

# SPACE CITY TRES DIAS



## Team Manual

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## MEDITATION

Come, Holy Spirit,  
 Fill our hearts and kindle them in the fire of your love.  
 Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.  
 And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructs the hearts of the faithful,  
 grant that by the 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 that you wish to teach me in this meditation.  
 Let me make up my mind to put them into practice.  
 Your servant is listening; speak, O 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.

## DE COLORES

De Colores, de Colores the fields love to dress in all during the springtime.  
 De Colores, de Colores the birds have their clothing that comes every season.  
 De Colores, de Colores the rainbow is vested across the blue sky.  
 De Colores and so must all love be of every bright color to make my heart cry. *(repeat)*

Sing the rooster. Sing the rooster with his kiri, kiri, kiri, kiri, kiri.  
 And the cluck-hen. And the cluck-hen with her cara, cara, cara, cara, cara.  
 And the babe-chicks. And the babe-chicks with their pio, pio, pio, pio, pi.  
 De Colores and so must all love be of every bright color to make my heart cry. *(repeat)*

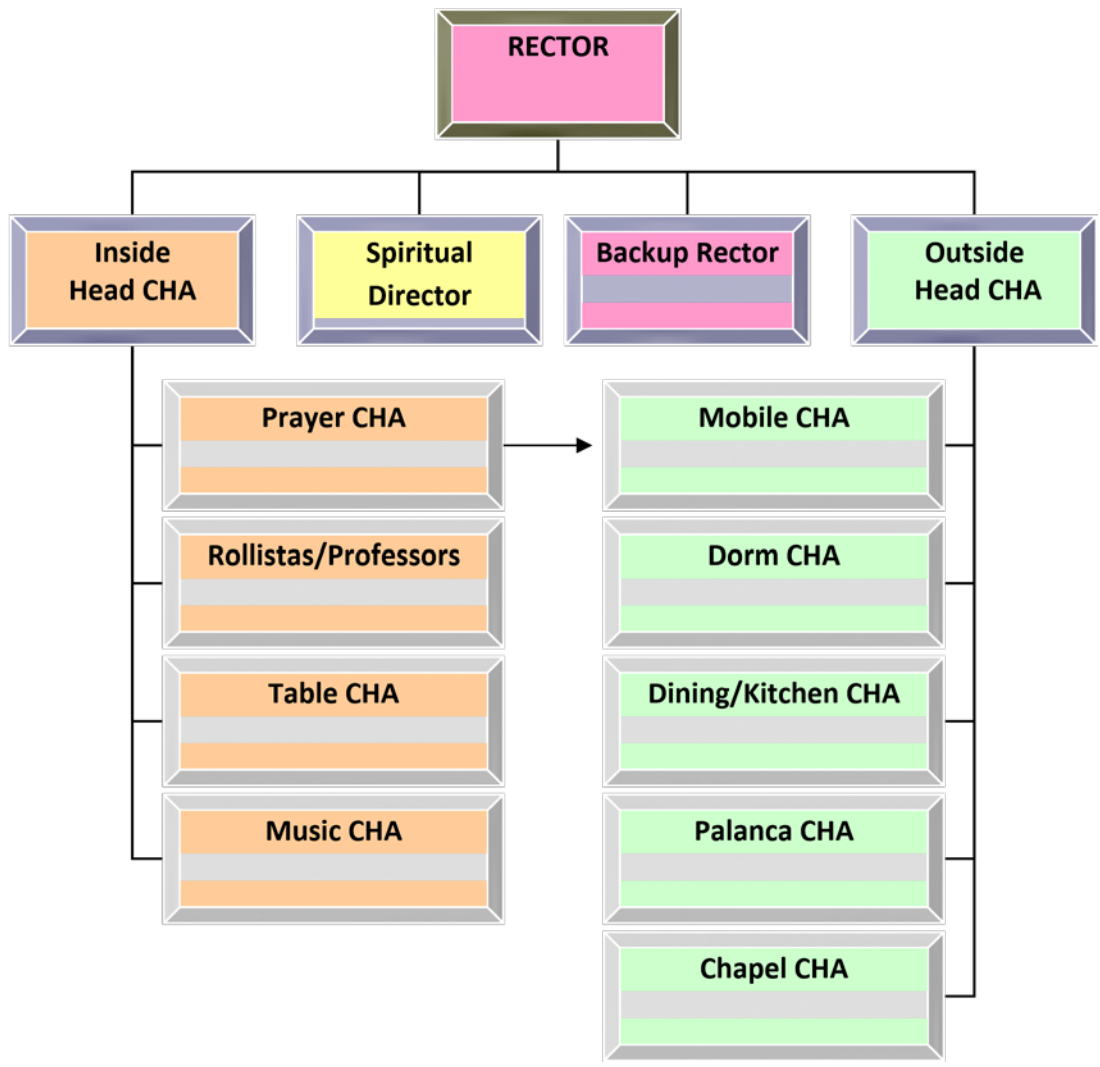
## MEAL BLESSING

(To the tune of the doxology)

Be present at our table Lord,  
 Be here and everywhere adored,  
 These mercies bless and grant that we,  
 May strengthened for thy service be. Amen

### LINE OF AUTHORITY

- All chas are under the direction of their Section Head on the weekend. Please do what he/she asks. Any problems that come up which you cannot handle, go to your section head first. He/She, in turn, will go to the Inside Head Cha/Outside Head Cha if more information or instruction is needed. Section Heads outside the Rollo room report to the OHC; whereas, the section heads in the Rollo room report to the IHC.
- The line of authority on the weekend is as follows: (1) Section Head Cha, (2) Head Cha, and (3) Rector. Even the Spiritual Directors are under the Rector's authority.



### **TEAM MEETINGS**

- Attend all team meetings before the weekend. Let your section head or Head Cha know if you cannot be there. Follow up after a missed meeting to find out any instructions or information you may have missed.
- If you are unable to support this team by being on time and by freely participating for any reason now is the time to let the Rector know.
- Participate fully with your section in preparation for the weekend.
- Anything that goes on in team meetings is for team members only. Each of you is expected to keep these matters confidential and strictly between those on the team.
- Team meetings on the weekend are required for all team members (except dorm chas rooming with candidates) at the end of each day at a time and place chosen by the Rector.
- Rollistas are prayed over at meetings.

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

### ALL CHAS

- On Thursday, be in your section area at the time designated by your section head cha.
- You are expected to be at the Thursday night reception. You will be introduced to the candidates, except the following: Kitchen Chas will be introduced on Friday morning in the kitchen; Silent Professors will be introduced on Sunday afternoon; Rollistas will be revealed when they give their talk.
- Your section head cha should always know where you are. Do not leave your area.
- You are not on the weekend for your own blessing, but to be a blessing to others. Your blessing will come through serving others. Chas should go last in any activity-have a servant's attitude.
- All chas (with the exception of the Professors) are to help serve the candidates in any way. No candidate should ever get something for himself/herself. Also, they should not go off by themselves, but be sensitive . . . someone may just need a little space for a while, and that's okay.
- Don't make a big deal if a candidate needs to use the restroom at an unscheduled time.
- Be an example for the candidates: when the bell rings, respond quickly; be silent during the spiritual retreat (Thursday night); be quiet and meditative in the chapel.
- Always be available to help out other section areas with your section head's permission.
- Do not ask special favors of other chas.

