Thank Him too for the opportunity of joining together in prayer.

RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE TALKS

Clergy Talks

The first clergy talk, Grace, defines the Christian ideal to be the Life in Grace. It further defines Life in Grace to be a personal relationship with God.

The remaining clergy talks explore ways of maintaining and strengthening that relationship.

The Rollo on

Says that the relationship is maintained

Holy Spirit

By help from God and through our brothers

Sacred Moments of Grace

Through union with Christ Himself, and through the special aids He instituted.

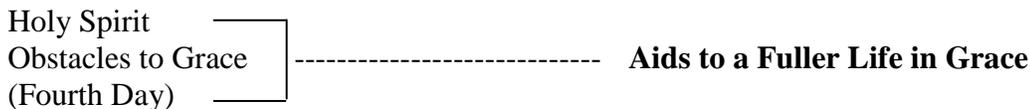
Obstacles to a life in Grace

Through prayer, denial of self, spiritual direction, etc., to avoid the pitfalls of sin, the alternative to grace.

Life in Grace

By making a specific commitment to pious practices, to study, to action, to growth in the relationship.

Another way of looking at the clergy talks is to group them into talks concerning with living grace and talks concerned with overcoming difficulties and barriers to a fuller life in grace.



Lay Talks

Although the Fourth Day talk is usually given by a layman, it is logically grouped with the clergy talks because it deals with overcoming obstacles to perseverance in the Life in Grace. This grouping leave nine talks – three each day – to the “lay talks” category.

The talks of the first day are PERSONAL and INTROSPECTIVE, growing toward the third day talks, which are COMMUNAL in nature.

The level of personal testimony, witnesses, and evangelism in each talk, increases during each day. The first talk of each day is basically intellectual, and the final talk of each day is a personal witness talk.

The first talk of each day appeals to the mind or intellect, the second to the will, and the third to the heart. Stated another way, the first talks deal with understanding; the second talks deal with commitment; and the third talks deal with love. The weekend must come to each candidate at all three levels.

Relationship Among Lay Talks

Stress	First Day	Second Day	Third Day	Witness
Mind (Think)	Ideals	Study	Environments	A Little ↑ ↓ A Lot
Will (Commit)	The Church	Action	Christian Community in Action	
Heart (Love)	Piety	Leaders	Security in the Fourth Day	
Stress	Individual → Community Less Witness → More Witness			Fourth Day

The relationships depicted in this chart are not absolute, but they indicate the trend of talks on the Tres Dias weekend. “Less witness” does not mean “no personal references”, and “more witness” does not mean “forget the outline”. The Piety talk is the first “heavy witness” talk and, therefore, its witness is very important; however, the Leaders and Total Security talks will normally contain as much (or even more) personal witness than Piety. Study is a “head talk” like Ideal, but it can contain such things as introductory prayers and personal views on religion, which are normally excluded from Ideal.

The talk outline identifies the points to be made in each talk, and the general approach to the talk; however, each talk must be a personal sharing between the rollista and each candidate, not a recitation. Therefore, the primary job of the rollista is to relate the talk outline to his own life, whether on an intellectual level (first talk) or on an emotional level (third talk), in such a way that the candidate understands what the subject of the talk means to the rollista.

TRES DIAS TEAM MEMBER PACKING LIST

- _____ Team Book
- _____ Bed Linens
- _____ Pillow
- _____ Towels and Washcloth
- _____ Toiletries: shaving gear, shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
- _____ Prescription Medication
- _____ Flashlight
- _____ Tres Dias Cross (Weekend Cross from the weekend you made)
- _____ Palanca (Candidate letters, team notes, General Palanca Letter)
- _____ Comfortable clothes (enough for three days)
- _____ Rollistas and their back-ups: Rollo, Suite, Tie, Shoes, etc.
- _____ Food for Thursday Night Reception

OTHER ITEMS:

Please **DO NOT** bring a radio, TV or camera.

If you absolutely must bring a cell phone, keep it in your automobile and set it on the “Silent” mode. It must never be used in or near the Rollo Room.

Meditation

Come Holy spirit
Fill our hearts
and kindle them in the fire of your love
send forth you spirit and they shall be created
and you shall renew the face of the earth
Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
instructs the hearts of the faithful
grant that by that same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in His consolation
through Christ our Lord
Amen

I believe Lord
that you are here present
although my eyes do not see you
my faith senses you
take any stray thoughts from my mind
make me understand the truths
You wish to teach me in this meditation
let me make up my mind to put them into practice
you servant is listening
speak oh Lord to my soul
We give thanks Lord God almighty
for all the benefits you have given us
to You who live and reign forever and ever
Amen

IDEALS

Rollo Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Superiority of humans vs. natural kingdom
- B. Define an Ideal

