Sacred Moments of Grace

Summary
Once we have begun our spiritual journey by accepting Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord, there is no limit to the variety of ways God visits us. God comes and will come to us when and where He wills! However, over the centuries, the community of faith has accepted certain “rites” or events for corporate celebration and individual spiritual renewal. These Sacred Moments of Grace, as Tres Dias has chosen to call them, are those human experiences that we participate in with ritual and symbolic action, in which God’s grace touches us with blessings in very special ways.

This rollo may be the most challenging talk to prepare and to present on the Weekend because it is both a teaching and a witnessing rollo. It should be both inclusive and respectful of all Christian churches. A key element in the rollo is the emphasis on God’s action. Its primary purpose is to explain, simply and practically, how these sacred moments are signs of God’s love in action, and how they reveal and bring this grace to Christians.

This rollo calls for the following:
- A presentation by the spiritual director(s) of the talk in such a way as to encourage spiritual unity in the entire Christian community;
- Biblical, theological, and practical understanding of the Sacred Moments of Grace;
- Recognition that the nature and number of these Sacred Moments of Grace are different in the various denominations/churches;
- The spiritual director to use language or illustrations that are inclusive and not critical of the traditions of other Christians

Sacred Moments of Grace is a subject about which the laity is usually minimally informed. They invariably respond with enthusiasm to teaching which instructs and informs them, and which illustrates and highlights the similarities among the various traditions. Some theological terms will be required; these should be simply defined. For the most part, language should be used which can be readily understood by the layperson.

Because Tres Dias is an inter-denominational Weekend, the way the rollo is presented, and the manner in which worship and liturgies are conducted will demonstrate to the candidates how Christian unity can be expressed and experienced. It is certainly not the calling nor the purpose of Tres Dias to change the institutional church or to attempt to bring the various denominations/churches together in a corporate way.

Outline of Talk:
1. Introduction
2. God’s Grace Revealed in New Life
4. God’s Grace Revealed in Forgiveness and Reconciliation
5. God’s Grace Revealed in Healing
6. God’s Grace Revealed in Marriage
7. God’s Grace Revealed in the Call to Ministry
8. God’s Grace Revealed in Communion
9. Conclusion: Sacred Moments of Grace are God's Gifts.
Sacred Moments of Grace Critique  
Target Time: 60 min

NAME ________________________________  Critiqued by: ________________________________

Start Time: ____ Finish Time: _____ Talk Time: ________

1. Where any parts of the outline out of order or skipped?  Yes  No
   If so, explain.

2. Were you able to follow the talk?  Yes  No
   Did it flow together logically?  Yes  No
   Did you get lost at any time?  Yes  No

3. Did you get the overall purpose of the talk?  Yes  No
   Do you think the Candidate will?  Yes  No
   If not, what do you suggest?

4. Did the Rollista look and act “THE PART” for the talk?  Yes  No
   (sincere, genuine, triumphant, joyful, active, enthusiastic, victorious)

5. What about the speakers:  
   VOICE ________________________________
   HANDS ________________________________
   EYE CONTACT ________________________________
   EXPRESSION ________________________________

6. Did the talk go:  
   (1) TOO FAST
   (2) TOO LONG
   (3) JUST RIGHT

7. As far as personal testimony for this talk, was it:
   (1) TOO MUCH
   (2) TOO LITTLE
   (3) JUST RIGHT

8. Did the personal testimony support the main point of the talk?  Yes  No

9. What part of the talk ministered to you the most?

10. Additional comments: that would benefit the rollista as they present this talk on the weekend?