### CHANGES / DECISIONS

- There will be things done and said with which you may disagree. Your opinions and suggestions are valued and welcome as our plans are formulated. However, once a decision has been made, your leaders expect your full support.
- Make a note of all suggestions or changes you would like to see during the weekend. You can always make the suggestion on the team critique/evaluation form.

### CHAPEL

- Chapel space is limited to candidates and Rollo Room team (unless otherwise planned).
- Please do not come into the chapel after the doors have been closed

### CLOSING

- Have your service area picked up and clean before going to Closing on Sunday. (See the set-up and take down list in your job description.)
- You should sit with your section during closing.

## COMMUNION

- Spiritual Directors provide communion daily for sections not participating in Chapel. Schedules for these sections are considered.

## DENOMINATIONS

- Please show appreciation and respect for different denominations. No bashing.
- Debating various church dogmas is very distracting from the focus of the weekend.

## EMERGENCY NUMBER

- **832-786-8737** is the emergency number for the camp. This is the same number every weekend. It will be answered on the weekend by the Outside Head Cha and the Head Kitchen as a backup. Please use this for emergencies only. This is the same number to give candidates.

## LOANED ITEMS

- Label anything that you wish to be returned to you (dishes, bowls, tables, decorations, etc.)

## DECURIA

- This is the poster review on Friday night. Each team will be directed by the rector to review talks from the day based on rector preference and timeline.

## DORM

- You are responsible for your own bedding and luggage on Thursday, not the Dorm chas.
- Do not make beds for candidates (this is palanca, and all candidates must be treated the same). If a candidate needs help making their bed, please notify a dorm cha.
- Make sure your dorm is clean when the weekend is over.

## HUGS

- Do not hug until after Saturday morning chapel. This includes at Thursday night Sendoff.

## LEAVING CAMP

- No team member is to leave the camp during the weekend (the Gopher cha leaves only when specifically asked by the Inside Head Cha, Outside Head Cha, or Rector)

## LINE THE WALKS

- Line the walk whenever candidates move from place to place. Remember this is a blessing to many candidates.
- Think ahead. If it is dark, you will need a flashlight. If it is raining, you will need an umbrella. Bring these with you early instead of having to run back to the dorm.

## MEALS

- All chas go in last or as directed by Inside Head Chas (except professors).
- Some chas may be asked to aid the dining chas in serving the meals. Have a servant's joyful attitude.
- Make it a point to sit with someone different (preferably a candidate) at each meal.

## OPPOSITE SEX

- No one of the opposite sex is to enter the team dorms. The candidates' dorm may be entered only for the pickup and delivery of luggage.
- No woman (even the wife of a spiritual director) is to enter the Spiritual Director's room during the weekend (this includes Palanca Chas). Knock on the door and hand things in. If no one is there, find a Spiritual Director elsewhere and deliver any items then.
- Any time a husband and wife are in the same room on a weekend (i.e., serenade, spiritual directors), they are not to touch each other or go off in a corner to talk. The husband and wife roles are set aside during the weekend to focus on the candidates and to avoid distracting them.

## PRAYER

- Pray about this team and this Tres Dias. Support this effort with your prayers for all who play a part in it.
- You may be asked to pray for and with a Rollista during the weekend. A cha will get you at the appropriate time. This is called Prayer Palanca

## PROBLEMS

- If you have a problem with a team member which you cannot handle, go to your section head first. He/She, in turn, will go to the Head Cha if more information or instruction is needed. (See chain of command.)
- There can be no room for conflict among us, and anyone harboring dissent will not make a meaningful contribution to our efforts.

## RECTOR

- Allow the rector to be first to leave the Rollo Room and Chapel.

## ROLLO ROOM

- Please, no visiting, writing palanca letters, sleeping, or distracting behavior in the Rollo Room during rollos or Decuria.
- Consult with your section head before planning to listen to a rollo. Your job on the weekend comes first. Please do not come into the Rollo Room after the doors have been closed to begin a rollo.



**SEND-OFF**

- Mingle with the candidates.
- Professors should have a low profile.
- Be prompt to follow the rector out of the rollo room when directed, unless you have other duties.

**SMOKING**

- Smoking is forbidden at the camp. As a special consideration, they have stretched their rules to accommodate smokers to designated areas outside. Let us remind each other and the candidates of this privilege, and keep this area clean and inconspicuous. Abusing this privilege reflects upon the Tres Dias community.

**SILENCE**

- Strict silence of chas is strongly requested, especially in the proximity of the candidates during chapel, rollos, Thursday night silence, and after bedtime.

**TELEPHONES and ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

- Do not expect to use the telephone for personal reasons
- Do not bring cellular phones, watches, ipods, radios, TVs, etc. to the weekend. This is a cloistered weekend. Leave thoughts of home and work behind. Bring an alarm clock for wakeup.

**WEARING THE CROSS**

- You may wear your Tres Dias cross as directed by the Rector. Silent Professors and Rollistas can wear their cross after they have been revealed.

## WEEKEND

### SET-UP

- Section Heads and Team should be there. Set-up is part of your weekend team commitment. Check your job description for your responsibilities and with your section head for time.
- Team may make their beds and drop off luggage. Your luggage is your responsibility

### SEND-OFF

- Anyone who has attended a Tres Dias or similar weekend may attend. (No children please.)
- The community observes communion after the candidates and team leave.

### SERENADE

- Anyone who has attended a Tres Dias or similar weekend may attend. (No children please.)
- If you are a married or engaged person and your spouse/fiance is a candidate on the weekend, you are not allowed to attend.
- Get there early to receive instructions, practice songs, have fellowship and communion.

### CLOSING

- Anyone who has attended a Tres Dias or similar weekend may attend. (No children please.)
- If your spouse is a candidate on the weekend, you are strongly encouraged to attend.

### TAKE-DOWN

- Section Heads and Team cleans up and takes down their area. Everyone is encouraged to help
- The team is not finished until *everything* is loaded in *every* section.

# TEAM CHECKLIST

## Prior to the weekend

- \_\_\_ \$180.00. Make checks payable to *Space City Tres Dias* and place in team folder. Place cash in an envelope and write your name, date, and amount on the outside of the envelope and give to the designated Head Cha.
- \_\_\_ General Palanca Letter (similar to the one in your *Team Manual*). Give to assigned person
- \_\_\_ Turn in team forms at first meeting.