II. EXAMPLES OF IDEALS

III. THE NECESSITY OF IDEALS IN LIFE

- A. Ideals give meaning to life
- B. Ideals shape one's character

IV. THE INFLUENCE OF IDEALS ON LIFE

- A. Ideals form life with purpose and meaning
- B. Ideals give people enthusiasm for work
- C. Ideals make you rise above yourself

V. THE QUALITIES OF AN AUTHENTIC IDEAL

- A. Challenging
- B. Attainable

VI. HOW IDEALS ARE ATTAINED

- A. Focused effort
- B. Mature reasoning
- C. Changing goals

VII. HOW DO YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR IDEALS?

- A. Use of Time
- B. Use of Talents
- C. Use of Treasures
- D. Focus of Thoughts

VIII. CONCLUSION

- You each have Ideals! What are they?
- To learn the answer to that question, ask yourself: How do you use your time; how do you use your talents; how do you use your treasures)

Time Objective: Should not exceed **15** minutes.

THE CHURCH

Rollo Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The condition of the world
- B. The mission of the church
- C. The focus of this rollo will be on the role of the laity

II. WHO IS THE CHURCH?

- A. The Body of Christ
- B. Laity and clergy in partnership

III. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE LAITY?

- A. The call – to serve God
- B. The command – to go into the world
- C. The commitment – to be active in the world for Jesus' sake
- D. The community – to support each other in grace

IV. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH?

- A. To be an instrument (tool) of God's grace
- B. To continue the works of Jesus

V. CONCLUSION

- We are the church – the mission is clear

Time Objective: Should not exceed **20** minutes

PIETY

Rollo Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Piety as an experience of grace
- B. Piety as a process of growth
- C. False ideas of piety

II. WHAT PIETY IS

- A. Definition: The direction of one's whole life to God
- B. Pattern of the Christian life

III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PIETY

- A. Christ-likeness (Fruit of the Spirit)
- B. Gratitude
- C. Freedom
- D. Maturity

IV. HOW IS PIETY STRENGTHENED?

- Through Bible study, prayer, worship, fellowship, and Communion

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Piety is an ideal
- B. Relate to earlier Rollos of Ideals, Grace, The Church, and the Holy Spirit

Time Objective: Should not exceed **40** minutes

STUDY

Rollo Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

- Definition of Study: Study is bringing the whole self to the task of learning.

II. WHY STUDY?

- A. To know God
- B. To learn if we have misconceptions
- C. To know ourselves
- D. To know God's purpose for our lives
- E. To learn how to handle life's problems

III. WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO STUDY?

- A. Overcoming obstacles - laziness, busyness and pride
- B. Developing good habits, including prayer
 - Desire
 - Discipline
 - Determination

C. Resources:

- A. The Bible
- B. Other written, spoken or visual

IV. WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF STUDY?

- A. Faith is strengthened
- B. Actions are God-directed
- C. It is a means to holiness/piety
- D. It assures us of God's purpose for our life

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Piety is reinforced by study.
- B. Study without Piety may become merely an intellectual exercise.

(The second leg of the Christian life tripod should be inserted at the beginning, during or at the end of the rollo.)

Time Objective: Should not exceed **20** minutes

ACTION

Rollo Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Definition
- B. Connected to Piety and Study

II. WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR ACTION?

- A. To know Christ
- B. To make Christ known

III. WHAT IS THE GOAL OF ACTION?

- A. Ministry and service
- B. Evangelism
 - Make a friend
 - Be a friend
 - Bring your friend to Christ

IV. WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ACTION?

- A. Authentic and God inspired
- B. Planned and balanced
- C. Loving, caring, and respectful of others
- D. Persevering

V. WHAT FORM DOES ACTION TAKE?

- A. How?
 - Individually
 - In informal groups
 - In organized bodies

B. Where?

- A. In the church
- B. In the world

VI. CONCLUSION

- A. Action is inspired by Piety
- B. Action is directed by Study
- C. Action is the natural consequence of a lively faith

(The Rollista is encouraged to leave the candidates with this thought: Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring your friend to Christ)

Time Objective: Should not exceed **20** minutes

LEADERS

Rollo Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

- Define Leaders: Leaders are those who with their person and conduct, influence the thinking and actions of others

II. WHO IS A CHRISTIAN LEADER?

- A. One who accepts God's Call
- B. One who leads by serving

III. QUALITIES OF A CHRISTIAN LEADER

- A. To know the ideal – the Ideal is Jesus
- B. Servant hood (humility)
- C. Initiative
- D. Generosity
- E. Excellence
- F. Faith
- G. Hope
- H. Love

IV. CONCLUSION

- We are all called to be leaders for Christ

Time Objective: Should not exceed **25** minutes

ENVIRONMENT

Rollo Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. What are my environments?
- B. Understanding our environments

II. PREPARATION FOR CHANGING OUR ENVIRONMENTS

- A. Preparing ourselves
- B. Seeking God's will through:
 - Prayer
 - Bible Study
 - Christian Fellowship – holding one another accountable
- C. Preparing a plan of action