## Weekend

- \_\_\_ Individual palanca letters to the candidates (42). Do not write candidate names on envelopes or in letters until the weekend when there is a final candidate list. Have pen you wrote letter with to add names. Deliver them to the Palanca room in ***alphabetical order. (will be given list Thursday night)***
- \_\_\_ Palanca—deliver to Palanca room labeled appropriately. If palanca is for the kitchen, please deliver to the Kitchen team.
  - \_\_\_ 42 candidates \_\_\_ 85 team \_\_\_ 54 candidate/rollista tables \_\_\_ 130 kitchen
  - \_\_\_ 10 rolo room tables (6 candidates, 4 team) \_\_\_ Rollista palanca

Notes to any team members to be put on their bed or in their palanca bag. Deliver to Palanca. ( deliver to your own team yourself)
- \_\_\_ Prayer bell/coin you have used as a reminder to pray for your candidate.
- \_\_\_ Team book/manual and any supplies needed for your section. (Label all items you want back.)
- \_\_\_ Copy of your rolo (Rollistas and backups). Give to Head Cha before weekend

### \_\_\_ Weekend Items

- |                                 |                     |                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| ___ Bible                       | ___ Cross           | ___ Alarm clock       |
| ___ Flashlight                  | ___ Umbrella        | ___ Snacks/gum/drinks |
| ___ Casual clothes              | ___ Sweater/Jacket  | ___ PJ's              |
| ___ Shower shoes                | ___ Shoes/Boots     | ___ Towels/washcloths |
| ___ Towel hook                  | ___ Soap/toiletries | ___ Medication        |
| ___ Twin sheets or sleeping bag |                     | ___ Blanket/pillow    |
| ___ Fan                         | ___ Earplugs        |                       |

- \_\_\_ Come with a heart full of love, ready to serve.

# PALANCA

## WHAT IS PALANCA?

- Palanca is a small gift or a note of encouragement.

## HOW MUCH SHOULD I MAKE?

- Candidates and team 130
- Candidates only 42
- Team only 85
- Rollo room 54 (42 candidates, 12 professors)
- Rollo room tables 6 (candidates and professors only)
- Rollo room tables 7 (candidates, professors, rector)
- Rollo room tables 10 (candidates plus team)
- Kitchen 130

## TO WHOM CAN I GIVE PALANCA?

- Individual team members, Spiritual Directors, and the Rector.
- Candidates. Not an individual candidate. If you make or give palanca to a candidate, you must give every candidate the same thing.
- Rollistas. Prayers and palanca letters of encouragement for Rollistas are appreciated because the practice rollos and those given on the weekend are mentally and physically strenuous
- Your spouse if he/she is working the weekend.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- It is always good to make a few extra palanca, just in case something gets broken.
- Please label all palanca with the number of palanca and where you want it to go (i.e., kitchen, rollo room, bed, table, etc.) Place in clearly labeled bags.

## DIFFERENT KINDS OF PALANCA

- **Letters for any candidates you are sponsoring** – Husband, wife, children, parents, brothers, sisters, friends, pastor, etc.
- **Oven palanca** – Food brought to serve in dorm. Usually dorm will have a signup list.
- **General palanca letter** – Letter to be placed on the walls during the weekend. This should be a written letter from you to all the candidates as an encouragement. This letter is introduced by the spiritual director with other letters from other communities during the *Holy Spirit* rollo. This is the first Palanca introduced on the weekend. Professors are not to sign this letter to avoid being revealed before they have given their rollo. Use a general designation such as, “Your brother or sister in Christ.”)

## GENERAL PALANCA LETTER (SAMPLE ONLY)

SCTD # 00

Dear Sister or Brother in Christ,

What a pleasure it is to be able to serve you on this Tres-Dias weekend. I am honored that God would allow me this privilege.

It is a wonder to watch our Father at work in all of your lives as He touches 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 your hearts to receive all that He has planned for you during these three days. Be open to Him. Receive His love. Yield your will to His will that you may be made perfect in Christ.

As the weekend progresses, you will see more and more just how much you are loved, by god and by all of us who are serving Him by serving you. We are here for one reason: That you might experience his love in a greater dimension than you have ever known before.

To God be all glory and honor and power forever. In Jesus' love,

Your Signature

Your Team Position

- **Palanca letters to candidates (and team)** – These letters should be alphabetized by last names and given to Palanca Chas. Some of these can be written before the weekend, while some you won't be able to write until you have met someone. The weekends are busy, so candidate notes should be completed prior to the weekend.

## ENVELOPES FOR PALANCA LETTERS (SAMPLE ONLY)



- **Table palanca for the Rollo Room** – Candy, fruit baskets, food, etc. Make sure you have labeled how much palanca there is and where it is to go (i.e., candidates only, candidates' tables plus rector table, etc.)
- **Bed palanca for candidates** – Some examples are Scriptures, disposable razors, soaps, lotion, small crafts, or candy. There must be enough for all 42 candidates. (It is always a good idea to send a few extra, just in case one gets broken.)
- **Bed Palanca for team members** – You can do this for one person or everyone. This should be clearly marked "Bed Palanca" and given to the Palanca Chas. Please give to your team yourself.
- **Rollista palanca** – This is an letter of encouragement to the Rollista that is put on their bed before their rollo. This is cherished by the Rollistas because they are usually nervous and need the encouragement. You can also write a short note of encouragement for the practice rollo as well.
- **Banner palanca** – The banner is a visual of the theme of the weekend. If you would like to help work on or contribute financially to the weekend's banner, let the Head Cha know.

## PRAYER PALANCA

Doing prayer palanca is one of the greatest blessings you will receive at this Tres Dias weekend. The Prayer Palanca people and one of the Spiritual Directors will join the rollista in the auxiliary chapel. Here they will offer a short prayer for the Rollista, the rollo about to be given, and the candidates who are about to hear it. The Rollista and the Spiritual Director will then leave for the Rollo Room. From the time they leave until they return to the auxiliary chapel, you and your prayer partner will be in prayer for them.

Praying can be done in many ways; however, remember to be yourself and pray as if you were in church, at home, or driving in your car. You may choose to pray aloud or silently. It is the prayer from your heart that matters. During this time, you are conversing with the Lord Jesus.

You may choose to kneel, to sit, or whatever you feel comfortable doing. The Lord will be with you the whole time. Praying and feeling the Holy Spirit's presence provides you with a time of communing with our Heavenly Father, speaking to Him about the weekend, interceding for the candidates, and allowing Him to speak to you.

Before you know it, your time will be up and the Rollista and the Spiritual Director will return. You will have a prayer of thanksgiving, giving thanks to our Father for the message through the Rollo. Normally, the Spiritual Director will close the Prayer Palanca time.

## SPONSORSHIP

### IMPORTANCE OF SPONSORSHIP

- Sponsorship is one of the *essentials* of Tres Dias
- Tres Dias is not a walk-in and sign up organization. It is by invitation only.
- Sponsorship is an act of *sacrificial love*.
- Sponsorship is an act of spiritual **warfare**.

### WHOM SHOULD YOU SPONSOR

- Begin in **prayer**.
- Tres Dias is designed for **Christians**.
- Tres Dias is not for everyone.
- Sponsorship is an act of spiritual **warfare**.
- Those whom you should consider inviting:
  - Unchurched believers who are potential church members
  - Dependable church members
  - Less active church members
  - Church Leaders
  - Unchurched Christians who are hungry for “something more”
- The following are **NOT** ideal candidates and you should **NOT** sponsor such a candidate without much prayer and sound Christian counsel.
  - Non-Christians (persons who no relationship to Jesus Christ’s church)
  - Persons undergoing a severe emotional crisis requiring professional counseling.
  - Persons undergoing a trial in their lives (death of a family member, divorce)
  - Persons looking for another “spiritual high” or another experience to help them “arrive.”
  - Persons living in a non-Christian lifestyle.

### HOW TO SPONSOR

- Start early (three to six months before the weekend)
- Consider making your invitation a special occasion.
- Avoid “spooking” with unnecessary secrecy, but save the surprises.
- Don’t be discouraged by a “no”. It may not be time for them to attend yet. Continue to pray and ask again.
- Discuss the candidate fee of \$170. You may pay this as palanca to your candidate, but it is not required. Do discuss this issue with them to avoid surprises at check in.

## SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Your sponsorship begins on your knees and ends on your knees. It is very important to seek God's wisdom as a Tres Dias sponsor. It is more than asking, signing in, and picking up your candidate. Sponsorship is praying, serving, and encouraging your candidate before, during, and after the weekend. It involves a sacrificial commitment to you on behalf of another. Good sponsorship is an integral part of the Tres Dias experience.

### BEFORE THE WEEKEND

- Pray for your candidate
- Discuss general weekend topics with you candidate
- Plan when you will pick up your candidate to bring them to the weekend. Give them and their family time when you will pick them up and when they might be home Sunday.
- Explain to the candidate's family about the Palanca letters.
- Discuss the weekend fee with your candidate.
- Stay with your candidate through "Send-Off."
- Be an encourager and helper to your candidate.

### DURING THE WEEKEND

- Pray for your candidate.
- Check on the candidate's family.
- Ensure that the candidate's family knows how to contact you for emergencies.
- Family Palanca is a good Idea.
- Attend the Serenade or encourage other community members to attend.
- Be there for Closing; it makes an impact. Make sure your candidate leaves the weekend with all of his/her belongings and with the person who sponsored them.

### AFTER THE WEEKEND

- Continue Pray for your candidate.
- Help your candidate find a reunion group.
- Bring your candidate to their first Secuela.
- Help your candidate to sponsor others.
- Seek ways to help your candidate grow in their Christian walk.



**SPONSOR REQUEST FOR PALANCA LETTER**  
*(SAMPLE ONLY)*

Date

Your Address  
City, State Zip

Dear Friends and Family of (First and Last Name of Candidate),

(Name) will be attending a Christian renewal weekend during (date of weekend) called "Tres Dias" which means "three days" in Spanish. Because the weekend is a time of renewal and encouragement for attendees, a **Surprise** mail delivery will be made to each one.

Would you consider taking just a few minutes to write candidate a note, letter, or card? He/she would receive it **BY SURPRISE**. The message can contain whatever you might like to tell candidate that will encourage him/her, or something that would be special to him/her, or what he/she has meant to you in your life. You can be sure that he/she will be grateful.

Because this is a **Surprise**, please send your letter to their sponsor:  
Candidate's Name c/o Sponsor's  
Name Sponsor's Address

If you prefer, you may e-mail your letter to (your email address) and I will put it in a sealed envelope to be given to him/her on that weekend.

If at all possible, I would like to receive your letters by (a certain date). Please don't hesitate to call me at (phone number) or email me if you have any questions.

Thank you so much for taking the time to do this. I think hearing from you will mean a great deal to (candidate).

God bless,

Your Name

**TRES DIAS WEEKEND SUMMARY**

<b>THURSDAY</b>		
	Send-off/Banquet	(7:00 pm)
	Talk	Rector's talk
	Meditation	"Know Thyself"
	Meditation	"The Prodigal Son"
	Silence	
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
	Meditation <i>Breakfast</i>	"Three Glances of Christ"
	Rollo	<b>Ideals</b> (15 minutes)
	Rollo <i>Lunch</i>	<b>Grace</b> (40 minutes)
	Rollo	<b>The Church</b> (20 minutes)
	Rollo	<b>The Holy Spirit</b> (palanca introduced) (30 minutes)
	Rollo <i>Dinner</i>	<b>Piety</b> (key talk of the weekend) (40 minutes) Dinner
	Decuria	Poster review
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
	Meditation <i>Breakfast</i>	"The Figure of Christ" (with abrazos)
	Rollo	<b>Study</b> (20 minutes)
	Rollo	<b>Sacred Moments of Grace</b> (60 minutes)
	Chapel <i>Lunch</i>	"The Crucifixion Story"
	Chapel	Table "We" prayers
	Rollo	<b>Action</b> (20 minutes)
	Rollo	<b>Obstacles to Grace</b> (30 minutes)
	Rollo <i>Dinner</i>	<b>Leaders</b> (25 minutes)
	Serenade	(7:00 pm)
	Chapel	Forgiveness ceremony
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
	<i>Breakfast</i>	
	Meditation	"Christ Message to the Pescadore"
	Chapel	Communion
	Rollo	<b>Environments</b> (20 minutes)
	Rollo	<b>Life in Grace</b> (25 minutes)
	Service Cards <i>Lunch</i>	Table "We" prayers
	Rollo	<b>Christian Community in Action</b> (20 minutes)
	Rollo	<b>Group Reunions</b> (20 minutes)
	Rollo	<b>Living the Fourth Day</b> (the Rector's talk) (20 minutes)
	Talk	Spouse's talk
	Letters	Distribution of palanca letters
	Chapel	Distribution of crosses
	Closing	(5:00 pm)

### ESSENTIALS and NON-ESSENTIALS

Essential		Not Essential
Three days (72 continuous hours)	Cloistered weekend	Serenade
Lay led	Period of silence	Nailing to the cross
All denominations involved	Chapel visits	Palanca
Active clergy participation	Communion each full day	Skits
Not a service organization	Fifteen talks – in sequence	Kitchen humor
Non-profit	Table discussion after each rollo (except Forth Day talk)	Posters
Candidate sponsored for all phases of weekend	Well prepared closing	Send off
Men and women on separate weekends	Encourage reunion groups	
Team meets prior to weekend to promote community, receive instruction in dynamics and critique all rollos	Secuelas (preferably monthly)	

### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TRES DIAS WEEKEND

<b>Witness</b>	-----NOT--->	Revival meeting
<b>Group dynamics</b>	-----NOT--->	Group therapy
<b>Theological instruction</b>	-----NOT--->	Doctrine
<b>Period of silence</b>	-----NOT--->	Retreat
<b>Renewal</b>	-----NOT--->	Necessarily conversion
<b>Encounter with the Holy Spirit</b>	-----NOT--->	“Charismatic” <b>movement</b>
<b>Tool of the Lord</b>	-----NOT--->	End in itself

### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAY TALKS

(The amount of personal witness increases each day.)