III. TRANSFORMING OUR ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHRIST

- A. By example
- B. Meeting others where they are
- C. Accepting leadership
- D. Through patience, prayer, and perseverance

IV. CONCLUSION

- A. Our environments are comprised of groups/individuals in our lives
- B. Making Christ known in our environments

Time Objective: Should not exceed **20** minutes

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Rollo Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The Christian community nurtures its members
- B. The Christian community trains and equips its members
- C. The Christian community provides spiritual nourishment for itself

II. WHO IS THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY?

- A. Definition
- B. Many communities in the one Body of Christ
- C. Church based communities
- D. Other Christian communities

III. WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CALLED TO DO?

- A. Identify God's mission for the ministry
- B. Be committed to that mission
- C. Work together in a spirit of love
- D. Decide where and when to act

IV. HOW IS THE MISSION ACCOMPLISHED?

- A. Through the Body of Christ in action
- B. By taking stands on issues
- C. By dealing with disagreements openly, honestly, and with Christian love

V. CONCLUSION

- The Christian Community, with Christ as its Head, is always greater than the sum of its parts.

Time Objective: Should not exceed **20** minutes

REUNION GROUPS

Rollo Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Brief summary of Rollos
- B. Definition

II. THE PURPOSE OF REUNION GROUPS

- A. Explore and grow in piety, study, and action
- B. Share in one another's joys and burdens
- C. Encourage and exhort one another

III. ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL REUNION GROUP

- A. Regular time and place
- B. Safe place to share
- C. Quality Christian content

IV. TYPES OF REUNION GROUPS

V. THE SECUELA

VI. CONCLUSION

- **Be in a reunion group!!!**

Time Objective: Should not exceed **15** minutes

TRES DIAS WEEKEND OVERVIEW

THURSDAY: Putting the world aside, and focusing on Self and God

Script: **Rector's Meditation** (Listen to what Christ says; turn to Him; obey Him).
Chapel: **Know Thyself Meditation** (Why am I here? Past Life; Introspective).
Chapel: **Prodigal Son Meditation** (God seeks my return to Him).
SILENCE

FRIDAY: Who Am I? Presents the Ideal Picture of living the life in Grace.

Chapel: **Three Glances of Christ Meditation** (Responses of the rich young man, Judas and Peter).
BREAKFAST
Rollo: **Ideals** (Need for an Ideal to direct one's life).
Rollo: **Grace** (Presents the central idea of Tres Dias; Life in God's Grace; His gift to us through Jesus Christ).

LUNCH

Rollo: **The Church** (Working in union with clergy to fulfill God's role for His Church).
Rollo: **Holy Spirit** (God is ready at all times to help those who need Him. Everyone needs his help!).
Chapel: Palanca is introduced.

DINNER

Rollo: **Piety** (Response to Jesus' "glance;" living the Christian life fully and Unreservedly; directing one's whole life to God; witness on one who has Chosen the Christian Ideal – Life in Grace).
Chapel: From Chapel dismiss to bed.

SATURDAY: How can I attain the Ideal? The "how to" of Piety.

BREAKFAST

Chapel: **The Figure of Christ Meditation** (Jesus is God, Man, Savior and Lord).
Rollo: **Study** (Applying the mind to attain the Ideal).
Rollo: **Sacred Moments of Grace** (Focus on the most significant decision points In the Life of a Christian and one's union with Christ in those decisions).

LUNCH

(Note: Table Discussions and Decuria will follow each talk)

Tres Dias Weekend Review (cont.)

SATURDAY (Cont.):

- Rollo: **Action** (The Kingdom activity of the Christian who is directed by Study and motivated by Piety).
Rollo: **Obstacles to Grace** (Overcoming the distractions that draw Christians away from their Ideal).
Rollo: **Leaders** (The natural and supernatural qualities that characterize and allow the Christian leader to influence those around him to respond to God's Grace).

DINNER - Serenade

- Chapel: Forgiveness.
Decuria: Open Decuria

SUNDAY: Go and bear Fruit." Presents Christ command to the Community.

BREAKFAST

- Chapel: **Christ's Message to the Pescadore Meditation.** (Contact with Christ and with other Christians; bear much fruit).
Rollo: **Environments** (Consideration of the environment from the point of view of the relation of the people in it to God and to the life of grace).
Rollo: **Life in Grace** (Is a life centered on contact with Jesus Christ).

LUNCH

- Rollo: **Christian Community in Action (CCIA)** (Teaming with other Christians to accomplish a common Christian purpose).
Rollo: **Reunion Groups** (Fellowship and accountability for sustaining the Christian Life).
Rollo: **Security in the Fourth Day** (Rector's talk; deals with what lies ahead; the Application of what has been learned on the weekend – a Triumphant Picture).
Letters: Distribution of the Sunday Bags containing the Palanca Letters.
Closing: **What does Christ mean to you now?**
What did you gain from Tres Dias?

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Total beds	129

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