	FRIDAY Focus –Individual	SATURDAY Focus - Action	SUNDAY Focus – Community
1 <sup>st</sup> ROLLO 1) Appeal to the <b>mind</b> . 2) Contains a <b>small</b> amount of witness.	Ideal	Study	Environments
CLERGY TALK	Grace	Sacred Moments of Grace	Life in Grace
2 <sup>nd</sup> ROLLO 1) Appeal to the <b>will</b> . 2) Contains a <b>moderate</b> amount of witness.	The Church	Action	Christian Community in Action (C.C.I.A)
CLERGY TALK	The Holy Spirit	Obstacles to Grace	Reunion Groups
3 <sup>rd</sup> ROLLO 1) Appeal to the <b>heart</b> . 2) Contains a <b>high</b> amount of witness.	Piety	Leaders	Living the Fourth Day
Rector Talk 1) Appeal to <b>perseverance</b> . 2) Contains a <b>high</b> amount of witness.			

AMOUNT OF WITNESS – Builds Through Day

AMOUNT OF WITNESS – Builds each day and through the weekend

AMOUNT OF WITNESS – Continues Building

## ROLLO OUTLINES & SUMMARIES

### Ideals

Target Talk Length: 15 Minutes

#### Summary

The *Ideals* Rollo is the first Rollo of the first full day; it opens the door between the outside world, from which the candidates have come, and the world which will be unfolding during the Tres Dias weekend.

There are several aspects of this Rollo which make it unique among Tres Dias Rollos. First, it is the lead-off Rollo of the Weekend. This Rollo sets the model for the other Rollos as uninterrupted, prepared, formal presentations, followed by discussion time at the tables. Second, it is the only Rollo which does *not* offer an answer to the question it poses; namely, "*What are your ideals?*" Third, this is the *only* Rollo during the three days which does *not* mention the name of God (not the Father, not Jesus Christ, the Son, and not the Holy Spirit [nor any other name by which God is known]). These characteristics make this Rollo a challenging talk to prepare and present on this Weekend, because the Weekend has likely been portrayed by the sponsor to the candidate as a weekend which includes Christian talks.

Another important aspect of this Rollo is that it 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 understood by the secular world is most helpful in this first Rollo.

People attending this Weekend are coming from all different places in their Christian walks. Therefore, it is important to start out the Weekend using a low-key approach, which will likely be understood by persons who are just beginning their walk with the Lord, as well as by those persons who have been devoted Christians for many years.

#### Outline of Talk:

1. INTRODUCTION
  - a. Superiority of humans vs. natural kingdom
  - b. Define an Ideal
2. EXAMPLES OF IDEALS
3. THE NECESSITY OF IDEALS IN LIFE
  - a. Ideals give meaning to life.
  - b. Ideas shape one's character.
4. 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.
5. THE QUALITIES OF AN AUTHENTIC IDEAL
  - a. Challenging
  - b. Attainable
6. HOW IDEALS ARE ATTAINED
  - a. Focused effort
  - b. Mature reasoning
  - c. Changing goals
7. HOW DO YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR IDEALS
  - a. Use of time
  - b. Use of Talents
  - c. Use of Treasures
  - d. Focus of Thoughts
8. 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, and on what do you focus your thoughts?"

**Grace****Target Talk Length: 40 minutes****Summary**

The Grace rollo is the second rollo of the first day. It follows the Ideals rollo, which brings the candidates out of the everyday world into Christian community. It is followed by The Church rollo, which reveals the dynamics of mission and ministry of that community under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Its purpose is to reveal grace as the experience of God's divine love for the world and the human family. It is also designed to elicit a faith response in the candidates, an awakening to the grace that God so freely and unconditionally offers. The rollo expresses basic Biblical theology. It may be presented as evangelical witness or testimony.

The rollista is encouraged to abstain from a doctrinal approach in developing this rollo.

**Outline of the Talk**

- I. INTRODUCTION
  - A. Define grace (include examples)
  - B. Grace is a gift (salvation)
  - C. Our response (Faith)
  
- II. THE NATURE OF GRACE
  - A. Flows from the nature of God
  - B. Grace is free
  - C. Grace is unmerited
  
- III. GOD'S ACTION OF GRACE
  - A. The Father acts
  - B. The Son acts
  - C. The Holy Spirit acts
  
- IV. CONCLUSION

God's grace invites a response

**The Church****Target Talk Length: 20 minutes****Summary**

This is the third Rollo of the weekend, preceded by Grace which presents Christ as the full expression of God's love. The purpose of this Rollo 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 the light of His grace.

This Rollo does not set forth detailed doctrine of the church. Instead 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. Because it is scheduled early in the weekend, The Church Rollo should have a moderate amount of witness.

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

**Outline of Talk:**

1. 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
2. WHO IS THE CHURCH
  - a. The Body of Christ
  - b. Laity and clergy in partnership.
3. 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
4. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH
  - a. To be an instrument (tool) of God's grace
  - b. To continue the works of Jesus
5. CONCLUSION:
  - We are the church - the mission is clear

**The Holy Spirit****Target Talk Length: 30 minutes****Summary**

This is the fourth rollo of the first day and the second rollo given by a spiritual director. Its central purpose is to assure the candidates that God's enabling presence is with them always!

In the sequence of rollos, this one is situated in a carefully planned progression. The first rollo, Ideals, tells the candidates that all of us have central ideals which give shape and direction to our lives. The candidates are asked to consider which ideals have made them what they are. The second rollo, Grace, points to Christ as the Christian answer given to the question raised by the Ideals rollo. The third rollo, The Church, tells about the community of faith in which we live out the meaning of God's grace (God's undeserved, unearned, and unmerited good favor) present for us.

These three rollos prepare the way for the fourth, which explains how God empowers His Church and His people to fulfill His mission in the world.

**Outline of the Talk**

- I. INTRODUCTION
  - A. Who is the Holy Spirit?
  - B. What is the work (Divine Aid) of the Holy Spirit?
  - C. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?
  
- II. WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHRISTIAN?
  - A. Binds us to Christ
  - B. Transforms the life of the believer
  - C. Fills and empowers the believer
  
- III. WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH?
  - A. Calls the church into existence
  - B. Indwells the church
  - C. Leads the church to unity
  - D. Empowers the church in witness
  - E. Guides the church in mission
  
- IV. WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE WORLD?
- V. CONCLUSION

**Piety****Target Talk Length: 40 minutes****Summary**

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.
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 not be effective. 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.

In this Rollo, 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 set forth 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.

**Outline of Talk****1. INTRODUCTION**

- a. Piety as an experience of grace
- b. Piety as a process of growth
- c. False ideas of piety

**2. WHAT PIETY IS**

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

**3. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PIETY**

- a. Christ-likeness (Fruit of the Spirit)
- b. Gratitude
- c. Freedom
- d. Maturity

**4. HOW IS PIETY STRENGTHENED**

- a. Through Bible Study
- b. Through prayer
- c. Through worship
- d. Through fellowship
- e. Through communion

**5. CONCLUSION**

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



**Study****Target Talk Length: 20 minutes****Summary**

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.

The Rollo should build upon previous Rollos, especially the Ideals, Grace, and Piety Rollos. For example, we were told in the Ideals Rollo that we needed to have one or more ideals in life. In the Grace Rollo, God's plan for salvation was explained and it was pointed out that for Christians, the way Jesus Christ lived His life is the ideal for us to follow. In the Piety Rollo, it was conveyed that living a life in piety (pious life) is our response to God's love for us through Jesus Christ and something we should strive to achieve. Now in this Study Rollo, it should be communicated 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 Christianity. When studying the Bible, the Christian brings his/her whole self to see life from the perspective of a person who has faith in God and for the purpose of discerning God's plan for his/her 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. Items to be included on the "book table"-Bibles and Bible commentaries, or handbooks. Optional books which may be included are biographies or diaries of Christians, Christian poems, books on Christian living.

**Outline of Talk:**

1. INTRODUCTION--(the second leg of the Christian life stool should be inserted during this Rollo.)
  - a. Definition of Study: Study is bringing the whole self to the task of learning
2. 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
3. WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO STUDY
  - a. Overcoming obstacles
    - i. Laziness, Busyness, Pride
  - b. Developing good habits
    - i. Prayer, Desire, Discipline, Determination
  - c. Resources
    - i. The Bible ii. Other written, spoken or visual
4. 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
5. CONCLUSION
  - a. Piety is reinforced by study
  - b. Study without Piety may become merely an intellectual exercise

**Sacred Moments of Grace****Target Talk Length: 60 minutes****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.

**Outline**

- I. INTERDUCTION**
- II. GOD'S GRACE REVEALED IN NEW LIFE**
- III. GOD'S GRACE REVEALED IN THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
- IV. GOD'S GRACE REVEALED IN FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION**
- V. GOD'S GRACE REVEALED IN HEALING**
- VI. GOD'S GRACE REVEALED IN MARRIAGE**
- VII. GOD'S GRACE REVEALED IN THE CALL TO MINISTRY**
- VIII. GOD'S GRACE REVEALED IN COMMUNION**
- IX. CONCLUSION Sacred moments of grace are God's gifts.**

**Action****Target Talk Length: 20 minutes****Summary**

Action is the third element of a strong foundation for a Christian life. The first two elements, Piety and Study, have already been presented. 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 builds upon all the preceding Rollos and 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.

**Outline of Talk:**

1. INTRODUCTION
  - a. Definition: Christian Action is the power of the love of God and the love of neighbor, which moves us to the spreading of God's kingdom. • Christian action is a natural outgrowth of the life in grace. • Christian action is motivated by the love of God and neighbor.
  - b. Connected to Piety and Study
2. WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR ACTION
  - a. To know Christ
  - b. To make Christ known
3. WHAT IS THE GOAL OF ACTION
  - a. Ministry and service
  - b. Evangelism
    - i. Make a friend
    - ii. Be a friend
    - iii. Bring your friend to Christ
4. WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ACTION
  - a. Authentic and God inspired
  - b. Planned and balanced
  - c. Loving, caring and respectful of others
  - d. Persevering
5. WHAT FORM DOES ACTION TAKE
  - a. How
    - i. Individually
    - ii. In informal groups
    - iii. In organized bodies
  - b. Where
    - i. In the church
    - ii. In the world
6. CONCLUSION
  - a. Action is inspired by Piety
  - b. Action is directed by Study
  - c. Action is the natural consequence of a lively faith

**Obstacles to Grace****Target Talk Length: 30 minutes****Summary**

This rollo is the fourth talk of the second day. To this point in the Weekend, little emphasis has been given to the difficulty of living a life of faith based in grace. Now it is time for a reality check. In order to give the candidates a balanced presentation, it is necessary to paint realistically, the pitfalls and challenges of all who follow Jesus Christ as Lord.

The purpose of this rollo is to discuss the trials and temptations, the stresses and distresses to living a life in grace. It sets forth the underlying truth that the chief obstacle to a life in grace is human sinfulness. Sin creates an inability to recognize or to receive grace, hindering us from receiving the love and fullness of life that God wants for us.

This rollo is not meant to be a lecture on sin so much as a disclosure of God's power to forgive and to transform the sinner. The rollo need not be gloomy or pessimistic; rather, it should reflect the truth that in Christ, we become more than conquerors (Romans 8:37). It is important that the rollista give personal examples of the obstacles encountered in her/his personal experience, and of the victories that have been won by God's grace in daily life.

**Outline**

- I. INTRODUCTION
  - A. Define sin
  - B. Define obstacle
  - C. Obstacles not from God
- II. DISTORTED IDEAS
  - A. About God
  - B. About self
- III. SPECIFIC OBSTACLES
  - A. Satan/evil
  - B. World
  - C. Self/flesh
- IV. HOW DO WE OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES?
  - A. Full armor of God
  - B. Die to self
  - C. Obedience to God
  - D. Crucified with Christ
  - E. Put on Christ
  - F. Ministry with other believers
- V. CONCLUSION
  - A. Jesus overcame all obstacles
  - B. In Jesus we overcome our obstacles

**Leaders****Target Talk Length:** 25 minutes**Summary**

*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. The Rollo prepares for the unfolding of the third day.

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/she should become. The intent of the Rollo is to excite within the candidates, 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. The Leaders talk is about the importance of developing oneself into an effective Christian leader.

This Rollo helps the candidate to think about himself or herself and how he/she will have to change to become an effective Christian leader.

The Rollista's personal witness is essential to the 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.

**Outline of Talk:****1. INTRODUCTION**

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

**2. WHO IS A CHRISTIAN LEADER**

- a. One who accepts God's call
- b. One who leads by serving

**3. 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

**4. CONCLUSION**

- We are all called to be leaders for Christ

**Environments****Target Talk Length: 20 minutes****Summary**

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 presented the Christian ideal-the priority of living a life totally dedicated to God. The second day was a day to learn how this life of grace is nurtured and developed through piety and study and taking one's place as a Christian leader-influencing others for Christ.

Today the candidate is to learn how he/she can live in the world and influence every situation and 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 candidate will discover their environments and the task ahead. Hopefully they will realize they are empowered by Jesus with the support of the Christian community.

The Environments Rollo should challenge the candidate to discover, assess and then influence their environments. The candidate should see how the world is now and the urgency to win over their environments for Christ. The Rollo is intended to fill the candidate with optimism over the many opportunities to shine Jesus, knowing Jesus is already victorious. Some people just don't know that yet.

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

## Outline of Talk:

1. INTRODUCTION
  - a. What are my environments
  - b. Understanding our environments.
2. 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
3. TRANSFORMING OUR ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHRIST
  - a. By example
  - b. Meeting others where they are
  - c. Accepting leadership
  - d. Through patience, prayer, and perseverance
4. CONCLUSION
  - a. Our environments are comprised of groups/individuals in our lives
  - b. Making Christ known in our environments

**Summary**

This is the last rollo given by the spiritual director on this Weekend. The rollo, in part, summarizes the Weekend and begins the process of maintaining a life in grace following the Weekend. The rollos that follow, ***Christian Community in Action, Reunion Groups, and Fourth Day***, build on this rollo.

The Weekend itself provides a dynamic model for both the disciplines of a spiritual life and the fruits of those disciplines. The events of the Weekend are immediate to everyone's experience and can therefore be used very creatively by the spiritual director in providing a model or models of the disciplines of the spiritual life. The events also permit the spiritual director's personal sharing of the Weekend. The spiritual director will need to be sensitive to what can be shared openly and what was shared in confidence.

The primary purpose of this rollo is to:

- Clearly state that the life in grace requires that we maintain and work on our part of the relationship with God and,
- Provide a model or models of how to strengthen this relationship. The necessity and joy of this approach becomes compelling when the spiritual director shares his own personal experiences both of the Weekend and of his own spiritual life.

**Outline****I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. Define the life in grace
- B. Beyond the weekend

**II. HOW DO WE LIVE IT?**

- A. Begin where we are
- B. Our natural communities
- C. Our local church
- D. Integration of study and experience
- E. Prayer and meditation

**III. HOW IS LIFE IN GRACE MAINTAINED?**

- A. Finding peace in Christ
- B. Finding purpose in Christ
- C. Finding power in Christ

**IV. CONCLUSION**

(The spiritual director's own reflection of the weekend and also his personal witness may be done here or interspersed throughout the talk.)

**Christian Community in Action****Target Talk Length: 20 minutes****Summary**

This is the third Rollo of the third and last day of the Tres Dias. It follows the Life in Grace Rollo 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. 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 also deal realistically with some of the problems and shortcomings of living and working in community; also, he/she should discuss how some of these problems might be confronted and overcome.

Finally, the Rollista is encouraged to give personal examples of how he/she has worked as a member of the Christian community to build teamwork and accomplish some specific aspect of the Lord's work. He/she 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.

**Outline of Talk:**

1. 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
2. WHO IS THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
  - a. Definition- The Christian community is made up of all Christians who have a vital, living union with Christ, who have come together to live their lives for Christ and who are engaged in the action of bringing others to know Christ through various ministries
  - b. Many communities in one Body of Christ
  - c. Church based communities
  - d. Other Christian communities
3. 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
4. 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
5. CONCLUSION
  - a. The Christian community, with Christ as its head, is always greater than the sum of its parts. This is the idea behind Christian community in action. There is strength in numbers, particularly if those numbers are filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit.



**Reunion Groups****Target Talk Length: 20 minutes****Summary**

This is the fourth Rollo of the third and last day of the Tres Dias. It follows the Christian Community in Action Rollo and continues the process of preparing the candidates for faithful living during the Fourth Day. Inasmuch as the Living the Fourth Day Rollo has not yet been given (it is next), the Rollista should avoid the term "Fourth Day"; leave that to the next speaker.

The Life in Grace Rollo explains some of the ways to develop a personal relationship with Christ through Bible study, prayer and frequent participation worship. This Rollo offers reunion groups as an additional means of enhancing a personal relationship with Christ.

The Rollista should begin the Rollo with a brief review of the names of the previous thirteen Rollos, and no more than a one or two sentence comment on each.

The Rollo explains the purpose and function of reunion groups and shares some personal experiences of small group life. A major thrust of the Tres Dias weekend is to encourage the participation in small groups. In fact, the core teaching of the "Fourth Day Movement" (started by Cursillo de Christianidad; translated: short course in Christianity) is involvement in reunion groups.

Although the **Secuela** is introduced and explained in this Rollo, the emphasis should be on **reunion groups** and the need to belong to one.

It is essential that the Reunion Groups Rollo be given by someone who is currently in a reunion group. Following the table discussion after the Rollo, time should be provided focus on the question: "When on this weekend did you experience your closest moment to Christ?"

**Outline of Talk:****1. INTRODUCTION**

- a. Brief summary of Rollos
- b. Definition. A reunion group (sometimes referred to as a small group or sharing group) is a group of brothers and or sisters in Christ which meets together on a regular basis as a continuing celebration of the weekend. Usually two or more people, preferably not more than eight or ten, who meet regularly to explore and grow in their piety, study, and action

**2. 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

**3. ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL REUNION GROUP**

- a. Regular time and place
- b. Safe place to share
- c. Quality Christian content

**4. TYPES OF REUNION GROUPS****5. THE SECUELA****6. CONCLUSION**

- a. Be in a reunion Group

## Directions to Sandy Creek Bible Camp

### From Navasota:

Take State Highway 105 West toward Brenham. From the second set of Railroad Tracks, go approximately 13.5 miles. Prayer Lane will be on the left. While traveling from Navasota, when you get to the intersection of SH 105 and FM 912 on the left, there will be a sign for Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park. You are about 1 mile from Prayer Lane. When going down SH 105, you get to the Picnic area on the right, you need to pull in and turn around. Prayer Lane is almost directly across from the park. Turn left on Prayer Lane and proceed to the parking lot. There is a SCBC sign on the highway, as well as SCTD signs posted.

### From Brenham:

Take State Highway 105 East toward Navasota. From the stoplight at "4-corners", the corner of SH 105 and Blue Bell Parkway, to approximately 11.5 miles. When you see the Picnic Area on the left, you are about 1 city block from Prayer Lane. Turn right and proceed to the parking lot. There is a SCBC sign on the highway, as well as SCTD signs posted.

### From Dallas:

Take I-45 south to Madisonville, Texas. Exit at State Highway 21. Turn right, go into Madisonville, and you will cross State Highway 90. Turn left on SH 90 go to Navasota. When you cross under State Highway 6, you will be on State Highway 105 west. Proceed according to directions above from Navasota. There is a SCBC sign on the highway, as well as SCTD signs posted.

### From Houston:

Take US 290 West from Houston. It is a left exit off of IH 610 Loop, northwest, if you are coming from the south or a right exit if you are coming from the north. Follow US 290 to Chappell Hill. There will be a stop light there. Also, a Rattlers Shell Station and a Burger King. Turn right on FM 1155. Follow 1155 approximately 8.5 miles to a T intersection. Turns left, then immediately turn right at the next right on Flewellen Road. Follow Flewellen Road until it stops at State Highway 105. Turn right. You are about 1 mile from Prayer Lane. Prayer Lane is on the right. Turn right and proceed to the parking lot. There is a SCBC sign on the highway, as well as SCTD signs posted.

### From Conroe

Take State Highway 105 West toward Montgomery/Navasota. You are about 45 minutes from Sandy Creek Bible Camp. Proceed on SH 105. When you get to Navasota, there will be a Shell gas station on the right at the first stoplight. Follow the signs to get on the highway, turning right, and get off of the highway a couple of exits later. You will always follow the State Highway 105 signs. When you get off of the highway, you will go to the stoplight and turn left into Navasota. You will be on SH 105 proceeding toward Sandy Creek Bible Camp. Follow the directions above from Navasota. There is a SCBC sign on the highway, as well as SCTD signs posted.

# SCTD Information Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

I attended \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(TD or sister Community) (city/state)

I have attended a Tres Dias School. Community/date: \_\_\_\_\_ Intl training?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## TRES DIAS / CURSILLO / EMMAUS TEAM EXPERIENCE

**THOSE THAT HAVE FILLED IN THIS FORM FOR A PREVIOUS SCTD WEEKEND, NEED ONLY TO UPDATE THE TEAM EXPERIENCE SINCE LAST SERVING IN SCTD**

Position / Talk on Weekend	Community / Weekend #	Date
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____

## AVAILABILITY TO SERVE ON WEEKEND FUTURE TEAMS

All Weekends: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Fall Weekend: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Spring Weekend: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

## SPECIAL GIFTS / SKILLS / ABILITIES

- |   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| ___ Audio/Video                         | ___ Clergy           |
| ___ Computer (Excel, Word, Power Point) | ___ Crafts           |
| ___ Computer (Creative Design)          | ___ Sewing           |
| ___ Web Master                          | ___ Photography      |
| ___ Plumber                             | ___ Carpentry        |
| ___ Music-vocals                        | ___ Music-Instrument |
| ___ Medical(First Aid)                  | ___ Other _____      |
| ___ Electrician                         | Explain (EX: BBQ)    |

# SCTD # \_\_\_\_\_ Team Commitment Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, affirm that I am a \_\_\_\_\_ person who is  
lay / clergy

consistent in my walk with Christ, faithful in my local church, supportive of my pastor and an active participant, endeavoring to be an *Authentic Christian Leader* in my personal *Piety, Study and Action* and will strive to present the highest moral standard before the team and candidates; have attended a Tres Dias or other approved similar weekend; have been selected by the rector and approved by the Tres Dias Secretariat, agree to serve as \_\_\_\_\_ on **Space City Tres Dias Men's/Women's # \_\_\_\_\_**.

**Please read and initial each affirming that you are in compliance:**

- I recognize that the rectors and head chas are responsible for all aspects of the weekend under the direction of the Tres Dias Secretariat and will submit to their authority.
- I will be faithful to my responsibilities and work with the others on the team with a spirit of cooperation, unity, and love.
- I will commit to attend a minimum of 3 of the 4 team meetings.
- I understand the "weekend" is from send-off until the last verse of "Amazing Grace" at closing and I will commit to attend the complete weekend.
- I will endeavor to listen and love, helping break down the walls that stand between Christ and the candidates. I will pray for the team and candidates and endeavor to serve them as Christ would.
- I am leading a life of piety, study, & action.
- I am regularly attending and serving in my local church.
- My household is in order and will not be harmed by my attendance of team meetings and participation on the weekend.
- I agree that I am responsible for paying my team fee of **\$180.00** prior to the weekend.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Health History Form for Sandy Creek Bible Camp

Space City Tres Dias

Dates of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

The information on this form is gathered to assist us in identifying appropriate care.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Age at camp \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street address City State Zip*

In an emergency, notify:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address City State Zip*

#### Insurance Information

Is the participant covered by medical/hospital insurance?  Yes  No

If so, indicate carrier or plan name \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of insured \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to participant \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number of policy or insurance ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Permission to Provide Necessary Treatment or Emergency Care:</b>  I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp staff to order X-rays, routine tests, treatment; to release any records necessary for insurance purposes; and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for me. I further, hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp staff to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or any other medical decision.</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Name _____ Date _____</p>
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#### Health History

<b>Medication allergies, Food allergies</b>	<b>Describe reaction and management of the reaction. Other</b>
<b>allergies (list)</b>	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**MEDICATIONS BEING TAKEN**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Keep all medications in the original packaging/bottle that identifies the prescribing physician** (if a prescription drug), **the name of the medication, the dosage, and the frequency of administration.**

<input type="checkbox"/> This person takes NO medication on a routine basis.
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<input type="checkbox"/> This person takes medications as follows:  Med #1 _____  Reason for taking _____  Med #2 _____  Reason for taking _____  Med #3 _____  Reason for taking _____  Attach additional pages for more medications.
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**RESTRICTIONS**

The following restrictions apply to this individual.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Explain any restrictions to activity** (e.g. what cannot be done, what adaptations or limitations are necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any medical or other conditions that medical staff should know?**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of family physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of family dentist/orthodontist \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information:**

Sandy Creek Bible Camp has a Camper Insurance program which uses the campers existing Medical Insurance Policy as the primary coverage provider and uses the Camp insurance as the secondary provider. The Staff at Sandy Creek Bible Camp will attempt to contact the emergency contact as listed at the top of this waiver as soon as possible and will keep them up-to-date concerning the condition and treatment of the Attendee.

**WAIVER OF CLAIM  
SANDY CREEK BIBLE CAMP  
ACTIVITIES**

This Waiver of Claim (the "Waiver") is given for the following purposes:

1. I hereby desire to participate in various activities while on or about the premises of Sandy Creek Bible Camp in \_\_\_\_\_, without any supervision supplied by Sandy Creek Bible Camp.

2. I recognize that although the odds of serious injury or death is low, nevertheless, a body that slips or falls may have a reaction to the immediate injury or the treatment for such injury that results in a medical condition that could lead to serious injury or death.

3. I agree that in exchange for Sandy Creek Bible Camp allowing me to participate in the activities on the premises that I in my individual capacities will not assert or pursue a claim for personal injury against Sandy Creek Bible Camp or any person or entity or fellow participant that conducts or participates in any activity on the premises. More specifically, I hereby WAIVE and RENOUNCE and RELEASE any claim for personal injury suffered by me during activities regardless of the cause of the injury, that is, regardless of whether the injury is caused by participating in the a planned activity or injury caused by movement on the premises or the mere going to and from the site where the activity takes place and regardless of whether the injury is caused by the negligence of any person or entity involved in the activity or the condition of the premises where the activity takes place SAVE and EXCEPT injury caused by gross negligence of Sandy Creek Bible Camp acting through its agents, servants, employees, officers, directors or owners.

4. I agree that if any claim is brought by any participant against Sandy Creek Bible Camp or any employee, agent, owner, director or officer of Sandy Creek Bible Camp because of my actions or omissions while participating in activities on the premises of Sandy Creek Bible Camp, I shall INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS Sandy Creek Bible Camp, its employees, agents, owners, officers and directors from and against any such claim including the duty to investigate, defend and pay on the part of Sandy Creek Bible Camp.

5. Texas law governs the interpretation and enforcement of this Waiver. Venue of any dispute will be in the county where Sandy Creek Bible Camp is located. Any claim shall be first discussed among the claimant(s) and Sandy Creek before any suit if filed by way of face-to-face meeting on the premises, and thereafter, by way of non-binding mediation BEFORE suit to interpret or enforce is filed.

NAME OF ATTENDEE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF ATTENDEE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Space City Tres Dias RELEASE

I understand that Space City Tres Dias (“SCTD”) does not own the camp where my Tres Dias Weekend will take place, and has limited control over the facility. I therefore agree to release and indemnify SCTD to the same extent that I release and indemnify Sandy Creek Bible Camp for any and all injuries which I may receive while participating in the Weekend. I further and expressly release, indemnify and hold harmless SCTD, its officers and directors, and any volunteers participating in my Weekend from any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss or destruction of property.

I further represent and warrant that I have disclosed in writing to SCTD, on this medical forms, each and every medical condition or issue I am aware of having which does or could require medications, special diets, sleeping accommodations, restrooms or other special considerations or facilities. I am not aware of any physical, mental or emotional limitations I have which would make it difficult for me participate in normal day-to-day activities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_